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

EPA To Review 74 Pesticides Over Habitat

The federal EPA will be conducting a review of 74 pesticides and their effects on selected endangered species' habitats.

In the Valley, those species are the Alameda whipsnake and the California tiger salamander. A study of habitat for the California red-legged frog is already underway, because of a settlement of a suit filed in 2006 by Center for Biological Diversity (CBD).

The newly announced settlement agreement was the result of a separate suit in 2007 between CBD and the EPA.

The review period is expected to last five years, said Jeff Miller, a conservation advocate in the CBD's northern California office. Miller said that the reviews will be done individually on each pesticide in a laboratory.

Conducting the work in a laboratory is not the best way to undertake such a study, said Miller. Visiting the environment for the studies would yield more accurate real-world information about any compounding effects of chemicals joined together.

"Sometimes dozens of pesticides are mixed together in ponds or streams because of run-off," said Miller.

The study is also expected to help the health of the Delta species, said Miller. Many there are under threat from the chemicals that drain there from Central Valley farming, he said.

However, the study is not expected to make any impact on

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Zone 7 Rejects Fee-timing Break For Developers

By Ron McNicoll

Developers' request to postpone payment of the water connection fees until later in the construction of homes has been rejected by the Zone 7 Water Agency board.

Directors at their meeting July 15 voted 6-1 to follow the unanimous recommendation of its finance committee.

Committee members said they would like to provide a sort of mini-stimulus package to developers by easing their dealings with banks. However, doing so might risk Zone 7's own ability to do financing through an ISA (Individual Savings Account). That's an arrangement with a bank that works like a credit card. Zone 7 would borrow only as much as it needs, and pay interest on that. It's much cheaper than selling a bond ahead of time to cover all costs that may or may not occur.

Developers wanted to postpone paying the \$23,000 water connection fee and \$2000 in flood control fees until a home received an occupancy permit. That helps their cash flow.

A Livermore developer and a representative of the Home Builders Association asked that Zone 7 insert the postponement in the process, between now and June 30, 2011. Neither representative attended the board meeting. However, they were present at the finance committee July 2, and heard the recommendation.

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Court to Pleasanton:

Nullify Oak Grove, or Go to Ballot

By Ron McNicoll

In a precedent-setting decision, a unanimous state court of appeal has ruled that the text of documents circulated by former Pleasanton councilmember Kay Ayala to put an Oak Grove referendum on the ballot was valid.

The three-member court's decision, which was announced July 16, says that the city council must either put the Oak Grove referendum on the ballot, or rescind its approval of the development plan.

Ayala saw the ruling as a victory "for all of the people of California," because it helps to prevent the imposition of impossible demands on petition circulators.

The appellate court decision is not final yet. The plaintiffs, Frederic and Jennifer Lin, owners of the Oak Grove property, still have a 40-day window, once the case is formally certified. They can ask the state Supreme Court to review the case.

The Lins' attorney, Andrew

Sabey, did not give any indication about what the Lins might do. His only comment was, "We think the appellate court got it wrong."

AYALA: COUNCIL SHOULD RESCIND

Asked about the appellate court's order to superior court Judge Frank Roesch that Pleasanton must be told either to put the referendum on the ballot or rescind it, Ayala said that there is no point in going to the ballot; the council should rescind it.

Pleasanton voters passed Mea-

sure PP, which protects the city's ridge-tops. It will be incorporated into the city's general plan. The Oak Grove subdivision would have "taken the top 40 feet off the ridges," so it clearly violated PP, said Ayala.

"The citizens have already voted on this (point). I'm looking to the council to rescind it. It's meaningless to send it to citizens," said Ayala.

HOSTERMAN PREFERS BALLOT

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman,

who voted for the Oak Grove plan approval, and against appealing the Lin suit, said that she will vote to put it on the ballot, not rescind the council vote.

"It should go to the ballot. It's completely different than Measure PP. A vote of the city council was referred," said Hosterman.

The mayor said that she was disappointed in the appellate court decision. She said that she hadn't read the decision, but had

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Playing in water was a popular activity during the recent hot spell. Val Vista Park in Pleasanton, with its water feature, helped Enzo Barcelona cool off.

State Grabs Local Funding, While Cities Eye Reform

By Ron McNicoll

The state budget agreement that was announced Monday will take millions of dollars from Valley local governments at a time when they are already hurting.

The budget still has to be approved by the Legislature. There were some indications late Tuesday that the whole deal could collapse over one point, the cut in funds to prisons.

To avoid a similar situation in the future, a summit meeting of 500 invited elected officials and staff members from all over the state met last weekend in Sacra-

mento to devise ways of preventing that in future years.

The summit was organized by the Cities Counties Schools Partnership. Among the officials invited to the summit were Livermore vice mayor John Marchand, city manager Linda Barton, school trustee Anne White, Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and councilmember Jerry Thorne.

Most important to the summit members was the need to guard local revenue sources. They reasoned that these services, such as

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Power Line Plan Gone, Locals Urge Vigilance

By Ron McNicoll

The power-line proposal that would have gone through the southern part of the Valley has been terminated.

The board of directors of Transmission Agency of Northern California (TANC) voted unanimously at a special meeting in Sacramento on July 15 to end the project.

With three of the five project sponsors announced as giving up, the remaining two, which are public power agencies in Santa Clara and Redding, said they had little choice but to vote to end the project.

The project was supposed to build a 600-mile line from Lassen County in the North to Santa

Clara in the South. The purpose was to provide a conduit for the sale of green power, which would be developed in the Lassen County area.

The state has mandated that utilities' power must be at least one-third green by 2020. The power line project was a way for the five utilities to meet that requirement.

However, one of them, Sacramento Municipal Utilities District (SMUD), voted to withdraw from the project several weeks ago. SMUD said the project would not bring satisfactory results for the money that would be put into it. SMUD will work to develop green sources in Solano County,

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20th Anniversary of Versatile Lab Machine

A Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory physics tool that has contributed to criminal investigations, human health studies, graduate education and investigations of climate change and air quality first began operations 20 years ago this month.

The machine goes by a long name - accelerator mass spec-

trimeter - but what it does is fundamentally simple. It identifies and measures the concentration of unprecedentedly small amounts of rare ingredients, most notably the invaluable biological marker carbon-14.

Its measurements have helped spin off private companies and provided the material for more than 250 Ph.D. and masters

theses. It helped the FBI solve the 2001 case of deadly anthrax samples sent through the U.S. mail; showed that our brain cells have been with us from infancy. It also demonstrated that the Amazon Basin is less effective at storing climate-warming carbon dioxide than had been hoped.

So productive has the machine

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Incumbents Take Out Papers in Livermore Mayor, Council Races

Filing began last week for two seats on the Livermore City Council and the Mayor's seat.

All of the incumbents have taken out papers. If they return the papers, the deadline for candidates to file for the Nov. 3 election will be August 7.

Marshall Kamena will be seeking his fourth term as mayor.

John Marchand will be running for a second four year term on the city council; Doug Horner will be up for election for the first time. He was appointed to replace Tom Reitter, who resigned from the council.

Also taking out papers for city council were Jacob German and Louis Russ.

Russ is an 18-year-old student at Las Positas College. He says on his website that he is focusing on general education. He hopes to transfer to a 4-year and major in something along the lines of Political Science.

Germain first surfaced when he testified before the Wheels

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The headstone for William Mendenhall Sr., which turned up in Southern California, is now back in Livermore. Mendenhall is considered to be Livermore's founding father. He died on January 12, 1873. He was the first person buried in the "new cemetery at Oak Knoll," according to his obituary notice. The headstone was removed by family members, when the cemetery deteriorated. The Livermore Heritage Guild has retrieved the headstone. It is now on display at the Carnegie Building. The Guild has been in contact with family members to determine what they want done with it. The history center is located in the Carnegie Building, 2155 Third Street in Livermore. For more information, call (925) 449-9927 for more information.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Victoria is one tough cookie. Underneath her hard shell is a loving lap kitty who is looking for someone who understands her moods. She is searching for a safe, quiet home where she can finally relax. Give her a chance to break through her shell and you won't regret it. Come down and meet Victoria at Valley Humane Society's Kitty City, 3670 Nevada St. in Pleasanton. Open Tues-Sat from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit the website www.valleyhumane.org or call 925-426-8656 for more details.

Americans Using More Solar Power; Less Coal and Petroleum

Americans used more solar, nuclear, biomass and wind energy in 2008 than they did in 2007, according to the most recent energy flow charts released by the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. The nation used less coal and petroleum during the same time frame and only slightly increased its natural gas consumption. Geothermal energy use remained the same.

The estimated U.S. energy use in 2008 equaled 99.2 quadrillion BTUs ("quads"), down from 101.5 quadrillion BTUs in 2007. (A BTU or British Thermal Unit is a unit of measurement for energy, and is equivalent to about 1.055 kilojoules).

Energy use in the industrial and transportation sectors declined by 1.17 and 0.9 quads respectively, while commercial and residential use slightly climbed. The drop in transportation and industrial use - which are both heavily dependent on petroleum - can be attributed to a spike in oil prices in summer 2008.

Last year saw a significant increase in biomass with the recent push for the development of more biofuels including ethanol.

"This is a good snapshot of what's going on in the country. Some of the year-to-year changes in supply and consumption can be traced to factors such as the economy and energy policy," said A.J. Simon, an LLNL energy systems analyst who develops the energy flow charts using data provided by the Department of Energy's Energy Information Administration.

Simon said the increase in wind energy can be attributed to large investments in wind turbine technologies over the last few years as well as better use of the existing turbines.

Nuclear energy also saw a slight increase from 8.41 quads in 2007 up to 8.45 quads in 2008. While no new nuclear power plants came online in 2008, the existing plants had less down time. Over the last 20 years, the downtime for maintenance and refueling at nuclear power plants had been decreasing.

"There's an incentive to operate as much as possible," Simon said. "It's a smart thing to do. You can't earn revenue by selling electricity when you're down."

The chart also shows the amount of energy rejected by the United States. Of the 99.2 quads consumed, only 42.15 ended up as energy services. Energy services are "things that make our lives better," Simon said. "That's the energy that makes your car move and that comes out of your light bulb."

The ratio of energy services to the total amount of energy used is a measure of the country's energy efficiency. The remainder, explained Simon, "is simply rejected. For example, some rejected energy shows up as waste heat from power plants."

"I'm really excited about the renewed push for energy efficiency in this country," he said. "Because once that energy is rejected, it's no longer useful. But more efficient power plants, automobiles and even light bulbs really do reject less energy while providing the same energy services."

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory has helped to visualize the Energy Information Administration's U.S. energy data since the early 1970s.

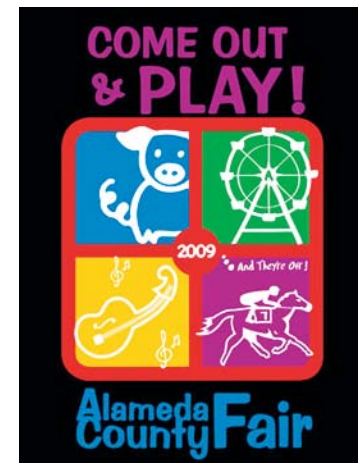
Big Turn Out for County Fair

Over 432,000 fairgoers decided to "Come Out and Play" at this year's Alameda County Fair, setting a new attendance record. The number represents an approximate 20% increase over 2008, and, is the largest recorded attendance in the last 20 years. The Fair's carnival ride operator, Butler Amusements, also recorded their highest ride gross at this year's Alameda County Fair.

July 3rd was the single highest attended day in the Fair's history with just fewer than 50,000 thousand fairgoers.

By comparison, many regional fairs have experienced challenges and modified attendance numbers this year given the current economic climate and, as such, Alameda County Fair officials are extremely pleased with their dramatic attendance increase in 2009.

"We want to thank the almost half-a-million guests who came out to play at the record breaking Alameda County Fair these past two weeks," said Rick Pickering, CEO and General Manager of the Alameda County Agricultural Fair Association. "As a nonprofit organization that receives no tax support, we are pleased to provide our many communities with local



affordable edu-tainment. Recognizing this difficult economy, we are honored that so many people chose to invest their time with family and friends at the Fair this summer."

New attractions and events such as the Balloon Samba carnival ride from Michael Jackson's Neverland Ranch and the first annual Hot Dog and Chili Relay Contest played a big part in this year's success, according to fair organizers. Concert performances by acts including: The Charlie Daniels Band, Night Ranger, Bowling For Soup, En Vogue, BJ Thomas and Con Funk Shun were

filled to capacity. Other popular attractions were the Fair's new AgVenture Park featuring agricultural edutainment and Festival Square's themed weekends: "Fiesta Hispana," "Jazz Gators and Gumbo," and "Spice of India."

Pickering further mentioned that a variety of dance lessons, cooking tips, cultural music, competitive food-judging presentations and demonstrations rounded out the fair's potpourri of offerings. "Competitive exhibits, animals and agricultural elements of our fair continue to be crowd favorites," he noted.

Other facts: Fine Art Sales - \$14,677 up 2%; Jr. Livestock Auction - \$531,821 (average \$ per animal down 16%); Total Entries of Competitive Exhibits - 15,450 down 12%

There were 88,797 corn dogs consumed, followed by 26,964 funnel cakes, 13,613 shaved ices; 6,826 turkey legs; and 6,225 cinnamon rolls.

A complete listing of Competitive Entry Winners will be posted on the Fair's website by month's end.

Plans are already underway for the 2010 Alameda County Fair.



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POWER

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which is near Sacramento.

With SMUD and its 35 percent of the project budget out of the picture, the Turlock and Modesto irrigation districts also dropped out. That led to TANC's official cessation of the project last week.

VIGILANCE STILL ADVOCATED

Local reaction to the end of the TANC project was relief, tempered with vigilance that a similar project could be proposed again. The Valley is a gateway to the Bay Area. Any utility could try to bring more power through the Valley, said Chris Chandler, executive director of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association.

"We need to be vigilant as a community," said Chandler. Winegrowers saw the power-line plan as hurting wine country tourism, because of its negative impact on the ambiance.

Sharon Burnham, executive director of the Tri-Valley Conservancy, said that renewable energy is "very important. I think this will be back. It might not be TANC, but another utility." TVC has 55 parcels under open space easements in the proposed TANC pathway, so the project was a major concern.

BILL WOULD RESTRICT

TANC MORE

Efforts are now being made to prevent another surprise like the one TANC presented to the Valley, said Burnham. A new bill is being prepared in Sacramento to require public power agencies like TANC to seek approval for their projects either from the California Energy Commission or the California Public Utilities Commission.

Currently TANC can simply build the project itself, without any outside approval. It needs only to follow the law when it comes to environmental review. That makes them relatively invisible, and much less accountable to the public, said TANC's critics.

The TANC project started in the planning stage two years ago. It was budgeted for \$36 million. It had just begun the scoping period for the EIR when opposition surfaced all along the line between Redding and Livermore. It came from rural landowners, farmers, ranchers, and political leaders.

Those opponents have formed a network, which will keep an eye on TANC's future projects, or any other power-line projects coming along, said Burnham. She attended an organizational meeting of the group on Monday

in Winters.

One of the biggest complaints, both in the Valley and along the 600-mile route, was the lack of public notice. Many blamed TANC for the lack of notice. However, TANC did send notices to the planning departments of Pleasanton, Livermore and Alameda County in late February and March.

All three planning departments sent representatives to scoping meetings in March or April. Nevertheless, elected representatives in those governments said they didn't learn about the project until early May, when the hue and cry was raised. Planning directors told The Independent that because it was early in the EIR scoping process, they were responding directly to TANC about their concerns that they wanted to be answered in the EIR.

Most of the public didn't receive any direct facts from TANC until later in May, when TANC officials conducted a meeting in Livermore in conjunction with TVC. It drew 190 people, almost all of whom said they were opposed to the plan.

STATEWIDE PLAN URGED

The one thing that came from the whole experience has been

a call by many at the grassroots level for the state to come up with a plan showing where to locate the lines that will meet future power demands. In some cases, older lines are not even in use. It might be possible to improve technology, and not cause any additional impact on the land, said some interested parties.

In a statement e-mailed to the Independent, Bob Baltzer, chair of Friends of Livermore, said TANC and others should be pressured to "rethink how they upgrade the northern California power grid. They are still proposing to put another patch on a patchwork system of 19th century technology, when this should be an opportunity to really upgrade the whole system to modern technology with much lower transmission losses and environmental damage."

Baltzer cited a story in the Wall Street Journal on July 15 that discusses how utilities could make a good profit off development of renewable energy, and the transmission system to deliver it. Firms can qualify for some federal incentive money, in addition to the profits already allowed them by state regulators, says the story. There are incentives for much more action to develop power transmission in the future, concluded Baltzer.



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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Buchanan to Speak at Luncheon

Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan, 15th district, will present the "The State of the State Address" on July 30 at the Livermore Chamber of Commerce's Wine Country Summer Luncheon at Wente Vineyards.

The luncheon will be held in the outside amphitheatre at Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Road in Livermore beginning at 11:30 a.m. Advanced reservations are required. Seats are \$35 for Chamber Members and \$45 for non-members.

On August 27, Congressman Jerry McNerney will speak at Concannon Vineyards and on October 1 County Supervisor Scott Haggerty will speak at the Martinelli Center.

For further information or to make reservations call the Chamber at 447-1606 or go to www.livermorechamber.org to register on line.

Communication Coach Chamber Guest

Carmine Gallo, a communication skills coach, author and speaker who works with leading executives on their presentations, messaging and business communications, will be the guest speaker at a breakfast hosted by the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce.

Carmine's current book, *Fire Them Up!*, features insights from more than two dozen business leaders. He interviewed men and women who founded and run companies like Google, The Ritz-Carlton, Starbucks, 24-Hour Fitness, and many others.

Carmine will speak at a Chamber breakfast on Tuesday, July 28th - 7:30 a.m. at the Pleasanton Marriott. He will discuss what he learned from great leaders about how to motivate, inspire and positively influence everyone in your personal and professional life. Cost to attend is \$24 for Chamber members; \$35 for non-members. For more information visit www.pleasanton.org or call (925)846-5858 ext 201.

TVCVB Luncheon

The Tri-Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau will host the 14th Annual Partnership

Meeting & Luncheon on August 20.

Speakers will be Amy Blaschka, President & CEO of the TVCCVB and Joe D'Alessandro, president and CEO of the San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The topic will be "The Changing State of San Francisco Bay Area Tourism."

The luncheon will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Shannon Community Center in Dublin.

Registration information is available at the Tri-Valley, California Convention & Visitors Bureau, 349 Main Street, Suite 203, Pleasanton, (925) 846-8910 or www.trivalleycvb.com.

Gift Program Applications

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The program provides up to \$100,000 in funding to support organizations addressing science, technology, engineering and/or mathematics (STEM) education, community-service and philanthropic needs in communities having a large population of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) employees. Nonprofit California educational institutions, IRS-qualified 501(c)(3) organizations, and government agencies serving Alameda, Contra Costa and San Joaquin counties are eligible to apply. Gifts will be awarded in amounts from \$1,000 to \$20,000.

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

PESTICIDES

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the Delta's water supply. That's a separate issue involving water levels and water flows and their effects on species, said Miller.

The EPA is expected to offer temporary rules about pesticide approval and application, while the long-term studies go on.

The most recognizable name on the list of 74 pesticides includes 2,4-D, one of the most commonly used herbicides in the United States. Some studies have shown a cancer link in humans and animals, but others have not.

A decision by the EPA said that there was not sufficient data to show a link between 2,4-D and cancer. However, the pesticide has been banned for use in five European nations, and two Canadian provinces.

Miller said that he had not had a chance to talk to any local agricultural people about whether the temporary rules, or long-range findings would have an impact on local farmers.

Brian Anthony, vineyard manager at Wente Family Winery, said that in most years, Wente doesn't use pesticides. "Our first choice is to use organic oils, and other things," said Anthony.

At one time, Wente had more than 100 acres of vines producing organic grapes for a client. However, it was machine-intensive maintenance, with the high cost of diesel fuel cutting into Wente's ability to farm them that way, said Anthony.

"After 10 years, it wasn't sustainable in the economics of farming," said Anthony.

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EDITORIALS

Referendum Victory

The legality of Pleasanton's Oak Grove referendum has been upheld in appellate court.

It's a significant victory for the activists who collected more than 4000 signatures to block the City Council's approval of the Oak Grove development: 51 estate sized homes in the hills above the Kottinger Ranch and Vintage Hills.

The developers, Frederic and Jennifer Lin, took the referendum to court, winning in superior court. Referendum supporters, led by former councilmember Kay Ayala, filed an appeal, bringing the ruling that was announced last week.

The legal precedent Lin's suit would have established would have weakened the referendum process, not only in Pleasanton, but throughout the state.

We cheer Kay Ayala and her fellow activists. In refusing to surrender after their loss in lower court and taking the issue to the appellate court level, we believe they've performed a tremendous public service.

Rich Serving Of Theater

The Valley can look forward to a wealth of live theater in the next couple of weeks. The shows include:

- Free Shakespeare-in-the-park productions of "The Comedy of Errors" by the SF Shakespeare Festival, Saturday/Sunday evenings through August 2 at Amador Valley Community Park.

- "Peter Pan" at Livermore's Bankhead Theater, weekends July 17 through August 2.

- "The Seagull" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in rotating repertory by Livermore Shakespeare Festival, at Concannon Vineyard to August 9.

- Las Positas College will be performing "Metamorphoses" weekends July 25 through July 9.

Our Valley isn't Broadway quite yet, but the array of performances is pretty impressive.

ZONE 7

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They also attended the board's meeting in June, and made their presentation.

Pleasanton and Livermore have agreed to postpone fees to enable cash flow assistance for developers. Dublin is considering it.

WORRY ABOUT JEOPARDY TO LOAN DEAL

Assistant general manager John Yue told the board that encouraging building by giving developers the break would help Zone 7's own cash flow somewhat. Yue said that 471 residential equivalent connections, which include commercial connections that use more water than homes, are expected to be built in the Valley in 2009-10. Some 481 may be built in 2010-11.

However, developers had a month to modify those projections with their own estimation of how much more building would occur, but did not provide any update, said Yue.

The big worry for Zone 7 is what a fee deferral policy would do with the agency's standing with the bank that signed the ISA arrangement with Zone 7.

Zone 7 will need \$30 million in 2009-10 to pay for the Altamont Water Treatment pipeline's western reach, which goes from Dyer Road north of Livermore to a water system transmission point near the Livermore golf course. The ISA loan will cover Zone 7's cash flow shortfall on the construction project.

If Zone 7 gave the developers the deferral policy, the bank might see it as an alteration that would lead it to change its mind about the ISA. Zone 7 got the ISA when banking conditions were good, and the interest and availability was good. Risking that could end the ISA, said Yue. That was also the opinion of Zone 7 attorney Amy Naamani, and two Zone 7 consultants.

With that in mind, the board majority voted to reject the request. Stevens voted "no," because he wanted the board to see if developers could come up with projections first. Stevens also wanted Zone 7 to talk to the bank about just what would happen if the board did adopt the policy. The staff's response was that just talking to the bank could be enough to trigger cancellation of the ISA.

COIN FLIP PICKS

BOARD VEEP

The board chose a new president, Dick Quigley. John Greci became vice president, on the flip of a coin. Stevens nominated Sandy Figuers, but then outgoing president Sarah Palmer nominated Greci.

Figuers said in his favor that he has a total of 14 years' experience on the board, after election last year, following a 10-year absence. He was the board's president and vice president twice in his past tenure. Greci is in his 15th year, and said that he plans to run again next year. He also was board president and vice president twice.

Palmer told the Independent later that she put Greci's name in nomination because "his experience and diplomacy might be good, and he has the time to devote to it (because he is retired). He also has a tremendous ability to listen to all sides. He's one of those people who does not say a lot, but when he does, it is well-measured." She said that even before the meeting, she wanted to nominate Greci.

Figuers said at the meeting that "some may see me as uninterested in some items. But that's usually not true. I reserve (comments) for what needs to be done. I have little patience for window dressing."

Stevens said he nominated Figuers for his experience. He said that Greci was president two years ago, so Figuers was on his mind as the nominee.

PALMER ASSESSES HER SERVICE

Asked by The Independent about her one-year term as president, Palmer said that "I think I took us through a difficult period." She cited former general manager Dale Myers' resignation from the board, to which he was elected last year. He cited time conflicts.

"I spent a lot of time with people (on the board), and listened to different sides. I provided a sounding board, which was helpful," she said.

Looking ahead, Zone 7's beginning on a strategic plan, its first, came during her tenure. Global warming, the Delta and the economy were also important challenges to meet, she said.

OAK GROVE

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talked to people who did. They sounded as if there might be issues that could bring it to Supreme Court review, she said.

The council's decision to approve Oak Grove, on a 4-1 vote (Cindy McGovern dissenting), gave "a 500-acre park for Pleasanton, and 51 home sites," said Hosterman.

SETTING A PRECEDENT

The precedent-setting aspect of the case centers on the Lins' contention that it wasn't enough for Ayala and the Save Pleasanton Hills organization to carry the text of the city ordinance that approved the development. The Lins said that the council-approved plan map should have been carried, too.

However, the appellate court disagreed. Ayala's attorney, Benjamin Shatz, said that people who circulate petitions must be able to take the word of a city clerk that they have been provided with all of the materials necessary to make the referendum occur.

Further, the city clerk must

be able to take the word of the city attorney and city council that the text given to petitioners is full, complete and valid to undertake their petitioning, said Shatz. "The buck stops with the city attorney," he added.

The court said that both Ayala and the city clerk's office acted in good faith, and were not trying to hide anything, said Shatz.

The decision establishes a new point in referendum cases. The appellate court has ordered that the decision be published, said Shatz. The appeal can be cited in cases within the boundary of the First District appellate court. The court's jurisdiction includes 12 counties, reaching northward from Alameda and San Mateo counties to Del Norte and Humboldt counties.

Although the city and its city clerk were named as defendants in the case, the city council voted against arguing the case in the appellate court, which left the action strictly up to Ayala and

her attorney.

The council vote was 3-2 against participation, with McGovern and Matt Sullivan voting to join in the appeal. McGovern is a member of Save Pleasanton Hills.

AYALA MAY GET PART OF ATTORNEYS' FEES

The appellate court also spoke to the point of whether superior court should have awarded attorneys' fees to Ayala. She contended that the Lins filed an action that amounted to intimidation under the state's SLAPP suit law. Judge Frank Roesch threw out the Lins contention, but did not award attorneys fees to Ayala.

The appellate court is sending that point back to Roesch. He must make a determination about who is the prevailing party for purposes of determining attorneys' fees. Shatz said that it's clear from the decision that at least partial attorneys' fees will be awarded. Full recovery might be possible, he said.

Ayala said that it has been a difficult two years, because she is facing the possibility of paying attorneys' fees. It didn't help that the city council majority refused to have the city take part in the appeal, she said.

The appellate justices did award Ayala court costs for the appeal. However, that covers paperwork, and is relatively little compared to attorneys' fees, said Shatz. "It might amount to about \$2000 or so. Attorneys' fees are a more significant amount."

OAK GROVE

Oak Grove is located in the southeast hills of Pleasanton. The plan approved by the council included 51 custom home lots and 500 acres of permanent open space.

The city council approved the plan in November 2007. Ayala and her group gathered about 5,200 signatures on their petition — more than the required minimum of about 3,700 signatures.

MACHINE

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been over the years that Livermore's Center for Accelerator Mass Spectrometry, or CAMS, is designated a national research facility by the National Institutes of Health, which supports it with about \$1.8 million this year. The total CAMS budget ranges typically from \$6 million to \$7 million.

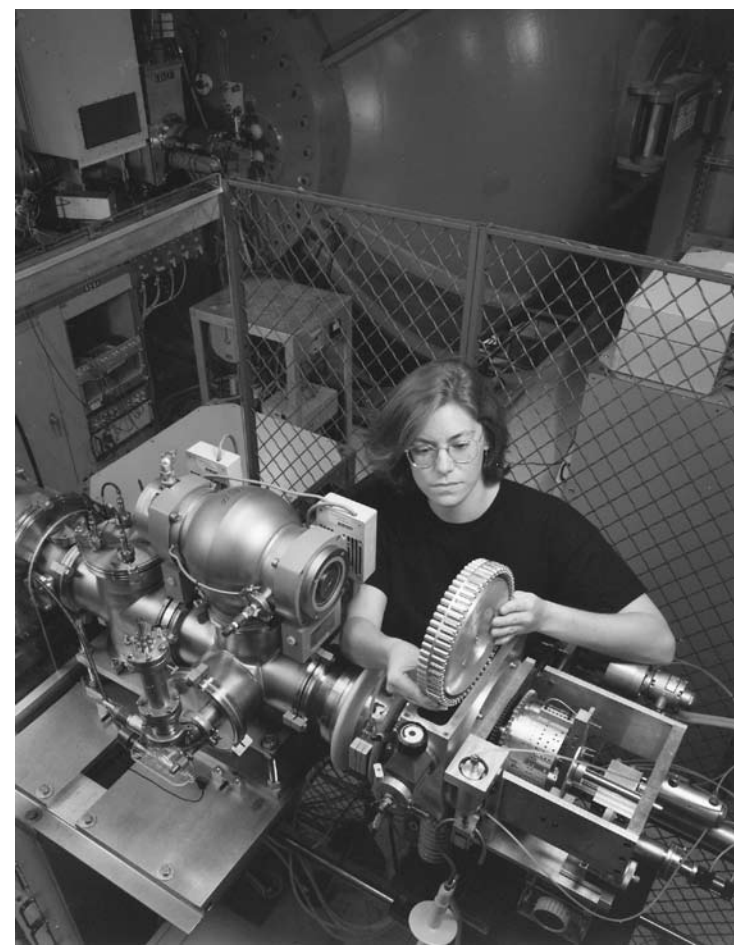
The versatility of CAMS stems from the culture in which it was created, according to its director, Graham Bench. A tradition of intermingling different fields of science was part of the Livermore Laboratory's heritage from the Berkeley Radiation Lab. When the first version of CAMS was being planned in the mid-1980s, its founding director, Jay Davis, maintained the tradition by bringing experts together from different fields and asking for research ideas.

Early research ranged from materials science studies for Sandia to archaeology and biology for UC Regents programs to the X-ray laser and basic physics for Lawrence Livermore.

The capability of the machine has grown over the years until, today, it is the most productive of its kind in the world, despite being 20 years old. It operates 24/7 — the only accelerator mass spectrometer that does so — investigating some 25,000 samples per year.

Fundamental to the program's technical success is its improvement on carbon dating, which was developed in 1949 for archeology by University of Chicago chemist Willard Libby.

Carbon-14 represents only about one trillionth of ordinary carbon, but it can be detected because it is radioactive. Created in the upper atmosphere when nitrogen is hit by cosmic rays, it spreads around the world and is used by living things in all the ways that ordinary carbon is used. After an organism dies, the tiny carbon-14 fraction decays steadily away with a half-life of about 5,700 years. Counting radioactive decays in a once-living fossil — say, an ancient piece of wood — gives archeologists a tool for estimating how much



Michael Kashgarian, PhD, inserts samples for analysis at the Center for Accelerator Mass Spectrometry. CAMS develops and operates accelerator based isotopic abundance measurements and ion-beam analytical techniques and instrumentation for applications in a wide range of research areas.

carbon-14 is left and thus how old the sample is.

The tool was a powerful resource for helping to establish the chronology of the past 50,000 years or so. For fossils that are much older, like dinosaur bones, carbon-14 is not a factor since it has decayed away completely.

One limitation on Libby's technique is that small fossil samples might not produce enough radioactive decays to generate reliable statistics. By the mid-1970s a new approach emerged that did not involve recording rare radioactive decays. This was to count the carbon-14 atoms streaming out of an accelerator after separating them from the lighter and far more common carbon-12 and carbon-13.

The technique, called accelerator mass spectrometry, was pioneered in Berkeley. It represented a major advance, making long waits for carbon-14 decays in small fossil samples unnecessary.

The range of accelerator mass spectroscopy studies conducted at Livermore is astonishingly wide. Geology, materials science, oceanography and atmospheric science are among them, in part because CAMS can be tuned to measure tiny quantities of atomic variants, or isotopes, other than carbon-14: strontium-90, chlorine-36, beryllium-10 and helium-3, for example. But carbon-14 has had the most utility for the simple reason that carbon is so plentiful in plant and

animal tissues.

Oddly, the era of atmospheric nuclear testing has played an important role in many of these studies. From the 1950s until 1963, above-ground nuclear detonations roughly doubled the natural concentration of carbon-14 in the atmosphere. Since that time, carbon-14 levels have declined toward natural levels once again.

This means that carbon-14 levels are measurably different depending on when living organisms took up carbon from the environment. People, plants and even anthrax bacteria register their individual histories in carbon-14 readings, and so do fossil fuels that are millions of years old and have no carbon-14 at all.

Three of the many Livermore carbon-14 studies include:

- Bruce Buchholz and UC Davis collaborators examined human cells, including cadaver cells, and found that our brain's nerve cells are the ones we were born with, heart cells are constantly being replaced, and the lenses of our eyes add new cells only very slowly.

- CAMS director Graham Bench and others found that the air pollution in Yosemite and other national parks comes primarily from campfires burning wood that was recently alive, not from fossil fuel combustion products drifting in from distant cities.

- Deadly anthrax spores mailed through the U.S. postal service in 2001, killing five and infecting 17, were cultured shortly before mailing. Former CAMS director John Knezovich and others conducted studies that helped the FBI narrow its investigations to facilities that could produce the spores currently, rather than storage sites.

The CAMS emphasis on solving scientific problems is reflected in the spin-off of private companies offering services involving accelerator mass spectrometry. Companies to date are Accium BioSciences of Seattle, Vitalea Science of Davis, and Xceleron of Germantown, Md.

ELECTION

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board about cuts in services.

10TH DISTRICT

Reports filed with the Federal Election Commission show Joan Buchanan, Democrat, as collecting the most funds in the bid for the 10th Congressional District seat.

However, the report shows that there are loans of \$250,000 out \$313,908. There were \$40,905 in individual contributions. Buchanan has \$179,289 cash on hand.

The other top Democrat fundraisers are John Garamendi, \$300,463 with \$250,000 cash-on-hand, from more than 350 donors, and Mark DeSaulnier, who raised a total of \$211,229 from over 415 donors and has \$136,509 cash on hand. Also filing reports were Anthony Woods, \$103,851 from a national donor base of over 900 donors and Adriel Hampton, \$22,569. Tiffany Atwood did not file.

Of Hampton's total, the report

shows \$17,641 coming from the candidate.

According to the DeSaulnier campaign, seventy percent of his contributions came from donors within the district and Contra Costa County in contrast to candidate John Garamendi, who is from the Central Valley, who has raised only 5% from donors in the 10th CD.

David Harmer led the Republican candidates with \$175,131. The other Republicans in the race, Christopher Bunch and David Peterson did not file reports.

Independent candidate Gino Vangundy and Green Party representative Jeremy Cloward, also did not file reports.

BALLOT POSITION

The California Secretary of State held a drawing Tuesday to set the order names will appear on the September 1 ballot.

Democrat Joan Buchanan and Republican Bunch will be listed first on the ballot, followed by

Hampton, Atwood, Cloward, DeSaulnier, Peterson, Garamendi, and Vangundy.

The 10th Congressional District special election is being held to fill the vacancy created when Ellen Tauscher was appointed by President Barack Obama as United States Undersecretary of State for Arms Control and International Security.

In accordance with Elections Code section 13112(d), the names of candidates on the ballot are arranged based on the randomized alphabet. This alphabet applies throughout the entire last name of the candidate.

If no candidate receives 50% plus one or more of the total votes cast on September 1, the name of the candidate from each qualified political party who receives the most votes cast will appear on the November 3 special general election ballot.

California's 10th Congressional District includes portions of

Contra Costa, Solano, Alameda, and Sacramento counties.

ENDORSEMENTS

The United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Local 5 has endorsed of Senator Mark DeSaulnier for Congress. United Food and Commercial Workers Local 5 joins a list of local labor organizations in support of DeSaulnier for Congress, including the Contra Costa Central Labor Council, the Alameda Central Labor Council, and the Contra Costa Building and Construction Trades Council. United Food and Commercial Workers Local 5 consists of seven UFCW local unions in Northern California, and represents over 26,000 members.

Tony Bothwell, a former U.S. House staff member who explored a run in the 10th District special election, has endorsed John Garamendi for Congress.

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BUDGET

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police and fire protection, street repair, and schools, are closest to the state's residents, and should have priority. Further, local government, under the eye of the Brown Act, must conduct its budget sessions publicly, so the public has a good opportunity to comment. That's a contrast to the meeting of the Big Five -- four legislative leaders and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger -- who had many secret meetings, and finally came up with an agreement.

'DEVASTATING IMPACT ON LIVERMORE'

The Big Five's announced budget this week gives the summit members a timely reminder about the need to guard local funds. The deal pulls \$4.4 billion in ERAF (Education Revenue Augmentation Fund) money away from cities, counties and special districts, to help meet the budget deficit.

The ERAF fund was established to help sustain school funding levels, as demanded by Proposition 98. However, the state just takes from local government to offset the deficit in other programs.

Marchand said, "The effect on Livermore will be devastating." Barton added that Livermore will lose \$2.8 million to ERAF. There will be more losses. The state will take \$1 million annually for three years from the city's gas tax

revenue. That affects street repair and maintenance.

Further, the city's redevelopment agency will lose \$1,245,000 this year and \$350,000 the second year. Barton said that since the announcement was so new on Tuesday, she didn't know the reasoning behind taking such a big amount the first year, and so much less in the second year from redevelopment.

Pleasanton and LARPD will also lose funding. However, the amounts were not known on Tuesday. At Zone 7 Water Agency, general manager Jill Duerig said it looks as though ERAF will take about 8 percent of the agency's flood control budget, both for capital improvements and maintenance. It means that maintenance of the flood control arroyos will be slowed, she said.

A LITTLE GOOD NEWS FOR SCHOOLS

School districts received a bit of good news from the Big Five's announcement, said Pleasanton school superintendent John Casey. The state is committed to an obligation to "bring us back to the level we would have been" before the cuts in school funding for the past two years. However, the state won't make up the lost money from the past two years.

Also, bringing the districts back up to speed won't occur this

year. "We heard it will happen in 2011-12," said Casey.

FOUR-POINT PLAN FOR REFORM

To try to establish stable budgets at the local level, the summit members came up with four major points. One is to guard against ERAF raids. The second is to reform state term limits, so that the Legislature can be more effective in creating a budget. It takes time to build relationships, and craft long-lasting legislation. Term limits thwart that, say term-limit reformers.

The summit members also want to reduce or eliminate the two-thirds majority needed to pass local taxing items. There was also some support for ending the two-thirds majority the Legislature needs to pass a budget.

Further, the summit attendees want any initiative that will cost the state money to be paid for from a revenue source identified by the initiative. Political observers have pointed out that Californians like to pass initiatives to give people more services, and also like to limit taxes or reduce them. That creates a big budget hole for the Legislature to fill. That takes more money away from the programs to which the state is already committed.

Marchand said that a poll mentioned at the summit showed that the public has a much higher

trust level in local government, with its public access, than in the Legislature. He said that 80 percent of those polled said they thought that "the state is on the wrong track."

"We in local government are accountable. We have the Brown Act, and conduct our business in public. The state doesn't have to do that," said Marchand.

Marchand, Hosterman and White all said they would favor a simple majority in local tax elections. Hosterman said that a simple majority "is in keeping with democracy and the way in which we govern at the local level, as well."

NOVEL IDEA ABOUT VOTING

White stated, "My vote should not count more than any other. (With a two-thirds requirement.) the minority counts twice as much as the majority. There might be other ways to ensure solid backing for something."

White suggested a novel idea, which she said she thought up on the drive back from Sacramento. An issue could go to the ballot twice, both needing simple majorities. The minority from the first vote then would have a chance to convince the majority that it is wrong, and change their votes. The second vote would be final.

Funding Heats Up Lab's Geothermal Program

Twenty years ago, Lawrence Livermore National Lab had a thriving geothermal program. But as funding dwindled, the program did as well.

Thanks to a new flow of money from the Department of Energy Geothermal Technologies Program Office, the LLNL research will soon flourish again.

Earlier this year, DOE issued a call for proposals. Each national lab was allowed to submit four proposals and Livermore had three out of four proposals selected for funding. Each program will receive from \$400,000 to \$600,000 each year for three years. Under the Recovery Act, DOE's Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy has received \$400 million to invest in geothermal research.

"We've worked really, really hard to get here," said Jeff Roberts, LLNL geothermal program leader. "The program was cut significantly in the past because geothermal energy production wasn't necessarily a priority. But last summer, oil prices were high, climate change is being considered more seriously and there is a strong interest in renewable energy, especially wind and geothermal."

Geothermal power is extracted from heat stored in the earth. Though it has been used directly for space heating and bathing since ancient roman times, it also is used to generate electricity. A significant aspect of geothermal power is that it is a baseline power that isn't intermittent like wind or solar.

For Charles Carrigan, the funding means he can use codes

that were originally developed for the weapons program and apply them to developing predictive models to determine the permeability of rock formations that supply heat for energy production by injecting and extracting fluids through wells in those formations.

Carrigan's project will focus on developing realistic computer-based models of enhanced geothermal system (EGS) stimulation-response scenarios. EGS is the creation of an effective subsurface heat exchanger for power generation when the natural system is hot enough but there is insufficient fracture permeability. The simulations are aimed at assessing the influence of many EGS properties, such as rock formation mechanical characteristics, initial thermal and stress state of the targeted rock formation, hydraulic and explosive modes of fracture propagation, among others.

"Our models will be used to explore not only the local effects of stimulation near a single well bore, but also how the stimulation of multiple wells, spaced across the reservoir, will influence heat transfer," Carrigan said. "Our hope is that these models will provide insight into selecting the best choices for producing long-term permeability enhancement on a site-by-site basis and make us less dependent on fossil fuels."

Postdoc Dennise Templeton will be using the funding for her project to map microseismicity for geothermal reservoir management. The project is aimed at detecting and locating microearthquakes induced by EGS hydrofracturing and fluid reinjection operations within the reservoirs.

Geochemist Susan Carroll will use the program funding to determine what effect geochemical reactions have on the

use of carbon dioxide (CO2) as an efficient heat exchanger for geothermal energy production. Carroll's project consists of three phases: assessing the geochemical impact of CO2 on geothermal energy production by analyzing the geochemistry of existing geothermal fields with elevated natural CO2 measuring realistic rock-water rates for geothermal systems using laboratory and field-based experiments; and developing reactive transport models using the field-based rates to simulate production scale impacts, if any.

DOE's budget for geothermal energy has fluctuated during the last decade going from about \$22 million per year, down to \$5 million in 2007 and then bounced up to \$44 million this year.

Lessons from...

National Drowning Prevention Month

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



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

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

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

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

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

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SPORTS NOTES



Pictured are Livermore AquaCowboys (left to right): Front Row: Shahini Ananth, Alex Gonzalez, Catherine Elliott, Sarah Swanson. Middle Row: Trent Trump, Nina Hayes, Katie Kulp, Shelby Swanson, Nathan Boas. Back Row: Coach Lisa White, Andrew Hayes, Evan Carlo, Alec Grabarek, Coach Alex Silver. Not Pictured: Kylie Clark, Haley Hamza, Brendan Schierloh, Patrick Kulp.

LALL Juniors

Livermore American Little League Juniors competed in a tough USSSA State Championship tournament this weekend in Manteca, CA (7/11 and 7/12) and came up against some very seasoned opponents. In Game #1 on Saturday, Livermore took the game to the 7th inning with a 2-2 tie, but loaded the bases and gave up a Grand Slam and a single homerun to go down with a loss. David Pison and Joe Halliwell both had great games at the plate, each going 2 for 3 with Halliwell knocking in two runs. Defensive highlights included Will Stewart digging out several throws at first base and Nick Merrill throwing out a base runner at first from right field.

In Game #2 and Game #3, Livermore was crushed by their opponents with an 11-3 loss and a 15-0 shutout loss, seeding 4th in the pool play. Despite the losses, there were offensive and defensive highlights, especially in Game #2. Matt Puls crushed a line drive halfway up the Fenway Green Monster for a double. Chris DiPeso hit a double into the power alley for an RBI. Nick Gaul and Alex Kohn made nice stops at third base and second base, respectively.

In the semi-final round on Sunday, Livermore faced the number 1 seed and went on top early, holding onto a 3-0 lead until the 5th inning. But their opponent tied the game, sending it to extra innings. Livermore never gave up, took advantage, and sent the go-ahead run across the plate on a wild pitch in the top of the 8th inning, making it 4-3. The home team quickly loaded the bases in the bottom of the 8th, but Livermore secured the final out on a ground out to 1st and secured a berth in the Championship game. A great combined pitching effort by Matt Puls and Kyle Walbridge helped to hold the opponents scoreless for five innings and then denied the opponents in the bottom of the 8th. Matt Stoebe caught the entire game, calling great pitches and skillfully framing the strike zone. Dhru Merrill hit well with a pair of doubles knocking in the first three Livermore runs. Chris DiPeso pinch ran in the top of the 8th inning, stealing third and scoring on a wild pitch.

In the Championship game, Livermore faced the 3rd seed, who played a great game and ultimately won the game and the tournament. Livermore takes home a second place medal. Despite the loss, Livermore had some defensive highlights. Matt Stoebe had another great game as catcher, throwing out two base runners attempting to steal second. Alex Kohn continued to play well defensively at second and Sean Amaral threw out a runner at first from right field.

Pleasanton Phantom

Pleasanton's 10B Phantom traveling softball team earned second place amongst 12 teams in Pleasanton over the tournament weekend, July 10-12. The girls won all three games Friday through Saturday to earn top seeding. On Sunday, they won twice including a come-from-behind extra-innings defeat of San Carlos to get to the Championship game.

Phantom earned second place in the tournament as a very strong Rocklin based team won the finale. Leading the Phantom charge with brilliant fielding including several double plays were: Haley Wesenberg, Kyra Sexton and Jenyce Dutcher. Jenyce also made a late innings clutch hit to help the team win their semi-final game while Nalani Scates persevered, pitching under tremendous pressure from crazed fans and relentless opponents' bats.

The Pleasanton based team will hone their skills in 1 more summer tournament in Stockton as their season culminates with a trip to the ASA Western Nationals in Oregon in late July.

Livermore Smoke

In their last tournament of the season, the Livermore Smoke U8 Girls' Tournament team traveled to Morgan Hill where they took third in the Spirit Classic. Smoke got off to a blazing start, beating the West Valley Twisters, 16-2. In a game where everyone hit, the highlights included Sydney Mendoza's blasts to the outfield for a single, 2 doubles and 3 RBI, as well as the amazing string of doubles hit by Sierra Marshall, Haley Thompson, and Brianna Winger. Right in step with them were Brianna Wheelock with a crowd-dazzling single, 1 RBI, and fan-favorite Jennah LaVerne with two line-drives to left field for a pair of singles.

Next, the Smoke faced the San Mateo Slammers. Smoke got off to a hot start, with singles by Haley Thompson, Alyssa Silva, Sierra Marshall, and Sydney Mendoza, scoring 3. It would be up to the defense from then on, as the Slammers held the Smoke back from scoring again. The defense held strong, led by the amazing Madison Kahway, striking out 6 of the 8 batters she faced. She was followed by Sierra Marshall, who struck out 3 of 5 she faced. Then, with 2 runs scored and bases loaded for the Slammers, Alyssa Silva re-energized her Smoke team with an outstanding run-down of a fly ball hit foul for a pivotal out. A few plays later, Sydney Mendoza connected with Kamy Farro for an out at the plate, crushing the slammers attempt at a take-over and sealing the win for the Smoke.

Then, the girls faced the Spirit of Morgan Hill. Smoke came out of the blocks hitting, with a pair of singles from Lindsey Phillips, Courtney Hayes, and Sydney Mendoza. Then, in an outstanding, heart-stopping display, Kamy Farro connected magically with a pitch, sending it soaring to the trees, giving her a triple with 2 RBI. Later, she would blast a single, scoring Jennah LaVerne and Alyssa Silva. Sierra Marshall would finish out the big hits, with a double hit to left field.

Advancing to the playoffs, Smoke first faced Santa Cruz Mountain Dream, taking the win, 7-1. Madison Kahway, displaying her "Mady Magic," struck out 5 of the 6 she faced, and caught a fly hit up the center to finish off the sixth. Then, at the plate, Madison blasted a double and then a triple, scoring 2 RBI each time. Kamy Farro continued the trend with a single and a double. Right in step were Courtney Hayes, Jennah LaVerne, and Brianna Winger, each with a single. Morgan Vaughn supported her team with solid defensive play at the plate. With the win, Smoke advanced to the next round.

In the semi-finals, Smoke again faced the San Mateo Slammers. Smoke again started off strong, with a pair of singles from Kamy Farro, Madison Kahway, and Courtney Hayes. Despite loading the bases twice, Smoke was not able to get a run across. Leading the defense, Madison Kahway struck out 5 of the 8 batters she faced. Haley Thompson followed, striking out 3 of the 9 she faced. Connecting with Alyssa Silva at first, the two were able to get 3 more outs, leaving the game tied at 0 after the end of regulation play. In extra innings, Alyssa Silva hit a blast up the center, bringing fans to their feet, sure that it would mean a run for the Smoke but, after a close play at the plate by Haley Thompson, it was ruled an out. The Slammers used their next opportunity to sneak in a run and win the game, 1-0.

After a well-played weekend, the Livermore Smoke took third in the Morgan Hill Tournament but will always be first place in their fans' hearts. They have so much to be proud of.

LALL All Stars

Livermore American Little League 9-10 All Stars started off game 1 of the Granada Invitational Tournament against a tough Albany team and walked away with a come from behind 4-3 win led by timely hitting and great base running by C.J. Maliski, Connor Parkerson and Logan Cole. Jeff Baron and Justin Hill turned in strong pitching performances to hold Albany to three runs.

In game #2 LALL came up against a Strong pitching performance by Tassajara National, Ben Kerling, and Will Mohler each had big hits to start a late inning rally but Livermore ran out of innings and ended up with a 9-5 loss.

On Sunday Livermore played game #3 and started out pounding the ball early and often with Justin Dalin having a big day at the plate. Bryce Disbrow, Austin Birdwell and Jared Heise combined to throw a "No Hitter" and shut out the Canyon Creek Tournament team 10-0.

Tyler Gonzales had a phenomenal defensive game in game #4 throwing out two attempted steals while playing catcher and throwing out a runner at home while playing center field. Unfortunately Livermore's bats were silenced by the Lafayette pitchers and Livermore American ended up with a 6-0 loss.

FAST vs. DBAC

The DBAC Piranhas hosted the FAST Dolphins last Saturday, July 18th at the Pleasanton Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center. The friendly competition included an exhibition Parent Relay race, which was won by the FAST parents. The final score for the meet was DBAC 625.5, FAST 322.5.

The top female swimmers for the DBAC Piranhas were Mary Tincher (8), Katie Tsui (11), and Iris Chang (15).

The top male swimmers for the DBAC Piranhas were Alex Ren (6), Kevin Lee (6), Andrew Silva (10), and Daniel Huang (13).

The top female swimmer for the FAST Dolphins was Paige Heacox.

The top male swimmer for the FAST Dolphins was Bryce Hwang.

1st place finishers for DBAC girls: 6&U 25Y free, Taylor Rohovit, 24:97; 7-8 25Y free, Mary Tincher, 17:68; 11-12 50Y free, Alanna Goodman, 31:11; 13-14 50Y free, Amy-Lynn Pollitz, 28:75; 15-18 50Y free, Iris Chang, 26:31; 6&U 25Y fly, Samantha O'Brien, 28:70; 7-8 25Y fly, Emily Tincher, 18:43; 9-10 25Y fly, Audrey Goodman, 19:45; 11-12 50Y fly, Katie Tsui, 34:60; 13-14 50Y fly, Megan Goodman, 33:42; 15-18 50Y fly, Taryn Qi, 35:00; 6&U 25Y breast, Grace Tuttle, 31:53; 7-8 25Y breast, Nicola Lindell, 23:89; 11-12 50Y breast, Lucia Yu, 42:59; 15-18 50Y breast, Iris Chang, 36:22; 11-12 100Y IM, Katie Tsui, 1:17:25; 15-18 100Y IM, Aliya Deri, 1:19:30; 6&U 25Y back, Alexis Barrera, 21:69; 7-8 25Y back, Mary Tincher, 21:57; 11-12 25Y back, Anika Kilkenny, 39:29; 13-14 50Y back, Dominique Lindell; 15-18 50Y back, Iris Chang, 31:23.

1st place finishers for FAST Boys: 6&U 25Y free, Kevin Lee, 25:45; 7-8 25Y free, Harshith Kaveri, 17:23; 9-10 50Y free, Timothy Huang, 41:37; 13-14 50Y free, Daniel Huang, 26:44; 15-18 50Y free, Nicholas Wee, 24:79; 6&U 25Y fly, Alex Ren, 24:04; 9-10 25Y fly, Andrew Silva, 16:73; 13-14 50Y fly, Mattias Lindell, 28:95; 6&U 25Y breast, Alex Ren, 25:67; 7-8 25Y breast, Brian Li, 23:76; 9-10 25Y breast, Weiguo Wang, 21:30; 13-14 50Y breast, Daniel Huang, 34:75; 9-10 100Y IM, Andrew Silva, 1:31:92; 11-12 100Y IM, Vincent Chang, 1:29:03; 13-14 100Y IM, Justin Pasquale, 1:09:34; 6&U 25Y back, Kevin Lee, 28:13; 7-8 25Y back, Paarsa Heidari, 23:61; 9-10 25Y back, Daniel Yang, 21:51; 11-12 50Y back, Minsu Kim, 45:59; 13-14 50Y back, Michael Pasquale, 32:09.

1st place finishers for FAST Girls: 9-10 25Y free, Paige Heacox, 31:57; 9-10 25Y breast, Tricia Ritter, 20:70; 13-14 50Y breast, Alexandra Brown, 39:09; 9-10 100Y IM, McKenna Moura, 1:31:45; 13-14 100Y IM, 1:29:69; 9-10 25Y back, Paige Heacox, 18:27.

1st place finishers for FAST Boys: 11-12 50Y free, Bryce Hwang, 33:96; 7-8 25Y fly, Scott Drummond, 22:04; 11-12 50Y fly, Max Huang, 41:32; 15-18 50Y fly, Shane O'Rourke, 27:70; 11-12 50Y breast, Trevor Ross, 32:31; 15-18 100Y IM, Scott Fitzgerald, 1:03:77.

Sharks vs. Gators

The Pleasanton Meadows Sharks had a record breaking day even if they did not have a winning day in their meet against the Dublin Green Gators. The Gators won the meet 679.5 to 318.5, but they could not catch Perry Cheney. Cheney set the Pleasanton Meadows team record in the 11-12 freestyle, posting a 26:71 time. Talia Florio was also an individual star for the Sharks getting to the wall first in the 9-10 fly, breaststroke, and IM.

Cheney's sister Kayla grabbed a first place of her own by winning the 13-14 fly. And the Sharks also got first place finished from Alyson Isaacs in the 11-12 Free.

The fly was a good event for Pleasanton. Along with Florio, Amelia Kelly won the U6 Fly and sister Meredith Kelly the 7-8 and Noor Gill lost a very close race in his fly event, finishing second by .17 seconds. Gill got revenge by winning the IM.

Jack Geasa also won the breaststroke for Pleasanton in the 11-12 age group later taking the IM too.

The backstroke wasn't a good event for the Sharks, but Ainsley Hasty (U6), David Azuma (7-8) and Nicolas Lemmon (11-12) all took second.

Pleasanton Meadows Medley relay teams of Hasty, Kaitlyn Rae, Emily Milligan, and Amelia Kelly (U6) and the 9-10 group of Daniel Newman, Tyler Rhoads, Gill, and Joey Geasa were the lone relay winners for Pleasanton.

Sunset vs. Ruby Hill

Sunset Swim Team took on the Ruby Hill Rip Tides at a swim meet on July 18, 2009. The final score for the meet was Sunset 1018 and Ruby Hill 655. The following Sunset swimmers had top performances posting their fastest times of the season: Ava Powers, Mia Smith, Adrianna Harker, Claire Mackinac, Alyson Machi, Luke Moylan, Tori Diehl, Alexandria Clifton, Sophia Schrodi, Sam Knuth, Austin McMillan, Payton Hicks, Katie Springer, Chelsea Bantley, Ryan McCallum, Josh Snyder, Jordan Phelps, Nicholas Winter, Nicholas Sanchez, Jacob Bengt, Haley Wright, Sydney Phillips, Caalen Roberts, Julia Leary, Audrey Roberts, Tanner Wright, Rachel Campbell, Kelly Re, Tami Lee, Charlotte Schrodi, Katie Campbell, Ryan Lorie, Marley Lake, Audrey Roberts, Anna Massoud, Austin McMillan, Chris Machi, Megan McEntee, Jenna Thompson, Annika Landreth, Jane W, Melanie Bierwirth, Brooke Powell, Katie Springer, Amanda Anderson, Chelsea Bantley, Chandler Atchley, Kathryn Fried.

Two New Sunset Records were set in the Medley Relay. Mixed 6& Under Medley Relay: Vijay Memula, Aidin Solis, Dylan Baxter, Joshua Bailey 1:52:89; Mixed 13-14 Relay: Chris Harker, Jeff Katen, Logan Glover, Philip Massoud 2:01:43.

Top Medley Relay Finishers: Girls 6 & Under: Camille Wigginton, Anna Leary, Dawn Powell, Lauren Young 2:15:24; Girls 7-8: Tami Lee, Madison Wright, Bailee Alvarez-Walls, Emily Trask 1:29:68; Boys 7-8: Duncan Maloney, Joey Katen, Christopher Sanchez, Jason Wigginton 1:35:40; 9-10 Girls: Riley Heffron, Emily Allendorf, Christine Danforth, Emily Chong 1:14:29; 9-10 Boys: Jack Walker, Tanner Wright, Wesley Katz, Max Wigginton 1:13:09; 11-12 Girls: Avery Harker, Sarah Bettencourt, Caroline Danforth, Nicole Glover 2:24:82; 13-14 Girls: Katherine Orrell, Kelsey Thompson, Rylee Landreth, Lauren Darling 2:18:04; 15-18 Girls: Cassi McDiarmid, Allison Powell, Alex Harker, Michelle Phelps 2:07:92; 15-18 Boys: Ryan Linhart, William Hughes, Joe Abdallah, Jared Bengt 2:00:29.

Top Freestyle Finishers: Dawn Powell, Lauren Young, Andrea Lee, Dylan Baxter, Joshua Bailey, Aidan Solis, Bailee Alvarez-Walls, Tami Lee, Claire Wiedenfeld, Christopher Sanchez, Jason Wigginton, Isaiah Smith, Christine Danforth, Emily Allendorf, Brianna Shultis, Max Wigginton, Wesley Katz, Tanner Wright, Caroline Danforth, Shelby Diehl, Haley Bettencourt, Gideon Firl, Kyle Chong, Joseph Massoud, Rylee Landreth, Katherine Orrell, Ashley Moylan, Phillip Massoud, CJ Lemler, Brian Lee, Michelle Phelps, Alex Harker, Krista Bronson, Emma Hughes, Ryan Linhart, William Hughes, Joe Abdallah.

Top Butterfly Finishers: Alyssa Shultis, Amy Tet, Anna Leary, Dylan Baxter, Joshua Bailey, Aidan Solis, Emily Trask, Olivia Powers, Ryan Lorie, Christopher Sanchez, Luke Moylan, Christine Danforth, Emily Allendorf, Emily Chong, Wesley Katz, Max Wigginton, Jack Walker, Caroline Danforth, Sarah Bettencourt, Haley Bettencourt, Kyle Chong, Joseph Massoud, Ashley Moylan, Rylee Landreth, Sarah Franklin, Chris Harker, Logan Glover, Justin Peters, Alex Harker, Cassi McDiarmid, Krista Bronson, Joe Abdallah, David Bierwirth, Jared Bengt.

Top Breaststroke Finishers: Anna Leary, Andrea Lee, Katie Darling, Dylan Baxter, Aidan Solis, Gavin Powers, Bailee Alvarez-Walls, Emily Trask, Mia Smith, Isaiah Smith, Christopher Sanchez, Aidan Ackerman, Riley Heffron, Jovana Solis, Emily Allendorf, Max Wigginton, Jack Walker, Tanner Wright, Victoria Winter, Jenna Thompson, Avery Harker, Kyle Chong, Gideon Firl, Kevin Girardelli, Elizabeth Allendorf, Rylee Landreth, Amanda Anderson, Chris Harker, Logan Glover, Justin Peters, Michelle Phelps, Allison Powell, Alex Harker, William Hughes, Jared Bengt, Ryan Linhart.

Top IM Finishers: Christine Danforth, Hannah Borjon, Emily Chong, Wesley Katz, Max Wigginton, Jack Walker, Nicole Glover, Avery Harker, Caroline Danforth, Kyle Chong, Gideon Firl, Elizabeth Allendorf, Kelsey Thompson, Ashley Moylan, Jeff Katen, Brian Lee, Brian Garcia, Emma Hughes, Veronica Mach, Roxanna Utpedal, William Hughes, James Burstedt, Brandon Pitts.

Top Backstroke Finishers: Dawn Powell, Lauren Young, Andrea Lee, Dylan Baxter, Vijay Memula, Aidan Solis, Emily Trask, Madison Wright, Bailee Alvarez-Walls,



Members of the Livermore Smoke 10 and under C girls' fastpitch softball team went 4 and 0 to win first place in the 10 and under C division at the Strawberry Jam tournament in Watsonville over the weekend. Team members are holding their trophies.



Pleasanton's 10B Phantom Players: Taylor Campbell, Jenyce Dutcher, Paige Heacox (Speedy), Ragan Lacy, Alana Mendez (Espresso), Jillian Pluschke, Nalani Scates, Kyra Sexton, Megan Shackley (Lefty), Madalyn Warren (Mad-Dog), Haley Wesenberg, Danielle Williams

Duncan Maloney, Jason Wigginton, Caalen Roberts, Jovana Solis, Hannah Borjon, Katie Falgout, Sam Knuth, Chris Machi, Avery Harker, Nicole Glover, Shelby Diehl, Gideon Firl, Kevin Girardelli, Joseph Massoud, Lauren Darling, Elizabeth Allendorf, Ashley Moylan, Chris Harker, CJ Lemler, Phillip Massoud, Cassi McDiarmid, Allison Powell, Michelle Phelps, Ryan Linhart, David Bierwirth, James Burstedt.

Top Freestyle Relay Finishers: 6&U Girls: Lauren Young, Anna Leary, Camille Wigginton, Dawn Powell 2:16:71; 6 & U Boys: Joshua Bailey, Vijay Memula, Gavin Powers, Kieran Campbell 2:10:61; 7-8 Girls: Bailee Alvarez-Walls, Madison Wright, Emily Trask, Tami Lee 1:24:06; 7-8 Boys: Christopher Sanchez, Jason Wigginton, Isaiah Smith, Ryan Lorie 1:22:48; 9-10 Girls: Emily Allendorf, Emily Chong, Riley Heffron, Christine Danforth 2:31:33; 9-10 Mixed: Chris Machi, Sam Knuth, Hannah Borjon, Katie Falgout 2:41:10; 11-12 Girls: Nicole Glover, Avery Harker, Sarah Bettencourt, Caroline Danforth 2:08:50; 11-12 Mixed: Kyle Chong, Haley Bettencourt, Gideon Firl, Shelby Diehl 2:15:67; 13-14 Girls: Lauren Darling, Ashley Moylan, Rylee Landreth, Katherine Orrell 2:02:18; 13-14 Boys: Chris Harker, CJ Lemler, Phil-Lip Massoud, Logan Glover 1:50:93; 15-18 Girls: Cassi McDiarmid, Alex Harker, Emma Hughes, Michelle Phelps 1:53:65; 15-18 Boys: Brandon Pitts, Jared Bengt, Ryan Linhart, David Bierwirth 1:46:57.

Livermore AquaCowboys

The Concord Community Pool was home to the 2009 Pacific Swimming Long Course Junior Olympic Championships held July 16-19. Competing against much larger teams, fifteen swimmers from the Livermore AquaCowboys finished 19th in a field of 83 teams.

Each of the AquaCowboys achieved their individual goals with breakout performances by Nina Hayes, Evan Carlo, Andrew Hayes and Patrick Kulp. Nina Hayes placed 2nd in the Women's 13-14 Year Old High Point competition. Nina took 1st place in the 200 Backstroke and the 100 Freestyle. Hayes also swam to a 2nd place finish in the 100 Backstroke and 3rd in the 100 Freestyle. In the Men's 15-16 Year Old High Point competition, Evan Carlo placed 5th with 2nd place finishes in the 100 Freestyle and 100 Backstroke and 3rd place finishes in both the 100 and 200 Butterfly events. Andrew Hayes placed 8th in the 15-16 Year Old division with a 3rd place finish in the 100 Backstroke. Patrick Kulp swam to new best times in each of his races and achieved a new Far Western Championship qualification in the 100 Butterfly. Top Performers: Shahini Ananth, Nathan Boas, Kylie Clark, Catherine Elliott, Alex Gonzalez, Alec Grabarek, Haley Hamza, Katie Kulp, Brendan Schierloh, Shelby Swanson, Trent Trump.

Nine AquaCowboys have qualified for the Speedo Champions Series Summer Sectionals taking place July 22-26 in Clovis, CA. Nina and Andrew Hayes along with Evan Carlo will be representing the team in individual events. The AquaCowboys have also qualified 3 relay teams: LAC Women's 400 Medley Relay (Nina Hayes, Katie Kulp, Shelby Swanson, Kylie Clark), LAC Men's 400 Freestyle Relay (Evan Carlo, Andrew Hayes, Alec Grabarek, Patrick Kulp) and LAC Men's 400 Medley Relay (Carlo, Hayes, Kulp, Brendan Schierloh).

The Livermore AquaCowboys is a USA swim team offering a year round program that includes both in-water and dry-land workouts for the beginner swimmer to the elite swimmer. For additional information, contact Emily Horst at 925-443-7700.

Rhonedwood vs. Livermore Valley

In the final meet of the season, the Rhonedwood Sharks continued their winning streak and swam for a victory against the

Livermore Valley Fireballs on Saturday, June 20, 2009. The final score was Rhonedwood 970, Livermore Valley 794.

These swimmers led Rhonedwood against the Fireballs: 6&U Girl's Megan Hill, 6&U Boy's Jacob Burk, 7-8 Boy's Reece Kerstetter, 11-12 Girl's Michelle Hawkins, 13-14 Boy's Kevin Johnston, 15-18 Boy's Hayden Christensen and Briant Jacobs.

Specific events, times, and scores for each first place Rhonedwood Swimming event: 6 & U Girls: Megan Hill-25 Free-24:07; Madison Hales- 25 Back -30:00; Ashley Belmessieri- 25 Breast- 34:85; Megan Hill-25 Butterfly-27:82; 6 & U Boys: Jacob Burk-25 Free-25:85; 25 Butterfly-30:34; 25 Back-25:84; 7-8 Girls: Christy Neufeld-25 Breast-25:06; 7-8 Boys: Reece Kerstetter-25 Free-17:28; 25 Back-22:44; 25 Butterfly-19:87; Scott Ragatz-25 Breast-24:39; 9-10 Girls: Emily Hawkins-25 Breast-19:87; Gianna Paden-25 Fly-19:56; 9-10 Boys: Jack Ellsworth-25 Back-19:53; 11-12 Girls: Michelle Hawkins-50 Free-30:36; 50 Breast-40:16; 100 IM-1:17:91; Kelsey Santin-50 Back-39:50; Katie Johnston 50 Fly-35:46; 11-12 Boys: Connor Jones-50 Back-42:07, Thomas Neufeld-100 IM-1:22:12; Isaac Dugger-50 Fly-36:27; 13-14 Girls: Kellie Douglas-50 Breast-37:01, Amber Mille-50 Back-36:88, Natalie Dimits 100 IM-1:12:87; 13-14 Boys: Kevin Johnston-50 Free-26:66, 50 Fly-28:10; 15-18 Girls: Courtney Christensen-50 Breast-36:91; 15-18 Boys: Hayden Christensen-50 Free-22:81* (.70 off the League/Club Record), 50 Breast-29:95, 100 IM-59:43; Briant Jacobs-50 Back-28:09, 50 Fly-27:31.

100 Yard Medley: 6&U Girls- Madison Hales, Brooke Carter, Megan Hill, Paige Dawson-1:56:50; 7-8 Boys-William Steinberg, Reece Kerstetter, Matthew Neufeld, Collin Trump-1:27:56; 9-10 Girls-Mila Steinberg, Gianna Paden, Emily Hawkins, Emily Wapman-1:18:19; 9-10 Boys-Jack Ellsworth, Jason Campbell, Nathan Fish, Rory Cartwright-1:16:12; 200 Yard Medley: 11-12 Girls-Kelsey Santin, Katie Johnston, Lauren Cano, Michelle Hawkins-2:27:37; 11-12 Boys-Michael Eckles, Thomas Neufeld, Ryan Eckles, Connor Jones-2:34:84; 13-14 Girls-Shelby Offill, Kellie Douglas, Natalie Dimits, Christine Kunzler-2:19:17; 13-14 Boys-Tyler Eckles, Kevin Johnston, John Stuart, Ian Brian-2:16:66; 15-18 Boys-Briant Jacobs, Johnny Cruz, Hayden Christensen, Scott Crowder-1:53:78.

100 Yard Freestyle: 6&U Girls- Megan Hill, Haiden Arruda, Ashley Belmessieri, Brooke Carter-1:53:93; 200 Yard Freestyle: 11-12 Girls-Katie Johnston, Alyssa Campbell, Lauren Cano, Michelle Hawkins-2:27:01; 11-12 Boys-Michael Eckles, Ryan Eckles, Thomas Neufeld, Connor Jones-2:14:00; 13-14 Girls-Shelby Offill, Amber Mills, Christine Kunzler, Natalie Dimits-2:06:01; 15-18 Boys-Briant Jacobs, Johnny Cruz, Hayden Christensen, Scott Crowder-1:38:34.

Del Prado vs. Ruby Hill

Saturday was sizzling, and so were the Del Prado Stingrays, as they swam away from the Ruby Hill Killer Whales, 595 to 393 in Tri-Vally Swim League competition. Stephanie Doi, of the Stingrays, bettered her own club record for the Girls 13-14 50 Free, by a time of 26.69. Her time is also a league best this year.

Ruby Hill's, Emily Harris (6), placed first in the free, butterfly, and backstroke, and led the 100 medley relay to victory. Teammates Juliet Allen, (10), Kirsten Hewitt, (10), Jenna Brown, (8), Taylor Sowers, (8), and Lindsey Baxter, (16), also had outstanding swims for the girls. The boys top swimmers for the Killer Whales were Tom Sorsen, (10), Christopher Yang, (6), Chris Dotson, (16), Myles Hewitt, (12), and Alex Acosta, (14).

Along with Stephanie Doi, top girl swimmers for the Stingrays include her teammates, Niki (17), and Megan, (11), and Elania Gates, (14), Colleen Mayes, (17), Nicole White, (10), and Meghan Hogue, (9). Tops for the Stingray boys were Jake Newman, (11), John Lester, (6), Andrew Goard, (13), Eric Gates, (16), and Joey Lindley, (14).

1st Place Girls Results: 6 & Under 100 Yard Medley Relay: Ruby Hill Swim Team (Harris, Emily 6, Judge, Sophie 6, Sowers, Lauren 6, Williams, Nicole 5), 1:56:29; 7-8 100 Yard Medley Relay Del Prado Stingrays (Foster, Madeline 8, Griston, Molly 8, Hicks, Lacey 8, Jeffrey, Sara 8), 1:25:51; 9-10 100 Yard Medley Relay Del Prado Stingrays (Huber, Cameron 10, Waldear, Heather 10, Bardakos, Alyssa 9, White, Nicole 10), 1:57:87; 11-12 200 Yard Medley Relay Del Prado Stingrays (Kitayama, Kathryn 12, Sullivan, Danielle 12, Doi, Megan 11, Jeffrey, Stephanie 12), 2:27:01; 13-14 200 Yard Medley Relay Del Prado Stingrays (Klein, Laura 14, Gates, Elaina 14, Doi, Stephanie 14, Cohen, Sara 14), 2:15:26; 15-18 200 Yard Medley Relay Del Prado Stingrays (Mayes, Colleen 17, Doi, Niki 17, Strom, Jaelyn 15, Fowler-Kimsey, Zoe 17), 2:03:99.

6 & Under 25 yard free Harris, Emily, Rhst-CC, 20:20; 7-8 25 yard free Jensen, Jessica, Rhst-CC, 17:49; Girls 9-10 50 yard free Hewitt, Kirsten, Rhst-CC, 33:28; 11-12 50 yard free Kitayama, Kathryn, DP Stingrays-CC, 30:46; 13-14 50 yard free Doi, Stephanie, DP Stingrays-CC, 26:58; 15-18 50 yard free Doi, Niki, DP Stingrays-CC, 26:63.

6 & Under 25 yard fly Harris, Emily, Rhst-CC, 23:81; 7-8 25 yard fly Brown, Jenna, Rhst-CC, 19:83; 9-10 25 yard fly Allen, Juliet, Rhst-CC, 17:41; 11-12 13-14 50 yard fly Doi, Stephanie, DP Stingrays-CC, 38:53; 15-18 50 yard free Doi, Niki, DP Stingrays-CC, 34:27.

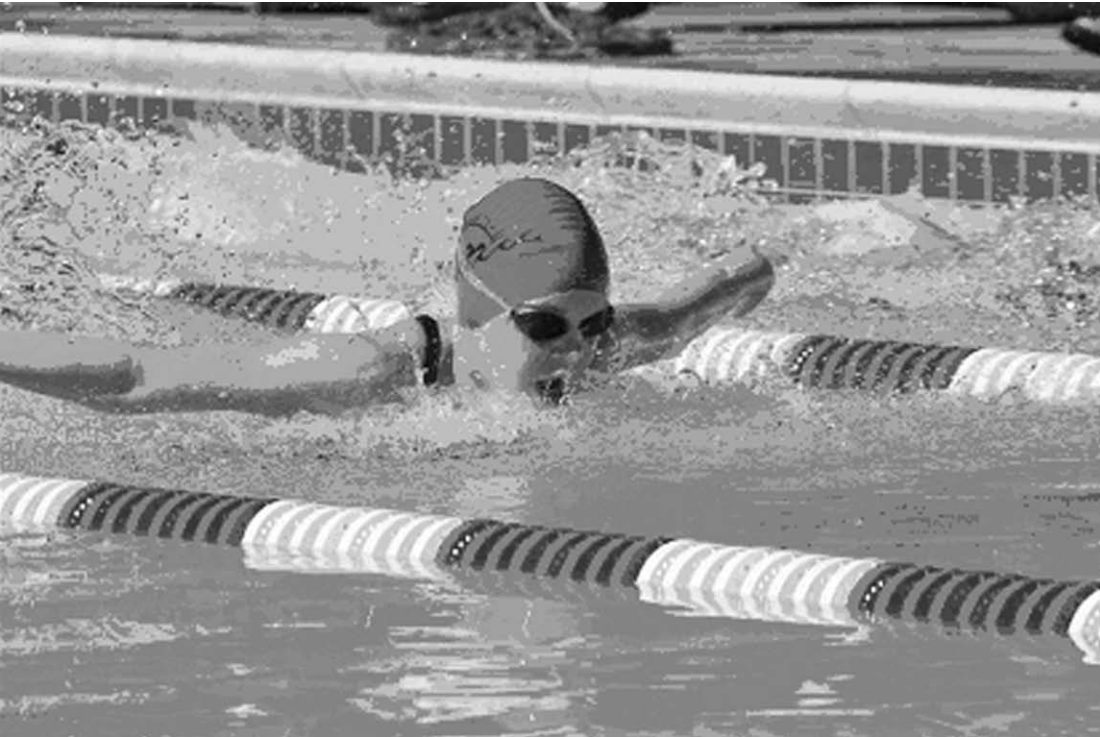
9-10 100 Yard IM White, Nicole, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:28:91; 11-12 100 Yard IM Doi, Megan, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:20:87; 13-14 100 Yard IM Doi, Stephanie, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:09:35; 15-18 100 Yard IM Doi, Niki, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:06:28.

6 & Under 25 yard back Harris, Emily, Rhst-CC, 25:47; 7-8 25 yard back Brown, Jenna, Rhst-CC, 21:20; 9-10 25 yard back Allen, Juliet, Rhst-CC, 18:33; 11-12 50 yard back Doi, Megan, DP Stingrays-CC, 37:53; 13-14 50 yard back Klein, Laura, DP Stingrays-CC, 37:49; 15-18 50 yard back Mayes, Colleen, DP Stingrays-CC, 31:72.

6 & Under 100 yard free Relay Del Prado Stingrays (Harris, Jacqueline 6, Heath, Amy 5, Hicks, Shelby 6, Gristone, Isla 6), 1:52:75; 7-8 100 yard free Relay Del Prado Stingrays (Lester, Elise 8, Sullivan, Sarah 8, Sullivan, Mary 8, Juarez, Reagan 8), 1:23:46; 9-10 200 yard free Relay Ruby Hill Swim Team (Allen, Juliet 10, Brown, Kirsty 9, Yar, Nawau 10, Hewitt, Kirsten 10), 2:24:74; 11-12 200 yard free Relay Del Prado Stingrays (Kitayama, Kathryn 12, Bantz, Megan 12, Marotto, Madeline 12, Jeffrey, Stephanie 12), 2:12:73; 13-14 200 yard free Relay Ruby Hill Swim Team (Hickok, Erin 14, Cailles, Rachel 14), 2:12:47; 15-18 200 yard free Relay Del Prado Stingrays (Blandinio, Jillian 17, Bantz, Victoria 16, Goard, Alyssa 16, Kruger, Emile 18), 1:59:37.

1st Place Boys Results: Mixed 6 & Under 100 Yard Medley Relay Ruby Hill Swim Team (Brown, Ross 5, Yang, Christopher 6, Nicholas, Zachary 6, Shah, Brandon 5), 2:28:21; Mixed 7-8 100 Yard Medley Relay Del Prado Stingrays (Bell, Jack 7, McMasters, Michael 7, Bessiere, Jack 8, Reimer, Steven 8), 1:29:43; Mixed 9-10 100 Yard Medley Relay Del Prado Stingrays (Sullivan, Sean 10, Juarez, Tommy 9, Banke, Jacob 10, Smith, Taylor 10), 1:15:30; Mixed 11-12 200 Yard Medley Relay Del Prado Stingrays (Newman, Jake 1 Burke, Gabriel 12, Hogue,

SPORTS NOTES



Ashley Moylan powering her way to a victory in the girls 13-14 butterfly in the meet between Ruby Hill and Sunset.



Cassi McDiarmid competed in the 15-18 age group butterfly in the Ruby Hill vs. Sunset meet.

Ryan 12, Hrycewicz, Theo 12), 2:34.36 Mixed 13-14 200 Yard Medley Relay Del Prado Stingrays (Goard, Andrew 13, Crispell, Kevin 13, Lindley, Joey 14, Borchers, Nate 13), 2:20.65; Mixed 15-18 200 Yard Medley Relay Ruby Hill Swim Team (Cunningham, Jason 18, Ketter, Sean 18, Dotson, Chris 16, Sorsen, Ben 15), 1:53.32.

6 & Under 25 yard free Yang, Christopher, Rhst-CC, 21.10; 7-8 25 yard free Reimer, Steven, DP Stingrays-CC, 17.35; 9-10 50 yard free Sorsen, Tom, Rhst-CC, 31.57; 11-12 50 yard free Hogue, Ryan, DP Stingrays-CC, 30.40; 13-14 50 yard free Lindley, Joey, DP Stingrays-CC, 29.70; 15-18 50 yard free Payan, Jack, DP Stingrays-CC, 23.33.

6 & Under 25 yard fly Lester, John, DP Stingrays-CC, 31.66; 7-8 25 yard fly Bessiere, Jack, DP Stingrays-CC, 22.32; 9-10 25 yard fly Sorsen, Tom, Rhst-CC, 16.80; 11-12 50 yard fly Hogue, Ryan, DP Stingrays-CC, 36.21; 13-14 50 yard fly Lindley, Joey, DP Stingrays-CC, 34.13; 15-18 50 yard fly Dotson, Chris, Rhst-CC, 25.26.

6 & Under 25 yard breast Lester, John, DP Stingrays-CC, 31.32; 7-8 25 yard breast Peng, Kenny, Rhst-CC, 24.80; 9-10 25 yard breast Juarez, Tommy, DP Stingrays-CC, 21.80; 11-12 50 yard breast Newman, Jake, DP Stingrays-CC, 42.79; 13-14 50 yard breast Acosta, Alex, Rhst-CC, 40.59; 15-18 50 yard breast Hall, Stefan, DP Stingrays-CC, 33.13.

9-10 100 Yard IM Sorsen, Tom, Rhst-CC, 1:25.00; 11-12 100 Yard IM Newman, Jake, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:19.84; 13-14 100 Yard IM Goard, Andrew, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:16.45; 15-18 100 Yard IM Dotson, Chris, Rhst-CC, 59.51.

6 & Under 25 yard back Yang, Christopher, Rhst-CC, 28.11; 7-8 25 yard back Bell, Jack, DP Stingrays-CC, 26.07; 9-10 25 yard back Banke, Jacob, DP Stingrays-CC, 19.62; 11-12 50 yard back Newman, Jake, DP Stingrays-CC, 37.41; 13-14 50 yard back Goard, Andrew, DP Stingrays-CC, 36.08; 15-18 50 yard back Cunningham, Jason, Rhst-CC, 27.63; Gates, Eric, DP Stingrays-CC, 27.63.

Mixed 6 & Under 100 yard free Relay Del Prado Stingrays (Stedman, Cole 5, Lester, Mark 6, McMasters, Andrew 4, Banke, Caden 5), 2:44.17; Mixed 7-8 100 yard free Relay Del Prado Stingrays (Bessiere, Jack 8, Loeffler, Matt 8, Bessiere, Matthew 8, McMasters, Michael 7), 1:18.16; Mixed 9-10 200 yard free Relay Del Prado Stingrays (Glenn, Alex 9, Proud, Will 9, Balas, Christopher 10, Smith, Taylor 10), 2:42.42; Mixed 11-12 200 yard free Relay Del Prado Stingrays (Hogue, Ryan 12, Hrycewicz, Theo 12, Reimer, James 1 Glenn, Seth 11), 2:19.52; Mixed 13-14 200 yard free Relay Ruby Hill Swim Team (Sorsen, Sam 13, Young, Joseph 13, Lee, Evan 13, Acosta, Alex 14), 2:01.18; Mixed 15-18 200 yard free Relay Del Prado Stingrays (Cousens, Chris 18, Drury, Colin 16, Gates, Eric 16, Payan, Jack 17), 1:37.28.

Livermore Smoke

The Livermore Smoke 10 and under C girls' fastpitch softball team went 4 and 0 to win first place in the 10 and under C division at the Strawberry Jam tournament in Watsonville July 18th and 19th. In pool play Saturday the Smoke opened with a 12 to 2 win over the Cabrillo Crushers and followed up by taking the West Valley Slammers 6 to 3. In the championship round on Sunday, the Smoke began with an 8 to 1 win over the Spirit of Morgan Hill. In the championship game, Savannah Vasquez allowed the Sunnyvale Shockwave only 2 runs and Maggie Kilday led the Smoke offense with an rbi triple to give the Smoke a 12 to 2 victory.

Saturday Pool Play: Livermore Smoke 12, Cabrillo Crushers 2; Winning Pitcher- Natalie Waters, strikeouts- 7, walks- 2, hits 1; Livermore Smoke 8, West Valley Slammers 3; Winning Pitcher- Natalie Waters, strikeouts- 7, walks- 3, hits 7.

Semi Finals: Livermore Smoke 8, Morgan Hill Spirit 1; Winning Pitcher- Savannah Vasquez, strikeouts- 6, walks- 1, hits- 2; Championship Game: Livermore Smoke 12, Sunnyvale Shockwave 2; Winning Pitcher Savannah Vasquez, strikeouts- 3, walks, 1, hits 4; Smoke 10 run 3rd inning set the stage for the championship win.

Individual highlights: Savannah Vasquez, 2 Doubles, Stole home, 3 walks, 1 single, double on a 3 Strike Drop Rule (SDR), Caught a line drive on 3rd base, and pitched 2 great games on Sunday to be the

winning the pitcher for the Championship game. Robyn Dobson, 3 singles, a walk, took a single by getting hit by a ball (take one for the Gipper), and 1 RBI. Made a great diving catch behind home plate. Tiaja Andrews, 2 Singles, 2 doubles, 1 triple, a sacrifice out, and stole home. Along with all of that had 6 RBIs.

Brooke Armstrong, 2 singles, 2 doubles, 2 triples, 2 walks, one stealing home, and along with that had 9 RBIs. Also on that note being aggressive in trying to steal home on the last game in bringing home the winning run, got tagged out at home. Maggie Kilday, 5 singles, 1 RBI, walked home on the bases being loaded. Along with this, Maggie in two games hit the winning run in. One on Saturday in our last game. And the game that we all know the last game of the championship tournament. Hit a triple for the winning RBI.

Madelyn Hyde, 1 single, 2 walks, a triple on a 3 (SDR), a double on a walk, and 1 RBI. Courtney Zumwalt, 1 single, 3 walks, and a single on a 3 (SDR). Natalie Waters, 2 singles, 2 walks, sacrifice out, walked home on bases being loaded, 4 RBIs. Along with that, pitched 2 great games on Saturday. Mia Niklewicz, 2 walks, single on a 3 (SDR), walked home on bases being loaded, 1 RBI. Katie Lucas, 1 walk, 1 single on a 3 (SDR). Erica Espinosa, 1 walk, 1 single.

Club Sport vs. Briarhill

In another down-to-the-wire dual meet at the Club Sport Pleasanton pool, The Briarhill Barracudas pulled off an upset and defeated the Club Sport Pleasanton Tidal Waves 504 -490. Half way through the meet the Tidal Waves held a slim 7pt lead. The 'Cudas, though, sensed blood in the water and slowly built up a commanding 14pt lead going into the last stroke of the day, the free relays.

The 6&U and 7-8 girls and boys all got the job done for the Tidal Wave and gave Club Sport a 2pt lead. The 'Cuda 9-10 and 11-12 girls and boys came roaring back, getting back Briarhill's 14pt lead that would hold for the rest of the meet. A great win for Briarhill, a tough loss for Club Sport but an exciting day for swimmers and fans alike.

The top female swimmers for the Tidal Waves were Saige Aronson 6 (15pts), Elle Surber 14 (13pt), Isabella Hernandez 8 (10), Cayla Ketter 14 (10pt), Alison Hembroth 16 (8pt), Meagan Tang 11 (7), Mackenzie Lee 6 (6pt), Olivia Aquino 8 (6), Emily Barrett 12 (6pt) and Lexi Venema 11 (6pt).

The top male swimmers for the Tidal Waves were Austin Wei 12 (10pt), Kyle Surber 16 (10pt), William Rose 9 (8pt), Robert Torres 8 (8pt), Jayden Payne 6 (7pt), Jeff Horne 14 (7pt), Joseph Louderback 8 (6pt), TJ Meagher 6 (10pt), Scotty Arellano 18 (6pt), Rocky Anderson 6 (5pt), Justin Lee 11 (5pt) and Camden Murttag 12 (5pt).

The top female swimmers for the Barracudas were Easton Plummer 10 (15pt), Brittney Achziger 12 (15pt), Callan Jackman 9 (13pt), Savannah Wieser 12 (11pt), Kristin Horrolo 13 (10pt), Vanessa Wieser 8 (7pt), Ladan Khandal 14 (5pt), Camille Perich 12 (4pt), Bella Mairs 9 (3pt) and Isabelle Coburn 6 (2pt).

The top male swimmers for the Barracudas were Joey Grywczynski 8 (15pt), Brian Standart 14 (13pt), David Groves 6 (13pt), Brandon Lind 17 (13pt), Christopher Malek 12 (13pt), Brent Reed 17 (13pt), Jacob Allman 6 (11pt), Matthew Grywczynski 10 (10pt), Brett Melloch 14 (10pt) and Alexei Pacholuk 10 (9pt).

1st place finishers for Club Sport Girls were 6&U 100Y Medley Relay, Carroll, Kate 6 (2) Lowrance, Anna 6 (3) Dennen, Kayleigh 5 (4) Lee, Mackenzie 6, 1:54.88;

7-8 100Y Medley Relay, Aquino, Olivia 8 (2) Lopez, Carli 7 (3) Hernandez, Isabella 8 (4) Reilly, Megan 7, 1:33.88; 9-10 100Y Medley Relay, Wood, Julia 9 (2) Terry, Kayla 10 (3) Matsusaka, Anne 10 (4) Dennen, Lauren 9, 1:20.02; 11-12 200Y Medley Relay, Tang, Meagan 11 (2) Wood, Jacqueline 11 (3) Venema, Lexi 11 (4) Barrett, Emily 12, 2:29.52; 13-14 200Y Medley Relay, Surber, Elle 14 (2) Jetter, Cayla 14 (3) Maria Cui, Nichole 4 (4) Clouse, Jessica 14, 2:14.70; Women's 15-18 200Y Medley Relay, Bateman, Gemma 15 (2) Hembroth, Alison 16 (3) Bateman, Alyse 18 (4) Avon, Kelly 17, 2:08.51; 6&U 25Y Free, Saige Aronson 6, 19.80; 7-8 25Y Free, Isabelle Hernandez 8, 19.40; 6&U 25Y Fly, Saige Aronson 6, 32.85; 7-8 25Y Fly, Isabelle Hernandez 8, 24.48; 6&U 25Y Breast, Saige Aronson 6, 32.85; 7-8 25Y Breast, Carli Lopez 7, 27.34 (tie); 13-14 50Y Breast, Cayla Jetter 14, 35.31; Women's 50Y Breast, Alison Hembroth 16, 36.78; 13-14 100Y IM, Cayla Jetter 14, 1:08.43; 6&U 25Y Back, Karl Messer 6, 27.29; 7-8 25Y Back, Olivia Aquino 8, 22.88; 11-12 50Y Back, Meagan Tang 11, 36.59; 13-14 50Y Back, Elle Surber 14, 32.28; 6&U 100 Free Relay, Lee, Mackenzie 6 (2) Carroll, Kate 6 (2) Lowrance, Anna 6 (4) Aronson, Saige 6, 1:25.50; 7-8 100Y Free Relay, Aquino, Olivia 8 (2) Reilly, Megan 7 (3) Gallagher, Morgan 8 (4) Hernandez, Isabella 8, 1:23.24; 13-14 200Y Free Relay, Maria Cui, Nichole 14 (2) Copenhagen, Kylie 13 (3) Clouse, Jessica 14 (4) Jetter, Cayla 14, 1:57.35; Women's 15-18 200Y Free Relay, Hembroth, Alison 16 (2) Robertson, Paige 17 (3) Avon, Kelly 17 (4) Miller, Rachel 16, 1:51.96.

1st place finishers for Club Sport Boys were 6&U 100Y Medley Relay, Payne, Jayden 6 (2) Anderson, Rocky 6 (3) Kost, Devon 5 (4) Scullion, Justin 6, 2:10.42; 7-8 100Y Medley Relay, Torres, Robert 8 (2) Skinner, Nick 8 (3) Louderback, Joseph 8 (4) Payne, Tyson 8, 1:27.55; 11-12 200Y Medley Relay, Murttag, Camden 12 (2) Lee, Justin 11 (3) Wei, Austin 12 (4) McEntee, Innes 11, 2:42.47; 15-18 Men's 200Y Medley Relay, Jacobs, Matt 16 (2) Surber, Kyle 16 (3) Lau, Jon 17 (4) Arellano, Scotty 18, 1:54.08; 11-12 50Y Free, Austin Wei 12, 29.38; Men's 15-18 50Y Free, Kyle Surber 16, 22.66; 6&U 25Y Fly, Jayden Payne 6, 31.04; 11-12 50Y Fly, Austin Wei 12, 33.83; 7-8 25Y Breast, Robert Torres 8, 23.77; 9-10 100Y IM, William Rose 9, 1:39.43; 13-14 50Y Back, Jeff Horne 14, 31.91; 6&U 100Y Free Relay, Anderson, Rocky 6 (2) Scullion, Justin 6 (3) Kost, Devon 5 (4) Payne, Jayden 6, 1:53.08; 7-8 100Y Free Relay, Torres, Robert 8 (2) Skinner, Nick 8 (3) Payne, Tyson 8 (4) Louderback, Joseph 8, 1:13.80.

1st place finishers for the Briarhill Girls were 9-10 50Y Free, Easton Plummer 10, 34.49; 11-12 50Y Free, Savannah Wieser 12, 28.69; Women's 15-18 50Y Free, Lauren Leahy 16, 26.98; 9-10 25Y Fly, Callan Jackman 9, 19.15; 11-12 50Y Fly, Brittney Achziger 12, 37.26; 13-14 50Y Fly, Kristin Horrolo 13, 33.02; Women's 15-18 50Y Fly, Lauren Leahy 16, 30.06; 7-8 25Y Breast, Vanessa Wieser 8, 27.34 (tie); 9-10 25Y Breast, Easton Plummer 10, 19.66; 11-12 50Y Breast, Brittney Achziger 12, 37.26; 9-10 100Y IM, Easton Plummer 10, 1:34.40; 11-12 100Y IM, Brittney Achziger 12, 1:16.98; Women's 15-18 100Y IM, Lauren Leahy 16, 1:09.97; 9-10 25Y Back, Callan Jackman 9, 19.57; Women's 15-18 50Y Back, Ann Kenney 17, 33.91; 9-10 200Y Free Relay, Berryhill, Kylie 10 (2) Dyer, Jenny 10 (3) Plummer, Easton 10 (4) Jackman, Callan 9, 2:31.43; 11-12 200Y Free Relay, Achziger, Brittney 12 (2) Chung, Phoebe 12 (3) Perich, Camille 12 (4) Wieser, Savannah 12, 2:04.75.

1st place finishers for the Briarhill Boys were 9-10 100Y Medley Relay, Fisher, Jeffrey 10 (2) Pacholuk, Alexei 10 (3) Hair, Ryan 9 (4) Voit, Andrew 9, 1:24.45; 13-14 200Y Medley Relay, Jackman, Clark 13 (2) Vuong, Sherman 13 (3) Leahy, Christopher 13 (4) Kenney, Sean 14, 2:22.15; 6&U 25Y Free, David Groves 6, 23.61; 7-8 25Y Free, Joey Grywczynski 8, 14.97; 9-10 25Y Free, Andrew Voit 9, 34.64; 13-14 50Y Free, Brett Melloch 14, 25.77; 7-8 25Y Fly, Joey Grywczynski 8, 17.33; 9-10 25Y Fly, Matthew Grywczynski 10, 17.57; 13-14 50Y Fly, Brian Standart 14, 28.02; Men's 50Y Fly, Brent Reed 17, 24.22; 6&U 25Y Breast, Jacob Allman 6, 32.67; 9-10 25Y Breast, Alexei Pacholuk 10, 23.85; 11-12 50Y Breast, Karl Johansson 12, 45.56; 13-14 50Y Breast, Sherman Vuong 13, 37.54; Men's 15-18 50Y Breast, Brandon Lind 17, 29.78; 11-12 100Y IM, Christopher Malek 12, 1:22.76; 13-14 100Y IM, Brian Standart 14, 1:08.30; Men's 15-18 100Y IM, Brandon Lind 17, 58.65; 6&U 25Y Back, David Groves 6, 30.53; 7-8 25Y Back, Joey Grywczynski 8, 20.70; 9-10 25Y Back, Matthew Grywczynski 10, 19.78; 11-12 50Y Back, Christopher Malek 12, 39.45; Men's 15-18 50Y Back, Brent Reed 17, 27.51; 9-10 200Y Free Relay, Hair, Ryan 9 (2) Rondum, Peter 10 (3) Grywczynski, Matthew 10 (4) Voit, Andrew 9, 2:34.50; 11-12 200Y Free Relay, Senna, Tyler 11 (2) Melloch, Cole 12 (3) Johansson, Karl 12 (4) Malek, Christopher 12, 2:19.51; 13-14 200Y Free Relay, Sher, Ben 13 (2) Jackman, Clark 13 (3) Standart, Brian 14 (4) Melloch, Brett 14, 1:55.03; 15-18 Men's 200Y Free Relay, Lind, Brandon 17 (2) Somerville, Jamie 16 (3) Page, Cavan 16 (4) Reed, Brent 17, 1:34.57.

PVC vs. San Ramon

Pleasanton Valley Swim Club was host to the San Ramon Aqua Bears for the final dual meet of the regular season on Saturday, July 18th. The final score was PVC - 1014.50; San Ramon - 760.50

One of the many highlights of the meet was when Chris Dotson broke the 15-18 Boy's 50-yard backstroke record with a time of 27.57. This record was previously held by Coach Jonathan Marshall, which he set many years ago.

The following swimmers are recognized for dropped times, personal bests and outstanding effort:

6 and unders: Colette Wogsland, Paige Reynolds, Claire Beer, Holly Palia, Maya Morgenstern, Madelyn Riddle, Colin Wallace, Andrew Ralston, Liam Fournier, Jackson Morgenstern, Chris Hopkins, Luke Castro, Gabriel Falcone, Parker Mapes.

7-8's: Emily Claridge, Caroline Gjerde, Marissa Lawrence, Emily Haskell, Kieran Wallace, Hannah Tho, Julia Gonsman, Jamie Scott, Kate Battaglia, Abby Smith, Alyssa Serrano, Megan Beymer, Katherine Delevaux, Hannah Hart, Megan Bouchard, Elizabeth Beth, Madison Hildebrand, Gavin Wallace, Nathan Williams, Tommy Seavone, Matthew Haskell, Andrew Baro, Jacob Lawrence, Nic Ralston, John Sweeney, Ty Castro.

9-10's Samantha Howell, Camaryn Butler, Nicole Melo, Danielle Sirota, Kate Haskell, Hailey Hart, Anna Bessie, Sophie Welk, Melissa Briegarth, Nithya Swaminathan, Aubrey Krieger, Clelia Opipari, Emma Goldner, Wendy McCullough, Justin Miller, Alan Thomas, Thomas Bosse, Rasmus McMurdie, Brian Wiener, Matthew Rumsey, Jonathan Battaglia.

11-12's Kennedy Truex, MacKenzie Shields, Kendall Avriert, Gabrielle Welk, Erin Walsh, Brianna Reynolds, Mackenzie Bammer, Katherine Shaw, Lucy Brillhart, Thomas Gately, Joseph Dallara, Sal Opipari, Matthew Serrano, Alex Baro, Adam Beymer, Daniel Rodriguez.

13-14's Makayla Reitsma, Lissi Knell, Max Gasteineau, Jason Oliver, Bryce McLaggan, David Goldner.

15-18's Rachel Cilk, Lindsey Collins, David Scott, Devan Aziz.

Every 15 Minutes Benefit

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

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

Entry fee for the golf tournament is \$175 per person and includes a continental

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

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

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

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

Open Water Swim Group

A new open water swim group is starting up this season at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park in Pleasanton. Membership in this nonprofit group is open to all qualified individuals. We will have day and evening swim times.

The lake temperature can reach upwards of 75 degrees during the warmest months. If interested, or to sign up, you can check our website at shadowcliffsra.com. For further information you can contact Al DeGraw at (510) 414-7928 or John Bower at (925) 294-9050.

Drive for the Cure

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Football/Cheer Signup

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

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

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

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

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

Coaches Sought

Lady Hustle Fastpitch is looking for coaches for all age levels for the Fall Season. Please go to www.ladyhustlefastpitch.com for more information. You may also contact Teresa Borchard at ronb04@pacbell.net / 925-785-0846.

Aqua Challenge

An open-water swim event will be offered for all levels, as well as an exciting swim/run duathlon at On Your Mark Events' 11th Annual Lake Del Valle Aqua Challenge and Del Valle Du, Saturday, July 25, at Lake Del Valle, 7000 Del Valle Road (right off Mines Rd.). Livermore. The start and finish area is located at the lake's East Swim Beach—south of the boat ramp.

The Aqua Challenge features a 2-mile, 1-mile, and ½-mile distance events in the beautiful Lake Del Valle. All three courses are accurately set via GPS and are marked by buoys. Certified lifeguards will closely monitor participants in all three courses. Water temperature is expected to be 72+

degrees. With three separate distances, this open-water swim is great for swimmers of all levels, as well as first time open water competitors.

The entry fee to Lake Del Valle Aqua Challenge competitions is \$35 advance registration and \$40 race-day registration; for those who choose to compete in the ½-mile race along with the 1- or 2-mile races may do so for an additional \$5.00. The Duathlon will be \$50.00 advance and \$55.00 race day. Entry fee includes refreshments, snacks, T-shirt, awards, and entry into an exciting raffle.

On Your Mark Events' Lake Del Valle Aqua Challenge will kick off at 8:30 a.m. with the ½ mile race. Both the 2-mile and 1-mile open-water races, and the Duathlon will start soon after the ½-mile race completes (to accommodate those who choose to compete in the ½ mile race along with the 1- or 2-mile swims, or the Duathlon). Check-in and registration will begin at 7:00 a.m.

For more Aqua Challenge information and/or an application go to On Your Mark Events Website at www.onyourmarkevents.com or call them at 209-795-7832.

Bay Bombers

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

CYO Basketball

St. Michael's/St. Charles CYO Basketball in Livermore is accepting registration for the 09/10 season. Register on-line at www.smcsco.org for player's 1st - 8th grade, coaches and referees. Sign-ups on-line conclude August 23rd. Visit the website for more information or email cyoregistration@yahoo.com. Open to residents of Livermore.

New Revolution Baseball

Seeking experienced coaches to help run our Fall Baseball Season.

Fall Season—Now accepting players for all age groups—11U thru 16U.

For more information on coaching or playing, go to the website www.newrevolutionbaseball.com or call 925-548-2732

Livermore Smoke Troutys

Livermore Smoke softball will be holding troutys at Joe Michell Elementary School in Livermore in August. Registration begins at 6 p.m. with troutys at 5:30 p.m. The schedule is as follows:

Livermore Smoke 12B & 16B Softball Team try outs will be held on Wednesday, August 5.

Livermore Smoke 10B & 14B Softball Team try outs will be on Thursday, August 6.

Livermore Smoke 12B & 16B Softball Team try outs will be on Friday, August 7.

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Volleyball Troutys

The Renegades Volleyball Club is holding troutys for boys aged 14-18 Saturday and Sunday, August 15 and 16 at LARPD in Livermore. The season runs September through early February, with practices twice a week in Livermore and Pleasanton. Last season Renegades 16's team remained in the gold division all season. New players are invited to attend open gyms at Trinity church in Livermore on Tuesday evenings through the summer. For more information go to www.renegadesvolleyball.com or contact kris@renegadesvolleyball.com.

Beginner Lacrosse Clinic

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

MAILBOX

(Opinions voiced in letters published in Mailbox are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of The Independent. Letter Policy: The Independent will not publish anonymous letters, nor will it publish letters without names. Frequent letter writers may have publication of their letters delayed.)

Shared Sacrifice Barton L. Hughes Pleasanton

Until our economy gets back to a sustainable upward track, there is a continued need for shared sacrifice. I wish that government employee unions would embrace this to the extent of everyone else.

Here are some facts for Pleasanton. Over the past five years, the City budget has increased by 40% as compared to an inflation rate of 13% for the same period. A significant driver of this increase has been employee salary and entitlement costs. The City's obligation for its share of entitlement costs have increased by nearly 300%. And the City even picks up 100% of the employees' share. Retiree medical costs have increased by 207%, and the medical fund is only 61% funded. This is not a sustainable situation.

To date, the City has made some modest attempts to curtail the ballooning costs but they aren't nearly enough. It is disturbing that the City has created a two-tiered system where post-2009 new employees will be covered by a less expensive program while current employees/retirees will continue with the same golden program. This is grossly unfair to future generations of employees and taxpayers like me who don't have pensions. Why should we continue to pay the same or increased level of taxes to support an entitlement program that is well beyond that of private employees and future generations will never see? The current program for current employees and retirees must be scaled back.

Please remember this - as our government services continue to be reduced and our taxes increased, this is happening partly to maintain the above market salaries and golden entitlements of our public employees. Try to explain the fairness of this to our children and those of need. Our leaders won't act to fix this unfair situation until more of us speak up and say "enough is enough". This is the only way to get public employee unions to share in the sacrifice we are all currently making.

Climate Change Rich Buckley Livermore

It is too dangerous a game, in the interest of personal liberties and human rights to assume that there are honest brokers in matters of Climate Science. Follow the money and read the science as well as the opposing skeptics' review of the party-line science to render your own judgments.

Even Livermore's imminent group of Climate Scientists should never be held above question or given a pass. Too much is at stake. Try sticking your finger every so often in the electric socket of skepticism such Science & Public Policy Institute for balance (<http://scienceand-publicpolicy.org/>)

Supreme Court Donald King Livermore

Sonia Sotomayor will be subjected to intense scrutiny by the Senate panelists burdened with the responsibility of deciding whether she is up to the awesome responsibilities of a Justice of the Supreme Court. The legal dilemmas facing this nation are many. But, I suspect the Senate panelists, whether Democrat or Republican, will be focusing on two, primarily abortion and affirmative action. That's unfortunate. Because there is another issue that I regard as critically important yet is ignored for the most part by the politicians. It is pornography and its status as ruled by the U.S. Supreme Court over fifty years ago that it is protected by the First Amendment.

The case was Roth v. United States. The victims of that decision are first and foremost young women and girls who are lured into virtual prostitution through the Internet, a technology that developed years after Roth. It is to be hoped that some person or institution will take a pornographer to court and that the case will eventually wind up before the Supreme Court.

Elected Officials Kenneth Nather Livermore

I attempted to send faxes to Senators Feinstein and Boxer regarding the appointment of Sotomayor to the Supreme Court.

I tried the fax numbers that had been published in the newspaper. Those numbers are no longer in service. I then went to the Senators' websites.

Senator Boxer's website listed seven fax numbers. I tried all of the numbers. None would accept a fax. I tried the fax number listed on Senator Feinstein's website. The result was the same.

Until approximately one year ago, I could send an e-mail to both Senators and to Representative Ellen Tauscher. All of them stopped accepting e-mail, now they have stopped accepting faxes. Telephoning them in Washington doesn't work either, because when the telephone was answered the comment was, "The lines are very busy. You may call back at a later time or you can hold." After holding for two minutes, the line went dead. I have attempted to make these calls several times, always with the same result.

I was under the notion that Boxer, Feinstein and Tauscher were my elected representatives. After many attempts to contact these self-anointed, very important women I have come to the conclusion that they don't want to hear from their lowly constituents. Don't confuse them with facts, their minds have been made up. All I can hope for is real honest representation.

Thank You Gail Ruvalcaba Art Under the Oaks Show Chairman

Thank you so much for the lovely coverage of Art Under the Oaks in The Independent. The Livermore Art Association greatly appreciates the help you give our nonprofit organization.

4th of July Jerri Long, on behalf of the 7/4 Celebration Planning Team

Thank you for placing our event first on your second-section coverage of Fourth of July events in our area. That undoubtedly helped us achieve a record attendance of an estimated 1,000 people at our eleventh annual all-volunteer celebration at Lions Wayside Park.

We also appreciate that you listed all the details, including our encouragement for audience members to wear red-white-and-blue. We had a very colorful crowd, waving the American flags provided by the Lions Club. That club and its volunteers, by the way, served 700 hot-dog lunches in two hours! Food from Raley's suppliers made it possible to offer the bargain "Dog and a Drink for a Dollar."

Our community is so fortunate to have talented musicians who volunteer to perform with the Pleasanton Community Concert Band, under the very capable direction of Bob Williams. It was Bob Williams' son Rob who delivered the keynote address this year, giving us a reminder of how much our founding fathers sacrificed in order to establish a free nation. The band was sponsored by ACCUSPLIT, an international stopwatch and pedometer company now located in Livermore. This was the only midday concert in the popular Concerts in the Park series sponsored by the Pleasanton Downtown Association.

This year, our audience members ranged from an 11-day-old infant to a World War II veteran. Thanks to event sponsors Heritage Bank of Commerce, each child received a bottle of soap bubbles, and each audience member could choose to get a patriotic "tattoo" of the temporary variety.

Special thanks are due to the

members of Boy Scout Troop #908. Under the direction of leader Kerman Deboo, these courteous young men devoted most of their holiday to help set up before and clean up after our Fourth of July celebration.

We look forward to "Celebrating Freedom and its Evolution since the Revolution" again in 2010!

Disappointed Cathy Ritter Pleasanton

We are only 4 weeks away from the deadline of August 14th to raise \$2.8 million to save four critical programs in the Pleasanton school district: class size reduction, elementary band and strings, counselors and reading specialists. We have raised \$252,000 thanks to the generosity of many Pleasanton residents and the volunteer efforts of many, many parents, businesses and community members.

Quite frankly, I am disappointed that we haven't raised more. 10,995 Pleasanton residents voted in favor of Measure G, and were willing to pay \$233 per household to support our schools. If you voted yes on Measure G, we need your support now more than ever - we only have four more weeks to raise over \$2 million dollars. PLEASE consider donating to either PPIE (to save CSR, counselors and reading specialists) or PSEE (to save elementary band and strings) as soon as possible.



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SHORT NOTES

Nature Programs

The History of Veterans Park is a program to be presented Sat., July 25 by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff. Meet Ranger Darren Segur at Veterans Park at 10 a.m.

The area called Veterans Park has had a rather interesting past including cowboys and Indians, padres and pumas, doctors and debutantes and a whole lot of wine. Join a ranger-led group to sift through the past on a slow-paced, one-mile walk through Veterans Park. Bringing water and a camera is suggested.

It's A Small World is the topic of a Sun., July 26 program. Meet Ranger Patti Cole at the Wetmore Road entrance to Sycamore Grove Park.

This program is for families with young children. The ranger-led group will take a look at the wonders of nature, but will do it from a smaller perspective. There will be a short, easy hike and some fun activities for children and parents to share. Children must be accompanied by parent or guardian. For reservations, please call 925-960-2400.

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

E-Cycle for Open Heart Kitchen

There will be an E-cycle Fundraiser for Open Heart Kitchen this Sat., July 25 in Livermore.

Bring items to Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Items accepted include the following: televisions, monitors, laptops, flat screens, cell phones and ink jet cartridges to the free E-cycle fundraiser for Open Heart Kitchen. There is a \$5.00 fee to E-cycle CPUs, stereos, telephones, printers, copiers, DVD Players, FAX machines, hard drives, VCRs, motherboards and video games.

Please make checks payable

to Open Heart Kitchen

All items are recycled according to California Law. For more information call, Amy Burchett 925 570-1513

Carnival Games

Play carnival-style games with a Western theme, as Pleasanton teen volunteers host Readers' Roundup games days on Wednesday and Thursday, July 29-30 at the Pleasanton Library.

Drop in any time between 10:00-12:00 and 2:00-4:00 to try your luck at the likes of "Lasso Ring Toss," "Pony Express," "Saloon Shuffle" and more. All ages are welcome.

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

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

Steel Pan Duo

The sounds of the Caribbean will come to the area July 29 as part of the Livermore Public Library's Summer Reading Game, "Be Creative @ Your Library."

Families will learn about the art of the steel drum, and enjoy its unique music, as the Derek Smith Steel Pan Duo plays at the Springtown Library. Bay Area Musician Derek Smith has been entertaining audiences for more than a decade with innovative music that combines the melodic brightness of the Caribbean steel drum with the driving rhythms of Latin Jazz.

The Derek Smith Steel Pan Duo will perform Wednesday, July 29 at the Livermore Public Library's Springtown branch, located at 998 Bluebell Drive. The free event will begin at 10:30am, and will take place outside the

library, with the audience to be seated on tarps. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early for best parking and viewing opportunities, and to bring appropriate sun gear.

The Livermore Public Library's "Be Creative @ Your Library" Summer Reading Game is a free program for all young people and their families. Children earn a variety of prizes for reading books, as well as attending storytimes, crafts, and special events at Livermore's three library locations. Participation is free, and registration is not required to attend events. Special events throughout the summer are scheduled to include magic shows, puppetry, animals, and international music, performance, & stories. The Summer Reading Game begins June 12 and ends August 15, 2009. Click on the Summer Reading Game link from the Livermore Public Library's web site www.livermore.lib.ca.us or call 373-5504 for more information.

Immunization Clinics

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

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

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

Leadership Academy

Alameda County has begun accepting applications for its 9th Leadership Academy. This free, six session interactive forum is for people who live, work, or own

a business in Alameda County. Through presentations from top county leaders and small group exercises, the Leadership Academy provides an opportunity for the community to increase their knowledge of local government. Participants learn about the wide range of services provided by Alameda County, our mission and strategic visioning initiative, and our budget development process. Participants are able to practice leadership and communication skills such as public speaking, and participate in mock budget and other public policy exercises while acquiring knowledge on how to increase their civic involvement and networking with other community members. This is also an opportunity for County officials to hear from residents.

The Academy begins October 7, 2009 and continues through March 3, 2010. Sessions will be held the first Wednesday of each month from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at facilities throughout the County on the following dates: October 7, November 3, December 2, 2009 and January 4, February 3 and March 3, 2010. To graduate from the Academy, participants are required to attend at least five of the six sessions.

Space is limited. Interested applicants can obtain additional information and complete an online application at www.acgov.org/adultleadership, or by contacting the County Administrator's Office at (510) 272-6510. The application deadline is August 28, 2009. Participants will be selected on a first-come, first-

served basis and will represent the County's various geographic areas.

Tip-a-Cop in Dublin

Alameda County Sheriff's Office volunteers will serve as celebrity waiters to raise money to benefit the Special Olympics Northern California, East Bay Region.

They will be on duty at Casa Orozco, 7995 Dublin Blvd., Dublin on Wed., Aug. 5 from 5 to 9 p.m.

Flyers should be presented when ordering. Casa Orozco will give 15 percent of sales to the Special Olympics.

For more information on how to download a flyer or about Special Olympics, call Wendy

Register National Night Out Events

National Night Out is a crime and drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the Pleasanton Police Department. Over 34 million people in more than 11,000 communities will join forces on Tuesday, August 4 to celebrate National Night Out's 26th annual event.

National Night Out is designed to: heighten crime and drug awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and

send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

The Pleasanton Police Department began participating in National Night Out about 10 years ago with four neighborhood block parties. Since then we have progressively grown to 32 block parties with most coming from our organized Neighborhood Watch groups. Parties vary from potlucks, BBQ's and ice cream socials, to residents closing off their streets for live bands, bounce houses and other kids' activities. Those who register

a party with the police could be visited by the Police Officers, the Mayor, members of the City Council, the City Manager and City Department Heads or even the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department.

Anyone interested in hosting a National Night Out Party, visit www.pleasantonpd.org and download an application. Applications can be returned to the Police Department. Any questions can be directed to CSO Shannon Revel-Whitaker at (925) 931-5240 or by email to srevel@ci.pleasanton.ca.us. Deadline for applications is July 28.

Hedgerow Planting and Sunol AgPark Farm Tour Set

Volunteers are needed to participate in the upcoming Streamside Hedgerow planting days at the Sunol AgPark. Planting days are organized through the Hands-on-Conservation Program and the Alameda County Conservation Partnership. In addition to planting, there will be a farm tour to explore the surroundings.

The Sunol AgPark, located at the Sunol Water Temple, is an organic farm that is run by a non-profit organization Sustainable

Agriculture Education (SAGE) (www.sagecenter.org). The farm is located adjacent to the Arroyo de la Laguna, a tributary to Alameda Creek, on San Francisco Water Department property.

Volunteers are needed to assist with establishing a hedgerow by spreading mulch and planting native plants. A hedgerow is a farm border including native plants that create valuable habitat for beneficial native species such as insects, pollinators and birds.

Please visit the website at

www.acrcd.org and click on Youth Education, Hands-on-Conservation for more details. RSVPs are required. Contact Amy Evans at 925-371-0154 ext 112 or amy.evans@acrcd.org for more information! The entrance gate to the AgPark is located at the intersection of Niles Canyon Rd. (Hwy 84) at Pleasanton-Sunol Rd. (From Hwy 680 head west on Hwy 84 about 1 mile to the intersection.)

OBITUARIES

Roger Lucien Bouscal

Roger Bouscal was born April 02, 1918 in San Francisco and entered into rest June 18, 2009 at the Veterans Hospital in Livermore.

Roger was a member of St. Michael's Church, Tri-Valley Horseshoe Club, Native Sons of the Golden West, and the American Legion. He enjoyed camping, prospecting, gardening, bicycling, watching sports, and particularly loved spending time with family.

Roger is survived by his wife Lois, daughter Darlene Burr, sons Dennis and Roger Bouscal, 9 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter Lynn Bouscal Casteel.

A Memorial Chapel Blessing was held July 19, with military honors. A reception will follow at the Vineyard Village. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made out to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Donald John Glaum

Donald John Glaum, a 42-year resident of Pleasanton, died peacefully in his home Thursday, July 9, 2009 after battling cancer. He was 90.

Don and his wife, Grace, moved to California in 1946 and had resided in Pleasanton since 1967. Grace died in 2007 after they had been married 63 years. Don was born in Alexandria, Nebraska on December 17, 1918.

A memorial service celebrating his life will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday Aug. 2, 2009, at Centerpointe Presbyterian Church, 3410 Cornerstone Court, Pleasanton.

He was employed by Nulaid Foods for 32 years and was a past president of the Northern California Grain Exchange and Arbitration Board. He served as a Director of the California Grain and Feed Association, and was on

the Transportation Committee for the West Coast Poultry and Egg Association. Donald was active in Pacific Growers Credit Union as a loan officer. He volunteered with the Salvation Army's Service Unit, and PG&E's Reach program.

He was a member of the Centerpointe Presbyterian Church, and an elder of the Presbyterian Church in Santa Cruz. Donald played the euphonium in the Pleasanton Community Band, and also the Valley Brass Band for many years. Donald will be remembered for his sense of humor, his ability to connect with people, and a strong handshake.

He is survived by his two sons, Ron Glaum of Livermore and Randy Glaum of Merced and his daughter Judee Berry of Marysville, four grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Donations in his memory can be made to: Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd. Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568; American Cancer Society, Tri-Valley Unit, 7000 Village Pkwy Suite E, Dublin, CA 94568; or the Salvation Army.

Willard "Bill" Graham

Willard "Bill" Graham passed away in San Ramon, July 10, 2009 after a brief struggle with lung cancer. A resident of the Tri-Valley for 40 years, Bill touched many lives with his competitive spirit and exuberant personality. He will be dearly missed.

Bill was born in Spokane, WA on April 4, 1933. He served in the Navy during the Korean War. He was a retired Systems Analyst for Pac Bell and former proprietor of Hayward Shooters Supply. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed trapshooting, hunting, fishing, golf and poker. He was a lifelong member of the Livermore Rod and Gun Club and the Men's and Senior Men's Clubs of Las Positas Golf Course.

He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Nada, his

brother Richard of Snohomish, WA, daughter Pilar Graham of Eureka, CA and son Scott and grandsons Eric and Hayden of Portage, MI.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate Bill's life at a Remembrance Gathering on Aug. 9, 2009 at Las Positas Golf Course Banquet Room, 917 Clubhouse Dr., Livermore, from 2 to 4 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Livermore Youth Shooters c/o Mark Thomas at 792 Danville Blvd., Danville, CA 94526.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Anna Marie Tilleman

Anna Marie Tilleman passed away at Livermore home on July 5, 2009 after a courageous 7-year battle with cancer. She was born August 30, 1930 in Alameda, CA. She graduated from Alameda High School in 1946.

After marrying, she worked alongside her husband Howard in their business, Allied Metal Fabricators. She was the Secretary/Bookkeeper/Errand Runner. Later, she was an Executive Secretary for Davey Tree Surgery Co. for 20 years. Following her cancer diagnosis, she volunteered at the American Cancer Society office in Dublin, until her health declined.

Anna had a gentle and caring nature. She enjoyed best, the times spent with family and friends. She was a devoted mother to Vickie and Russ. Anna loved to help anyone in need, especially stray cats. She played the lotto faithfully, convinced that the "Big Win" would happen next time around.

Anna is survived by her daughter Vickie Tilleman of Delhi, son Russ Tilleman of Berkeley, sister-in-law Lee Black and niece DiAnn Friedrichsen both of Virginia. Anna has many relatives in Sweden, whom she met on a trip

there in 1994. She was preceded in death by her ex-husband and friend Howard Tilleman. Anna has many dear friends, including the Carlsons, Elizabeth Ames and Caregivers; Crystal Parker and John Rodriguez.

Funeral services were held July 10 in Livermore. Burial followed at Roselawn Cemetery, Livermore.

In lieu of flowers, Anna asked that memorial donations be made to the American Cancer Society or the Tri-Valley SPCA

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

John Brian Gerdes

John Brian Gerdes was born in Alameda, CA on December 28, 1954 and passed away on June 10, 2009, he was 54 years old. After graduating from Riverbank High School in Riverbank, CA, John was a truck driver for Covenant Transportation and a warehouseman for Montgomery Wards in Oakland for many, many years.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ulrich Christian Gerdes, brother, Robert Gerdes and sister Teresa Gerdes. He is survived by his mother Anna Elizabeth Gerdes of Hillsboro, OR, his son Christopher Lee Gerdes of Valley Springs, CA., brothers, Paul Gerdes of Livermore, CA, Roger Gerdes of Colorado Springs, CO., sister, Annie Bibler of Hillsboro, OR., and many nieces, nephews, and other family members.

Family and friends are invited to a Celebration of Life Service on Saturday, August 1, at 1 p.m., at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave, Livermore, CA.

Frances "Marian" Barker

Marian Barker passed away peacefully on July 19, 2009, at the age of 99. Born March 8, 1910, in Hooper, Colorado, Marian was raised on a family farm until she met Paul Whitlatch while they were attending college together. They were married on December 25, 1932. They lived happily in Turner, Kansas, with their two children (Roberta and Billy) until Paul passed away in 1950, prompting Marian to move to Escondido, California, to be closer to her sister. In 1960, Marian married Orion Barker. They were married until Orion passed away in 1984. Following Orion's death, Marian moved to Livermore to be with her daughter and son-in-law.

Marian had a love for playing the piano and singing great hymns. She will be missed by her family for her gentle spirit, her kindness and her unyielding love of the Lord.

Marian was preceded in death by her husbands, Paul and Orion; son, Billy; and son-in-law, Bud Kihle. Her eldest granddaughter, Sue LaBrie (Richard) preceded her in death as well. Marian is survived by her daughter, Roberta Kihle and step-daughters, Rosie DeCorte and Sharon Gati (six children). Her surviving grandchildren include: Karen (Shawn) Coleman, Sharen (Tom) Brannon, and Ruth (Gary) Presley, Linda (Royce) Rivers and Mike (Jade) Williams. She is also survived by great-granddaughters, Rebecca Coleman, Jenella Presley, Catrice Stickles, and Clarissa Williams.

Services will be held on July 23, 2009, at Memory Gardens

in Livermore at 10:00 a.m. The family is very grateful for all the wonderful caregivers at Hacienda Rest Home and Hope Hospice. In lieu of flowers, Marian asked that donations be sent to Granada Baptist Church in Livermore.

Faithie Chieffe Jacobus

Faithie Chieffe Jacobus was born on March, 18, 1959. On July 4th, 2009 she passed away in her sleep. She was 50 years old.

Faithie was a very loving person. She had a great attitude about life. All she wanted was to raise her children the best way she could. Everyone who met Faithie instantly knew that she was a good person with a good heart. We all miss her very much. We know she is happily sitting next to her mother in heaven, looking down on us.

She was survived by her three kids, Corinne, Candace, and Michael Steel, all of Livermore.

A memorial service will be held at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 458 Maple St., Livermore, (next to Livermore high school) on Friday, July 24th at 10 am.



Faithie Jacobus

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Cal Water Applies for Rate Increase

On July 2, 2009, California Water Service Company (Cal Water) filed a General Rate Case (GRC) application with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) as required by the CPUC's revised General Rate Case Plan; rate increases resulting from the 18-month review process are expected to become effective in January 2011 or later.

The GRC filing includes increases in the costs of providing water service (such as those related to government-mandated conservation programs, transportation, purchased water, additional employees, and centralized services, including engineering, billing, regulatory compliance, and water quality), as well as costs of completed and planned water system projects that improve service, quality, and reliability. These improvements include a new well, additional water treatment, an additional purchased water connection, storage tank improvements, and more than 1 1/2 miles of replacement

water mains. In its GRC filing, Cal Water requests overall increases of 16.6% in 2011, 2.2% in 2012, and 2.1% in 2013. If approved as submitted, the GRC filing would increase the average residential customer's monthly bill by 16.5%, which equates to \$10.20 per month, or about 34 cents per day, in 2011. However, the increase that ultimately becomes effective in 2011 could be reduced if the CPUC approves a lesser increase.

The CPUC is an independent regulatory agency responsible for setting rates that accurately reflect the costs of providing water service and allow a reasonable return on capital invested in infrastructure, similar to the interest on a bank loan. Regulated utilities are only allowed to earn on invested capital; all other prudently incurred costs are reflected in rates on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

"We are extremely sensitive to the current state of the economy,

and we work hard to operate as efficiently as possible. This increase is necessary to enable us to continue providing a reliable supply of high-quality water to our valued customers. To help our customers keep their water bills as low as possible, we offer a range of conservation tools, including rebates on purchases of qualified low-water-using appliances, high-efficiency plumbing fixtures, and educational materials. We also have an assistance program for low-income customers," said John Freeman, District Manager.

According to Freeman, it's important to receive a critical service such as water from a water utility that is financially stable.

"Water utilities need adequate resources to make necessary improvements to water infrastructure, meet increasingly strict water quality standards, hire qualified water professionals, and provide the water needed to keep the local economy going," he said.

Cal Water's last general rate increase in the Livermore District was filed in 2007 and became effective in 2008. Outside of the GRC process, rates also can be adjusted by the CPUC if the utility completes a major, previously approved capital project, or if certain outside costs increase or decrease, such as those for power, purchased water, and pump taxes.

To provide more detailed information about the GRC and the rate-setting process, Cal Water will host a rate workshop for customers in the fall. Customers can also provide input to the CPUC in writing or at a Public Participation Hearing that will be held in late 2009 or early 2010. Information on these events will be announced in customers' bills and at www.calwater.com.

"It's a very complex process, and we hope our customers will attend one or both of these meetings to learn more about it," said Freeman.

For more information, visit

Donations of School Supplies Are Needed

Each year the Tri-Valley Haven offers several outreach events to those who are homeless or in need. The next event is the Back-to-School Outreach Event. Each year the Haven helps to provide families with basic school supplies such as pens, paper, and backpacks. Last year over 200 children were served. Families had to be turned away because supplies ran out.

The Haven relies solely upon the donations of the community to make this event happen. Every pen, pencil, notebook, backpack, and glue stick makes a difference in a child's life. Donations should be turned in by Friday, August 14th at 12pm. For more information, to schedule a drop off, or to request a wish list, please contact Samantha at (925) 449-5845 X2702 or samantha@trivalleyhaven.org. Information regarding the Haven can be found at www.trivalleyhaven.org.

Park Coloring Book Available On-Line

The East Bay Regional Park District's coloring and activity book is now available online, formatted in a way that a computer user can print pages on a home printer. The Park District coloring book offers 15 pages of activities that include a game, a maze, connect-the-dot puzzle, word search, and more. All of the pages are geared to educate and entertain children about parks near them and the plants and animals found there. The pages also include summer safety tips.

The activity book is loosely geared toward ages three to ten and does include some reading segments about history and wildlife in the parks. Recommended uses are as a home activity or group/day camp exercise. The booklet pages can be found at www.ebparks.org under the "Kids" tab on the left.

The activity book was created, hand-drawn, and digitized by the Park District's graphic designer, Hillary Van Austen.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 426206

The following person(s) doing business as: BizWorks Partners, 3517 Kings Canyon Ct., Pleasanton Ca 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Celso J. Viegas, 3517 Kings Canyon Ct., Pleasanton Ca 94588. This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on May 15, 2009. Signature of Registrant: /s:/Celso J. Viegas. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 23, 2009. Expires June 23, 2014. The Independent Legal No. 2521. Publish July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2009.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 426113

The following person(s) doing business as: K.A.R. Service, 2730 Old First Street, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bradley Scott Kurtzer, 316 Cedar Dr., Livermore Ca 94550. This business is conducted by: Husband and wife. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on May 20, 2004. Signature of Registrant: /s:/Bradley Scott Kurtzer. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 19, 2009. Expires June 19, 2014. The Independent Legal No. 2522. Publish July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2009.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 425686

The following person(s) doing business as: Pacific Associates Realty, 1223 Barolo Ct., Pleasanton Ca 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Constantinos Karkalemis, 1223 Barolo Ct., Pleasanton Ca 94566. This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on November 12, 2008. Signature of Registrant: /s:/Yenifer Yang. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 30, 2009. Expires June 30, 2014. The Independent Legal No. 2527. Publish July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2009.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 426109

The following person(s) doing business as: Box T Productions, 1880 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Teri Tith, 1880 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore Ca 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on June 1, 2009. Signature of Registrant: /s:/Teri Tith. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 19, 2009. Expires June 19, 2014. The Independent Legal No. 2528. Publish July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2009.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 425945

The following person(s) doing business as: 1) American Sign and Awning Co. 2) American Sign and Awning, 383 South I Street, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Daniel Hugh Twomey, 1170 Larkspur Dr., Livermore Ca 94551. This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on June 1, 2009. Signature of Registrant: /s:/Daniel H. Twomey. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 19, 2009. Expires June 19, 2014. The Independent Legal No. 2524. Publish July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2009.

FILE NO. 426215

The following person(s) doing business as: Dog Gone Digital, 995 Kottinger Dr., Pleasanton Ca 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Rachael Lauricella Shaffer, 995 Kottinger Dr., Pleasanton Ca 94566. Signature of Registrant: /s:/Rachael Lauricella Shaffer. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 23, 2009. Expires June 23, 2014. The Independent Legal No. 2525. Publish July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2009.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 426521

The following person(s) doing business as: Elegant Solutions Nutrition, 3385 Dublin Blvd. #106, Dublin Ca 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): John Michael Zukoski, 3385 Dublin Blvd #106, Dublin Ca 94568. This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed. Signature of Registrant: /s:/John M. Zukoski. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 30, 2009. Expires June 30, 2014. The Independent Legal No. 2526. Publish July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2009.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 426528

The following person(s) doing business as: AB Trading, 826 Los Alamos Ave., Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Yenifer Yang, 826 Los Alamos Ave., Livermore Ca 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on November 12, 2008. Signature of Registrant: /s:/Yenifer Yang. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 30, 2009. Expires June 30, 2014. The Independent Legal No. 2527. Publish July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2009.

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The following person(s) doing business as: U-Otta Travel, 1380 El Dorado Dr., Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Stacy Taylor, 1380 El Dorado Dr., Livermore Ca 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on May 30, 2009. Signature of Registrant: /s:/Stacy Taylor. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 24, 2009. Expires June 24, 2014. The Independent Legal No. 2532. Publish July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 13, 2009.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 426697

The following person(s) doing business as: Honkytonk Productions, 1488 Arlington Rd., Livermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Edward J. Hall, 1488 Arlington Rd., Livermore Ca 94551. This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.

FILE NO. 426320

The following person(s) doing business as: GoToMarket Consulting, 3004 Lusitana Drive, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jeffrey P. Wolf, 3004 Lusitana Drive, Livermore Ca 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on May 18, 2009. Signature of Registrant: /s:/Jeffrey P. Wolf. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 25, 2009. Expires June 25, 2014. The Independent Legal No. 2530. Publish July 23, 30, August 6, 13, 2009.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 426547

The following person(s) doing business as: Buckeye Springs Ranch, 12450 Del Valle Rd., Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Robert J. Frerking, 12450 Del Valle Rd., Livermore Ca 94550. Signature of Registrant: /s:/Robert J. Frerking and Laura A. Frerking. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 1, 2009. Expires July 1, 2014. The Independent Legal No. 2531. Publish July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 13, 2009.

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Changes in Appraisal Rules Impact Consumers

By Cher Wollard
New regulations designed to protect consumers from some of the most egregious abuses in the property appraisal industry are instead creating hardships for many buyers and sellers, and creating a backlash in the real estate industry.
The rules, known as the Home Valuation Code of Conduct, went into effect May 1 as an attempt to create a firewall between appraisers and lenders. But unintended side effects, including higher costs, longer escrow periods and scuttled deals, have the industry in an uproar.
Realtors, homebuilders, mortgage brokers and the appraisal industry all agree the code is causing problems. Over 43,000 industry professionals have signed a petition against the rules, and many are backing a bill in Congress to kill them. NAR is pushing for an 18-month moratorium to allow time to study and perhaps modify the code.
"Although the goals are good and necessary, these rules were created and implemented without due consideration of how they would actually work for those of us who are in the 'trenches,'" according to a statement from Charles McMillan, president of NAR. "As a result, the time delays and cost increases are hurting the very consumers they were meant to protect."
"This thing is not only preventing the housing market from recovering, it's destroying the housing market," said Marc Savitt, president of the National Association of Mortgage Brokers. "We're eliminating competition, and we all know what happens when you eliminate competition: Prices go up."
Under a settlement last year with New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac agreed not to purchase loans from lenders who directly hire appraisers.
The settlement grew out of a fraud case involving an appraisal management company called eAppraisal and Washington Mutual in the state of New York, in which Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were named. The state claimed bank officers had unduly pressured appraisers into asserting values higher than market conditions supported. The agreement was crafted to avoid litigation.
Because Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac own or guarantee about half of all U.S. loans, many lenders have started moving their business to appraisal management companies that act as buffers.
Critics say those management companies charge more for appraisals while paying appraisers less for their services. To make this work, they draw appraisers from pools of candidates willing to do the job for less money, who, in some cases, are inexperienced and/or unfamiliar with the neighborhood.
Costs to consumers are going up, accuracy suffers and timeframes are increasing.
Linda Grassi, a loan officer with First Priority Financial in San Ramon, described a recent situation in which buyer and seller lost out because of problems with an appraisal.
The property was an owner-occupied duplex in a very nice neighborhood of Carmichael. The buyers had good credit and a 20 percent downpayment.
"The property was excellent," she said. "It was the nicest one in the area. Lots of upgrades. The asking price was \$230,000, which the buyer agreed to."
The appraiser, who was from out of the area, valued the property at \$183,000.
The listing agent, Gloria Gonzales of Windermere Welcome Home, said she tried to talk to the appraiser.
"There was about a \$100,000 price spread among all the duplexes that had sold in that neighborhood," Gonzales said. "Some were foreclosures in terrible condition. One didn't even have walls. Ours was beautiful. She (the appraiser) treated them as if they were all average properties, no matter condition. She used the comps without looking at them."
Without a reasonable appraisal, the buyer could not get financing. The seller took the duplex off the market.
A colleague of Gonzales's, Sam Chui, watched helplessly last month as his clients lost a transaction under even more extreme circumstances. In this case, a San Leandro house drew offers from 14 interested buyers. A contract was made to sell the property for \$320,000. The appraised value came in at \$230,000, effectively killing the transaction.
"In the past, a willing, able buyer determined the value of the property. That is what's supposed to determine value - supply and demand," Grassi said.
"The problems we were seeing in the past were not so much with bad appraisals. It was garbage loans, bad lending guidelines that wrecked the market. People with no downpayments, no ability to pay, walked away from their mortgages. These rules are hitting the wrong target."
Borrowers pay the \$325-\$500 appraisal fees upfront, so when the value does not come in as needed - and Realtors say it is increasingly difficult to predict where an appraisal will come in - the consumer is stuck.
The consumers only recourse if they really want the property is to renegotiate with the seller or, if that doesn't work, start over again with a second appraisal and usually a new lender, with all the costs and time constraints that implies.
While there are many complaints about the new system, most seem to fall into a few areas:
• Higher fees for consumers. In addition to the higher cost of appraisals, Fannie and Freddie have begun requiring all appraisers to complete an extra "market condition" report that includes detailed statistical analyses of local sales and pricing trends - above and beyond the regular appraisal data. Many appraisers are charging an extra \$45 to \$50 for the time required to complete the form.
Plus, delays can cost consumers the opportunity to lock into the best interest rates on their loans. The National Association of Mortgage Brokers has estimated that HVCC costs consumers \$711 more in fees for the appraisal itself and for extended loan locks.
• Lack of accountability. Appraisal management companies retain up to 40 percent of the appraisal fee, but have no accountability for the timeliness or accuracy of the appraisal.
• Lower quality appraisals. Both appraisers and Realtors report a perceived decrease in the quality of appraisals, due to increased time pressures and the use of part-time and less-experienced appraisers.
• Less accurate appraisals. The appraiser pools are often widespread geographically. According to a recent survey by the National Association of Realtors, 70 percent of Realtors have had transactions in which the appraiser was from out of the area. Anecdotally, Tri-Valley agents complain that many of the appraisers assigned to their transactions are from the South Bay - a very different market.
• Delays. While appraisers are given shorter timeframes for completing appraisals, it is taking longer - an average increase of eight days, according to NAR - for appraisals to reach the lenders.
• Less communication. Loan brokers are not allowed to talk to appraisers, meaning when questions arise, they must work through the management company, creating delays. "There is no communication from us to appraiser at all," Grassi said. "We can't even say hello."
"In the past, there were some abuses in the appraisal industry, but that was not the main problem," Grassi said. "Appraisers still had to substantiate the value. Now they are all paranoid. They are undermining values for everybody. This is hurting the seller and hurting future sellers. It is hurting the very people they are trying to protect."
Do you have questions about local real estate matters you would like to see covered in this space? E-mail your questions to cherw@windermere.com
Cher Wollard is a Realtor with Windermere Welcome Home Realty, Livermore.

Pleasanton Police Department First to Use Mobile Light Enforcer

The Pleasanton Police Department (PPD) is the first police agency in Northern California to use a Mobile Officer Light Enforcer (MOLE), a new wireless technology designed to assist traffic officers in the enforcement of red light violations in a safe, efficient and cost effective manner.

The Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) reports that more than 100,000 collisions a year are caused by drivers running red lights, killing some 950 people and injuring 90,000 others.

Pleasanton's population of more than 68,000 residents has also seen consistent problems with red light infractions over the past several years, prompting police leadership to examine new ways to stem this rise. Currently, the City of Pleasanton has installed the MOLE at eight intersections with the highest collision rates within the city.

Funded by the national Office of Traffic Safety, the MOLE was developed by Auspex Technologies as a hi-tech, low cost, portable traffic safety device that allows the officer to monitor all

directions in an intersection from anywhere around it. A transmitter control unit is directly wired to the signal light control box and a receiver, either through a handheld PDA or a computer running the MOLE's software. Once in range, the receiver automatically displays a map of the intersection, showing the exact status of the signal lights in all directions, and also indicates the street names. For less than the cost of one red light camera enforcing one direction at one intersection only, police departments can enforce red light violations at multiple intersections at one time.

After positioning themselves where they can clearly view the limit line, the MOLE allows officers to manually set the device to monitor traffic in the intersection going the direction they want to enforce. The officers can then direct their attention toward the intersection looking for violators. The receiver will either emit a voice prompt or an audible beeping signal when the light turns from green to yellow then from yellow to red. Once the officer is given the voice prompt or beep-

ing signal indicating the light is red, they will immediately be able to tell if a violator enters the intersection against a red light. The officer will be able to enter the roadway and pull over the red light violator.

Advanced technology is also trimming the response time to motorists and other cellular callers in need of assistance. Since January, the PPD has been working with the five major carriers in the region (AT&T, T-Mobile, Verizon, Sprint/Nextel and MetroPCS) to selectively route wireless calls directly to Pleasanton Police dispatchers.

In the past, wireless 911 calls were connected to the California Highway Patrol (CHP) where calls were screened, location of occurrence and/or emergency was determined, and then, if necessary, the calls were routed to the most appropriate public safety agency. Through cellular site sector routing, wireless calls may now be received by Pleasanton Police dispatchers, based upon jurisdictional boundaries. The CHP continues to receive most cellular calls originating from freeway corridors in Pleas-

anton and surrounding areas.

Today's technology assists in locating a cellular caller, who may not be able to communicate their whereabouts, or where assistance is needed.

PPD dispatchers respond to over 99% of incoming 911 calls within 10 seconds. Their response can be facilitated by 911 callers with a few simple tips: be familiar with your surroundings, stay on the line until told to hang up (you may need to be transferred to another agency), and call 911 only for immediate emergency assistance.

Residents Urged to Prepare for Heat Waves

Officials with the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) and the state California Department of Public Health (CDPH) recommended today that seniors, people with disabilities and other health conditions take steps now to prepare for the possibility of prolonged heat waves later this summer.

People with disabilities, seniors and others with health conditions were urged to review the signs and symptoms associated with heat stroke and heat exhaustion; arrange for a relative, friend or neighbor to check on them; arrange for transportation to a local cooling center; and replenish their water, prescription

medications and other emergency supplies.

They also suggested the creation of a cooler environment by making sure window air conditioners are installed snugly, making sure window air conditioners and air conditioning ducts are insulated properly, weather stripping doors and sills, and placing window reflectors made of cardboard and covered with aluminum foil between windows and drapes.

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Lisa Darter narrates the play.

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LPC to Stage Roman Poet's Comic Work

"Metamorphoses" the book will become "Metamorphoses" the play when Las Positas College produces a modern adaptation of the ancient Roman poet's long-lasting work.

Wendy Wisely is directing.

Performances will begin July 25, and run through Aug. 9. The show will be outdoors, at the fountain in front of the library.

The presentation is a stage version written in 2002 by Mary Zimmerman. The Northwestern University faculty member won a Tony award for her efforts in directing the Broadway performances.

Based on Ovid's transformation myths, the play mixes the ancient stories of pathos and tragedy with contemporary language, humor, and thought, all enacted in and around a large pool of water in the center of the stage. The story is described as, "the magical tales of love and lust, courage and the creation of the world order."

Zimmerman has also written plays whose subjects include "The Odyssey," "The Arabian Nights," the French author Marcel Proust, and the notebooks of Leonardo da Vinci.

Ovid's collection of stories center on Amor (or Cupid) becoming involved in the lives of the gods, with comic results. Especially contrasted is Amor's interference in the normally rational life of Apollo, the god of pure reason. Ovid's original work was a collection of his stories, with the last one published in 8 A.D.

Performance dates are July 25, 26, and Aug. 1, 2, 8, and 9 at the college, 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore. The show begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 general, \$7 for seniors and students and LPC faculty and staff.

Tickets are available at the LPC bookstore, or at Fine Fretted Friends in Livermore.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

San Francisco Shakespeare Festival uses a circus theme to tell the story of "The Comedy of Errors."

Review

S.F. Shakes' 3-Ring Circus

By Susan Steinberg

The circus has set up its tent in Pleasanton's Aquatic Park. No, wait . . . it's actually San Francisco Shakespeare Festival's new production, "The Comedy of Errors."

Shakespeare's dizzy farce is a hoot in itself, but given a riotous new staging in this year's travelling performance. Now in its 27th year of presenting free Shakespeare in the Bay Area's public parks, SF Shakes brings its zany production to the Valley for two more weekends through August 2.

A warm opening weekend brought out large crowds to laugh and clap through the nonstop fun-fest. Children especially enjoyed the juggling (including knives, and flaming torches), teens the tap and jerky dancing, adults the clever ad-libs, like, "Dromio, Dromio, wherefore art thou Dromio?"

And, everyone appreciated the rare pleasure of hearing the Bard's clearly enunciated lines. Even the convoluted puns and word-plays

were completely understandable, and unusual vocabulary was neatly "translated" in helpful asides.

Swordplay, pratfalls and burlesqued characters all seemed to fit in quite naturally with the circus theme, which at times more resembled "Beach Blanket Babylon." This critic's initial culture shock quickly gave way to wholehearted enjoyment of the hysterical shtick and great spirit of fun.

Only a Scrooge could fail to enjoy this light-hearted entertainment, which kept multi-generational family groups happily attentive for several hours. (When squirmy little boys pay rapt attention at a Shakespeare performance, you KNOW this company is really wonderful!)

How do they do it for free? Partly with the help of supportive donors, foundation grants, and arts commissions, plus the generous contributions of happy audiences after each show. After all, who wouldn't kick in at least the price of some movie tickets in appreciation for such a fine live performance

under the stars?

So pack a portable supper, or at least a few munchies, and bring a blanket or low chairs to Pleasanton's Amador Community Park, located on Black Avenue just off Santa Rita Road. The stage is just behind the swimming pool, with ample grass space to spread out and be comfortable.

If you haven't brushed up your Shakespeare lately, come early enough to picnic and read the cleverly illustrated plot synopsis in the program. Not that it really matters once the action starts, but it will certainly help you remember how it all happened (and answer the children's questions).

The price is right and the performers are amazing, so don't miss this very entertaining evening. The four remaining performances are Saturdays and Sundays, July 25 and 26, August 1 and 2, all at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call the Pleasanton Department of Parks and Community Services at 931-5340.

Modern Jazz Quartet Performs at Library

Modern jazz quartet *Night Harvest* will perform at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 26 at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue in Livermore. There is no charge for this event.

Night Harvest blends elements of Asian, Celtic, Gypsy, Zydeco, Brazilian and African music into virtuosic, improvisatory jazz creations. Their songs have been featured on KKSF, KPFA, A Prairie Home Companion, and NPR news.

Violinist/guitarist Jim Hurley has performed and recorded with Queen Ida's Grammy-winning Bon Temps Zydeco Band, Deep Purple guitarist Ritchie Blackmore, Dan Hicks, Al Stewart, the Trans-Siberian Orchestra (with Jon Anderson from Yes), Josh Groban, Smokey Robinson, Stanley Jordan, the Waybacks, Tempest, Ancient Future, and many other artists and ensembles. His TV credits include appearances on Saturday Night Live, and on CNN's Worldbeat and Showbiz Today. He has played at the New Orleans and Monterey jazz festivals, and for audiences in 15 countries. Jim teaches violin, guitar and more at his Open Strings Music Studio, in Livermore.

Guitarist Art Thompson, award-winning senior editor of *Guitar Player* magazine, house guest of Tom Petty, Prince, Steve Miller and Neil Young, brings an encyclopedic knowledge of his instrument and of jazz and international guitar styles. He has played on bills with Dick Dale, Gregg Allman, and The Stray



Cats. His specialty is the classic jazz guitar styles of Wes Montgomery and George Benson.

Bassist Paul Schimmelman is a third-generation jazz bassist, a veteran of the Chicago jazz scene, who studied with the legendary Rufus Reid. A descendant of kappellmeisters, his studio credits include the iconic "gravy train" TV commercial theme.

Drummer/percussionist Kelly Fasman is one of the busiest professionals around. She has performed with Kenny Loggins, The Moody Blues, Joan Baez, and Joan Rivers. House drummer for The American Musical Theatre of San Jose for 17 years, she also plays for Teatro Zinzanni, Broadway By the Bay, and Theatreworks. Kelly played with The Montclair Women's Big Band at the 2005 Grammy Awards, and toured and recorded with Musical Circus Fantasia in Japan and 'Dreamgirls' on the West Coast. She enjoys teaching 30 students in Pleasanton.

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

'Wizard of Oz' at Delucchi Park

The second of the Free Movies in the Park summer series hosted by the City of Pleasanton will screen on Thursday, July 23rd. "The Wizard of Oz" will be shown on a 26 foot screen at Delucchi Park on First Street in downtown Pleasanton. This legendary classic will be shown at twilight (approximately 8:30 p.m.).

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the 1929 classic, a musical fantasy complete with Munchkins, a talking scarecrow, and the Wicked Witch of the West.

The park will open to the public at 4:00 p.m. Seating will be cordoned off in sections with blanket seating in the front, low lawn chairs in the center, and camp chairs and other higher positioned seating in the rear, to accommodate for the best viewing. Viewers are welcome to bring their own food or take-out as long as they clean up after themselves. Extra trash receptacles will be strategically located around the park for this purpose.

Free popcorn will be provided by Thriving Ink.

For more information, please call the Parks and Community Services Department at (925) 931-5340.

LVO Season Tickets Are Available

Season tickets are now available for Livermore Valley Opera performances.

In October, LVO will stage Pagliacci & Cavalleria Rusticana followed by Die Fledermaus in March 2010.

Season tickets will be available through August 31. Season subscriptions represent an \$18 savings. They will be processed by the Bankhead Theater box office, 2400 First St., Livermore.

The box office does not sell season tickets subscriptions over the phone or online.

Cavalleria Rusticana (Rustic Chivalry) by Mascagni and Pagliacci (Clowns) by Leoncavallo are usually presented together. Both are examples of what verismo opera is - reflecting vignettes of life of ordinary people with their love, jealousy and violent, raw passion. They are sung in Italian with English Supertitles.

Die Fledermaus (The Bat) by Johann Strauss is considered the best of its kind, a musical comedy with sparkling solos and duets. The opera is sung in English with English Supertitles.

Brochures describing the season are available by calling LVO at 925-960-9210, or at the Bankhead Theater box office.

Correction:

The ticket price for the Livermore Valley Opera fund-raiser, Opera in the Vineyard, was incorrect in last week's Independent. Tickets are \$30 in advance, or \$35 at the door.

Livermore Valley Opera will host the event on August 2 at Retzlaff Vineyards in Livermore from 5 to 8 p.m. Featured performers will be soprano Olga Chernisheva, dramatic tenor Ben Bongers; harpists Lucy Liu, Betty Liu and Dominique Piana; and Chun Mei Wilson playing the piano. They will perform favorite arias and musicals.

The advance ticket price of \$30 includes a beverage of choice. The wines of Retzlaff Vineyards will be featured exclusively; other beverages and desserts will be for sale. Bring a blanket and light jacket as the evening can get chilly.

Retzlaff Vineyards is located at 1356 S. Livermore Ave. in Livermore. Tickets may be purchased at the Bankhead Theater Box Office, 2400 First St., Livermore, by calling 373-6800 or go to the webpage www.bankheadtheater.org.

'Cats' Features Local Performers

StarStruck Theatre embarks on its biggest challenge to date as they present the show that revolutionized musical theatre, CATS! Written by Tony Award winning composer, Andrew Lloyd Webber, this Broadway favorite will be presented at the Smith Center outdoor Amphitheatre at Ohlone College July 31st – August 15th, 2009.

The leading lady is Natalie Hawkins (Livermore resident) who plays Grizabella (see attached picture) along with other Livermore residents; Mungojerrie played by Justing Garrett, Rum Tum Tugger played by Benjamin Hall, and Pouncival played by Allison Meneley.

StarStruck Theatre's production features over 40 of the Bay Area's talented youth including Natalie Hawkins who was last seen as Belle in StarStruck's production of Beauty and the Beast. At the helm of this production is the StarStruck Artistic team which includes Founder/Director Lori Stokes, Director/Choreographer Jeanne Batacan-Harper, Music Director Nancy Godfrey and Choreographer Becky Perreti.

Based on T.S. Eliot's Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats, set to music by Andrew Lloyd



Benjamin Hall as Rum Tum Tugger and Drew Williams as Munkustrap in "Cats."

Webber, CATS won seven 1983 Tony Awards including Best Musical, Best Book of a Musical, Best Lighting and Best Costumes. CATS became one of the longest running musical on Broadway, having performed for 18 years.

Opening Night is Friday, July 31st continuing Saturday, Aug 1st, Thursdays thru Saturdays, Aug 6-8, and August 13-15. Performances will be held at Ohlone College Smith Center, Outdoor Amphitheatre, 43600 Mission Blvd. Fremont. Show starts at 8pm.

Reserved seating prices range from \$20-\$25. Purchase tickets by calling the StarStruck Box Office at (510) 659-1319, or on-line www.starstrucktheatre.org

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Ballet in the Park Performances Scheduled

Livermore School of Dance's Ballet Company will present Ballet in the Park on July 31 and August 1.

Le Tableau Magnifique will present free performances at Robertson Park on Friday, July 31 at 6 p.m. and Saturday, August 1 at 11 a.m. The performance will feature classical ballet, "Giselle," excerpts from "Carmen," and an encore performance of the Dark Waltz from Livermore School of Dance's May performance of "Beauty and the Beast."

Bring some chairs or a blanket and a picnic. Tickets will be sold for an opportunity to win raffle prizes donated by local Livermore businesses and parents of dancers.

Livermore School of Dance is located at 1635 Chestnut St., Livermore. For information, call 245-9322.

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Review

'Peter Pan' - A Grand Adventure

By Janet Armantrout

The little boy who wouldn't grow up is still capturing the imagination of those who haven't yet grown up, and those who have but enjoy a good story.

The Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre production that opened at the Bankhead Theater is a "grand adventure lived on the canvas of a child."

The musical, based on the timeless story by J.M. Barrie, comes to life in Neverland, a place populated with the stuff of imagination - fairies, the Lost Boys, Indians and Pirates.

Some of the well known songs from the play include "Never Never Land," "I Gotta Crow," and "I Won't Grow Up."

The Pirates were a favorite of the kids in the audience, with their

slapstick performances. Captain Hook (DC Scarpelli) himself is comically villainous, using theme music to help compose his dastardly deeds.

The play actually opens many years after the adventure takes place. A narrator is used to link the past and present. As he speaks the curtain fades and the colorful, clever scenes emerge one after the other: a Victorian nursery, Neverland, the underground home of the Lost Boys and a Pirate Ship.

The story begins in the nursery where the Darling children, Wendy (Lindsay Pearce), John (Ryker Johnson) and Michael (Aria Neiman), have gone to bed for the night. A small light, Tinkerbell, begins flickering around the nursery as if searching for something. Then, with a swoosh,

the bedroom windows open and Peter Pan (Chelsea Nenni) comes soaring through. This was one of those magical theatrical "ohh" moments that lets the audience know it is in for an evening of fun and fantasy.

Nenni is a convincing Peter Pan - cocky, playful, and determined to never grow up. "Age 2 is the beginning of the end," Peter declares.

Assisted by invisible wires, Peter flies with the greatest of ease in various scenes - fighting, singing, or leading the way to Neverland.

He convinces the Darling children to come back to Neverland with him, where Wendy would become the mother to the Lost Boys. They Darling children are excited about learning to fly and having an adventure.

Once in Neverland, Peter, the children, and the Lost Boys have run ins with the Indians, led by Tiger Lilly (Jenna Harris), and the Pirates. Eventually, the Indians and Lost Boys become allies. The production number, "Ugg-a-Wugg," is a foot stomping, drum beating number that cements the relationship.

During childhood there comes a moment when children decide it is time to "grow up." Such is the case with the Darling children and the Lost Boys, who want to go home. However, Peter Pan remains true to his mantra, "I Won't Grow Up."

The play ends with the promise that adventures are just waiting for children, perhaps even an adventure with Peter Pan and a visit to Neverland.

The entire cast was good. The costuming and sets added depth to the performance.

Peter Pan is directed by Eric Neiman and produced by Kathleen Breedveld.

Performances are 8 p.m. week-ends through August 2 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Saturdays, July 25 and Aug. 1, and 2 p.m. Sundays at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore..

Tickets may be purchased at the Bankhead Theater, online at www.livermoreperformingarts.org, or by calling 925-373-6800.



Chelsea Nenni soars as Peter Pan.

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Jenna Harris, as Tiger Lilly, leads the Indians (top photo); in the lower photo DC Scarpelli, as Captain Hook, discusses plans with Smee, played by Robert Sholty.



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Review

'Seagull' Soars at Concannon

By Susan Steinberg

My, what a difference a stage makes!

Chekhov's "The Seagull," performed by Livermore's Shakespeare's Associates, has been transferred from its single-weekend run at the Bankhead to Concannon Vineyard's outdoor stage, and has been completely transformed in the process.

Is it the new breadth of acting space, the marvelous multi-level stage areas, or the spacious unconfined surroundings? Perhaps all of the above, along with the natural ease developed by a repertory company, the longer in-depth rehearsals, plus the return of almost all the original cast to a familiar script.

Whatever the reason, the results are immediately obvious. The entire cast has an energy and vividness that is new and compelling. The air-spaces between characters virtually crackle with the electricity of their intense emotions. Their interactions seem spontaneous and true to life.

Actors who were wonderful at the Bankhead far surpass their original performances, making this a marvelous show to see or revisit. Up close and personal, the cast delivers all the passions of really desperate human beings. And they are all, even the most successful, desperate human beings.

Madame Arkadina, a famous actress of "a certain age," works constantly at keeping her looks, youthful figure, elegant dress and coiffure to convince the public (and herself) that she remains as young and attractive as any ingénue. She desperately holds on to a younger lover, flirts shamelessly with the local doctor, and even uses her womanly wiles on her vulnerable son Konstantin.

Michele Leavy, a stunning professional performer, teacher, and Actors Equity member, dominates the scene as Arkadina, with her exaggerated prima donna theatricality. Always "on stage", even in domestic conversations, she is quick to grab the spotlight, even at inappropriate moments. Her son has merely to say, "Mother...", and she is instantly declaiming Queen Gertrude's speech from "Hamlet," then smiling prettily and curtsying to her family's applause.

In one amazing display of acting, she succeeds in recapturing her straying lover with a particularly bravura performance,

ranging from hysterical despair to calculated flattery and ingratiating adoration. What male could resist such skillful manipulation?

Certainly not her lover, the celebrated writer Trigorin, who seems the epitome of success, but confesses his deep unhappiness. A driven man, he reveals that "I have no rest from myself" and is "obsessed with writing day and night." But, as he sadly admits, "I've never liked myself and I don't like my work."

Discouraged by failed attempts to portray life's "important realities," he has fallen back into the comfortable role of a "popular author," skilled at using catchy descriptive phrases the public loves. As he bitterly observes, he will be remembered in death, as in life, as merely a "charming, clever writer," but "no Tolstoy or Turgenev." Popular company regular Michael Wayne Rice is clearly more comfortably expansive and expressive in his new interpretation, especially in delivering his introspective monologues.

Arkadina's son Konstantin (Kostya) is also a driven man, probably like the young Trigorin (and Chekhov himself). Struggling to find his own voice, he is desperate to rise above the popular banalities of current theater and prose. But, like any aspiring author, he is still unsure of himself and his talent, yearning for his mother's approval, and the love of his muse, the enchanting young neighbor Nina.

His idealistic vision is on a collision course with reality. The hopelessly adolescent muddle of his first play merely annoys his mother, who ridicules it as "decadent rubbish" compared to the melodramas in which she stars. Nina cannot understand his obscure symbolism, complaining that his script has no single living person, and that "every play should have a love interest."

Like a young Russian Hamlet, Kostya sees his mother devoting her love to a man he scorns as unworthy, and his dear Nina distracted by mad passion for the same man. His own future seems doomed to literary obscurity or pandering to the public for success, like the despised Trigorin.

Returning to the role, Michael Abts brings new depth and nuance to this tortured young man. Scenes with his mother ring with the truth of their ambivalent relationship,

flashing from their painful appeals for love to the vicious verbal knifing only intimate relatives can use against each other.

Nina also is pursuing an idealistic dream of becoming an actress, idolizing Arkadina, who seems to epitomize theatrical success, and enthralled by the attentions of the great man Trigorin. To her simple heart, they both seem like rare superior beings, and she is shocked to find that they actually "cry, fish, play cards, laugh, and get angry like everyone else."

Bouncing breathlessly onto the stage, Hannah Knapp is a totally new Nina: radiant, effervescent, and bursting with youthful enthusiasm for her first acting appearance in Kostya's play. She is truly a breath of fresh air in Arkadina's

family, and for the audience, as enchanting as Titania, the Fairy Queen she plays in "Midsummer Night's Dream."

Her performance is also richer in depth and fine detail. Watch her stilted amateurish declamation of Kostya's densely obscure script; her hesitant shyness on being introduced to Trigorin, and wide-eyed desperation to say just the right words to him; the giddiness at recognizing his interest in her.

Her final tragic mad-scene is as pitiful as Ophelia's, and the power of her acting, unlike Arkadina's theatrical histrionics, obviously comes from her wounded soul. She may be relegated forever to a depressing string of second-rate provincial playhouses, but her

real-life personal drama would win Nina honors at the famous Moscow Art Theater!

Another lovelorn female is Masha, the estate steward's daughter. Played again with consummate pathos by Elissa Beth Stebbins, she sets up her gloomy outlook in a few devastating lines. Asked why she always wears black, she replies, "I'm in mourning for my life. I am unhappy."

Nursing a hopeless love for Kostya, who regards her as a nuisance, she has taken to drinking heavily. Realizing that her only escape option is a loveless marriage to her devoted but dull suitor Medvedenko, the local schoolmaster, she vows to "tear this love out of my heart by its roots."

After two years of marriage and the birth of a child, she still has found no peace, and is even more dismissive and curt to her poor husband. Desperately she hopes for his promised transfer to another district, where she can forget Kostya, and once again vows to tear her love out "by the roots." Alas, her chances of regaining any equilibrium, much less finding happiness, seem slim to none.

Masha's mother Polina is also a certifiably desperate housewife, despising her stolid husband, and longing for a permanent union with her lover Dorn, the local doctor. Consumed with jealousy over his attentions to Arkadina, she is by turns a hectoring nag, a coaxing siren, and finally a pathetic beggar for his exclusive love.

Realizing that this is impossible, she is reduced to pleading that at least he spend time with other women where she cannot see him. Once again, Eleanor Mason Reinholdt (the feisty Helena in "Dream") wrings our hearts with sympathy for her middle-aged misery.

Her husband Shamrayev, the estate manager, is certainly no romantic prize. Played by newcomer Timothy Anton Ackerman, he is totally focused on the responsibilities of his job, occasionally lapsing into nostalgic memories of past theatrical experiences, and lamenting, "The theater's not what it used to be."

Masha's spouse Medvedenko is similarly unimaginative, obsessed only with the inadequacy of his salary to support his family, and his unrequited love for Masha. Joseph Salazar, a new cast addition, makes

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The Seagull outdoors at Concannon Vineyard with the Ellen Rowe Concannon House as Sorin's Estate Home. Pictured are Michele Leavy, Nikolai Lokteff, and Elissa Beth Stebbins. Costumes are by Joanne Martin.

Vine Cinema Now Offers Independent Films

The Vine Cinema in Livermore is now the Valley's only movie theatre exclusively showing independent films.

Kenny Way, general manager of the Vine Cinema, "For years our patrons have urged us to play these types independent films, and now we are finally able to satisfy those who hunger for these amazing films. Our goal is to play these films at the same time as they are being shown in Pleasant Hill or Berkeley, hence saving people a lot of time and money."

In addition to the policy change to Independent films, the Vine

Cinema has a new menu, which includes specialty drinks that you will not find at other movie theatres. Italian Cream Soda's, Iced Coffees and Root Beer floats are available at the concession stand, along with new food items like polish dogs, supreme nachos and gourmet deserts. Also, the Vine Cinema has applied for a beer and wine license and plans to be serving Livermore Valley wine and microbrews in the near future.

Independent and art films are smaller budget films than commercial Hollywood movies. Independent films are focused around the

true facets of film making such as writing, acting and directing, rather than special effects or loud sounds. This difference is a key reason why the Academy almost exclusively picks independent films for their key categories in the Academy Awards®.

The Vine Cinema is showing *Away We Go* and *Cheri* this week

Away We Go is a new movie from Sam Mendes, director of Academy Award winner *American Beauty*. It explores the comedic twists and emotional turns in one couple's journey across contemporary America. Longtime couple

Burt and Verona are going to have a baby. The pregnancy progresses smoothly, but six months in, the pair is put off and put out by the cavalierly delivered news from Burt's parents. It seems they are moving out of Colorado, thereby eliminating the expectant couple's main reason for living there. The couple then embarks on an ambitious itinerary to reconnect with old friends and family, and has an amazing journey along the way. This "dramedy" (comedy & drama) is rated R for language and minor sexual content.

Cheri is described as a dramatic comedy set in late 19th Century

France, during the Belle Epoque, a period of social and cultural excess in European upper classes which ended only as the First World War erupted. The son of a courtesan retreats into a fantasy world after being forced to end his relationship with the older woman who educated him in the ways of love. Tastefully sexy and sensual, sad and lovely and funny all at once, a film to capture awards and hearts worldwide.

Prices are \$9.50 for adults and \$7.00 for matinee, children and senior tickets.

For more information visit www.VineCinema.com or call Kenny Way at (925) 447-2545.

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the poor colorless man genuinely pitiable, despite his tiresomely repetitive complaints. Asked if he's even sure that the world is round, his frustration finally explodes with painful impact, "When there's no food on the table, it doesn't matter whether it's round or flat! Leave me alone, please."

Only Dr. Dorn, the middle-aged local lothario, seems to have the best of all possible worlds, with all the women at his beck and call, and no cumbersome permanent ties to any of them. Once again inhabiting this role to perfection, Nikolai Lokteff brings an enhanced sense of world-weariness to the doctor's cheerful public persona, as he admits he's led an entertaining but somewhat shallow life of physical pleasures. New, at 50, he regrets never having done anything creative to look back on with satisfaction in his soul.

A sincere admirer of Kostya's new ideas, he tries to encourage the boy to persevere, just as he attempts to soothe, comfort, and redirect the other troubled souls, to help them fulfill their lives better than he has done himself. How terribly sad that his efforts seem useless!

Finally, there is old State Councilor Sorin, Arkadina's elder brother. Once a respected officer of the Courts, he is now unhappily retired to his country estate, "like a broken clock on a shelf," purposeless, bored, and fussy. Veteran actor, theater professor, and director William J. Wolak is irresistibly delightful as the crotchety senior, yet another character miserably frustrated at never having achieved his two life goals: becoming a writer, or getting married.

Fearful of increasing debility and the prospect of death, he is

exasperated at Dr. Dorn's failure to provide treatment for his aging body. Scorning the doctor's soothing platitudes about dying after a good life, he rages, "You can talk! You've lived your life. But what about me? I've served 28 years in the law courts, but I haven't begun to live yet, haven't experienced anything, damn it! You've had your fill, so you can philosophize, but I want to live!"

It's a rare privilege and an education in consummate theatrical professionalism to observe every detail of Wolak's fine-tuned performance. Don't pass up this opportunity!

Those who missed the show at the Bankhead now have a chance to enjoy this seminal classic in its brilliant new ensemble performance. And those who think they've already seen it should think again. A richer, deeper theatrical presentation reveals new insights and increases an apprecia-

tion of Chekhov's masterful grasp of human character.

"The Seagull" plays in repertory with Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" through Sunday, August 9, at 7:30 PM Thursdays through Sundays. The inviting grounds of Concannon Vineyard are open for pre-curtain picnics starting at 6 p.m. (Please note that state law prohibits visitors from bringing outside wines on site, but that drinks, and snacks are available in the Tasting Room.)

It's a picture-perfect outdoor setting for summer theater, with hot coffee available at intermission, and warm blankets to rent (or buy) if the night gets chilly. (Best to come already prepared with jackets.)

Reserve tickets at (925) 443-2273 (NO EXTRA PHONE FEE!) or at www.livermoreshakes.org before these hit shows sell out. It will be a long wait for next summer's festival.

Tickets Available for Livermore's Taste of Downtown

Livermore Downtown Inc. presents the "Taste of Downtown; Explore the More!" a food and wine stroll through downtown Livermore on August 8 and 9 from 1 to 5 p.m.

Over thirty downtown stores and restaurants will serve food or local wine and more. There will also be live music at the Flag Pole Plaza, Livermore Plaza and Blacksmith Square. Visitors can take a free horse drawn carriage ride.

Purchase the official "Taste of Downtown" passport and wine glass in order to sip and sample at the various locations.

Passports are available for \$30 if purchased by August 7th. Passports will also be available for \$35 the day of the event, while supplies last. During the event, passports can be purchased at Lizzie Fountain on the corner of First Street and Livermore Avenue.

2009 Livermore Downtown Club Card holders receive a special Passport rate of \$25 pre-sale and \$30 day-of.

Those who already have an official 2009 Downtown Livermore Wine Glass, can purchase passports for \$20 pre-sale and \$25 day-of!

Food tasting only passports are available for \$20 the day of event.

For event information please call Livermore Downtown Inc. at (925) 373-1795.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

ART EXHIBITS

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

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

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

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

Pleasanton Art League Museum on Main Exhibit, July 30-September 13, 2009, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton. Reception will be Sunday, August 22, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Museum hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., plus evenings on First Wednesdays. Information is being sent to members via e-mail. For more information, contact Carole Hilton at 925-443-3849.

Livermore Art Association Art in Carnegie Park, August 1, 2155 3rd St., Livermore. Art displays, demonstrations and sales. Free admission.

WINERY EVENTS

Rodrigue Molyneux Winery, Cookie Lee Jewelry Sale, July 25, 3 to 5 PM. Free wine tasting and appetizers to anyone who shops. Drawings. Bring a friend and receive a gift. 3053 Marina Ave., Livermore, www.rmwinery.com or 447-4280.

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

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

Winemaker, Marr cellars and Miramont Estate Vineyards. RSVP recommended. 925-606-9463.

MUSIC/CONCERTS

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

Concerts in the Park, Pleasanton Downtown Association. The concerts are at Lions Wayside Park, corner of First and Neal Streets. Concerts are 7 to 8:30 p.m. La Ventana, July 24. The Houserockers, July 31. The Cocktail Monkeys, August 7. Finding Stella, August 14. Magic Moments, August 21. D-Lucca, August 28. Public Eye, Sept. 4. For more information, visit www.pleasantondowntown.net.

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

The Magic of the Harp, Local harpist Dominique Piana, assisted by her students Lucy and Betty Liu perform at the Pleasanton Library on Thurs., July 23 at 7 p.m. This will be a program exploring the history and the different effects and moods produced by the harp. The program is free and open to all. No registration required. For information, call 931-3411.

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

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

Celtic World Music duo Chris Waltz and Lee White, perform concert at Unitarian Universalist Church, 1893 North Vasco Road, Livermore on Sunday, August 2 at 3 p.m.. They perform vocals in a variety of languages, including Irish/Scottish Gaelic, Spanish, Latin, Ladino, and English, are accompanied by guitar, fiddle, Irish flute and whistle. Parking is free. Admission is by donation at the door. Refreshments will be served.

The Saddle Cats, concert Aug. 2, 2 p.m. Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Free. www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library

Opera in the Vineyard, Aug. 2, fund-raiser for Livermore Valley Opera, 5 to 8 p.m. at Retzlaff Vineyards, 1356 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. Features principal singers from its most recent production. Bring a picnic. \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door. 925-960-9210

Dublin Concert Series, August 7, LAVA,

Latin Jazz, cha-cha-cha, Latin Rock, Latin Funk and Salsa. Free. Dublin Civic Center in the Fountain Plaza. 7 to 9 p.m. 556-4500 or www.ci.dublin.ca.us.

The Crooked Jades, Aug. 16, 3 p.m. Livermore Library concert, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Free admission. www.ci.livermore.ca.us. Part of Arts and Authors series.

John Palowitch, jazz performer, Pleasanton Library, Aug. 16, 2 p.m. 400 Old Bernal Ave. Free. www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library.

Vintage Brass Quintet, concert Aug. 30, 2 p.m. Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Free. www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library

ON THE STAGE

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

The Comedy of Errors, City of Pleasanton Civic Arts will host San Francisco Shakespeare Festival's Free Shakespeare in the Park production weekends at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday evenings through August 2, at Amador Valley Community Park, 4301 Black Avenue, corner of Black Avenue and Santa Rita Road, in Pleasanton. The production will be a colorful carnival, a circus-inspired mixture of juggling, slapstick, and visual and verbal puns for maximum madness and romance. Admission is free. For more information, call the Department of Parks & Community Services at (925) 931-5340.

Peter Pan, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre (formerly Pleasanton Playhouse), Mainstage Musical, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. July 24, 25, 26, 31; Aug. 1, 2. Fri. and Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. Buy 1 adult ticket, and receive 1 children's ticket (age 12 and under) for free. 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

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

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

The Taming of the Shrew, Performed by Woman's Will. August 1 at 6 p.m., Centennial Park, Pleasanton. www.womanswill.org/shrew. Free admission. 931-3456 for information.

My Fair Lady, Lerner & Loewe musical presented by Lamplighters Music Theater. Sat., Aug. 29, 2 and 8 p.m. and Sun., Aug. 30 at 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets \$33, \$37, \$43. 925-373-6800, www.bankheadtheater.org.

DANCE

Dance & Fashion Extravaganza-Reachout-Now (USA) Inc., fundraising event at Amador Theater, 1155 Santa

Rita Road, Pleasanton on Sunday July 26, at 4:30 p.m. (seating at 4:00 p.m.) Multi-cultural dances like Bollywood, Persian, Zumba, Fusion, Bhangra and many more dances will be performed. A fashion show featuring sarees, Indian outfits, East and West combination will be featured. Entertainment for the whole family. Refreshments will be sold. Visit www.reachout-nowusa.org Tickets adults \$20, \$15 & \$10. Kids/Students between ages 4 -21 \$10. For tickets by online at www.reachout-nowusa.org or call Pranita at 925-931-9966 or e-mail at p.ramanan101@gmail.com

Ballet in the Park, Livermore School of Dance's Ballet Company on July 31 and August 1. Le Tableau Magnifique, free, Robertson Park Friday, July 31 at 6 p.m. and Saturday, August 1 at 11 a.m. The performance will feature classical ballet, "Giselle," excerpts from "Carmen," and an encore performance of the Dark Waltz from Livermore School of Dance's May performance of "Beauty and the Beast." Tickets will be sold for an opportunity to win raffle prizes donated by local Livermore businesses and parents of dancers. Livermore School of Dance is located at 1635 Chestnut St., Livermore. For information, call 245-9322.

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

MOVIES

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

contact the City of Pleasanton Parks and Community Services Department at (925) 931-5340.

Wente Vineyards Summer Cinema Series: concludes Monday, August 10: Mama Mia! (Sing-along). Movies complimentary. Three dining options prior available (fee). Venue seating opens at 6:30 p.m.. Each feature will commence at twilight on The Terrace Lawn. Reservations for The Restaurant can be made on-line at http://www.wentevineyards.com/restaurant/ or by calling (925) 456-2450.

Gong Show Night, The California Independent Film Festival will hold its first ever Gong Show Night on Aug 19, at 7 PM at the Vine Cinema. Come and join the fun and festivities of the evening as audience will decide the fate of several movies. The mantra will be "if you don't like the movie, gong it." Admission Price is \$8. Tickets can be purchased at the Vine Cinema in downtown Livermore.

AUDITIONS/VOLUNTEERS

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



Woodminster Summer Musicals presents "Singin' In the Rain" as the second show of their 43rd season in Joaquin Miller Park. L to R, Darren Fuller as Don Lockwood, Joy Sherratt as Kathy Seldon, and Carl Danielsen as Cosmo Brown. The show will be performed in Woodminster Amphitheater (3300 Joaquin Miller Road, Oakland) on August 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, and 16 at 8 p.m. Tickets are available through www.woodminster.com, or by calling 510-531-9597, or through Ticketweb.com.

Celtic World Music Duo to Perform

Celtic World Music duo Chris Waltz and Lee White will perform at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Livermore, located at 1893 North Vasco Road, Sunday, August 2 at 3 p.m..

Waltz and White perform an eclectic blend of original, traditional and contemporary Celtic, Folk, Spanish-Sephardic, Flamenco, Klezmer, and Gypsy music. Vocals in a variety of languages, including Irish/Scottish Gaelic, Spanish, Latin, Ladino, and English, are accompanied by guitar, fiddle, Irish flute and whistle.

The duo's arrangements have a strong contemporary feel, yet remain grounded in the ancient roots of Irish and Scottish folk music. Waltz's original compositions evoke mystical feelings of ancient Celtic landscapes and break new ground in the Celtic/World Music realm by combining music in a Middle Eastern style with lyrics in Irish/Gaelic.

White is considered to be one of the finest performers of traditional Irish/Scottish music in North America today. Along with her powerful yet soft style of fiddle playing, she truly is one of the young talents to be watching. With an early background in classical violin and a five-year stint as a soprano in the San Francisco Girls' Chorus, White delved into



Chris Waltz and Lee White

Celtic music at the age of fourteen. In May of 2008, she toured Ireland with her previous band, *Drowsy Maggie*, playing fiddle with "Banjo Man" Stacy Samuels, accordionist Dorcus Mouton,

and guitarist Jean White. White occasionally performs as a fill-in member with the San Francisco Bay Area Celtic Band, *Golden Bough*, and is majoring in music at San Francisco State University.

Waltz studied at the Pease Conservatory of Music and Sacramento City College. In 2006, *Riverdance* accepted Waltz as a lead singer for the show; however, later that year, the show reverted to its original production with no male soloist parts, eliminating his role. A chorus member with the Sacramento Opera during the 2007 - 2008 season, Waltz has also performed on stage with the Celtic group from Ireland, *Dervish*, and with virtuoso Celtic composer/bouzouki player Roger Landes and folksinger/songwriter Tish Hinajosa. One of few male Gaelic singers found today, and considered by fans to be the Celtic equivalent of Andrea Bocelli, Waltz brings out the more sensual, romantic side of Celtic music while preserving the integrity of its traditional roots.

According to Ellie Blair of *Celtic & Beyond* on KTAO Radio, "Waltz & White are a stellar act with a powerful, evocative, elegant stage presentation and presence. They're one of the up and coming Celtic groups of this age, integrating the world music sounds in the same style as Loreena McKennitt."

Parking is free. Admission is by donation at the door. Refreshments will be served.

MISCELLANEOUS

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Scene on the Strait 2009, fine art and environmental festival Aug. 8 and 9, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Aug. 8 and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 9. Jazz trio, fine food and refreshments, native plant sale. Parking and admission free. Martinez Regional Shoreline in Martinez. 510-787-9772 or www.SceneOnTheStrait.org.

Taste of Downtown, food and wine stroll, Aug. 8 and 9, downtown Livermore, 1 to 5 p.m. Purchase passport at www.LivermoreDowntown.com. 373-1795.

Emerald Cities: Arts of Siam and Burma 1775-1950, San Francisco Asian Art Museum docent led slide show and talk. Aug. 9, 2 p.m. Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Free. www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library

Ravenswood Ice Cream Social, August 9, noon - 4:00 p.m. Tours, music, etc. No admission charge. Ravenswood Historical Site, 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore.

History talk, Wed., Aug. 19, 7:30 p.m. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Presented by Livermore Heritage Guild. "Making a Star," historical film produced by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory describes the machines built to produce fusion energy. Light refreshments.

Tao House lecture, presented by Greg Bacigalupi of the National Park Service will present a lecture on Eugene O'Neill's home located in Danville from 7 - 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 20 at Lynnwood Methodist Church, 4444 Black Avenue, Pleasanton. The lecture is part of the Ed Kinney Lecture Series of the Museum on Main Street, Pleasanton. No reservations are necessary. Admission is \$5 for museum members, \$10 for non-members, \$5 for teachers with valid ID and \$3 for students with valid ID. Memberships will be available for purchase that night. Contact (925) 462-2766 or visit www.museumonmain.org.

Jennifer Robin, author of "Growing More Beautiful An Artful Approach to Personal Style," Aug. 23, 2 p.m. Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Free. www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library

Nafisa Haji, author of *The Writing on My Forehead*, talk Aug. 23, 2 p.m. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Arts and Authors series. Free. www.ci.livermore.ca.us



Alviso Adobe, watercolor by Charlotte Severin

PAL Artists Display Work in 'Imagination Expressed'

The Pleasanton Art League show, "Imagination Expressed 2009," will open on July 31 and run through September 13 at the Museum on Main Street, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton. Artwork will be available for sale.

A reception open to the public will be held from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, August 2. Refreshments will be served. There is no charge.

Over the course of the exhibit, PAL members will present several demonstrations and workshops. Weekday programs will take place from 9:30-11:30 a.m. between Wednesday and Friday, and weekend programs from 2-4 p.m. on Saturdays and/or Sundays. Check the museum website for details.

Museum hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, 1-4 p.m.

Participating artists include Susan Blake; photography; Nancy Briemle, baskets & textiles; Judi Caplan, watercolor; Rhonda Chase, jewelry, ceramics & mixed media; Clancy Crew, mixed media; Patricia Crew, watercolor; Anne Emery, watercolor & dimensional textiles; Louise Gibler, oil; Lawrence Gipson, sculpture & watermedia; Sally Haig, acrylic; Glenyse Henschel, oil; Kathleen Hill, oil; Carole Hilton, photography; Angela Johal, oil; Gina Kaiper, oil; Bonnie Krichbaum, watercolor & pastel; Tricia Poulos-Leonard, watermedia; Amy Leung, oil; Mary Lloyd, oil; Dorothy Maestas, watercolor; Claudette McDermott, oil; Kent Moore, sculpture; Bonnie Rathjen, fabric collage tapestry; Gail Ruvalcaba, ceramic & natural materials; Linda Jeffery Sailors, watercolor; Charlotte Severin, watercolor; Pat Smith, watercolor; James Stone, photography; Kelly Stone, photography; Justin Trent, photography; Alka Vaidya, watercolor; Norma Webb, oil; Lily Xu, watercolor & mixed media; and Eugenia Zobel, porcelain.

For more information call Carole Hilton, (925) 443-3849 or Charlotte Severin (925) 846-6382, Pleasanton Art League, or the Museum on Main at (925) 462-2766.

Livermore to Host 'Christmas in July'

Downtown Livermore merchants will host Christmas in July Friday, July 24 from 5 p.m. - 9 p.m., Saturday, July 25 & Sunday, July 26th from 1 p.m.-9 p.m.

Festivities will include ice skating, holiday treats, holiday music, pre-holiday shopping, appearances by Santa and other special guests, holiday crafts, ornaments, prizes and giveaways.

The summer skating rink will be located on J Street between First Street & Second Street. Fee is \$5 for 1/2 hour of skating. Skates are included in the price and are available at the rink (or you can bring your own).

Look for the Summer Tube Wreaths in front of participating downtown businesses for special Christmas in July deals.

For more information, please contact Livermore Downtown Inc. at 925-373-1795

The Mario Pedrozzi Scholarship Foundation Aims to Provide Scholarships for All

By Patricia Koning

In just two years, the Mario Pedrozzi Scholarship Foundation has given away \$730,000 in college and vocational education scholarships to 138 students. Despite these impressive numbers, the Pedrozzi Foundation's board of directors is aiming much higher—to provide a scholarship to every eligible student who applies.

"We would like to be able to fund a two-year community college education for any student graduating from a high school in Livermore with at least a C average," says Paula Orrell.

Based on numbers in the class of 2007 and a scholarship of \$2,000, this would require a total endowment of \$36 million; currently the Pedrozzi Foundation endowment is at \$6 million. "We are a long way away, but the vision is doable. We just want people to do what Mario did—put it in their estate plan, even just 1%. It will add up," she explains. "We want every student to know that college is a possibility from the moment they enter kindergarten."

On Thursday, July 16, the Pedrozzi Foundation announced this vision at a ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate the Foundation joining the Livermore Chamber of Commerce. The event was attended by members of the Pedrozzi Foundation board, representatives from the Livermore Chamber of Commerce and from the Livermore School District, Superintendent Brenda Miller, assistant superintendents Kelly Bowers and Mike Martinez, and board members Anne White, Chuck Rogge, and Stewart Gary.

"We discovered we can't really rely on the market to grow our original bequest. That was a hard lesson we learned last year," said Pedrozzi Foundation trustee Steve Bell. "So we are proud today to begin accepting our first private contributions." Orrell added that the Pedrozzi Foundation will match any donation of \$1,000 to provide a community college scholarship. "This will immediately increase the number of students we can touch every year," she said.

Ten Pedrozzi Foundation Scholarship recipients also attended the event, including four Marquis Scholarships winners who spoke about their experience. Marquis Scholarships are given to four-year college

students for a maximum of \$5,000 annually for up to four years. Applicants must have a 3.7 grade point average.

William Springer, a freshman at UC San Diego studying neuroscience and physiology, said that receiving the scholarship makes him feel like he's representing Livermore everywhere he goes. For Shire Beach, a 2009 Granada High School graduate who will attend Stanford University in the fall, the scholarship has given her the luxury of focusing on her academic goals instead of worrying about money.

Mario Pedrozzi lived a quiet but very successful life. Born in 1908 in Lugano, Switzerland, he immigrated to the United States at the age of 18. He owned and operated the Valley Food Center and Livermore Hotel. Pedrozzi also was on the city council from 1962 through 1965, serving as vice mayor during his final year.

When he died in 2002, his will stipulated that most of his estate be used to establish the Mario Pedrozzi Scholarship Foundation to provide college scholarships to graduates of Livermore high schools as well as graduates of Alameda County high schools attending St. Patrick's Seminary and University in Menlo Park.

While the size of his estate was a surprise to many, it wasn't to those who knew him well. "He was very humble and frugal," says his friend and business partner Gene Hale. "He worked seven days a week, and when he died he still owned the only three cars he'd ever bought. He never had a credit card; he didn't even know how to use one. With Mario, it was strictly cash and carry."

Hale recalls that Mario conducted business with a handshake. Foreign visitors to the Livermore Hotel would tell him they'd be back in a year, and he'd save a room. He loved to garden, but he never bought fertilizer. Instead he collected iron shavings from the machine shop that shared the Valley Food Center's building.

"Mario told me what he wanted to do with his estate before he died and I encouraged him to get the Foundation started, so he could see the impact, but he didn't want to do it that way," says Hale. "He really supported education as a way to get ahead and maintain your place in society."

Back in the 1960's, the mayor was not an



Pictured at the opening are (top) Elyse Cargo, Mark Larik, William Springer, Candice Evenson; (bottom) Rebecca Knight, Amanda Johnston, Dhanya Madhusudan, Holly Christensen, Shire Beach, Jennifer Whitney

elected position. Instead, it rotated among the city council members, who each held the post for one year. But Hale says that when it was Mario's turn to become mayor, the rules changed because he was foreign and had limited education.

While he may have lacked in formal education, Mario had plenty of smarts—he spoke five or six languages and perfected the art of door-to-door campaigning. He even showed up at city events to hand out balloons to children—balloons with his name on them.

The Pedrozzi Foundation distributes four types scholarships to graduates of Livermore high schools: for community college, a maximum of \$1,000 annually for up to two years; for four-year college, including transfer students, a maximum of \$2,500 annually for up to four years, except for Marquis Scholarships; for post-graduate school, a maximum of \$5,000 annually for up to two years; and for vocational school, up to \$2,500 annually for up to two years.

The St. Patrick's Seminary & University

award pays a maximum of \$10,000 annually for up to four years.

Candice Evenson, a 2009 graduate of Livermore High School headed to Las Positas College, said her scholarship of \$1,000 over two years will be a huge help. "The scholarship takes care of the present," she explained. "I can concentrate on what I'm studying and plan for the future."

To date, about 25% of all applicants have received scholarships. Nearly all of the vocational applicants have been funded because the number of requests in that category is lower.

Mario Pedrozzi Scholarships are entirely merit based and are not limited to recent high school graduates—anyone who ever graduated from a high school in Livermore can apply. Orrell says the applicants have been mostly high school seniors, but expects more diversity in age as the word gets out.

For more information, visit www.pedrozzi-foundation.org. Applications for the 2010 school year will be on the website in January and will be due in mid-March.

Milestones

Community

Lab Researchers Earn Eight R&D Awards

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory researchers received eight awards among the top 100 industrial innovations worldwide in 2008, representing advanced technologies with commercial potential.

These are the most awards the Laboratory has ever won in the annual R&D 100 competition.

The eight technologies recognized by the trade journal R&D Magazine were developed by seven teams of LLNL scientists and engineers - and one solo LLNL researcher. They worked with six universities, six industrial firms, four other national labs, one medical institute, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the Defense Threat Reduction Agency.

The winning of an R&D 100 award, often dubbed the "Oscars of invention," provides a mark of excellence known to industry, government and academia and represents one of the most innovative ideas of the year.

This year's R&D 100 awards will be presented Nov. 12 during a black-tie dinner at the SeaWorld Conference Center in Orlando, Fla.

With this year's results, the Laboratory has now captured a total of 129 R&D 100 awards since 1978.

This year's R&D 100 awards could prove helpful in homeland security, assist in locating land mines, improve sight for blind people and bolster fusion energy research, among other benefits.

- Working with the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, a team of LLNL scientists and engineers has developed GeMini - a portable gamma-ray spectrometer based on germanium technology. The instrument is so small that it fits in the palm of a hand, and this spectrometer is outfitted with an innovative low-powered, miniature cooling mechanism. GeMini

was launched on NASA's Mercury MESSENGER spacecraft and is now taking the first-ever gamma-ray data of the planet Mercury. GeMini also can be used to help prevent terrorists from smuggling nuclear materials into the country.

- The Land Mine Locator is a humanitarian aerial land mine detection system designed to lower the time and cost of demining operations, and vastly improve the safety to personnel and equipment. The locator is equipped with an array of ultra-wideband radar sensors and sophisticated subsurface tomography algorithms, both developed by LLNL, that provide exceptional quality subsurface images. These technologies are combined with Hystar, a revolutionary aerial vehicle with unique flight capabilities that permit remote, reusable and safe operation for sensor platforms. This work is performed in collaboration with First Alliance Technologies LLC of San Ramon, Calif. and Hystar Aerospace Corp. of Vancouver, Canada.

- LLNL has assisted in the development of the first long-term retinal prosthesis - called an "artificial retina" - that can function for years inside the harsh biological environment of the eye. This work has been done in collaboration with four national laboratories (Argonne, Los Alamos, Oak Ridge and Sandia), four universities (the California Institute of Technology, the Doheny Eye Institute at USC, North Carolina State University and the University of California, Santa Cruz), an industrial partner (Second Sight® Medical Products Inc. of Sylmar, Calif.) and the U.S. Department of Energy.

- LLNL researchers have developed the fiber-optic-based FemtoScope, a time microscope that can be attached to the front end of any conventional recording

instrument, such as an oscilloscope or streak camera. The FemtoScope can dramatically improve the performance of these traditional recording devices in the same way a high-performance lens improves a camera's output.

- Many of today's research lasers have multiple colors (bandwidth) added to their pulses to prevent laser damage. Damage occurs when seed pulses with incorrect bandwidth are amplified trillions of times, which can push laser materials beyond their physical limits. Spectral Sentry is an advanced technology developed by LLNL scientists and engineers to protect critical laser systems from pulses that contain incorrect bandwidth for amplification. The device inspects each individual laser pulse, which is traveling at the speed of light (186,000 miles per second), and then determines if the pulse meets the bandwidth requirements to avoid self-destruction during amplification. Spectral Sentry can stop the same speed-of-light pulse it just measured from further amplification, thereby avoiding potential laser damage.

- In computations, compilers are software applications, consisting of millions of lines of computer code that convert source code into binary code. Unfortunately, most compilers do not support source-to-source changes, so improvements to the source code can only be made manually. ROSE, a compiler infrastructure developed by LLNL computer scientists, radically changes the accessibility of compiler technologies, allowing access to average software developers and scientists. ROSE enables users to build their own tools, including defect detection tools to uncover undetected bugs, code optimization tools to maximize program performance and program transformation tools that allow users to easily develop

programs for today's fast changing hardware platform.

- LLNL scientists and engineers have developed the precision robotic assembly machine to manufacture the small and complex laser-driven fusion ignition targets for the world's largest and most energetic laser, the National Ignition Facility. The machine can manipulate millimeter-scale components with 100-nanometer precision in an operating arena the size of a sugar cube, and has a work volume the size of a shoe box. The machine can be used to build other complex miniature machines. This work was performed in collaboration with General Atomics of San Diego, Calif.; Indicate Technologies Inc. of Santa Clara, Calif.; and Aerotech Inc. of Pittsburgh, Penn.

- To ensure that a laser beam is properly aligned - and goes where

it should - information is needed about two points along the beam. The first point, known as centering, determines if the beam is centered in its path, while the second, known as pointing, determines if the beam is going in the right direction to accurately hit the target. A Lab physicist has developed the Laser Beam Centering and Pointing System.

This system does the work of two sensors by using a special dual-imaging lens, which acts like a bifocal, to capture both images simultaneously and combine them into one. Because the system combines two alignment sensors into one, it cuts the cost of alignment components in half and saves space. It has no moving parts and provides huge advantages in stability and repeatability over conventional alignment systems.

Military

Air Force Reserve Airman Kayla M. Manthey graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. She is the daughter of Scott Manthey of Graham, Wash., and granddaughter of Joan Jones of Livermore. Manthey is a 2005 graduate of Livermore High School.

Education

Student News: Livermore resident and local student Victoria Rao has successfully completed the Freedom Alliance Military Leadership Academy. The Academy is a unique summer camp based on the curriculum of the U.S. Army. In its ninth year, the Academy introduces cadets to positive role models, teaches them leadership skills, and tests their resolve through rigorous mental and physical challenges.

The two-week Academy couples an intense leadership training environment with challenging and educational experiences like a tour of the Aviation Logistics School and simulators at Fort Eustis, a Leadership Reaction Course, and land navigation and fire team tactics. These exercises help instill in the cadets the core values of the Academy - Selfless Service, Courage, Teamwork, Integrity, Dependability, Responsibility, and Respect. The cadets also visit historical sites, such as the monuments in Washington, D.C., to maximize lessons on selfless service and celebrating America's achievements.

For more information please visit www.MLAcamp.com or www.Freedom-Alliance.org.

BULLETIN BOARD

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

NIA. Saturday July 25th, 7-8:15 p.m. A dance class that blends rhythmic tribal dance with martial arts and yoga. Come try it out at the Cosmic Dog Yoga Studio, Livermore. It's a workout, so bring a towel and some water. \$15. 1923 Second Street, (925) 456-9642.

Tri-Valley United Democratic Campaign's Annual Summer BBQ. Sun., Aug. 16, noon to 3 p.m. Pleasanton Sports Park, group picnic area, 5800 Parkside Dr., Pleasanton. Meet the Democratic candidates for Congressional District 10 before the Sept. 1 primary. Catered by Armadillo Willy's. Info & reservations @ www.tvudc.org/events.php

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., July 25, 25 miles Feather Pedals ride, leisurely ride from Pleasanton to Sunol and back, meet 8 a.m. at Crank-2, Karin Ball, 408-406-2286. Sat., July 25, 38 miles from San Ramon to Livermore Airport, meet 9 a.m. at Central Park, Heidi Fraser, 451-1430. Wed., July 30, 30 miles from Pleasanton to Castro Valley, meet 9 a.m. at Shannon Center in Dublin, Elaine Nadeau, 577-6586. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group, meets Tues., July 28, 10 a.m. at Heritage Estates Retirement Community second floor conference room, 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. All are welcome. Information: Lorene Stack, 447-6158, or Ann Laye, 443-4098.

East Bay LBD & Other Dementias Caregivers Support Group. Caregivers and family of loved ones suffering from Lewy Body Dementia as well as Alzheimer's and Vascular Dementias are invited to join the group, newly formed and meeting in Livermore. Meets twice monthly at the Livermore Public Library and Robert Livermore Community Center. Both monthly meetings are held from 7:15 p.m. to 9 p.m. Information and a schedule of meeting dates please contact the group facilitator: Karen Jenkins 925-325-0544 kjenkins@rsac.com

Pleasanton/Tulancingo Sister City Organization BBQ. Sat., Aug. 8, 5:30 to 11 p.m. Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, Ivy Glen BBQ area. 4501 Pleasanton Ave. Tri-tip with all the trimmings. KGO's Gary Hansen, MC; music and dancing, live and silent auctions, no-host bar. \$30 per person. Tickets available at Chamber of Commerce, Peters Ave. or Downtown Association on Main in Pleasanton.

Bingo, every Sunday, Games 4 p.m. to 8

p.m. 18 \$250 pay-outs, 1 \$350 payout, & more! Bingo Ranch, 3070 Pacific Avenue, Livermore. 606-7777. Must be 18 years old to attend.

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

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

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

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

California's First People--From Mission on into The Future. Imagine if you lived in the same place and in the same way for hundreds if not thousands of years, and then it all changed. This program will focus on the experiences of California's first people after contact with Europeans and the missions, what life was like for them in the 19th Century to present times. A California native speaker will comment on the program as it goes along. Sat., July 25 9:30 to 11:30 AM, Code 46726. Alviso Adobe Community Park, Old Foothill Road, Pleasanton. Sponsored by Pleasanton Parks & Community Services. \$20 residents or \$23 nonresidents. Instructor: Patricia Belding.

Enroll by FAX (925) 484-5078 or online at <http://online.activecommunities.com/pleasanton> or walk in office.

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

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

RELIGION

Grief support, meetings 2nd and 4th Thursday, 7:30 p.m. August 13 and 27 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. Open to all, regardless of religious orientation. Call Mary at 846-5377 with questions.

The Ministerial Roles of Women, series Out of the Shadows, Into the Light presented by Betty Levin, sessions are a part of her thesis work, focusing on women's roles in the church. July 30: The Early Church; Aug. 6: Phoebe the Deaconess; Aug. 13: Women's Ministry Today. Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m. St. Charles Church, 1315 Lomas Ave., Livermore. Information, contact Julie Gallagher, Lifelong Learning Coordinator, upcatholic@aol.com or 447-4549 ext. 114.

Summer Prayer/Meditation Circle - 60 minutes of prayer, meditation, song, and sharing. Tues. evenings, 7-9 pm, Tri-Valley Unity Church, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Rm. 120, Dublin. (925) 829-2733.

Extreme Adventure at Asbury United Methodist Church's Vacation Bible School (VBS) in Livermore: Camp Edge runs from July 27th to July 31st 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Cost is \$10 per child or \$25 per family (financial aid is available). Forms at the church office or online at AsburyLive.org. Call 447-1950 ext 5 with questions.

Rummage Sale, Victory Baptist Church, annual "Missions Christmas in July" Rummage Sale on Sat., July 25, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Clothing, furniture, books, small appliances, knick-knacks and more. 2346 Walnut St. Livermore.

Tri-Valley Unity Church, meets at 2260 Camino Ramon, San Ramon, for Sunday services. Guest speaker Stephanie Seigh will speak on "The Neutral Zone: A Time of Transition" at the July 26, 10 a.m. All are welcome. Ongoing classes and groups available. (925) 829-2733, www.trivalleyunity.com

Program Aimed at Girls Ages 12 to 15

Building self-esteem and confidence while providing a place to meet new friends is the mission of VIBE, a program for girls ages 12 to 15. Started by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District in January, VIBE offers fun-filled activities throughout the year.

The VIBE program aims to eliminate peer pressure and provide a comfortable environment for girls in the same age group. Participants can use the program as an outlet for a place to just be themselves while learning new and fun things.

Going on this summer and continuing into fall, LARPD is featuring VIBE Nights. Activities will include craft projects, game nights, guest speakers and more. Each session will offer something different. Summer VIBE Nights are held from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Elbow Room at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444

East Ave., Livermore. Upcoming dates are July 30 and Aug. 13.

Fall VIBE nights will have the theme of an artists studio and will be held Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17. These fall drop-in VIBE nights are free and will be held at the Carnegie Building downtown Livermore.

Additional VIBE nights for the fall will be held at the Community Center from 6 to 8 p.m. on Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5 and Dec. 3 and will feature activities such as karaoke, baking and movies. Advance registration is requested for these activities, which are \$5.

A summer day trip will feature Beach Day with a trip to Capitola. Pack a lunch and spend a day at the beach. Beach Day will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11. The cost of this all-day trip is \$20. Fall excursions will include roller skating and indoor rock climbing, plus Outer Space and Ice Cream from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 12. This trip to the Chabot Space and Science Center and Fenton's Creamery in Oakland is \$25.

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

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