

Art, Community, & Education



Rip-Roaring Event Revisits 'Wild West' Pleasanton

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

LLNL Is Major Player on Gulf Clean-up Team

Some of the expertise being tapped by the federal government and BP to fight the Gulf oil leak has come from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL).

Up to about 80 lab employees have joined with Sandia and Los Alamos scientists to review data and suggest ideas for stopping the flow.

Bruce Warner, Associate Director at LLNL, has

Lizzie Fountain Dedication Part of Christmas in July

The official celebration of the Lizzie Fountain Spray Ground is set for this Sat., July 31. It will take place at 11 a.m. at the fountain.

Cher Wollard, the City of Livermore Poet Laureate has prepared a poem in response to the "Who is Lizzie?" question.

Mayor Marshall Kamena will lead a countdown for the fountain to be turned on.

Festivities to celebrate Christmas in July are also planned. There will be water slides on J Street, between First and Second Street, and at the downtown fountains.

A Christmas Tree lane will be all set up along First Street marking those locations with special deals and activities for our Christmas In July Celebration. Look for Santa in his shorts and sandals. For more information, go to our website at www.livermoredowntown.com.

Christmas Tree Lane will be 4 to 9 p.m. on Fri., July 30 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. The Christmas in July Water Play Day will be Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Livermore Market In Running to Be Named 'Favorite'

The Livermore Farmers' Market is one of the contestants in the 2010 America's Favorite Farmers' Markets contest hosted each year by American Farmland Trust.

American Farmland Trust (AFT) has opened the voting to select "America's Favorite Farmers' Markets" at www.farmland.org/vote. The online contest is a nationwide challenge to see which of America's farmers' markets can rally the most support from their communities. At the end of the contest on August 31st, one large, medium, small, and boutique sized farmers' market will win the title of "America's Favorite Farmers' Market" for 2010. The reward for the winning markets will be a promotional package including free printing and design services, a shipment of No Farms No Food® tote bags, and more to support their role bringing farmers, food and the community together.

Farmers' markets are considered a vital link between local farms and their supporting com-

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'Innovation' Theme of Business Conference

Business and civic leaders joined elected officials and representatives of the national labs last week to learn about plans to bring more innovative jobs and projects to the Tri Valley.

The plans include creating a formal organization called Innovation Tri-Valley, with staff and a formal non-profit business structure like that of a chamber of commerce.

An audience of more than 300, gathered at Casa Real at Ruby Hill in Pleasanton, was

informed that the Tri-Valley already has some 800 technology companies and is the headquarters of 11 of the East Bay's 50 biggest companies.

Marty Beard, president of Dublin's Sybase 365, told the group that the region hosts an exceptionally creative and diverse workforce that can provide technological leadership to the nation if its resources can work together and be recognized as another Silicon Valley.

Per capita, he said, the Tri-

Valley already houses nearly 20 times the national average of "gazelles" – the name for the economy's fastest growing companies.

Now it needs particularly to be "branded" – to have a name that is easily recognized, like Silicon Valley. Ironically, Sybase itself, headquartered in Dublin, was widely labeled a Silicon Valley company when it was acquired recently by SAP, a German software firm.

Last week's Ruby Hill meet-

ing was the second regional innovation forum in a process that began two years ago at a Livermore Chamber of Commerce meeting. Then, Sybase CEO John Chen argued that the U.S. must follow its strengths in innovation if it is to prosper, and that protectionism is self-defeating.

With Sybase and several other organizations, the Livermore Chamber explored ways to turn this idea into business reality, leading to the 2009 Innovation forum, held in Livermore.

Last week's conference was the follow-on, organized in Pleasanton partly to symbolize the importance of bringing the entire Tri-Valley region into the process.

All five Tri-Valley cities – Dublin, Danville, Livermore, Pleasanton and San Ramon – are engaged in the joint effort to attract innovative industry to the area, according to Dale Kaye, executive director of the Livermore Chamber.

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A colorful display attracted one of the visitors attending the annual Art Under the Oaks. For more photos, see page 2.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

City to Study LARPD Merger

The Livermore City Council was unanimous in its support of moving forward with a study to merge the city and the park district.

The study would be conducted in phases. The first would be a feasibility study estimated to cost \$25,000. The study would look at the potential benefits and opportunities.

The goal would be to determine whether combining the city and the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) would result in more money for parks and recreation. Currently, the state takes almost \$7 million in property taxes from LARPD as part of ERAF (Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund). The money represents about 48% of the district's budget. The city loses less than 25 percent of its funding to ERAF.

Scott Kamena, a member of the LARPD board, had asked the city to look into the possibilities. He was speaking for himself, not the board.

At Monday's council meeting, City Attorney John Pomidor suggested that the two government agencies could create a situation where the shift of funds would focus on the city. This could save potentially over \$6 million a year. "It does appear very likely that if the district combined with the city, we would see significant property tax savings," he stated.

Pomidor suggested several options. One would be to make LARPD a subsidiary district. It

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Housing Cap to Go Away

Pleasanton Lawsuit Settlement Draws Praise

A tentative lawsuit settlement agreement approved last week by the Pleasanton City Council will remove the housing cap from the general plan.

Both the attorney general's office and local business interests lauded the settlement agreement.

A final vote on the settlement will take place at the August 17 council meeting.

Matt Sullivan was absent from

last week's council meeting.

The voter-approved 29,000 unit housing cap was challenged in a lawsuit filed by Urban Habitat and Public Advocates. The claim was that the cap prevented Pleasanton from providing its fair share of affordable housing. The State Attorney General's office joined the lawsuit, arguing that Pleasanton growth policies resulted in workers having to live elsewhere and drive long

distances to jobs in Pleasanton, adding to pollution.

The lawsuit also claimed that Pleasanton's growth policies discriminated against families in favor of senior housing. The lawsuit also noted that rezonings of three properties in Hacienda Business Park were illusory, because no development would take place until a task force had completed a plan for the properties.

In March, the court threw out the cap and ordered the city to remove all references from its general plan. The court also ordered Pleasanton to stop issuing permits for nonresidential growth, expansions or remodels.

Rather than appeal the decision, the city entered into negotiations with Urban Habitat and their representatives from

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Principal Chris Van Schaack Moves to District Office

By Patricia Koning

Last month Chris Van Schaack, who has been principal of Granada High School since 2004, became the executive director of student services for the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. The move represents one of several recent personnel changes due to retirements and Kelly Bowers becoming superintendent. Bob See retired as executive director of student services at the end of the 2009/10 school year.

"It's been a long-term goal of mine to move to the District office. When Bob's position became open, it seemed like a good fit and a great opportunity," says Van Schaack. "I was very happy at Granada and am sad to leave that school."

He's looking forward to working with all of the schools in the

District in his new position. Van Schaack joined the Livermore School District in 1994 as a vice principal at Granada after having worked as a teacher and coach in Fremont. In the 2003/04 school year, he served as principal of Arroyo Seco Elementary School and returned to Granada as principal the following year.

"I will miss the daily interactions with students," says Van Schaack. "That is such an important part of being an educator. It's what gives me my energy. Visiting school sites will be a priority for me in this new role."

Philomena Rambo, a vice principal at Granada for the past four years, will step into Van Schaack's shoes and become the school's new principal. She joined Granada as an English teacher in the spring of 2005

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A full moon added a glow to the hills of the valley.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

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Pet of the Week

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Livermore To Ban Use of Styrofoam at Restaurants

A ban on the use of styrofoam in restaurants will go into effect July 1, 2011 in Livermore.

Restaurants would be required to use recyclable or compostable alternatives.

The city council voted 4 to 1 Monday to proceed with the citywide ban. Jeff Williams voted "no." He explained that although he supports the ban, now is not the time to add additional cost to operate a restaurant.

Councilmember Marj Leider had proposed the ban. She stated, "I think staff did a wonderful job. I think the phased in plan will work well. I've been wanting to do this for some time."

Councilmember John Marchand pointed out that if restaurants were to use recyclables and compostables, they would save money on garbage service. There is a 50 percent discount available, he stated.

Fast food places use the most styrofoam. Restaurants generally provide styrofoam take-out containers, according to staff.

Brandon Cardwell, the city's recycling and diversion director, estimated it would add \$2000 to \$3000 per year in cost.

Judy Erlandson, who is in charge of waste management for the city, estimated it would add 5 cents to 10 cents to the price of a meal for to-go containers.

The ban will be phased in. After the ordinance has been in effect for one year, enforcement would begin with warning notices and progress to citations and gradually to fines.

About nine of approximately 50 restaurants in the downtown are still using styrofoam in some form. At least 20 percent of the 110 food establishments citywide would be impacted by the ban. The July 1, 2011 effective date would provide time for businesses to exhaust existing supplies of styrofoam ware. Prior to the start of the ban, staff will educate impacted businesses and offer incentives for early adoption and innovation.

Vendors could seek an exemption from the ordinance if they could demonstrate that compliance would cause undue hardship. For example, a particular food service ware is essential to a business and only available in styrofoam.

Business incentives would include local media profiles. The city would use recycling funds to profile the business. It would include a description of the business' success story in complying with the ban. The city would also provide window stickers to restaurants who comply early with the ordinance. Finally, radio advertising would talk about the ban.



Photos - Doug Jorgensen
Art Under the Oaks provided an opportunity to view fine art (above right) and to create works of art (left). Pictured is Josh Eichenberger. The annual event is presented by the Livermore Art Association at Alden Lane Nursery. The day includes displays, entertainment, food and wine.

CLEAN-UP

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overall direction of the effort. It is being coordinated by Rob Sharpe, Deputy Associate Director for Science and Technology in Engineering.

Many of the scientists have been in Houston at a special center, and have rotated in and out of there to come back home. They look at BP's plans, question assumptions, and help BP to see possible problems, said Warner.

The Houston team takes part in what is called reach back, which means they are reaching back to people at LLNL to work on the various problems. Houston and Livermore are in touch with each other by phone and teleconferencing several times each day of the week.

One unique contribution has been to bring certain diagnostic methods to bear that typically are not used by industry, said Warner.

Sharpe added that the team was able to conduct some pioneering work on the blowout recovery. For the first time, a gamma ray system providing images of the blow-out preventer was used in such deep water 5000 feet below sea level. The gamma ray detector is a variation on X-ray devices.

The gamma ray system was developed by the Los Alamos laboratory and GE, said Sharpe.

Solving the capping problem has presented "challenging fundamental scientific problems,"

explained Sharpe. One challenge involves understanding the hydrocarbon chemistry in this kind of flowing situation.

"It's not completely understood. People have some level of understanding. This accident, really graphically demonstrated things we know," said Sharpe.

Many Lab scientists showed their sense of public spirit by volunteering to join the team, whenever they could offer some ideas. Sharpe noted, "One of the differentiating attitudes among those who seek a career at a public lab is that spirit that a national incident like this brings out in the staff."

Warner said that people at LLNL "thrive on relevance. We do it through out normal work. It's easy to understand why they go through these rotations to help in a significant environmental and economic crisis."

The experience is also "a good team builder for us. It's a drawing card for people to come to LLNL. We've been able to supply our knowledge to something never contemplated. It stretches the staff, and broadens our people's experience base," Warner stated.

More work remains in the Gulf, as BP gears up for the next big operation, which is finishing the Top Kill cap operation, and making sure that the relief wells are functioning properly.

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Study Says America Needs Cyber Threat Policy

America needs a clear set of priorities to evaluate and thwart potential threats to the United States cyber domain, according to a report by Georgetown's Institute for Law, Science and Global Security in conjunction with the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

The report, titled "Reboot: Defining Paths to Cyber Policy, Law and Technology Solutions," aims to establish a roadmap to expand research and amplify the

national dialogue on cybersecurity issues.

"The Reboot report adds a fresh perspective to the debate over how best to secure cyberspace, addressing the emerging challenges related to policy, technology and law," said Catherine Lotrionte, associate director of the Institute for Law, Science and Global Security.

"Georgetown looks forward to working with our partners in government, industry and the

national labs to achieve the goals set out in this report.

Through such relationships the goal is to stimulate open, public analysis and discussion of cyber strategy." Lotrionte is also a visiting professor of foreign service and government at Georgetown University.

The report recommends establishing appropriate roles and responsibilities for dealing with issues on national and local levels, and ensuring that current

Internet users, as well as future generations, act responsibly to protect themselves and others from cyber attacks.

As numerous studies, reports and public discussions have articulated over the past several years, there is an increasing awareness and recognition that given the relative "lawless" nature of cyberspace, governments must step up to the challenge of more closely partnering with the private sector, which essentially owns the network.

This past March, Georgetown and Lawrence Livermore hosted a workshop to debate these issues and collaborate in developing innovative solutions to current and future challenges in cyberspace. The workshop capitalized on the talent and experience of participants in the areas of policy, law, technology and private industry.

"Our Reboot report is a key milestone for our overall cyber research activity at Lawrence Livermore," said Wes Spain, program director and focus area leader for Livermore's research efforts in cybersecurity.

"In the cybersecurity domain, the policy, legal and technical issues are so inextricably linked that it is absolutely essential that decision making — particularly at the national level — is fully informed by synthesized input from the three. Our partnership with Georgetown's expertise in policy and law enables our research to have a much more meaningful impact nationally."

VALLEY ROUNDUP

DSRSD Raises Rates

The Board of Directors of Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) voted unanimously to close a shortfall in its wastewater operations budget by raising rates by \$39.78 per year for residential wastewater customers in Dublin and south San Ramon.

If the maximum Temporary Infrastructure Charge becomes the actual Temporary Infrastructure Charge later this year or early next year, residential customers could pay up to \$30 every two months instead of \$18.

In a separate action, the DSRSD Board voted unanimously to authorize a potential increase in the Temporary Infrastructure Charge paid by water customers in Dublin and Dougherty Valley. Later this year or in early 2011, the Board will determine if the charge needs to change after restructuring two variable rate loans into a fixed rate bond. Board members cited the need to demonstrate that DSRSD has the ability to pay its debt in order to receive favorable financing terms and thus lower long term debt service costs.

Five people spoke against each proposal and asked the Board instead to decrease costs and look for other sources of revenue.

DSRSD has decreased operating expenses by \$4.3 million and reduced staffing levels by 17.5 percent since fiscal year 2009, implemented furloughs, deferred cost-of-living increases, suspended or eliminated several employee benefit programs, and shared costs of medical and pension benefits with employees and retirees. It also has deferred all but essential capital improvement projects and capital outlays and examined many of its business practices by acting on more than 75 ideas suggested by employees and Board members. At the meeting, Operations Manager Dan Gallagher cited an example: buying chemicals jointly with seven other public agencies reduced the cost of sodium hypochlorite (a form of bleach used to disinfect treated wastewater and recycled water) by 24.5 percent, saving DSRSD \$48,000 in the coming year.

DSRSD received 55 letters opposing the wastewater rate increase and 67 opposing the potential increase in the Temporary Infrastructure Charge.

"It's appalling that we have to do this. We've promised that developers would pay for growth but we never imagined that the financial world would collapse," said Director Georgean Vonheeder-Leopold. "Now we need to get in a financial position to improve our bond rating from BBB. This has not been easy, but we still have to step up to the plate and pay our debts."

The wastewater rate change will be phased in, with two-thirds of the increase taking effect January 1, 2011 and the remainder on July 1, 2011.

For details on how the rate increase impacts all customer groups visit http://www.dsrpd.com/your_water_services/proposedrates.html.

Tim Barry Elected President

Livermore Area Recreation and Park District General Manager Tim Barry was elected president of the Alameda County Special Districts Association (ACSDA) at its meeting on July 14.

The ACSDA is a chapter of the California Spe-

cial Districts Association. The chapter celebrated its 20th anniversary this year and was awarded Chapter of the Year in 2009. The association's 17 member and three associate member districts provide the residents of Alameda County with services such as water, fire protection, recreation and parks, sanitation services, open space, vector control and more.

The ACSDA has several objectives: to further the interests of member districts; to inform the public about the purpose and benefits of local special district government; to act as a local forum of member districts for discussion and consideration of special district issues and to establish positions on such issues; to establish a communication network among member districts and other governmental agencies; to carry out projects and programs that are of joint interest and mutual benefit to member districts; and to make recommendations to the Board of Directors of the CSDA.

Tim Barry has served as ACSDA vice president and treasurer since 2008. He replaces Doug Siden, who was president for the past 10 years. ACSDA meetings are held bi-monthly from 8 to 10 a.m. and are hosted by member districts on a rotating basis.

Mobility Workshop

The Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) and its Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee (PAPCO) are holding the Seventh Annual Senior and Disabled Mobility Workshop on Fri., July 30 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the MTC Auditorium in Oakland. The workshop continues ongoing efforts in the county and region to better coordinate transportation services for seniors and people with disabilities. It also lays the groundwork for mobility management efforts that will connect consumers with the range of transportation options available in their communities.

The workshop will feature a speaking program and a lunchtime resource fair, concluding with a facilitated working session focused on moving coordination efforts forward in Alameda County. While this session will emphasize Alameda County issues and efforts, attendees from outside the county are welcome to join in the conversation. Presenters include federal United We Ride Ambassador David Cyra and speakers from ACTIA, PAPCO, Nelson\Nygaard Consulting and others.

The MTC Auditorium is located at 101 Eighth Street, Oakland, near Lake Merritt BART. For more information regarding the Annual Workshop and to RSVP, contact Alameda County Paratransit Coordinator Naomi Armenta at (510) 267-6118 or narmenta@actia2022.com. For transit information, visit www.511.org.

Correction

In the July 8 issue of the Independent, in the story "Livermore Teen Tyler Heppie Advocates for his Sister in Washington, DC," Tyler and Tara's names were listed incorrectly. Their correct names are Tyler and Tara Goodearly, not Tyler and Tara Heppie.

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Solar Energy Leader

The City of Livermore has received recognition as a Bay Area leader in photovoltaic (PV) solar panel installations.

The honors came from the Northern California Solar Energy Association at their annual city/county awards ceremony, held at the Intersolar North American Convention last week in San Francisco.

Over the past three years, Livermore had the greatest number of total watts in the PV systems installed among medium-sized cities in the Bay Area. Livermore also won second place awards in three categories, including total watts per capita.

Livermore residences and businesses have installed more than 230 solar panel systems over the past three years.

The City of Livermore has made its own contribution, a 75-kilowatt PV system installed on city hall in 2004 — one of the first city halls to add solar power. The solar panels supply city hall with approximately 13% of its annual electricity.

These installations have been promoted through the Solar Cities Program, which offers education about solar power technology and financing to homeowners and businesses in Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin.

Representing Livermore at the awards ceremony, building department official Stephan Kiefer said the awards are “a direct reflection” of the community’s commitment to solar energy.

That reflection is certain to grow. When it comes to solar energy, Livermore really shines.

Community Garden

The newly founded nonprofit Livermore Fourth Street Community Garden Inc., in partnership with the City of Livermore, has converted a downtown vacant lot into a community garden. Not only vegetables are growing, but a sense of community is getting a boost, too.

The city-owned lot is located on Fourth Street across from Livermore High. The first raised beds were installed on May 15. Twenty-five persons are now farming there, growing tomatoes, squash, eggplant and peppers, all organically. A water efficient drip system supplies the irrigation.

Joanne Abey, co-founder of the garden, says the garden is bringing people together. “I’ve met so many wonderful people getting this project going. It’s fantastic to see the community really rallying together,” she says.

The garden is a great addition to downtown. May its life there be long and bountiful.

INNOVATION

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A key outgrowth of work to date has been research leading to a report, called Innovation Potential in the Tri Valley, that identifies what needs to be accomplished “to create an environment that attracts and sustains the next generation of talented entrepreneurs and ultimately creates high value-added jobs,” in the words of Sybase president Beard.

Some signs were already encouraging because steps are already underway — independent of the Innovation program’s efforts — to encourage the growth of high tech industry locally. For one, east of Livermore, Sandia and Lawrence Livermore Lab began moving ahead with plans to open a campus on Greenville Road that would allow easy access for industrial and academic partnering, including technology transfer programs.

For another, Livermore was chosen earlier this year to be one of six California I-GATE hubs. I-GATE stands for Innovation for Green Advanced Transportation Excellence. The selection recognized the existence of two national labs and cooperative efforts with high tech business and local cities.

Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan, who has encouraged the growth of high tech industry in her district by pushing legislation such as tax credits for research and development, is particularly enthusiastic about the potential role of technology coming out of the national labs. They are “a tremendous resource, not just nationally, but locally,” she said.

Other examples are the growth of private high tech firms, like Bridgelux, which moved to Livermore to take advantage of

available office and manufacturing space as well as a highly educated employee base.

Livermore Chamber director Dale Kaye has been one of the key figures pushing development of Innovation Tri-Valley. She believes an appealing idea has now matured to the point where it can begin to stand on its own as a practical organization.

“Besides, we all have day jobs,” she jokes in reference to the many volunteer hours spent on the effort to date.

Goals for the coming months include securing funding, setting up a formal non-profit organization with an executive director and staff, and finding a office location.

They also involve the creation of industrial “clusters” to focus interest in innovation, and not only in the obvious fields like electronics and bio-tech. Other clusters are likely to be in retail, education, and food and beverage including viticulture.

The report also calls for cultural innovation. Among the proposed actions would be to advocate for a resort hotel and regional venue to bring in world class entertainment. Another idea would be to create a unique, region-wide cultural event that draws wide attention.

Education was a part of the cultural innovation section. One proposal was to help facilitate a connection between regional universities, community colleges and businesses to develop regionally relevant academic programs.

A full report on Innovation Tri-Valley and its findings and plans to date is online at <http://www.innovationtrivalley.org/index.php/downloads>

Zone 7 Looking at Meeting Long-term Water Need

By Ron McNicoll

With water supply shortages projected for droughts in the years beyond 2015, Zone 7 Water Agency is updating its water supply master plan.

Zone 7 associate civil engineer Brad Ledesma presented a progress report on the agency’s study to the Zone 7 board at its meeting July 21.

The study’s main goal is to assure the wholesaler’s four customers — the Valley’s water retailers — that there will be enough water supply in the future. To accomplish that, staff is looking at projected demand versus supply. This will then set the stage for coming up with long-term solutions that can guarantee adequate supply all of the time.

Zone 7 for many years has actively pursued sufficient water supply for the future. However, in the past two years, new considerations have emerged.

Court rulings concerning endangered species in the Delta, which conveys 80 percent of Zone 7’s water, have resulted in cutbacks of water supply at specific times. Zone 7’s storage ability has offset the problem so far.

However, the Valley’s population increase coupled with the diminishing reliability of future supply

will require new solutions.

Also, no one can predict what kind of fix will be decided upon in the Delta. Zone 7 must be prepared for any eventuality.

Climate change is also expected to have its impact on the water supply in the form of longer, more severe droughts. There will also be less buildup of the Sierra snow pack, which is a water storage element for Zone 7 and the other 28 contractors in the State Water Project.

Zone 7’s current water supply looks adequate up to 2015, even if the supply dips by 10 percent below projections. That projection is a conservative estimate, because it does not include any possible water conservation measures to counteract a dip in the supply.

Zone 7 and the retailers have not instituted mandatory water rationing. However, the retailers have reported savings through voluntary conservation, ranging from single digits to as much as 16 percent. The retailers are Livermore, Pleasanton, DSRSD and California Water Service.

It’s only after 2015 that a shortfall occurs in the supply, again with no water conservation assumed. There is about a 3 percent chance that demand up

to 2020 would exceed the long-term supply. There is a 1 percent chance that the supply before 2020 would fall short by 10 to 15 percent.

Looking ahead to 2030 greatly increases the chances of shortage. There is a 35 percent chance that there will be a shortage of supply, whether major or minor. There is a 15 percent chance that the shortage would be major, that is, in the range of 10 to 15 percent of what is needed.

Zone 7 staff has been meeting with the retailers to explore various components of solutions for the problem. A list of supply options has been almost completed. Then the staff will review the supply options and also look at them in regard to cost effectiveness and water quality. A final report is expected to be ready for the board in December.

MACHAEVICH SEATED; GRECI IS PRESIDENT

On another item, the board underwent reorganization, as it does every July. New member A.J. Machaevich, who was elected in June, was seated as the replacement for Steve Kalthoff, who retired. Re-elected directors Sarah Palmer, Bill Stevens and John Greci were sworn in for

their new terms.

A retirement ceremony was held for Kalthoff prior to the board meeting in June. At the meeting last week, board members approved a formal resolution honoring Kalthoff’s 16 years’ service.

Greci, who had been board vice president, was elevated to president by unanimous vote of the board, with director Chris Moore absent. Sandy Figuers was chosen as vice president.

The meeting marked the first one attended by Zone 7’s new counsel, Ren Nosky. He works for Downey Brand, a firm of 140 attorneys, with offices in Stockton and Sacramento.

The firm was chosen by the board at its meeting June 30, after interviewing representatives from four firms. Amy Naamani, the agency’s in-house counsel, left the agency in March. General manager Jill Duerig recommended that she be replaced by a part-time contractor.

Downey Brand specializes in water and flood control issues, and has been counsel for many water agencies. The firm also has experience in labor and employment issues and LAFCO annexations.

LARPD

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would be a separate legal entity, much like the redevelopment agency. The city council would act as the ex officio board of directors. The one issue that could prevent this type of merger is the requirement that 70 percent of the park district must lie within the city boundaries. The park district encompasses a much larger area than the city.

A second option would be to merge the park district into the city. The same 70 percent issue comes into play with this option, said Pomidor.

A third idea would be to dissolve the park district. Its responsibilities, assets and liabilities would be assigned to other agencies by LAFCO. The final suggestion by Pomidor would be to detach the area within the city from the park district and place it under the jurisdiction of the city. That would create a park district for the city. District areas outside the area would likely be placed under the jurisdiction of the East Bay Regional Park District.

Any of the options, said Pomidor, would require a very long and detailed process to accom-

plish. There is also a cost.

Assistant City Manager Troy Brown said the cost could go as high as \$250,000. If the feasibility study were positive, the city could proceed to phase two, which would look at the cost benefits of a specific option. The estimated pricetag is \$50,000 to \$100,000 for the study. Phase three, full implementation of a merger would cost between \$100,000 and \$130,000.

Brown noted there is no money available. The city can provide the \$25,000 for the feasibility study. If future expenditures were needed, it would be necessary to cut spending elsewhere.

Mayor Marshall Kamena commented, “The potential money gained would result in more services for the district and the general fund. I would like to have the cooperation of the park district on the study.”

Councilmember Doug Horner stated, “I am very intrigued with the idea that we could accrue \$5 to \$6 million more for parks, trails and other facilities that residents have expressed a desire to have. We could build soccer fields, a

new park and other facilities. It makes sense to see if there are flaws in the proposal. I don’t see why we would not proceed with the feasibility study.”

Councilmember Jeff Williams willing to agree to spending the \$25,000 on the feasibility study. He explained that he has seen no interest on the part of the public in such a merger. Williams was also concerned about pursuing the merger against the wishes of the LARPD board. “The board is downright hostile,” he noted.

Councilmember John Marchand said while the council had not heard from the public on the merger, it has heard from the public when the district closes down facilities and/or services. He mentioned the Friendship Center, climbing gym and Camp Shelly as issues that have drawn public comment. “It all comes down to money. There is the potential to provide more money. If we move ahead, it would be with a cautious approach. It is worth looking at, whether we could provide more services for the public,” Marchand stated.

Scott Kamena, speaking from the podium, said that people don’t know the park district is separate from the city. “If they understood how they might benefit, I think there would be more people here commenting.” He said that all of the comments on merger at LARPD board meetings have taken place off camera. He added that the board has declined to even discuss the idea. “I am not endorsing combining the agencies. I just want to find out if it’s a good idea. If we had the facts and they were clear, perhaps the board would be less hostile to the idea,” Scott stated. “We may not need the board’s cooperation to move forward. The incremental approach is the wise one.”

Marj Leider also supported moving forward with the \$25,000 feasibility study. She pointed out that the district has lost \$79 million to the state since 1992. “That could have built two sports parks.” Leider said it is important to let the LARPD board know what the city is doing and to keep the board informed. I would like to have the board’s input.”

Garamendi Votes Against Funding for Wars

Congressman John Garamendi (D), a member of the House Armed Services Committee, on Tuesday voted against the \$32 billion supplemental for the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. The supplemental passed by a 308-114 vote.

He issued the following statement on his vote, “Today the House of Representatives voted to lead our great nation down the wrong path in Afghanistan and Iraq. For at least another year, we will continue to spill brave American blood and spend tens of billions of dollars in the

longest war in American history. I do not think a large scale military presence in Afghanistan or Iraq is in the best interests of our economy or national security. I want our troops home. I recognize that the threat from Al Qaeda is very real. With our allies, we must focus like a laser on eradicating Al Qaeda’s presence wherever it may be. I think a speedy withdrawal of most soldiers from Afghanistan furthers this goal.”

He added that \$32 billion is a lot of money. “It’s enough to pay for the health care of 12 million

children for a year. It’s enough to keep 500,000 police officers patrolling our streets for a year. It’s enough to employ 500,000 teachers for a year. It’s enough to provide 20 million households with renewable energy for a year. I am deeply disappointed by the deficit hawks who say that we can’t afford jobless benefits, we can’t afford to keep teachers in our classrooms, we can’t afford the infrastructure investments needed to continue our climb out of a recession, yet we can afford more war.”

Garamendi concluded, “Regardless of where we may stand on war policy, we must always honor the troops. Our brave men and women in uniform and their families must always be honored, respected, and treated as heroes. It is an honor and privilege to serve Travis Air Force Base and the thousands of military personnel, veterans, and their families that call California’s 10th Congressional District their home. They deserve everything we can provide to make sure that they can thrive in uniform and in civilian life.”

MAILBOX

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Court Decisions Albert J. Rothman Livermore

The short-sighted five horsemen of the Apocalypse have spoken--Roberts, Scalia, Thomas, Alito, and Kennedy, all appointed by conservative presidents, including the Know-Nothing G W Bush. These are the fearsome ones who represent the American people somehow. Not a fair bar-

gain. Of the remaining justices, a Republican president nominated Stevens, a moderate, while the other three were appointed by two Democratic presidents.

The consequences? A recent decision overruled precedents of a hundred years in declaring that free speech means financial spending cannot be an issue in elections. The result? Democracy becomes Plutocracy. Remember the other four justices took strong disagreement with the majority decision, in the usual 5-4 split, so it’s by no means a fixed matter.

Billionaire Carly Fiorina spends huge amounts to obtain the senatorship from Barbara Boxer. Similarly Meg Whitman has “invested” multimillions into the campaign to become the next California governor. Yes, their own money, but do we want to be governed by those who try to

buy the elections?

The results are up to us. We can’t overrule the Supreme Court’s bad decisions and the effect of money in buying the political offices, but we can resolve to vote against those who try to buy their way into public power.

I won’t even mention the gun control issue. Maybe the Supreme Court majority thinks it is a way to limit excessive population growth.

Nothing to Fear John Dalrymple, former executive director of Contra Costa Central Labor Council Toby Brink, president and CEO of the Tri-Valley Business Council.

The welcome mat is out in Pleasanton again. Following Tuesday’s approval to end a

cap on the number of homes, it will now be possible for our children’s teachers, health care providers and public safety workers to live nearby. Best of all, building homes in Pleasanton will not only bring customers and jobs to the Tri-Valley’s downtowns, it will lessen damage to our water and air.

Urban Habitat had filed a lawsuit against Pleasanton for violating the law. Pleasanton’s housing cap meant it couldn’t do its share of providing homes for families that make less than \$72,000 a year.

For too many people, the limited number of below market homes has had a significant impact on their economic health. Families working in the valley are forced to drive long distances to work from the homes they can

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Three Pleasanton Residents Influencing Emergency Response Bill

By Ron McNicoll

Two Pleasanton residents, who are longtime public safety officials, are playing roles in Washington, D.C., with their advocacy for expansion of the wireless network band.

Bill McCammon, retired Alameda County fire chief, and Chris Moore, assistant chief of the San Jose Police Department, have been educating House and Senate members on behalf of HR 5081 and a new Senate bill that has not yet been assigned a number.

They are receiving an assist from Rep. Jerry McNerney, a Pleasanton Democrat, who has signed on to the House bill as a co-sponsor, his press aide said on

Tuesday. McNerney is a member of the House subcommittee on communications, technology and the internet, which has had an early look at the House bill.

Rep. John Garamendi, whose district includes Livermore, has also lent his name to the bill as a co-sponsor.

McCammon is a board member of the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association. Moore represents the Major City Chiefs Association, and is working on behalf of San Jose police chief Rob Davis. Neither man is being paid to represent his professional association.

The bills that the two men advocate would reserve part

of the wireless communication spectrum for emergency radio communications. That part is called the D Block. It contains a 10 megahertz band width, and is next to the current 10 MHz width already reserved for emergency responders.

If the emergency services can't obtain the additional 10 MHz reserved, the radios in ambulances, patrol cars and fire engines would have to roam along the wireless band spectrum until they find a vacant spot on the commercial segment of the spectrum in order to communicate.

With demands today and projections for the future about such commercial users as wireless phone companies and other

hand-held devices, the spectrum space available to emergency services would not be reliable, explained Moore.

"Never once has the FCC granted enough band width for our needs. We are given the leftovers. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to make the band width happen," said Moore.

Moore, who is a Zone 7 Water Agency director, said the agency also has a stake in the bill. Zone 7 is part of an emergency network, and would respond to such disasters as flooding and earthquakes.

Instead of reserving the D Block for emergency responses, the FCC wants to auction it off

to commercial users, and use the money to pay responders to set up a network.

Raising money from an auction is fine with McCammon and Moore. However, the auction should apply only to the remaining part of the spectrum that still is available, after the part was auctioned off last year. AT&T and Verizon bid high enough to buy some of the spectrum space. The FCC began with a total bandwidth of 700 MHz last year.

The crucial thing is to guarantee the D Block for emergency responders, said Moore.

McNerney's press aide Sarah Hersh said that the congressman's view is, "allocating resources to

first responders for emergency preparedness is very important for public safety."

McNerney "worked hard to help secure funding for the East Bay Regional Communications System Authority." The group, whose executive director is McCammon, got funds totaling \$2.4 million to build a regional communication system in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

McCammon said that McNerney provided the money in three separate earmarks. The congressman was responding to the annual visits from the Tri-Valley mayors to Washington, he said. Work is continuing on the two-county project.

Phone Session Provides Answers on Health Care Reform and Medicare

Rep. Jerry McNerney answered questions on Medi-Care and the health care reform bill Monday as the guest of AARP.

The organization for older adults and seniors has held a series of telephone conferences for AARP members talking to members of Congress about the new health care reform bill.

McNerney talked about specifics of the bill.

The phone conference with McNerney drew 2481 callers from the 11th Congressional District, said AARP spokesperson Christina Clem.

Clem said, "It is always in-

teresting to me to see how much our members know. They posed some pretty informative questions."

One caller was concerned about her granddaughter, who is 22 and has asthma. She had gone off her parents' insurance. Would the new bill let her go back to it?

Clem said that it's true that the young woman can get back on to her parent's insurance and remain there until she is 26. There is a deadline in September to apply for reinstatement.

Insurance companies are supposed to send notifications to insured adults if young people

were on their insurance previously, said Clem.

Young people don't have to be living at home or otherwise dependent to join or rejoin their parents' insurance, added Clem.

McNerney's press aide, Sarah Hersh, who listened in on the phone conference, confirmed that insurance companies won't be able to discriminate against people under 26 by rejecting them for coverage on their parents' insurance.

On the call, McNerney mentioned a letter from a woman whose 16-year-old son had acne and allergies. He was rejected by an insurer because of those

"pre-existing conditions." That won't be legal as the health care bill starts to go into effect, said Hersh.

Another health-related topic pertained to veterans. Existing programs that cover veterans will not be changed. They still will have their TRICARE, TRICARE for Life, and the regular VA medical services at their disposal, said Hersh.

There were also questions about the current "doughnut hole." Medi-Care does not cover the cost for medications after the patient has incurred \$2800 in insurance expenditures in a

calendar year. Later, coverage comes back.

Clem said that the first step will be a \$250 check sent to people this year who have entered the doughnut hole. Through record-keeping, the government will be able to send the check when the records show the Medicare Part D patients are in the doughnut hole.

The \$250 check will be issued by an automatic process. "Beware of scammers who say, 'I'll help you get it for a small fee. There's no paper work needed to

obtain the \$250," said Clem.

In 2011, there will be discounts of 50 percent on name-brand drugs and a 7 percent discount on generic drugs for those in the doughnut hole.

The doughnut hole parameters will narrow gradually. By 2020, they will disappear, and there will be no doughnut hole.

Another new feature for Medi-Care patients will be free screening, starting this year, said Clem. They include such things as mammograms, colonoscopies, and bone density screening.

Science Focuses on X-ray Laser Impact on Materials

Scientists for the first time have dived into the effect that an intense X-ray free electron laser (XFEL) has on materials.

Using the Linac Coherent Light Source (LCLS) facility at the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory, Lawrence Livermore scientists probed nitrogen gas at X-ray energies of up to 8 keV (kilo-electronvolts), the highest X-ray energy ever used at an XFEL, to see how it behaved when the laser hit it.

The photoluminescence-based pulse-energy detector allowed the team to study the interaction - including electron dynamics and space charge effects - between nitrogen gas and the XFEL beam. Understanding the precise dynamics at work on these scales will forever change the understanding of chemistry, physics and materials science.

The XFEL's light is so bright at 8 kilo electron volts and so fast (it has a pulse length from 10 femtoseconds to 100 femtoseconds) that LLNL scientists were

able to validate the physics of simulations done using nitrogen gas. (One femtosecond is one quadrillionth of a second).

"The detailed physics is very important for most LCLS experiments since it determines the interpretation of the results," said Lab scientist Stefan Hau-Riege. "The unique thing about this experiment is that it was performed upstream from the LCLS mirrors, and so we had access to the full range of LCLS X-ray energies (which went up to 8 keV at the time)."

The heart of the LCLS is a free-electron laser that produces beams of coherent, high-energy X-rays. Coherence - the phenomenon of all photons in a beam acting together in perfect lockstep - makes laser light far brighter than ordinary light. Since X-ray photons at the LCLS are coherent, the resulting beam of light will be as much as a billion times brighter than any other X-ray light source available today. The LCLS also contains a femto-cam-

era that can sequence together images of the ultra small, taken with the ultrafast pulses of the LCLS. Scientists are for the first time creating molecular movies, revealing the frenetic action of the atomic world.

The LCLS, and its cousins planned in Germany and Japan, improves on third-generation light sources. The third-generation sources are circular, stadium-size synchrotrons, and they produce streams of incoherent X-ray photons. Since their pulses are long compared to the motion of electrons around an atom, synchrotron light sources cannot begin to explore the dynamic motion of molecules.

The pulses of light from the fourth-generation LCLS are so short, lasting for just quadrillionths of a second, that its beam provides an X-ray strobe light to capture such atomic and molecular behavior.

Other Livermore researchers include Richard Bionta, Dmitri Ryutov, Richard London, Elden

Ables, Keith Kishiyama, Stewart Shen, Mark McKernan and Donn McMahon. Collaborators included the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory and the Center for Free-Electron Laser Science, DESY, in Hamburg.

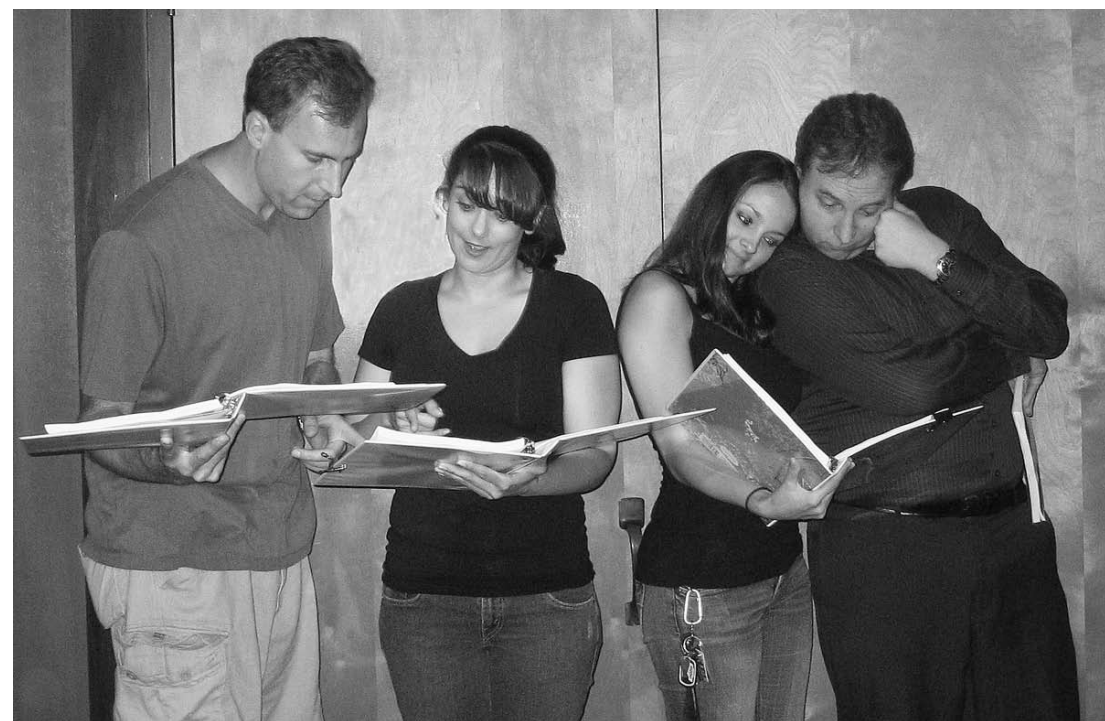
The research appeared in the July 27 online edition of Physical Review Letters.



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Students rehearse for production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream.'

Chabot to Stage 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'

Chabot College's Theater Department will present six performances of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," William Shakespeare's play about young love and romance. Shows are Wednesday through Saturday, July 28-31 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, August 1 at 2 p.m., in the Little Theater at Chabot College.

Tickets are \$8 at the door. A free performance is offered at the Hayward Meek Estate Park on Saturday, August 7 at 1 p.m.

One of the Bard's most popular romantic comedies, "A Midsummer Night's Dream" mixes magic, mischief, and mistaken identities in an enchanted, moonlit forest populated by two pairs of star-crossed lovers, feuding fairies, and a comically inept acting troupe. The misadventures

that ensue inspire the character Puck to muse, "Lord, what fools these mortals be!"

The Chabot College Little Theater is in the Performing Arts Center at the corner of Hesperian Blvd. and Depot Road. Lot G offers the closest parking. Except

for Saturday evening and Sunday, parking permits are required; \$2 day permits are available at dispensers located at light pole locations. For more information, please call (510) 723-6976 or visit the website at www.chabotcollege.edu.

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SPORTS NOTES



Scott Austin, Zongxu Xiao and Bill McCracken are teammates on the Tri-Valley Masters Swim Team.

World Record Set

Tri-Valley Masters put together an impressive swim meet at the Pacific Masters Long Course Championships in Santa Cruz July 9-10 2010. The men set 1 world record, swam to fourteen 1st places, and achieved two high point winners. The women placed in the top 4 in 6 events. Newly crowned world record holders Adam Conway 32, Bill McCracken 49, Doug Condon 47, and Scott Austin 31 crushed the Australian men's 400 Free Relay record by 34.5 seconds. Special recognition goes out to the men's first place finishers, in their respective age groups: Adam Conway 100 Free, 50 Fly, 100 Fly, 200 IM and high point winner; Scott Austin 200 Free, 800 Free, 1500 Free; Doug Condon 50 Free; Bill McCracken 100 Free, 200 Free, 400 Free, 800 Free, 1500 Free and high point winner. The newest Tri-Valley Masters

swimmer, Zongxu Xiao 76, placed 2nd in the 50 and 100 Breaststroke, and 4th 200 Breaststroke.

TVM ladies led by Vicki Espiritu 25, placed 3rd 100 Free, 4th 200 Free, 3rd 400 Free, 4th 50 Free, 4th 200 Back and Nancy Maguire 60 placed 4th 200 IM.

For more information about Tri-Valley Masters, please log on to www.trivalleymasters.com.

League Championship

The City of Pleasanton's Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center (DBAC) will be the host site for the annual Tri-Valley Swim League Championships on Saturday, July 31, 2010. The meet is expected to draw about 900 swimmers and spectators who will begin to arrive each morning at 7:00 a.m., and will continue until approximately 5:30 p.m.

The City of Pleasanton has worked



The Livermore Under 10 Girls soccer team captured first place in the San Ramon Cup. The Fusion Black team, led by Coach Eric Meeker, swept the tournament to take home the trophy. With great passing and outstanding pace, Fusion Black posted 10-1, 7-0, 3-1, and 11-0 wins to close out the tournament. Because of their outstanding passing, all 12 players who participated scored a goal. Fusion was also voted the tournaments "Best Team Presentation" for their sportsmanship and professionalism by the Tournament Director and Referee staff.

with the Tri-Valley Swim League to develop plans for a successful competition and reduced impact on the neighborhoods surrounding the Aquatic Center, located at 4455 Black Avenue near Santa Rita Road. Congested traffic conditions may occur on Santa Rita Road and Black Avenue each morning as the swimmers begin to arrive for the day's competition. Accordingly, City staff has developed a traffic flow system for the Aquatic Center to facilitate competitor drop-off, and participants have been notified of pre-designated parking locations that would reduce

the impacts on the surrounding neighborhoods. Pleasanton's aquatic center is the home of the DBAC Piranha Swim Team. Also competing in the league are the Briarhill Barracudas, Clubsport Tidal Waves, Del Prado Stingrays, Dublin Green Gators, FAST Dolphins, Pleasanton Meadows Sharks, and Ruby Hill Killer Whales swim teams, representing hundreds of young swimmers in the Tri-Valley region dedicated to the development of a positive attitude towards swimming through the fun and competitive experience of being



The 15-18 age group Medley Relay team broke the Sunset swim team record swimming in the Valley Championship Meet on Saturday, July 24th. Pictured are (left to right) Cassi McDiarmid (backstroke), Alex Harker (Butterfly), Emma Hughes (Free) and Allison Powell (Breaststroke). Sunset placed 2nd in the meet with PVC winning 1st place.



Girls from Ruby Hill Killer Whales and Club Sport start in perfect synchronisation in their meet on Saturday 7-24.

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The 12th Annual Lake Del Valle Aqua Challenge and Del Valle Du were held last on Saturday at Lake Del Valle. The Aqua Challenge featured a choice: 2-mile, 1-mile, and 1/2-mile distance events. The Del Valle Du consisted of a 1-Mile open water swim, followed by a 5-K run (out and back trail course). Pictured are competitors in the aqua challenge.

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on a swim team.

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Pleasanton Seahawks

The Pleasanton Seahawks scored high points at the Junior Olympics (JO) Meet, July 17 & 18 in Orinda. New cuts and best times were the theme throughout the entire meet.

From the Junior/Pre Junior group: Adrien Rooney recorded a PRT in the 100 free, Olivier Rooney a FW in the 50 fly, Emma Kauffeld swam to finals and PRT in the 200 free and recorded FW times in the 200 IM, 50 and 100 free. Wolf Lachance made finals and PRT times in the 200 and 400 free events. Adrien Rooney, Olivier Rooney, Tim Yao, and Wolf Lachance were all a part of the 200 free relay that placed 7th overall.

Highlights from the Senior group: Iris Brand 6/7 best times, including 2 new Sectional times. Jason Chen 5/5 best times, including 2 new Sectional times. Other swimmers with 100% best times were Elise Cox, Stephanie Gee, Maya Gilchrist, Roshni Nair, Tony Shen, and Jason Yu. Outstanding Top 8 performances were put in by Iris Brand, Chris Dourrov, Catherine Fong, Stephanie Gee, Frank Horpel, Nick Johnston, Tim McLaughlin, and Tony Shen.

Livermore Aquacowboys

Fifteen Livermore Aquacowboys attended the Long Course Junior Olympic Swim Meet held in Moraga on July 16-18.

Eight out of the 15 swimmers made at least one final: Andrew Hayes, Nina Hayes, Evan Carlo, Katie Kulp, Trent Trump, Shahini Ananth, Nathan Boas and Natalie Wong. Evan Carlo was meet winner in the 100, 200 back and the 200 IM. Nina Hayes was meet winner in the 50 Free. Natalie Wong was meet winner in the 400 free. Katie Kulp made a new Sectional time. LAC finished in the top 20 as a team.

New Best Times were achieved by Shahini Ananth, Allie Clark, Alex Gonzalez, Cat Elliott, Haley Hamza, Nina Hayes, Katie Kulp, Nathan Boas, Trent Trump, Kylie Clark, Shelby Swanson, Natalie Wong, Andrew Hayes and Evan Carlo.

Del Prado vs. Pleasanton Meadows

The Stingrays from Del Prado swam away from the bite of the Pleasanton Meadows Sharks, 601.50 to 392.50.

The top ten finishers for the Sharks were Sidney Vaeth (10), Annie Geasa (14), Alyson Isaacs (12), Amelia Kelly (7), and Kyra Thordson (8), for the girls. Top for the boys were Blake Tucker (10), Cody Vaeth (8), Caleb Harris (10), Jack Geasa (12), and Michael Azuma (12).

Tops for the Stingray girls were Eileen Drury (14), Megan Doi (12), Meghan Hogue (10), Lauren Graham (7), and Niki Doi (18). Sam Jorgenson (6), Cameron Kurotori (14), Tommy Sabatini (12), Michael McMasters (8), and Andrew Goard (14), were tops for the boys.

Rounding out the top ten girls for Pleasanton Meadows were Courtney Olivier (6), Haley Isaacs (12), Ela Kulkarni (6), Sydney Simmons (6) and McKenna Harris (7). For the boys, Colin Miller (13), Brent Werder (8), Haison Park (6), Jared Lem (10), and Joey Silva (17). Also making the top ten girls for Del Prado, were Stephanie Doi (15), Alyssa Bardakos (10), Hannah Loeffler (6), Amy Heath (6), and Alyssa Goard (17). For the boys, Jack Payan (18), Eric Gates (17), Stefan Hall (17), Tommy Juarez (10), and Jack Bessiere (9).

Girls Results
Freestyle Relay: 6-U 100 yd.: Pleasanton Meadows-US 'A' (Olivier, Courtney 6, Iseman, Courtney 6, Herlich, Samantha 6, Simmons, Sydney 6), 1:46.70. 7-8 100 yd. Pleasanton Meadows-US 'A' (Milligan, Emily 7, Rhoads, Jessica 8, Harris, McKenna 7, Kelly, Amelia 7), 1:24.65. 9-10 200 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Bardakos, Alyssa 10, Foster, Madeline 9, Hicks, Lacey 9, Hogue, Meghan 10), 2:29.50. 11-12 200 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (White, Nicole 11, Waldear, Heather 11, Gates, Caroline 12, Bell, Lucy 12), 2:13.61. 13-14 200 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Waldear, Nikki 13, Kitayama, Kathryn 13, Sullivan, Danielle 13, Smith, Lacey 14), 2:05.37. 15-18 200 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Klein, Emily 17, Vandiver, Laurel 18, Goard,



Karin LaBerge (pictured) and Christy Droubay were recently disqualified but quickly reinstated at the Vineman Ironman 70.3, July 18, 2010 in Sonoma County California. Apparently the TVM ladies swam the race too fast, 9 minutes ahead of the main field. The judges assumed the ladies cut the course and could not possibly be that fast in the water. The head judge swiftly reinstated Karin LaBerge once he learned of her swimming career background: former 1980 Olympic swimmer, current USMS swimmer, first female out of the water in Kona a few years back, just to name a few minor accomplishments. LaBerge ended up winning her age group, after the reinstatement. Christy Droubay, Karin's TVM training partner, also had to provide her swimming credentials: former UC Davis swimmer and current USMS record holder. Christy Droubay has an impressive finish at her first Ironman, 1st in her age group the swim, 9th on the bike, 11th after the run.

Alyssa 17, Fowler-Kimsey, Zoe (8), 2:55.27.

Medley Relay: 6-U 100 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Munos, Ava 5, Heath, Amy R 6, Loeffler, Hannah 6, Rule, Isabella 6), 1:59.73. 7-8 100 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Foster, Isabella 8, Graham, Lauren 7, Griston, Isla 7, Hicks, Shelby 7), 1:29.72. 9-10 100 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Foster, Madeline 9, Griston, Molly 9, Hicks, Lacey 9, Juarez, Reagan 9), 1:14.39. 11-12 200 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Huber, Cameron 11, Gates, Caroline 12, Doi, Megan 12, Bell, Lucy 12), 2:22.34. 13-14 200 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Banke, Megan 14, Sullivan, Danielle 13, Drury, Eileen 14, Kitayama, Kathryn 13), 2:19.23. 15-18 200 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Doi, Stephanie 15, Doi, Niki 18, Strom, Jaelyn 16, Gates, Elaina 15), 2:02.91.

Freestyle: 6-U 25 yd. Heath, Amy R, DP Stingrays-CC, 19.97. 7-8 25 yd. Graham, Lauren, DP Stingrays-CC, 19.01. 9-10 50 yd. Vaeth, Sidney, SHRK-CC, 34.11. 11-12 50 yd. Doi, Megan, DP Stingrays-CC, 28.34. 13-14 50 yd. Drury, Eileen, DP Stingrays-CC, 29.68. 15-18 50 yd. Doi, Stephanie, DP Stingrays-CC, 25.97. Butterfly: 6-U 25 yd. Loeffler, Hannah, DP Stingrays-CC, 22.24. 7-8 25 yd. Kelly, Amelia, SHRK-CC, 20.57. 9-10 25 yd. Vaeth, Sidney, SHRK-CC, 16.63. 11-12 50 yd. Doi, Megan, DP Stingrays-CC, 32.88. 13-14 50 yd. Geasa, Annie, SHRK-CC, 34.54. 15-18 50 yd. Doi, Stephanie, DP Stingrays-CC, 28.96.

Breaststroke: 6-U 25 yd. Heath, Amy R, DP Stingrays-CC, 28.96. 7-8 25 yd. Graham, Lauren, DP Stingrays-CC, 27.37. 9-10 25 yd. Hogue, Meghan, DP Stingrays-CC, 19.87. 11-12 50 yd. Isaacs, Haley, SHRK-CC, 39.03. 13-14 50 yd. Drury, Eileen, DP Stingrays-CC, 38.34. 15-18 50 yd. Doi, Niki, DP Stingrays-CC, 33.67. 100 IM: 9-10 Hogue, Meghan, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:25.89. 11-12 Doi, Megan, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:15.16. 13-14 Drury, Eileen, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:19.28. 15-18 Doi, Niki, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:05.30. Backstroke: 6-U 25 yd. Loeffler, Hannah, DP Stingrays-CC, 24.93. 7-8 25 yd. Harris, McKenna, SHRK-CC, 25.81. 9-10 25 yd. Bardakos, Alyssa, DP

Stingrays-CC, 20.08. 11-12 50 yd. Huber, Cameron, DP Stingrays-CC, 38.49. 13-14 50 yd. Geasa, Annie, SHRK-CC, 34.70. 15-18 50 yd. Klein, Emily, DP Stingrays-CC, 34.02.

Boys Results

Medley Relay: 6-U 100 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (McMasters, Andrew M5, Jorgenson, Sam M6, Banke, Caden M6, Lester, Timmy M6), 2:30.87. 7-8 100 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Reimer, David M7, McMasters, Michael M8, Lester, John M7, Bell, Jack M8), 1:32.59. 9-10 100 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Bessiere, Jack M9, Juarez, Tommy M10, Glenn, Alex M10, Reimer, Steven M9), 1:18.70. 11-12 200 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Banke, Jacob M11, Sabatini, Tommy M12, Reimer, James M12, Smith, Taylor M11), 2:36.86. 13-14 200 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Kurotori, Cameron M14, Goard, Andrew M14, Hogue, Ryan M13, Borchers, Nate M14), 2:07.19. 15-18 200 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Drury, Colin M17, Nespor, Christopher M16, Blandino, Jeremy M17, Hall, Stefan M17), 1:56.30.

Freestyle: 6-U 25 yd. Lester, Timmy, DP Stingrays-CC, 25.02. 7-8 25 yd. Vaeth, Cody, SHRK-CC, 17.45. 9-10 50 yd. Harris, Caleb, SHRK-CC, 35.03. 11-12 50 yd. Azuma, Michael, SHRK-CC, 29.62. 13-14 50 yd. Kurotori, Cameron, DP Stingrays-CC, 24.90. 15-18 50 yd. Payan, Jack, DP Stingrays-CC, 22.35. Butterfly: 6-U 25 yd. Jorgenson, Sam, DP Stingrays-CC, 27.56. 7-8 25 yd. McMasters, Michael, DP Stingrays-CC, 21.74. 9-10 25 yd. Bes-



The Granada Little League 11-year-old All Stars defeated Tassajara Valley Little League 1-0 to win the championship at the 24th Annual Granada Little League Invitational Tournament. Both teams played a great defensive game. Jordan Buranis of GLL heat a home run in the bottom of the 5th inning to seal the victory for Granada. Pictured are (back row, left to right) Gregory Moreland, Coach Russ Cortez, TJ O'Ferrall, Jordan Buranis, Coach Patrick Steim, Jason Frost, Trey Cortez, Michael Steim and All Star Manager John Benavidez; (front, left to right) Connor Swadener, Tanner Wright, Max Wiggington, Jack Walker, Matt Benavidez, Blake Lesky, and Austin McMillan.



Livermore - based NorCal Grizzlies 13U baseball team traveled to Steamboat Springs, Colorado this past week to compete in the 16th annual Triple Crown Sports Baseball World Series. The Grizzlies battled in six big games and placed 9th overall, out of 25 teams from all over the United States. Two losses were by a mere one run each. Top players included Pitcher/3B - Danny Terry who batted .421 with 7 RBI and six innings pitched, P/3B - Steven Nice, with two big home runs, P/CF - James Terrell with a solo homer, Slugging 1B/P - Zach Fuller, SS/P - Ben Wong, P/OF - Nathan Chiang, 2B - Max Adcock, C/OF - Will Guilfoile, C - Chris Brue, P/OF/2B - Zak Harrison, P/3B/OF Michael Reuling, and P/OF - Cameron Self. The Grizzlies were Managed by Kyle Haberman, and Coached by Nate Young, James Terrell, and Anthony Johnson. The General Manager is Tom Graham. The Triple Crown Sports World Series culminated a very successful 15 tournament campaign for the Grizzlies, who played over 60 games starting early in January of this year.

sire, Jack, DP Stingrays-CC, 18.88. 11-12 50 yd. Sabatini, Tommy, DP Stingrays-CC, 39.21. 13-14 50 yd. Kurotori, Cameron, DP Stingrays-CC, 27.52. 15-18 50 yd. Gates, Eric, DP Stingrays-CC, 26.37.

Breaststroke: 6-U 25 yd. Jorgenson, Sam, DP Stingrays-CC, 35.08. 7-8 25 yd. McMasters, Michael, DP Stingrays-CC, 24.65. 9-10 25 yd. Juarez, Tommy, DP Stingrays-CC, 20.62. 11-12 50 yd. Geasa, Jack, SHRK-CC, 38.68. 13-14 50 yd. Goard, Andrew, DP Stingrays-CC, 37.76. 15-18 50 yd. Hall, Stefan, DP Stingrays-CC, 32.43. 100 IM: 9-10 Tucker, Blake, SHRK-CC, 1:34.59. 11-12 Sabatini, Tommy, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:28.57. 13-14 Goard, Andrew, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:08.99. 15-18 Payan, Jack, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:01.13. Backstroke: 6-U 25 yd. Jorgenson, Sam, DP Stingrays-CC, 29.70. 7-8 25 yd. Lester, John, DP Stingrays-CC, 25.10. 9-10 25 yd. Tucker, Blake, SHRK-CC, 18.90. 11-12 50 yd. Geasa, Jack, SHRK-CC, 36.17. 13-14 50 yd. Kurotori, Cameron, DP Stingrays-CC, 30.58. 15-18 50 yd. Gates, Eric, DP Stingrays-CC, 27.06.

Freestyle Relay: 6-U 100 yd. Pleasanton Meadows-US 'A' (Lem, Zachary M6, Fenzl, Murphy M6, Park, Haison M6, Whiteland, Matthew M5), 2:20.02. 7-8 100 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Lester, John M7, Jorgenson, Max M8, Reimer, David M7, Bell, Jack M8), 1:24.15. 9-10 200 yd. Pleasanton Meadows-US 'A' (Azuma, David M9, Harris, Caleb M10, Lem, Jared M10, Tucker, Blake M10), 2:27.09. 11-12 200 yd. Pleasanton Meadows-US 'A' (Azuma, Michael M12, Miller, Jack M11, Newman, Daniel M11, Herz, Tommy M12), 2:16.87. 13-14 200 yd. Pleasanton Meadows-US 'A' (Greene, Connor M14, Jyothirakash, Amar M14, Miller, Colin M13, Cheney, Perry M13), 1:54.34. 15-18 200 yd. Pleasanton Meadows-US 'A' (Sweetnam, Grant M16, Cheney, James M16, Silva, Joey M17, Silva, Aaron M15), 1:44.86.

Briarhill vs. FAST

The Briarhill Barracudas defeated the Foothill Area Swim Team (FAST) Dolphins on Saturday 7/24 by a score of 487 to 286. The meet featured a



Pleasanton Valley Dolphin team member swims to the finish, helping to capture the Valley Swim League championship.

number of competitive races and was highlighted by a number of strong performances by both teams.

Briarhill had a number of multiple winners including Kaylin Johnson (6), Kannon Phipps (8), Callan Jackson (10), Brittney Achziger (13), Kristin Horrillo (14), and Crystal Fisher (16) for the girls. From the boy's side, Joey Grywczynski (9), Sherman Vuong (14), Clark Jackman (14), and Jamie Summerville (17).

FAST winners included John Mihelcic (6), Scott Drummond (8), Elizabeth Balincanta (8), Warren Xu (8), Laura Belichak (10), Michael Madden (10), Elizabeth Brown (11) and Michael Belichak (12).

Crush Basketball

In 9th grade MVP Flight action, the Tri-Valley Crush split four games this weekend. The Red squad won one of two games, losing to ASA Green 44-36 and defeating Bulldogs 44-30. The White team also split two games, falling to Sportstrong 58-27

before coming back to defeat ASA Green 42-31.

On Saturday, the Red side fell to ASA Green 44-36. Starting off cold, the Crush found themselves in a 28-12 hole at halftime. Tri-Valley outscored ASA 13-4 in the third period to pull within seven, but ASA ran off six straight points to start the fourth quarter to put the game away. "Major" James Dayton led the Crush with seven points and Stephen Goode had four rebounds.

The Red squad literally and figuratively rebounded on Sunday, defeating the Bulldogs 44-30. With a sharp commitment to fundamental defense, they limited their opponent to just one shot per possession and held them to only 15 points in the first three quarters. Austin Medeiros led the Crush with 15 points, and Jake Trevithick scored seven. The team combined for a remarkable 42 rebounds, led by Dominic DeFina with 13 by himself. Goode had nine boards, Tyler Wallace and Dayton each grabbed six. Dylan Medeiros

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proved to be a capable substitute, playing two grades above his level.

Saturday's game was a low point for the Crush White team, losing to Sportstrong 58-27. Sportstrong employed a pressure defense that the White squad fell behind by a 40-9 margin at half. The teams played even in the second half, but it was little consolation to Tri-Valley on a tough afternoon. Bright spots for the White were Dominic DeFina's five assists and Grant Perry's seven rebounds.

The White team bounced back in their Sunday game, exacting revenge on same ASA Green team that beat the Red squad the day before. ASA, which had the size of a high school team, led 22-8 at the half. Tri-Valley turned the tables, winning the second half 34-9 for a 42-31 victory. Curt Wigginton and Matt Carlo provided needed spark for a tired White team.

Both teams qualified for the league playoffs next weekend. The Red team finished in first place with a 7-1 record, and the White went 5-3 to place third.

PVC Dolphins

Winning their 5th consecutive Valley Swim League title with 1,950.5 points, Pleasanton's PVC Dolphins completed their season at the Robert Livermore Pool on Saturday, July 24th with 42 gold medals out of 80 total events and 14 gold medals out of 24 relay events.

Thomas Gjerde (11-12) and Bryce McLaggan (13-14) beat league records in both Freestyle and Butterfly events, as well as Emily Claridge, Caroline Gjerde, Julia Gonsman and Kieran Wallace (7-8) in the 100 Medley Relay and 100 Freestyle Relay. Achieving 4 gold medals each, Matthew Dotsen (9-10) and Emily Claridge (7-8) set the bar high for the day.

Other top honors were given to Colette Wogsland, Ethan Braga and Colin Wallace (6 & under), Travis Silva, Tommy Scavone and David Gjerde (7-8), Danielle Sirota, Camryn Butler, Marissa Lawrence, McKenna Harris, Gavin Wallace, Alan Thomas and Nathan Williams (9-10), Kennedy Truex, Mackenzie Bammer, Rachael Butler, Addison McLaggan, Andrew Bailey and Brian Wiener (11-12), Taylor Truex, Ali Gonsman, Erin Walsh, Katie Micheleiti, Kevin Wiener, Ben Oliver and Copeland Green (13-14), and Claire McLaggan, Audrye McLaggan, Karoline VanderZee and Rachel Usedom (15-18).

In Pleasanton's Valley Swim League Meet of Champions held on Wednesday, July 21st, the PVC Dolphin's made an outstanding showing of swimmers with several lifetime bests (LTB). Mia Hildebrand (7-8) took 1st & LTB in Freestyle and breast, while Addison Mapes and Ava Holbrook (9-10) captured both 1st and 2nd in Freestyle, Clelia Pipari (9-10) took 1st in Fly, Mackenzie Riddle (9-10) secured 1st & LTB in Breast and the Free Relay team (9-10) of Maya Morgenstern, Sarah Banholzer, Megan Bouchard and Cassie Jacob finished 1st & LTB dominating that age category. In addition, Charlie Claridge and Jacob Lawrence (7-8) touched 1st and 2nd in Freestyle, while Robert Helmer (11-12) took 1st place & LTB in Freestyle.

DBAC vs. Dublin

The Dolores Bengston Aquatic Center (DBAC) Piranhas hosted the Dublin Green Gators last Saturday, July 24th at the Pleasanton Dolores Bengston Aquatic Center. The final score for the meet was DBAC 556, Dublin 444.

The top female swimmers for the DBAC Piranhas were Eurie Seo (6), Kaela Lee (8), Jennifer Lee (10), Katie Tsui (12), Naomi Chan (13) and Iris Chang (16).

The top male swimmers for the DBAC Piranhas were Brock Uhl (6), Alex Ren (7), Guenho Kye (12), Minsu Kim (12), and Mattias Lindell (14).

The top female swimmers for the Dublin Green Gators were Alexandra Torrez (12) and Olivia Cano (10).

The top male swimmers for the Ruby Dublin Green Gators were Reece Toney (10), Matthew Zamudio (15) and Kagan Wilkinson (18).

1st place finishers for DBAC girls: 6&U 25Y free, Eurie Seo, 21.39; 7-8 25Y free, Kaela Lee, 17.34; 9-10 50Y free, Jennifer Lee, 33.02; 11-12 50Y free, Katie Tsui, 28.71; 13-14 50Y free, Naomi Chan, 28.42; 15-18 50Y free, Amy-Lynn Pollitz, 29.36; 6&U 25Y fly, Eurie Seo, 26.75; 7-8 25Y fly, Kaela Lee, 20.94; 9-10 25Y fly, Jennifer Lee, 17.25; 13-14 50Y fly, Anika Kilkenny, 34.47; 15-18 50Y fly, Iris Chang, 29.04; 6&U 25Y breast, Eurie Seo, 28.23; 11-12 50Y breast, Rebecca Pollitz, 38.54; 11-12 100Y IM, Katie Tsui, 1:13.38; 13-14 100Y IM, Naomi Chan, 1:11.69; 15-18 100Y IM, Iris Chang, 1:06.46; 7-8 25Y back, Megan Reilly, 22.56.

1st place finishers for DBAC Boys: 11-12 50Y free, Guenho Kye,

29.54; 13-14 50Y free, Jeffrey Liebman, 26.00; 6&U 25Y fly, Brock Uhl, 36.73; 7-8 25Y fly, Alex Ren, 18.31; 11-12 50Y fly, Andrew Silva, 36.46; 13-14 50Y fly, Mattias Lindell, 27.29; 6&U 25Y breast, Brock Uhl, 30.40; 7-8 25Y breast, Preston Sim, 25.83; 9-10 25Y breast, Timothy Huang, 21.87; 11-12 50Y breast, Minsu Kim, 38.15; 13-14 50Y breast, Daniel Huang, 33.20; 11-12 100Y IM, Guenho Kye, 1:18.13; 13-14 100Y IM, Mattias Lindell, 1:05.07; 6&U 25Y back, Tyler Goldberg, 35.62; 7-8 25Y back, Alex Ren, 20.52; 9-10 25Y back, Cole Reznick, 18.84; 13-14 50Y back, 11-12 50Y back, Minsu Kim, 40.95; 13-14 50Y back, Mattias Lindell, 32.60.

1st place finishers for Dublin Girls: 11-12 50Y fly, Alexandra Torrez, 32.92; 7-8 25Y breast, Katelyn Halay, 22.49; 9-10 25Y breast, Olivia Cano, 19.07; 13-14 50Y breast, Madeline Maguire, 40.97; 15-18 50Y breast, Sami Deering, 36.85; 9-10 100Y IM, Olivia Cano, 1:24.04; 6&U 25Y back, Lillian Cano, 27.97; 9-10 25Y back, Isabella Santos, 19.66; 11-12 25Y back, Alexandra Torrez, 34.65; 13-14 50Y back, Stephanie Chiu, 34.58; 15-18 50Y back, Abigail Maguire, 34.50.

1st place finishers for Dublin Boys: 6&U 25Y free, Vincent Giannini, 30.18; 7-8 25Y free, Frankie Fitzpatrick, 18.10; 9-10 50Y free, Reece Toney, 32.67; 15-18 50Y free, Matthew Zamudio, 23.02; 9-10 25Y fly, Reece Toney, 15-18 50Y fly, Matthew Zamudio, 25.87; 15-18 50Y breast, Kagan Wilkinson, 29.90; 9-10 100Y IM, Reece Toney, 1:26.41; 15-18 100Y IM, Kagan Wilkinson, 1:00.19; 15-18 50Y back, Jason Van Dorn, 28.90.

RhoneWood Sharks

The Rhonewood Sharks swam a great VSL Championship meet on Saturday, July 24th. The team of 15-18 boys, who were winning all events in their age group going into the meet, performed amazingly. They took all events except backstroke. Peter Nyholm, Johnny Cruz, Kevin Johnston and Scott Crowder started the meet off with a win in the 200 Yard Medley. Scott Crowder swam the freestyle for a win with a time of 23.31. Michael Hawkins and Kevin Johnston took both first and second place in the butterfly. Michael Hawkins swam a 29.48 breast stroke which earned him first. The amazing Michael Hawkins continued his winning streak with a first place finish in the 100 Yard IM in 57.75, which smashed the club record. Johnny Cruz, Peter Nyholm, Michael Hawkins, and Scott Crowder finished the meet off with a first place finish in the 200 Yard Freestyle Medley.

The super team of 15-18 girls had a great meet as well. The team of McKenna Stevulak, Courtney Christensen, Carrie Melrose, and Natalie Dimits started the meet with a first place finish in the 200 Yard Medley. Tyler Cartwright took first in the 50 Yard Breast with a time of 34.11. Teammate Courtney Christensen took second in the event with a time of 34.26. McKenna Stevulak smashed both the club and league record in the 50 Yard Backstroke with a first place finishing time of 28.47. Carrie Melrose, McKenna Stevulak, Shelby Offill, and Natalie Dimits finished the meet off with a first place swim in the 200 Yard Free Relay with a time of 1:46.75, which smash the league and club record.

The other highlight of the championship were the 13-14 girls. Christine Kunzler, Leah Flannery, Danielle Carter, and Michelle Hawkins began the meet with a fast swim in the 200 Yard Medley. Their time was 2:07.78. The same team swam for a win in the final event, the 200 Yard Freestyle Relay. Christine Kunzler swam to a first place finish with a 31.17 in the 50 Yard Backstroke.

The Sharks who swam in the VSL Championship Meet are Brett Demo, Taha Diah, Edwin Senecal, Robert Seymour, Connor Toland, Jacob Burke, Ethan Clark, Nathan Prisyrev, Gage Rohrbacker, Neil Senecal, Scott Ragatz, Collin Trump, Trevor Campbell, Dante DeMayo, Jared Hill, Hunter Woffinden, Jason Campbell, Rory Cartwright, Jack Ellsworth, Nathan Fish, Michael Eckles, Ryan Eckles, Conner Jones, Braden Cartwright, Elijah Deakin, Stephen Brown, Tyler Eckles, John Stuart, Kyle Tucker, Michael Hawkins, Kevin Johnston, Peter Nyholm, Scott Crowder, Johnny Cruz, Eric Santin, Gianna DeMayo, Mia Hocking, Melissa MacDonnell, Britanya Pettit, Makayla Hobek, Brooke Carter, Madison Tales, Megan Hill, Lauren Webb, Natalie Hawkins, Bella Hocking, Paige Sutter, Miriam Brown, Alina Ellis, Gianna Paden, Tachel Sargis, Emily Wapman, Emily Hawkins, Marisa Ansari, Kristina Brown, Elizabeth Dimits, Kirstynn Gonzales, Courtney Offill, Michelle Hawkins, Skylar Burt, Danielle Carter, Nicole Crowder, Leah Flannery, Christine Kunzler, Sadie Serdahl, Natalie Dimits, Shelby Offill, McKenna Stevulak, Courtney

Christensen, Tyler Cartwright, Carrie Melrose, Megan Simons, and Samm Trann.

Club Sport vs. Ruby Hill

In the last dual meet of the 2010 Tri Valley Swim League season, the Club Sport, Pleasanton, Tidal Waves defeated the Ruby Hill Killers Whales 563 to 408. DBAC takes the dual meet title, going undefeated; Club sport comes out on top of a 3 way tie for 2nd with the Dublin Green Gators and the Del Prado Stingrays by scoring more points - 2862 (CS) to 2850.83 (DUB) to 2816.5 (DP). Next place finishers are Ruby Hill, Briar Hill, Pleasanton Meadows and then FAST. Next Saturday's championship meet will be held at the Dolores Bengston Aquatic Center (DBAC) in Pleasanton.

Top female swimmers for the Tidal Waves were Lexi Venema (12), Alexandra Hernandez (10), Julia Densmore (12), Elle Surber (15), Arin Miller (15), Nia Anderson (5), Lauren Dennen (10), Savannah Salcido (13), Kellie Aquino (14) and Cayla Jetter (15).

Top male swimmers for the Tidal Waves were Austin Wei (13), RJ Merlo (6), Teagan Cheney (10), Eric Hildebrand (16), Tristan LaLonde (6), Justin Lee (12), Andrew Yeung (11), Chris Clark (17), Brennan Cheney (7) and Matt Jacobo (17).

Top female swimmers for the Killer Whales were Emily Harris (7), Kirsty Brown (10), Kaitlyn Schriener (13), Kate Weckwerth, Lexi Ewanich (12), Lauren Jong (6), Lindsey Baxter (17), Nicole Williams (6), Taylor Sowers (9) and Kimberley Sannaajust (14).

Top male swimmers for the Killer Whales were Christopher Yang (7), Evan Lee (14), Tom Sornsen (11), Tyler Lu (9), Ross Brown (6), Sam Sornsen (14), David Acosta (13), Ben Sornsen (16), Nick Perry (17) and Joseph Young (14).

1st place finishers for Club Sport Girls were 6 & Under 100Y Medley Relay Ariane Spaulding, Nia Anderson, Kayleigh Dennen, Ashley Torres, 1:49.38; 7-8 100Y Medley Relay Carli Lopez, Caili Anderson, Saige Aronson, Mika Lew, 1:23.54; 11-12 200Y Medley Relay Julia Densmore, Jacqueline Wood, Lexi Venema, Caroline McMorrow, 2:21.74; 13-14 200Y Medley Relay Kellie Aquino, Savannah Salcido, Kylie Copenhagen, Emily Barrett, 2:28.60; Women 15-18 200Y Medley Relay, Elle Surber, Cayla Jetter, Arin Miller, Alison Hembroth, 2:03.44; 6 & Under 25Y Free Nia Anderson, 20.55; 13-14 50Y Free Emily Barrett, 30.94; Women 15-18 50Y Free Cassandra Stuart, 27.26; 11-12 50Y Fly Lexi Venema, 41.62; Women 15-18 50Y Fly Arin Miller, 30.17; 7-8 25Y Breast Caili Anderson, 23.99; 11-12 50Y Breast Lexi Venema, 41.62; 13-14 50Y Breast Savannah Salcido, 40.37; Women 15-18 50Y Breast Cayla Jetter, 35.69; 9-10 100Y IM Alexandra Hernandez, 01:24.70; 11-12 100Y IM Julia Densmore, 01:18.20; Women 15-18 100Y IM Elle Surber, 01:06.70; 9-10 25Y Alexandra Hernandez, 18.00; 11-12 50Y Back Kellie Aquino, 36.98; Women 15-18 Back Elle Surber, 30.62; 6 & Under 100Y Free Relay Kayleigh Dennen, Lauren Soliz, Nia Anderson, Ashley Torres, 1:36.41; 7-8 100Y Free Relay Mika Lew, Caili Anderson, Carli Lopez, Saige Aronson, 1:13.75; 9-10 200Y Free Relay Julia Wood, Kate Salisbury, Emily Carroll, Alexandra Hernandez, 2:34.95; 13-14 200Y Free Relay Kylie Copenhagen, Savannah Salcido, Kellie Aquino, Emily Barrett, 2:05.47; Women 15-18 200Y Free Relay Cassandra Stuart, Elle Surber, Cayla Jetter, Ali Hembroth, 1:48.53.

1st place finishers for Club Sport Boys were 6 & Under 100 Yard Medley Relay Tristan LaLonde, RJ Merlo, Cole Sixkiller, Jeffrey Portoni, 2:01.69; 7-8 100 Yard Medley Relay Ethan McCuen, Jonathan Ye, Brennan Cheney, Rocky Anderson, 1:35.00; 9-10 200 Yard Medley Relay Sammy Chase, Robert Torres, Joseph Louderback, Teagan Cheney, 1:11.47; Men 15-18 200 Yard Medley Relay Chris Clark, Matt Jacobo, Abraham Barrera, Eric Hildebrand, 1:52.26; 6 & Under 25Y Free RJ Merlo, 23.55; 7-8 25Y Free Brennan Cheney, 16.90; 9-10 50Y Free Teagan Cheney, 29.52; Men 15-18 50Y Free Eric Hildebrand, 23.88; 6 & Under 25Y Fly Tristan LaLonde, 27.67; 9-10 25Y Fly Joseph Louderback, 16.08; 11-12 50Y Fly Justin Lee, 33.03; 13-14 50Y Fly Austin Wei, 30.74; Men 15-18 50Y Fly Eric Hildebrand, 27.61; 6 & Under 25Y Breast RJ Merlo, 34.31; 9-10 25Y Breast Robert Torres, 20.93; 11-12 50Y Breast Andrew Yeung, 43.34; Men 15-18 50Y Breast Matt Jacobo, 30.84; 9-10 100Y IM Teagan Cheney, 01:25.10; 11-12 100Y IM Justin Lee, 01:14.50; Men 15-18 100Y IM Chris Clark, 59.09; 6 & Under 25Y Back Tristan LaLonde, 24.20; 11-12 50Y Back Andrew Yeung, 40.43; Men 15-18 50Y Back Chris Clark, 27.43; 6 & Under 100Y Free Relay RJ Merlo, Jeffrey Portoni, Kyle Messer, Tristan LaLonde, 1:40.83; 7-8 100Y

Free Relay Rocky Anderson, Jayden Payne, Ethan McCuen, Brennan Cheney, 1:18.88; 9-10 200Y Free Relay Joseph Louderback, William Rose, Robert Torres, Teagan Cheney, 2:17.32; 11-12 200Y Free Relay Andrew Yeung, Andres Barrera, Marc Gauthier, Justin Lee, 2:27.85; Men 15-18 200Y Free Relay Eric Hildebrand, Abraham Barrera, Matt Jacobo, Chris Clark, 1:40.31.

1st place finishers for Ruby Hill girls were 9-10 100Y Medley Relay Jenna Brown, Alicia Vasquez, Kirsty Brown, Taylor Sowers, 1:13.12; 7-8 25Y Free Emily Harris, 17.58; 9-10 50Y Free Kirsty Brown, 34.34; 11-12 50Y Free Lexi Ewanich, 30.25; 6 & Under 25Y Fly Kate Weckwerth, 26.36; 7-8 25Y Fly Emily Harris, 18.27; 9-10 25Y Fly Kirsty Brown, 16.34; 13-14 50Y Fly Kaitlyn Schriener, 32.96; 6 & Under 25Y Breast Lauren Jong, 30.42; 9-10 25Y Breast Lauren Coching, 21.08; 13-14 100Y IM Kaitlyn Schriener, 1:17.60; 6 & Under 25Y Back Kate Weckwerth, 28.09; 7-8 25Y Back Emily Harris, 21.89; 11-12 200Y Free Relay Juliet Allen, Kirsten Hewitt, Andrea Hall, Lexi Ewanich, 2:04.97.

1st place finishers for Ruby Hill boys were 11-12 200 Yard Medley Relay Patrick Joseph Schirle, Austin Shah, Tom Sornsen, Chris Johnson, 2:42.78; 13-14 200 Yard Medley Relay Evan Lee, Joseph Young, Sam Sornsen, David Acosta, 2:15.81; 11-12 50Y Free Tom Sornsen, 30.39; 13-14 50Y Free David Acosta, 27.47; 7-8 25Y Fly Christopher Yang, 21.92; 7-8 25Y Breast Christopher Yang, 21.92; 13-14 50Y Breast Joseph Young, 37.48; 13-14 100Y IM Evan Lee, 01:14.00; 7-8 25Y Back Christopher Yang, 22.54; 9-10 25Y Back Tyler Lu, 18.16; 13-14 50Y Back Evan Lee, 33.33; 13-14 200Y Free Relay David Acosta, Connor Moore, Joey Repac, Joseph Young, 2:03.14.

Golf Tournament

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

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

To participate or for sponsorship opportunities, contact either Captain Scott Trudeau 371-4717 or Dave Bedford 980-8143.

Golf Classic

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

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

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

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

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

Once again, the title sponsor this year is Chevron, and Wente Vineyards is a generous supporter, along with Service Champions Heating & Air Conditioning. "We appreciate the great support of our sponsors," said Skeoch.

For information on how to sign up to golf, or for dinner and concert tickets, see www.CureType1.org/summer. For press, publicity and me-

dia sponsorship opportunities, please call Mark Curtis at (510) 393-9903 or Mark@MarkCurtisMedia.com.

CYO Basketball

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

In-line Hockey

Valley In-line Hockey in Livermore is getting ready for fall with Youth League signups. They are Thursday July 29, Tuesday August 3 and Thursday Aug 5 at the rink from 6pm-8pm. The rink is located behind Junction Ave Middle School with parking off Ladd Ave. Leagues include MITES (ages 6 and under) free learn to play and skate class. Squirts (ages 7-8), PeeWees (9-12), and Bantams (13-16). Equipment can be borrowed; must have own skates. Session starts the week of September 13 and lasts 9 weeks. For more details on costs and the league call 925-443-1500 or check the web at www.valleyrollerhockey.net

Swim Programs

The Pleasanton Seahawks' Fall Swim/Varsity Conditioning sessions start Sept. 7 and run to Dec. 31. Both swim programs feature professional coaches, individual instruction, daily pool time (daily attendance not mandatory), and regular (optional) USA Swimming swim meets. For the ninth year in a row the Seahawks have been recognized as one of the top 75 USA Swimming teams in the nation. Swimmers of all abilities are welcome. Fall swim does not affect summer league eligibility. USA Swimming registration is included for the season. For more information regarding Fall Swim/Varsity Conditioning with the Pleasanton Seahawks please email recruiting@pleasantonseahawks.org.

Bowling News

Tom Madden is the first bowler to roll a "perfect 300" game on Granada Bowl's new lanes. Last Tuesday, Tom Madden, with a 174 average in the Summer Fun Time League, rolled his first 300 game followed by games of 257 and 216. He ended the night with a 773 series (251 over). Mushy Machado in Gene's Pro Shop Championship Trios league is the 2nd bowler to roll a 300 game on the new lanes. Mushy ended with a 4 game series of 989 (181 over series).

Alex Nolan in the Summer Fun Time league rolled 257 (86 over), Dave Jones bowled 72 over average with a 252 game. Daniel Dunn in the Practice league rolled 138 over series average with a 192 game in the set. Russ Overcash bowled a 258 game. Rob Munns was 58 over average with a 218 game. Mike Stephenson in Gene's Pro Shop Championship Trios rolled a 269 game.

Senior bowler Chuck Edeal was 78 over average with a 221 game in the Friday Primitimers. Dick Braden bowled 237 in Donna's Mixers and Sam Cancilla a 223 game. John Foscalina was 51 over average with

a 221 game in the Monday Primitime Seniors league.

Youth bowler Shawn Donohue rolled a 801 series in the Generation Gap on Sunday. The set included games of 279-278-244. Alex Stuber shot games of 222-269-244 for a 735 series (129 over). Jeffery Anderson rolled 72 over average with a 259 game in the Friday Family Affair league.

Cheerleading Signups

The cheerleading season starts August 2. There is one final sign up on Sunday August 1 at the Robert Livermore Community Center Gym at 4444 East Avenue in Livermore. Sign ups are from 11-12 and orientation is immediately after from 12-2.

Open to Cheerleaders age 5-14. LYFC provides a complete training and development program for Junior Cheer athletes. Previous experience is not required. Coaches emphasize "positive reinforcement techniques." Teams compete at the local and National Level. Competitions include Jamz and USA Cheer at exciting venues such as Great America and Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk, Granada and Livermore High Schools, Napa. All registered players participate.

This is the least expensive and most complete cheer program in the Bay Area. In addition, special fund-raising programs are in place for athletes and their families. With a small investment of time and effort the entire cost of the program can be covered.

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

Youth Football Signups

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Open to football players age 7-14 years. LYFC is a 37 Year old "Pop Warner" style traditional football program. Previous experience is not required. Athletes are trained by experience coaches utilizing "positive" coaching. Development of character as well as fitness and nutritional guidance are provided. Athletes are provided 60 full hours of training prior to their first game of the season. Optional fitness programs and football camps are available to further prepare the athletes in advance of the season. All registered players participate.

The players compete against nearby cities and teams made up of the athletes they will compete against at a high school level. This is the only football program offering this diverse and complete skills training systems.

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SETTLEMENT

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Public Advocates, to come up with a settlement. The tentative agreement has been approved by Urban Habitat and Public Advocates and the State Attorney General's Office.

There have been concerns raised that removal of the cap would result in more growth than the city would be able to accommodate.

Counsel Tom Brown, a consultant with the city, explained, "The Pleasanton housing cap was unique. It was a hard cap. There was no way to accommodate the city's regional housing numbers."

Brown said there are other tools the city can look at to continue sensible, rational growth. Many of the growth management tools are court tested.

Among the possible approaches would be for the city to use citywide standards for services and infrastructure to determine a growth rate. Another approach would be to align future growth with major themes in the general plan. For example, if sustainability were a priority, measures could be developed that would

score projects based on energy and water use, potential vehicle miles traveled, and green building scores.

Councilmember Cindy McGovern asked if Pleasanton were the only city facing challenges to growth policies.

Brown replied, "Absolutely not." There are dozens of cases statewide claiming that cities are not complying with state law. "The reason there are so many lawsuits is that state law is less tolerant of communities asserting their own land use laws in violation of state law."

McGovern asked why, if the housing cap were legal when it was approved, it isn't legal now. Also, she wondered why it wouldn't have been grandfathered in as state law changed.

Brown explained that state law trumps local law. No local law would be grandfathered in. As for the cap, there was no challenge at the time it was approved to test its legality.

Councilmember Jerry Thorne was displeased with what he saw as the state interfering with local jurisdictions. He said the state

housing numbers assume a larger population of low and very low income people. He wasn't sure there was adequate infrastructure to provide services for such a population. "Are there any provisions by the state to help fund services," he asked.

Brown said, "No, the state does not provide the resources to meet the housing obligations." He added, "Local jurisdictions have an obligation to plan and zone, not an obligation to build or to subsidize the housing."

ATTORNEY GENERAL

The State Attorney General's office issued a statement following last week's council vote, stating, "Attorney General Edmund G. Brown Jr. and the City of Pleasanton have reached a precedent-setting agreement ending Pleasanton's restrictions on new housing and opening the way for jobs and new housing to be located close to each other."

"This agreement clears the way for new jobs, less congested freeways and cleaner air," Brown said. "It requires homes to be built closer to where people work to reduce long commutes and

create a more neighborly urban environment."

The statement continued that while Pleasanton has been a magnet for new employment, housing has lagged far behind the number of new jobs, despite ample land for development, including property adjacent to the Pleasanton BART station. In the last decade, the number of new jobs nearly doubled - from 31,683 to more than 58,000. Unable to find affordable housing within the city, some workers were forced to commute two hours per day or more. One study found that 79 percent of workers lived outside of Pleasanton.

Brown has commented on several dozen environmental review documents, including those created for the General Plans of cities and the regional transportation plans of counties, as well as for projects related to oil refineries, cement plants, and dairy expansions. Brown has also reached settlements with the County of San Bernardino and the City of Stockton, which required them to develop plans to ensure sustainable growth with a reduced carbon footprint.

OTHER COMMENTS

Also commenting on the council vote were John Dalrymple, former executive director of Contra Costa Central Labor Council, and Toby Brink, president and CEO of the Tri-Valley Business Council.

Among the comments, which are contained within a letter to the editor written by the two of them, "The unnaturally tight limit on housing has been detrimental to the local economy, too. Without a ready labor force, businesses will go to where they can find the right mix of employees that they need. Recently a business with 300-plus employees settled in nearby Walnut Creek instead of in the Tri-Valley area in part due to the lack of housing that was affordable to a majority of its workforce."

"With the housing cap gone, the Tri-Valley will be able to recruit high-quality teachers, health professionals and public safety officers to our communities. With the housing cap gone, we will be able to attract new businesses and provide more economic security for families. And with the housing cap gone, we can encourage more people to walk and bike to work, and to live next to transit."

COUNCIL VIEW

Pleasanton went into the negotiations with five goals. One was to retain local control and flexibility to the maximum extent possible. Second was to restore the city's nonresidential permitting authority as quickly as possible. The other three were to retain control over the city's housing element update process to assure it reflects both state law and the interests of the community; reach a global settlement that addresses the court's entire March 12, 2010 ruling as well as other outstanding litigation; and minimize the financial impacts of the litigation.

Under the agreement, the city will do the following: amend its general plan by Oct. 19, 2010 to remove references to the housing cap; update and adopt a new housing element on a set schedule; adopt a climate action plan, including completion of an environmental impact report that will address the allegations raised by the attorney general;

adopt a resolution adopting a nondiscrimination clause; and agree not to pursue an appeal or other litigation.

The agreement sets criteria for housing numbers on the three Hacienda properties, including 15 percent to be affordable. Mayor Jennifer Hosterman pointed out that coincides with the city's current inclusionary ordinance.

The Hacienda Task Force would be able to work on such areas of the development plans as amenities, retail spaces, setbacks, building height, parking, landscaping, parks and open space.

Councilmember Thorne stated that in his view, the underlying issue is the far reaching state legislature systematically removing the rights of local land use control. He described the process of assigning numbers as one that very few cities are happy with. One of the big concerns is the lack of social and physical infrastructure to handle larger populations of lower income people. "I'm in strong favor of workforce affordable housing. But I want to provide it our way."

Cheryl Cook-Kallio stated, "We were faced with laws we

may not like. We have to comply, while determining what is best for our community. We want a livable, sustainable community. We don't want uncontrolled growth. I think we retained as much local control as possible, while learning more about how to approach growth issues in the future."

McGovern referred to the cap as a way for Pleasanton to maintain its quality of life and services. She said that even though there were good intentions behind the cap, it was in violation of laws passed by the state. "We needed to move forward with an agreement that retained as much local control as possible."

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman said it was important to remember that the city vigorously defended the cap. She believes it is up to the discretion of the city to determine how it grows, not the state or anyone else. "The judge ruled against us. We have to live with that decision. It is time to look at the facts and to do what we need to do in order to retain the ability to grow in a way we want while complying with state law."

MAILBOX

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afford. For those making \$20,000 to \$30,000 per year, over 30% of their income goes to cover the cost of transportation.

Without the stress and cost of long commutes, studies have shown the quality of work improves. Families have more time to be together when they don't have to spend hours driving. Best of all, the Tri-Valley gains the invaluable benefit of having a whole community with people of all walks of life living and working together.

All that driving added more greenhouse gas pollution to the atmosphere, and increased pressure to build on farmland. Now, the Tri-Valley will be in a better position to reduce its carbon footprint by placing homes closer to shops, transportation choices, and jobs.

The unnaturally tight limit on housing has been detrimental to the local economy, too. Without a ready labor force, businesses will go to where they can find the right mix of employees that they need. Recently a business with 300-plus employees settled in nearby Walnut Creek instead of in the Tri-Valley area in part due to the lack of housing that was affordable to a majority of its workforce.

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So we're happy to say welcome to Pleasanton.

Stop the Delays Rudy and Marge Johnson Pleasanton

We were pleased to see Pleasanton named as one of America's 100 Best Small Cities in the August 2010 Money magazine. We have enjoyed living here and working here for the last 26 years and feel we have made a contribution to the city through our many years of volunteer service to the Firehouse campaign, the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council, the Amador Valley Assistance League, numerous civic committees etc. Consequently, we were thrilled to learn we could stay here indefinitely in the Stoneridge Creek Continuing Life Community.

Imagine our dismay when we have watched the city council needlessly postpone and dither for more than five years over approval of this worthwhile project. It will bring jobs and extra income to the city with little expense. Most importantly it will

provide security and stability to our deserving seniors who know they can stay in their beloved city which has benefited from their many years of service. Please, please city council approve this now without further delay. We have earned your prompt support.

Illegal Immigration Carla Biermann Livermore

Illegal immigration, which could include terrorists, is a huge issue for all America. AZ is under siege of drug cartels and crime, killing Arizonians and elected officials getting 'hits' put on them. AZ doesn't want to become like Mexico where elected officials, leaders, and judges are killed in broad daylight. It is estimated that 460,000 illegals are in AZ and 1100 are in one Maricopa County jail. Phoenix is the kidnapping capital, second only to Mexico City. The new AZ SB1070 law is intended to support our Federal Government's law of 25 years against illegal immigration. It seems to offend Obama who has decided to not defend our borders and has Holder suing the state. The last I heard, Holder hadn't even read the law yet. The 1200 National Guards Obama plans to send in will not even have guns! The illegals will laugh at them as they cross the fence!

Currently, 66% of Americans support AZ's new law and nine states: Texas, Michigan, Alabama, Florida, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Virginia, and Rep Brian Bilbray from CA. CA has Penal Code 834 (b) which is even more severe than Arizona's new law. AZ is just saying, when a person makes an infraction of justice "we will make it our state's policy, if they are also illegal, to hand them over to the feds because the President determines who is illegal."

American legal citizens have to show our I.D.'s all the time: getting passports, getting prescription drugs, filling out college/job applications, pulled over by the police, boarding a train or an airplane, etc. We are not 'out-of-line' to ask anyone here for proof of papers! However, corporations don't ask questions; they just hire. The U.S. government looks the other way when they suspect an illegal. That has to stop! AZ says Congress should have secured our borders a long time ago, already.

I think it was in the early '80's when our President gave amnesty to the foreigners on U. S. soil, in the thousands, with the qualification of enforcing our borders. The fence is still not finished. Therefore, a repeat of amnesty is not the answer! Let Arizona have the right to defend its citizens, economy, and healthcare.

Obama is on the wrong side of the American people on illegal immigration.

Absolute Highlight Margene & Louis Rivara Pleasanton

Under a full moon, we attended the Free Shakespeare in the Park production of "2 Gentlemen of Verona" with two friends from Norway. Our friend Rhondi said it was the absolute highlight of her 1st week in the USA. Someone else was overheard saying, "I'm a trucker, and even I know this is beautiful!"

The new Bernal Community Park provides much more space and is a great place for families to picnic and see an excellent free program. We wanted to thank everyone involved and make sure others know about it. It runs for two more weekends on Saturday and Sunday night in Downtown Pleasanton.

Remove Restrictions Mitchell Vaughn Livermore

How is it that Livermore's downtown merchants association is so greedy? Seriously, you can't bring in your own food to a "so called" community event held in a public park? Even worse, you have to have a "Club" membership to bring in a bottle of wine! Of course you can become a club member by forking over \$25.00 to their organization.

Doesn't this group already have the luxury of being the primary beneficiary of the weekly Sunday and Thursday Farmers markets? Are they not the primary beneficiary of the Livermore Wine County Festival? Did they not just benefit from \$12.5 million dollars of tax payer money to improve the downtown? What's next, season passes to sit on downtown benches?

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PRINCIPAL

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and became a vice principal in the 2005/06 school year. Previously, Rambo taught high school in Dixon and San Ramon.

"I'm extremely excited about this opportunity, and eager to begin work," she says. "Granada is going in a great direction. I have no doubt that with the quality of students and staff that we have, along with the support of the community, we'll continue to accomplish exciting things."

Cindy Alba, formally the executive director of curriculum and special projects, has been promoted to assistant superintendent of educational services, the position held by Bowers before she became superintendent last spring. Due to management-level reductions, the curriculum and special projects position is now at the director level. The District is currently interviewing candidates for the position.

Another management-level reduction came in the facilities department. Floyd Wilson, executive director of facilities, also retired at the end of the 2009/10 school year. His position will not be filled. At the two comprehensive high schools, the number of vice principals was reduced from four to three; the vice principal position at Vineyard Alternative School was eliminated. The vice principal position at Del Valle was reduced to half-time.

The merger of Portola Ele-

mentary School and Junction Avenue Middle School also caused other administrative changes. Jamal Fields, formerly principal of Portola, is now principal of the Junction Avenue K-8 School. Susan Sambucetti, formerly principal of Junction, is now principal of Mendenhall Middle School, filling the position vacated by Helen Foster.

Candice Flint, principal of Sunset Elementary School, moved to the Sacramento area, leaving her position open. The District is currently interviewing candidates for that position as well as for a vice principal at Granada and half-time vice principal at Del Valle.

"We are in the process of building a dynamic, progressive, proactive, and committed management team at both the district and site level in order to continue to move our district forward and take our schools and students to the next level of achievement and excellence," says Bowers.

"Our applicant pool, both internal and external, has increased exponentially in comparison to prior years, as our district is increasingly considered a desirable place to work; our students are ready and eager to learn; our staff is highly trained, qualified, and collaborative. We benefit continuously from our incredibly supportive community and industry partnerships."

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Brown Ranch Is Host to Fundraising for Healing Therapies Foundation

Pleasanton's Brown Ranch was recently the site for a day-long Horse Schooling Show and Barbeque, which raised over \$7,900, with proceeds going to the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation.

Funds will be used to provide grants for complementary therapies for cancer patients going through chemotherapy, consisting of acupuncture, acupressure, therapeutic massage, guided/visual imagery, and/or deep breathing meditation for local cancer patients.

Michele Ulrech of Michele Ulrech Training and Horsemanship has been giving lessons and training horses for more than twenty years.

Michele operates her business at the Brown Ranch boarding facility in Pleasanton where she currently boards more than sixty horses. "Knowing how much the horses lift peoples spirits, we wanted to support an effort that was helpful to lift the spirits of local cancer patients." She explained, "The Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation was a natural fit."

The Brown Ranch provides a nostalgic and open environment with several pastures spanning eighty acres. It is here that Michele works with horses and riders alike to reach their individual goals. She uses a combination of principles from trail, dressage, reining/ cowhorse and natural horsemanship.

Michele offers private and group lessons for beginner to advanced riders and clinics. Her training services include re-schooling, groundwork, behavioral problems, trail issues and cow work/ranch horse versatility.

For more information about Brown Ranch, call (925) 963-3778 or email ulrachjm@earthlink.net.

Tri-Valley residents residing in Pleasanton, Dublin, and Livermore currently undergoing cancer chemotherapy or radiation are encouraged to apply for a grant to pay up to \$1,000 for alternative therapy not covered by the patients insurance.

Friends and family members are encouraged to submit patient's name to foundation for follow up, if desired.

Visit the foundation website at <http://www.healingtherapiesfoundation.org> or email swing@healingtherapiesfoundation.org.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Warm weather is a time to harvest hay. This harvest took place along Tesla Road in Livermore.

TriNet Communications Celebrates Twenty Years of Growth

TriNet Communications, Inc., a leading distributor of broadband solutions as well as logistics services to Telcos and Cable Operators throughout the United States, recently celebrated its twentieth year in business. Since its founding in 1990, the company has experienced continuous growth in both revenues and customer base.

The company is located in Livermore.

"When we founded this company, people thought we were crazy to get into a distribution business catering to companies like AT&T and SBC," said Jon Fernandez, CEO. "Traditionally, margins in a distribution business are thin, and maintaining inventory levels that would allow us to meet customer's needs for quick delivery, while not stranding a lot of investment, can be tricky."

A veteran of the Bell System, Jon was convinced that the key to success was in being able to handle all transactions with

customers electronically. It was the effective integration of these systems into the supply chain that led to TriNet's success at pleasing its customers. The company is a recipient of multiple Quality and Customer Service awards from some of the largest corporations in the world.

From the start, TriNet Communications was built around effective use of Warehouse and Transportation Management Systems. It is this decades-long experience with such systems that now has customers asking TriNet Communications to manage their entire supply chain.

"It's a natural outgrowth of what we already do so well," says Sean Fernandez, TriNet's Vice-President of Operations. "Having spent the last 20 years having our very survival depend on effective use of Transportation Management (TMS), Warehouse Management (WMS) and Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Systems, it makes sense that

customers will look to us when they want to have their supply chain managed for them."

Shortly after the company's founding, it was recognized as the tenth largest Hispanic-owned company in the Bay Area by *San Francisco Business Times*. At that time, *Hispanic Business Magazine* had it at number 239 on its national list of largest companies. Just last month, TriNet Communications had moved to number 71 on the same list, and has cracked the top ten among Hispanic-owned wholesalers.

Sales Vice-President Jason Skoech has seen the industry

change markedly in his many years with the company. "For a long time, the telcos and the cable companies pretty much stayed out of each other's markets. Over the last decade, and especially in the last few years, both sides have recognized that the way to continued growth is through provision of the entire spectrum of communications services." It is the growth of both cable and telephone networks to meet these additional demands that will continue to provide opportunity for TriNet - both for its distributed products as well as for Supply Chain Management.

In addition to technology and market growth, Jon Fernandez believes a large part of the company's success must be attributed to its employees. "These are the folks that work with customers every day," says Fernandez, "they are the ones that know the customer's business, identify and solve problems, and establish themselves as a true resource for the customer. When all is said and done, business still comes down to relationships, and each of our team members makes it their goal to delight the customer every day."

SHORT NOTES

Resumes and Interviewing

The Livermore Library offers a free Resume and Interviewing Workshop at its Free2 Succeed Job Center.

Participants will have the opportunity to work with career advisor and Free2 Succeed Job Center Manager, Ron Russo, on enhancing resumes and improving interviewing skills. This workshop will also focus on creating cover letters, discovering transferrable skills, effective communication, and goal setting.

The Resume and Interviewing Workshop is held on Wednesday afternoons at Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, from 2-4 pm.

For further information about the Free2 Succeed Job Center, please contact Ron Russo at (925) 373-5500 x5595 or visit the Free2 Succeed Job Center's web page at: <http://www.ci.livermore.ca.us/library/free2jobs.html>.

Volunteers Sought

The Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation is actively seeking volunteers to help with the planning and execution of the 2011 Ragin' Cajun, the group's annual fund raiser which will be held at the Palm Event Center on February 11, 2011.

Funds raised at this event and year round are used to provide funds to Tri-Valley, San Ramon and Danville cancer patients to use toward complementary therapies, including acupuncture, acupressure, therapeutic massage,

guided/visual imagery, and/or deep breathing meditation.

Volunteers interested in helping to plan the 2011 event are asked to attend the Ragin' Cajun Planning meeting, being held Thursday, August 12 at 7 PM in Pleasanton. If you are interested in attending and/or helping, please contact Judy Sherry at heyjudesherry@comcast.net for location and other details.

The Pleasanton-based Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation provides financial aid to cancer patients for complementary healing therapies which are not covered by insurance. These therapies, which complement traditional cancer treatment, can make a huge difference in the quality of life and recovery of cancer patients. The Foundation grew out of local resident Sandra Wing's own experience battling cancer.

Little Pear Opens

Award-winning Chef Rodney Worth will open, "The Little Pear," his third East Bay restaurant in the Blackhawk Shopping Center.

"The Little Pear," a casual bistro, is located at 3407 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville, CA (925) 736-4800, in the Blackhawk Plaza Shopping Center.

The new restaurant will offer the same fine spirits and several of the savory items served at Worth's other two restaurants, "The Peasant & The Pear" in downtown Danville and "The Peasant's Courtyard" in Alamo. Signature dishes like the

"Smoked Chicken Salad Sandwich," the "Bishop Ranch Salad," and the "Blackhawk Hash" will be on the menu. There will also be light entertainment on weekends.

"The Little Pear" will be open seven days a week for breakfast, lunch and dinner. "We think Blackhawk Plaza is an ideal location," said Executive Chef and Owner Rodney Worth. "People can join us for a meal, then take in a movie at Blackhawk Theatres or visit the Auto Museum. We want to be a 'date-night' destination!" Worth added. "The Little Pear" is also an ideal stop before or after shopping at the many fine stores of Blackhawk Plaza.

"The Little Pear" will be offering "Fit Choice" menu items for those counting calories and carbs, and health conscious patrons working out at the neighborhood "Crunch" fitness center. Special "Fit Choice" menu items include the "Mediterranean Veggie Wrap," the "Blackhawk Salad," at the "Crunch Scramble" for breakfast.

Open House

Linda Kime, a local financial advisor for the financial services firm Edward Jones, invites the community to attend an open house from 2 pm to 5 pm on August 15 at 2300 First Street, Suite 232, Livermore..

Edward Jones provides financial services for individual investors in the United States and, through its affiliate, in Canada.

OBITUARIES

JoAnna Colella

JoAnna Colella died July 20, 2010. She was a Livermore resident. She was born February 2, 1924 in Dallas, TX to Lafayette and Ruby Pate. She spent her early years growing up in Garland, TX with her family. JoAnna attended high school in Garland but found the school life was not her cup of tea. Life was for the living.

JoAnna was a free spirit and found herself in many areas of the country from Chicago to New Orleans to San Diego and other places of adventure. She found herself supporting the war effort working at a shipyard in San Diego at one point.

After the war, JoAnna met and eventually married Carlo Colella in 1949 at a chapel in Reno, Nevada. They continued their lives together in Oakland. After the arrival of their daughter, Vicki, the family moved to Hayward in 1954. Here their son, Michael was born and after rearing the kids they moved to Pleasanton where JoAnna took care of the household. JoAnna and Carlo then moved with Carlo's company to Louisville, Kentucky to Salt Lake City and then Huntington Beach finally settling in Ceres, California. During this time of constant change, JoAnna released her inner artist creating exquisite porcelain dolls, painting very beautiful oil sceneries, and coaching Carlo on ceramic gems.

JoAnna always had a mind of her own and was quick to throw out a "Hi Darlin'" or the reverse when leaving.

JoAnna was preceded in death by her parents and a brother. She is survived by her husband, a daughter Vicki (Brett) Burau, son Michael (Anita) Colella, sister Audrey Byers, two grandsons, two granddaughters, and several nieces and nephews.

Services were in Livermore on July, 24, 2010. Interment will be in the Dixon National Cemetery at a later time.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to the Hope

Hospice.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Dorothy Rose Castro Murray

Livermore resident Dorothy Rose Castro Murray departed this life on July 24, 2010 at the age 93. She was born on the Castro Ranch in San Pablo, CA on July 24, 2010, to P.L. Castro & Rose Cunningham Cas-



tro. She was the third of seven children.

Dorothy was in the 6th generation of a family who came from Spain to settle in the East Bay Hills. She rode and worked cattle on the family ranches daily with her brothers and sisters. Some of her fondest memories were driving cattle from Pinole, CA, railroad corrals back to the family ranch near San Pablo Dam Road. Dorothy showed stock horses at all the local shows. She won ladies stock horse class at the famous Lafayette, CA horse show three times.

She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary, Alameda County CattleWomen's Association, California Farm Bureau, a volunteer at St. Michaels School, 4-H and FFA supporter.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband of 57 yrs, Joe Murray, and by her 6 brothers and sisters.

She is survived by her son Joe (Cathy) Murray Jr.; grandsons Troy (Natalie) Murray and Lane Ace Murray, numerous nieces and nephews, and by her special friend Bobbie Small.

Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, July 29, 2010 at 10 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 428 Maple St., Livermore.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial donations in Dorothy's name be

made to The Future Farmers of America P.O. Box 68960, Indianapolis, IN 46268-0960

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Timothy Robert Lundell

Timothy Robert Lundell died peacefully on July 24, 2010 at the age of 58 after living and working with tonsil cancer over two and a half years.

He was born February 16, 1952 in Detroit, MI to James and Viola Lundell, and spent his childhood and early married life in the area. In 1974 he completed his Bachelor of Science at Kettering University (formerly General Motors Institute) and in 1980 received his Master of Business Administration from The University of Michigan. After careers in both the motor vehicle and computer technology industries, he founded two separate companies, his last, DataLab, provides chemical and mechanical analysis.

At the age of 19, he met his wife, Jeanie, to whom he was married for 38 years on July 28. In 1985 he moved to Pleasanton with his two children, Gregory and Melinda, where he remained the rest of his years. Through the course of his life he enjoyed skiing, fly fishing, wood working and bow hunting - always involving anyone who showed even a slight interest.

He is survived by his mother, Viola; siblings, Paul, Mark and Esther; wife, Jean; children, Gregory (Anjanette) and Melinda; and two grandchildren, James and Calvin.

Family and friends are welcome to celebrate his life; filled with new ideas, family, friends and God. The memorial service will be held at 2 PM on Sunday, August 1 at Valley Community Church; 4455 Del Valle Parkway, Pleasanton. In accordance with his love for aviation and missions, donations may be made to Mission Aviation Fellowship (www.maf.org) with respect to him and his wife, Jeanie.

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The following person(s) doing business as: Subway #43027, 889 Suite B Airway Blvd., Livermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Narman LLC., 5440 Heatherland Dr., San Ramon Ca 94582
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Signature of Registrant: /s/ Jappanbir Sarang
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 440019

The following person(s) doing business as: Avant-Garde Art Studio, 1989-G Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton Ca 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kids Love Art Inc., 1989-G Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton Ca 94566
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Signature of Registrant: /s/ Nalyne Lunati
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The following person(s) doing business as: Little Orsi Daycare, 3580 Madeira Way, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sulema Janet Orsi, 3580 Madeira Way, Livermore Ca 94550
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Signature of Registrant: /s/ Sherry Chuang
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Signature of Registrant: /s/ Jeffrey J. Avila
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 440279

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Pleasanton City Council Ratifies Measure D

The Pleasanton City Council ratified the June 8 election results, effectively killing the current Oak Grove development proposal.

Measure D, which asked voters if they supported Oak Grove, was defeated. The vote was 8174 in favor and 9544 opposed to the development.

There are two parts to Oak Grove as approved by the city council. One is the development plan; the other is a development agreement. Each contains a poison pill provision. The idea was that residents would only have to referend one portion of the approval. If the referendum

successful, both approvals would be nullified.

However, there have been questions raised as to whether the development agreement is still in play. Karla Brown, one of the co-leaders of the referendum, asked for a clarification as to the legal status of the development agreement.

City Attorney Jonathon Lowell said that in his opinion, the development agreement is no longer in effect. Lowell also noted that there still may be questions. The court ordered the city manager to sign the development agreement. "The question of whether it is still in play may have to be answered

in a court."

Councilmember Cindy McGovern pointed out that the landowners, Jennifer and Frederic Lin, knew if the development were referended, the development agreement would go away.

Lowell agreed. "We are aware of such statements made during the hearings. They are contained within the record of the court."

Following the vote, the Lins issued a statement saying they planned to continue to pursue development on the property. The land is in the southeast hills of Pleasanton. Any development would now be subject to the provisions of Measure PP. The measure was approved by Pleasanton voters in November to spell out ridgeland and hillside protections.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Hans Florine, a record-setting speed climber, visited the Valley Rock Gym in Livermore last week. He conducted some demo climbs and signed books and posters. The rock climbing facility is operated by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, which is considering closing it because of cuts in the district's budget. Local residents are putting together a plan to keep it open.

BART Board Votes to Spend Money on System Improvements

The BART Board of Directors approved using about half of this budget year's \$4.5 million surplus to deep-clean rail cars, put in fresh seats, boost rainy-day reserves, defer a paratransit fare increase, install monitors with real-time train departure information at venues near BART stations and solicit input from employees to improve customer service.

"These customer appreciation efforts are not only a token of our enormous respect for the sacrifices our riders have made," BART Board President James Fang said, "they are also a living symbol of this Board's prudent fiscal responsibility, which has given BART the ability to provide these appreciation efforts in the first place. We wish all of our customers the very best!"

The board's actions resulted in the following: \$1 million for BART's rainy-day reserves bringing total reserves to \$25 million; \$750,000 for replacement of seats and deep-cleaning of 50 rail cars; \$200,000 to defer increase in East Bay paratransit fares for 4 months; \$150,000 for emergency operations and BART Police facility; \$100,000 to solicit input from frontline employees in order to improve customer service; \$75,000 on monitors displaying real-time train departure information placed at venues near BART; and \$62,500 to convert four part-time utility workers to full-time.

In June, the BART Board began considering how to use the surplus and proposed using about half, or \$2.3 million, for a short-term fare reduction. The two fare reduction options that are under consideration were cutting fares by 3% for four months, or by 5% for three months.

One major factor contributing to BART's \$4.5 million surplus has been cutting labor and non-labor costs over the past several years to match lower ridership and sales tax revenues. The ailing economy has caused these

two income sources to diminish. Together they account for about 85% of BART's operating revenues. Another significant factor contributing to the surplus is the court-ordered, partial restoration of public transit funding. During the past two budget cycles, the State of California diverted all public transit funding, called the State Transit Assistance (STA), into its general fund. The recent court ruling coupled with new legislation to fund public transit means BART will have \$26 million in STA funds for the current budget year and will hopefully continue to receive approximately \$23 million in the budget

MARKET

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munities, providing fresh and healthy food and an experience that cannot be matched anywhere else. By partnering with farmers' market managers, American Farmland Trust is encouraging consumers to consider the importance of farmland and to support local farmers. To vote for the Livermore Farmers' Market, simply go to www.farmland.org/vote.

"Farmers' markets are one of the best ways for consumers to support local farms and farmers," says Julia Freedgood, Managing Director for AFT's Growing

Local Initiative. "A great way to find seasonal fresh fruits and vegetables, farmers' markets also support public health and economic development opportunities in our communities."

The 2007 U.S. Agricultural Census reports a 49 percent growth in sales from farms directly to consumers since 2002—representing \$1.2 billion that stayed in local communities. But at the same time, over 800,000 acres of farmland are developed each year – most around cities where there is the greatest demand for local food.

AFT's national office is located in Washington, D.C. The phone number is 202-331-7300 www.farmland.org.

The Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association is the state's largest operator of Certified Farmers' Markets, with over sixty Certified Farmers' Markets

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Chuck Deckert photographed some of last year's festivities.

Rip-Roaring Event Revisits 'Wild West' Pleasanton

Pleasanton wasn't always a "pleasant" town. Travel back in time with the Museum on Main to the year 1890 and celebrate the "wild west" days of Pleasanton. This rip-roaring event will be Saturday, August 7, 2010 from 7:00 – 11:00 p.m. at the Pleasanton Senior Center.

Senator George Hearst is in town with his beautiful wife, Phoebe Apperson Hearst. They are in Pleasanton to drum up continued

support for his political career. He has invited all of the town folk to his favorite watering hole, The Last Chance Saloon, for an evening of gambling, food, liquor, and entertainment.

Pinkerton agents will be about to protect his safety and that of the citizens, but you know the reputation Pleasanton has, almost anything can and will happen. There are many bandits in the area. After all, Pleasanton is one of the most

"desperate" towns in the West.

The Pleasanton Lions Club will be handling the gambling. The museum's bank will be in operation to change your credit cards, checks, and gold dust into gaming chips and liquor tokens.

Deacon Wright will be about for those who need redemption at the Church of Wright and No Wrong. Wyatt Earp, Calamity Jane, and some notorious bandits are just some of the outsiders attending.

Of course, many locals will be there showing off their new duds too. Word even has it that Senator and Mrs. Leland Stanford may crash the party. He doesn't want to lose all those valley votes to George Hearst and the Democrats.

The saloon will host entertainment, Western style, such as dancers, singers, piano players, etc. The museum ladies will be "working

women," the men will double as Pinkerton agents. Take on a role, dress in costume, or just come for the fun of it. Costumes are encouraged, but not necessary.

Tickets are \$40 each and include a meal and gaming money. The event is a fund-raiser for our Museum On Main. Call 462-2766 for tickets and more information. Come out and live history with Brothels, Bar Rooms, and Bandits.

Art Exhibits Opening



Artist's Choice is the theme of the August art exhibit at the Livermore Civic Library. Thirty-one artists from the Livermore Art Association have gathered together a diverse collection of their favorite works. They will be on display from August 1-31. All media will be represented, from watercolor, oil, acrylic, pastel to photography. Artist's Choice is showing at the Livermore Main Library Artist's Gallery at 1188 S. Livermore Ave. during normal operating hours. Photos are of "At the Library" oil painting by Gina Kaiper and "Starry Starry Chicken" photograph by Christine McCall.



Karen Fleschler will be the featured artist for the month of August at Wente Vineyards Estate Winery, 5565 Tesla Road in Livermore. She is a watercolor artist who enjoys painting colorful and textural scenes in a representational style. The show will include a variety of European cityscapes, water themes and some semi-abstract florals. An artist reception will be held on Sunday, August 8th, from 1:00p. m. - 3:00p.m. Please check out her website at www.kb-art.com. The painting is *It's Five O'Clock Somewhere*.



Work shown is by Sean Paul Lorentz.

'Outrageous Claims' at Ryan Fine Art Gallery

An exhibit with the theme, "Outrageous Claims" opens this Friday July 30, 2010 at the Ryan Fine Art Gallery. There will be an opening reception from 6-9 pm, concurrent with the downtown Art Crawl.

The show features works by Eli Slaydon and Sean Paul Lorentz. Both artists were raised in Petaluma. They received bachelor degrees in Fine Art from the University of California, Santa Cruz. The artists maintain studios in

Petaluma and recently began exhibiting their work together throughout the Bay Area.

Sean Paul uses industrial materials to create abstract sculptures that possess an eloquent sense of balance and are often serendipitously kinetic. Eli applies an expressive painterly style to his depictions of enigmatic human figures. Sean Paul's rough and raw process of manipulating steel combined with Eli's heavy gestural application of paint creates a wildly dynamic

relationship between the two and three dimensional works that is not to be missed.

"Outrageous Claims" will open July 30 and run through August 30. Ryan Fine Art is located at 171 South J Street between 2nd and 3rd. More information and info on the Art Crawl and Ryan Fine Art's untraditional hours are available at lindaryanfineart.com.

Check out the artists' work at elislaydon.com and seanpaullorentz.com

Bunny Art Show and adoption event will be held Sat., Aug. 7, East Bay SPCA, 4651 Gleason Dr., Dublin. Adoptions are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Artists reception is scheduled from 4 to 5 p.m. Buy a work of art and adopt the bunny. Bunnies and rabbits are featured in original works of art by well-known Bay Area artists and children. Art show runs Aug. 7-Sept. 30. There is no admission charge. At right, is one of the paintings. For information go to www.eastbayrabbit.petfinder.com.



Food and Wine Benefit to Raise Funds for Equestrian Foundation

Local food and wine lovers will delight in the news that Esin and Curtis deCarion's restaurant has been named the official caterer of the Fourth Annual Wine & Equine benefit for SonRise Equestrian Foundation. Esin Restaurant was named the top restaurant in Diablo Magazine's 2009 Food Awards and has received an Award of Excellence from Wine Spectator magazine.

The afternoon event will also

feature delicious wines from Wente Vineyards and Murrieta's Well and hand-crafted beers from Drake's Brewing Company. Wine & Equine will be held on Saturday, September 18, 2010, from 1-5 p.m., at the Charles Wilhelm Training Center in Castro Valley.

"What they do at SonRise, rescuing horses and children at the same time, is amazing," said Esin deCarion. "We wanted to be a part of that effort and support our

community."

SonRise Equestrian Foundation helps create loving connections between children and horses. At no charge to the children and their families, the Danville-based nonprofit provides riding and horse care programs to kids ages 8-18 with social, emotional and physical challenges. Additionally, the beloved miniature horses of SonRise visit younger children at school

and those who are terminally ill in hospice settings.

The Wine & Equine benefit provides the majority of SonRise Equestrian Foundation's annual income. In addition to the delectable barbecue and desserts provided by Esin Restaurant, the afternoon includes a wine cellar raffle, live and silent auctions, demonstrations and a horse show. Event sponsors include Murrieta's Well, Wente Vineyards and 95.7 The Wolf radio

station.

Tickets to the Fourth Annual Wine & Equine event are available for \$75 per person by contacting the nonprofit at 510-838-7433 or sonrise@sonriseequestrianfoundation.org. SonRise is located at the Charles Wilhelm Training Center, 6496 Crow Canyon Road in Castro Valley. For more information, visit www.sonriseequestrianfoundation.org.

Film Takes Look at Nuclear Future; Tickets Available for Bay Area Showings

"Countdown to Zero," a documentary from the makers of "An Inconvenient Truth," premieres in the Bay Area on July 30th and 31st at the Shattuck Cinema in Berkeley and the Embarcadero Center Cinema in San Francisco.

The film, which analyzes the global dangers posed by nuclear weapons, was produced by Academy Award winner Lawrence Bender (An Inconvenient Truth, Inglorious Basterds) and written and directed by Lucy Walker (The

Devil's Playground, Blind Sight).

Tri-Valley CAREs, a long-standing Livermore organization, has received a limited number of tickets to offer at no charge to interested members of the public. Several of our colleague groups

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Following preview showings at

Sundance and the United Nations, the "buzz" for the film is growing. The New York Times reported on July 13: Even more than "An Inconvenient Truth," the new film, "Countdown to Zero," is designed to demolish viewer apathy?

Marylia Kelley, executive director of Tri-Valley CAREs, stated, "I have seen a preview of the film, and can attest to its great production values, powerful images, and diverse expert perspectives from J. Robert Oppenheimer to the present day."

Le Tableau Magnifique (LTM), premier Ballet Company with Livermore School of Dance, will present its second annual production, "Ballet in the Park," on Friday, August 6 at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, August 7 at 11:00 a.m. Performances will be held at Robertson Park (near the rodeo

grounds) on the grass. Admission is free.

Le Tableau Magnifique concludes its 2010 - 2011 season by offering a classical and contemporary ballet program. The performance includes a full-length production of the hauntingly beautiful Giselle, with original chore-

ography by Yuri Grigorovich and Marius Petipa. Other classical ballet pieces include excerpts from The Firebird, with Stravinsky's score enhancing the elegant dancers. There is also a montage of contemporary ballet set to some of the late Michael Jackson's music.

For more information about

"Ballet in the Park" or Le Tableau Magnifique, please contact Livermore School of Dance at (925) 245-9322 or by e-mail at LTMballet@gmail.com.

Ballet in the Park at Robertson Park

Art Crawl on Calendar

The bi-monthly Art Crawl will be held in downtown Livermore on July 30 from 6-9pm.

The walkable tour showcases

12 venues with art displays, open studios and receptions, including the "Intersections" exhibition at Panama Red, the reception for

Ryan Fine Art's exhibition, "Outrageous Claims," free caricatures drawn while you by artist James Courtney, and a group showing at Art Glass Studio.

Maps will be available during the Crawl at the following locations: ABC Music Source, Art Glass Studio, the Breakfast Stop at First Street Alehouse, Main Street Designs, Not Too Naughty, Orghipchick, Outside In, Panama Red Coffee Company, Ryan Fine Art, Sanctuary Ultra Lounge, Ultra-Spective Photography and The Wild Vine. The Crawl is timed to allow walkers to also take part in downtown merchants' Alive after Five Friday night event. Contact info@lindaryanfineart.com for further information.

Using Anything and Everything to Make Music

The Livermore Civic Center Library will present an entertaining, free program from Crosspulse Rhythm Duo, on Wednesday, August 4, as part of the Library's Summer Reading Game, "Make a Splash @ Your Library."

The Crosspulse Rhythm Duo's, Keith Terry and Evie Ladin will demonstrate how anything and everything can be used to make music, and everyone in the audience is invited to laugh and play along. Terry and Ladin introduce jazz and world music, Appalachian banjo, step dancing traditions, and found sound (you have to see it to believe it), all with delightful humor and skill.

Crosspulse Rhythm Duo will perform at 10:30 am outside of the Civic Center Library, located at 1188 South Livermore Avenue. Attendees will be seated on tarps and are encouraged to arrive early for best parking and viewing opportunities. Please bring appropri-

ate sun gear.

This event is made possible through a donation from the Friends of the Livermore Library. The Summer Reading Game ends Saturday, August 14.

For more information, click on the Summer Reading Game link from the Livermore Public Library's web site www.livermore.lib.ca.us, or call 373-5504.



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Review

Jazzy 'Joseph' Rocks the Bankhead

By Susan Steinberg

Think all old bible stories are dull? Think again once you've seen "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat", Tri-Valley Rep's hottest new production.

This is definitely NOT your Sunday School version of the famous Old Testament tale. It has been jazzed up into a rollicking non-stop mega-musical by the multi-hit team of Andrew Lloyd Weber and Tim Rice.

Originally created as a short cantata for a British school, it has since morphed into an international favorite, with performances on Broadway, London's West End, and over 20,000 amateur productions around the globe.

The show's appeal is obvious from the opening chorus of adorable kids to the final rock'em, sock'em multiple encore. The lyrics are smart, the characters a send-up of tradition, and the musical styles range from Country Western and Ragtime to Gospel and Calypso – something for everyone.

Stage business is outrageously funny, with most of the credit going to Director Todd Aragon, who revealed that the script comes with almost no directions. So each production is created out of the imaginations of those in charge, and Aragon's imagination must run in overdrive to produce such a continuous flow of zany shtick.

An unusually full Friday night opening house could not "curb their enthusiasm," bursting out with giggles to guffaws at nearly every line. Whoops of delight rang out through many of the wildest ensemble numbers, like the brothers' hysterical Country-Western lament over Joseph's supposed death. A lanky Reuben (Caleb Draper) led off the twangy tearjerker: "There's one more angel in heaven, there's one more star in the sky. There's one place less at our table, there's one more tear in my eye."

When grief-stricken Father Jacob stumbles off the stage, however, the brothers' unbridled glee bursts into a high-spirited hoedown, with the boys in cowboy hats, and the girls in full skirts shouting "Heehaw." Of course Jacob's return triggers an instant return to the doleful dirge, and a



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Min Kahng performs the role of Joseph in the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre production.

hysterical audience response.

The evening's biggest hit was obviously Alex Orenberg, playing Egypt's Pharoah as Elvis to the fleshy life. Listeners roared as he belted out Pharoah's famous dream in a campy parody of The King, slicked pompadour, sunglasses, gyrating hips, and adoring, screaming groupies. As often as I've seen this number performed, I'm always helpless with laughter at each new twist, literally and figuratively.

Another popular segment was the wildly-energized chorus of flower children, wearing a psychedelic array of 60's outfits, from tie-dye shirts to fringed jackets, minis, tights, legwarmers, and peace symbols. Their frenetic "Go, go, go Joseph" routine really captured the juiced-up jam sessions of the times, and had the audience clapping right along.

Cleverest piece was the flashback to Joseph's family in Canaan, suffering from a terrible famine. ("It's enough to make you weep; we are down to our very last sheep.") Sadly they observe: "No one comes to dinner now – we'd only eat them anyhow."

Suddenly Simeon (veteran

Tomas Theriot) emerges singing a nostalgic French cabaret ballad, complete with black beret, dangling cigarette, gravelly voice, and outrageous French accent. Just as unexpectedly, all the brothers don black berets and pseudo-French accents, singing a soulful lament to "Those Good Old Canaan Days," with their "extravagant, elegant soirees."

A riot of audience laughter and applause kept poor Simeon frozen in his final gesture for a full 5 minutes, leading this reviewer to fear that his arm might actually drop off. Well, he probably deserved it after leaving his exhausted brothers painfully holding a long note while he obliviously answered a cell phone call.

Adding to the wild send-up was a lively French café Apache dance by Valley favorite Morgan Breedveld. Brandishing a baguette as she twirled and threw herself around the stage, she was obviously an object of desire for all the starving brothers, whose desperate lunges for her bread (not her booty), wound up in hilarious pratfalls.

Comedic touches abound when the hungry brothers arrive in Egypt

, begging for food from Joseph, now magnificently attired as a high official. Unrecognized, he decides, "I'll take them for a ride - after all they practiced fratricide," while they prostrate themselves moaning, "Grovel, grovel."

When Joseph plants his golden goblet on youngest brother Benjamin and orders him to jail as a thief, the brothers rush to his defense. Breaking into an over-the-top Calypso number, they involve everyone on stage in the catchy rhythms and moves of a Jamaica beach party. Judah (Nicholas Quintell), sporting a cabana hat, leads the chorus in "Oh no, not hee! How you can accuse him is a mystery! No ifs, no buts – Benjamin is honest as the coconuts!" Even the audience was swaying to the infectious music, along with the Egyptian guards and fan-bearers.

Special cameos added pizzazz to the production, with Gary Foley as a shaky old Jacob (of "Jacob and Sons"), and pompous Potiphar, who "owns 10% of the Nile." Award-winning Emily Garcia, in an amazing about-face from her prim persona in the recent TVRT "Heidi Chronicles," enjoys a las-

civious turn and gorgeous gown as Potiphar's alluring wife. Derek Miller (Zebulon), also plays the imprisoned butler to prissy perfection, while Benjamin Decker (Levi) is the ill-fated baker. A bouncy, boyishly endearing Benjamin is the creation of Braden Sweeney.

Catherine Gloria as the tale's narrator is a marvel of warmth and energy, with a knock-your-socks-off voice that soars effortlessly over the whole ensemble. Her constant presence as guide, consoler, cheerleader, teacher, and celebrant is a multi-faceted display of talent. Again, bravos to the 4 male soloists: Pharoah, Simeon, Reuben, and Judah.

Star of the show is Min Kahng as Joseph, whose quicksilver changes of character are done with disarming ease. Viewers can believe his original guilelessness, sympathize with his enslaved misery, and be deeply moved by his introspective prison ballad, "Close every door to me." His ability to channel personal despair and hope in the darkest moments of life provides a sudden grounding of seriousness to the story, as he sings, "Darken my daytime and torture my nights...Give me a number instead of a name. Children of Israel are never alone, for we have been promised a land of our own."

Dark resonances of the Holocaust echo from these lyrics, until the chorus breaks the somber mood with their joyous gospel reassurance, "We've read the Book, we know you come out on top!"

A final emotional moment, Joseph's reunion with his old father Jacob, is beautifully nuanced, even as he reprises his iconic opening song, "Any dream will do." A deft acting combination of joy and tears while singing this upbeat lyric is quite a triumph, pulled off by this young actor more movingly than many professionals I've seen.

Congratulations to Director/Choreographer Todd Aragon and Musical Director Cary Litchford for putting together this seamless production, and for integrating the Kids Chorus so effectively (many shows keep them sitting on the sidelines). Special gold stars to Marti Muldoon, who rehearsed

Taste of Terroir Serves Up One Enchanted Evening

By Laura Ness

Not that anything about the décor reminded me of South Pacific, that wonderful musical replete with some of the catchiest tunes ever in show biz (I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outa My Hair, There is Nothin' Like a Dame), but the whole scene at Taste of Terroir was energetic and slightly exotic, sort of like Bali Hai. At one point, in a flashback to "Some Enchanted Evening," I looked across the crowded room and spotted a tall, dark and handsome stranger. Only it was not a stranger: it was Karl Wenthe, no longer blondely channeling Bon Jovi, but instead darkly channeling Robert Goulet with sideburns. It set the mood for what would be an evening of mostly requited love in the food and wine department, but it is those across-the-room glances not quite met that always haunt you. So it is with food and wine pairing: a most delicate and

subjective art.

At this year's Taste of Terroir, held at the Palm Event Center on July 23, the food was wholeheartedly several notches above the fare of previous years. The pairings for the most part were far more innovative and harmonious, and the wines, by and large, really exemplary. Most importantly, the event organization was superior, making for better traffic flow and a more enjoyable experience overall. The music was good, the weather perfection and there was even a book signing with noted travel author, Tom Wilmer, who had his hot off the press "The Wine Seeker's Guide to Livermore Valley," available for purchase.

By now you've heard that the Judges' Choice went to Occasio Winery & Izzy's Steaks & Chops for their pairing of 2008 Petite Sirah, Del Arroyo Vineyard, Livermore Valley, with Petite Sirah Marinated Skirt Steak served over Flank Steak, Ragu and Bourbon Yams. This was a fitting tribute to one of the true heritage grapes of the area, and a quasi redemption for my somewhat snipey comment last year about where were all the Petite Sirahs? Too bad this was the sole Petite being poured. Good on John Kinney for showing a fine example of how this variety can be blockbuster amazing but positively delightful at the same time.

The time is right for Petite Sirah in Livermore. I'm looking forward to many more good examples, as I've been barrel tasting some and wow.

The Judge's Choice for Most Innovative was also the People's Choice: Ruby Hill Winery & Casa Real at Ruby Hill for the pairing of 2008 Estate Reserve Zinfandel, Peacock Patch, Livermore Valley, along with Rabbit Terrine Inlaid with Dried Cherry and Pistachio, Garnished with Locally Grown Herbs and Cherry Demi-Glace Jam presented on Butter Toasted Challah with Estate Reserve Zinfandel-Infused Mustard.

This was not surprising in the least, as the lines to get at this pairing were quite lengthy as the buzz built about the bunny. I loved this dish: it was truly sublime. But this was one instance, I thought, where the perfect pairing would have been a Pinot Noir. I believe the 2007 La Rochelle Pinot was calling for it from out on the patio,

where it was being served, a nearly full moon rising over the vineyards below.

My vote, instead, for a wine matched intimately with the flavors of the dish so that they seemed star-crossed lovers, was the 2007 Mitchell Katz Clarks' Corner Syrah with the "Spice Road" Braised Lamb with cinnamon, star anise and cardamom from the Palm. My husband voted with his feet, twice returning to the Rodrigue Molyneux table for that absolutely delicious Duck Confit Slider with micro greens, Laura Chenel Chevre and Brentwood Peach Aioli divinely constructed by the Castlewood Country Club, paired rather purringly with the 2009 Pinot Bianco from their next door neighbor's vineyard.

Truly, that Duck Confit, the Rabbit Terrine, the Pork Adobo with Fire Roasted Corn Salsa from Zephyr and the wonderful Short Ribs with Hoisin sauce and Au Gratin Potatoes with Summer Squash from Eddie Pappa's are dishes I could revisit over and over

again, each time playing with a different wine pairing to bring out subtle nuances in their flavors and textures.

In another example of unrequited love, the Nicolau Farms Goat Cheese Panna Cotta with smoked tomato jam and basil from The Restaurant at Wenthe (which won a Judge's Award for Most Creative Use of Local Ingredients), was pining for something a bit less intense and muscular than that really gorgeous nth Degree Syrah, which would have been very happy to dance with the Waygu Beef on Rye Crostini from Pasta's Trattoria, or perhaps the Coffee Crusted Filet with Cherry Chutney from Porter's Restaurant at Poppy Ridge. Both get big beefy thumbs up.

Again, this year, Cabernets were most plentiful and consequently, one could never ask in all good consciousness, "where's the beef?" because it was everywhere. True, not everyone paired Cab with beef. Nottingham Cellars went with Pulled Pork Sliders from The Peasant & The Pear, while Steven

Kent put their Cab against Spiedino with Pancetta, Provolone and Pancetta from Terra Mia. McGrail paired their Patriot Cab with decadent Duck Meatballs from Campo di Bocce. There were four Syrahs (Garre, Mitchell Katz, nth Degree and Page Mill), two Zins (Ruby Hill and Charles R), a Muscat Canelli (Murrieta's Well), a Pinot Bianco (Rodrigue Molyneux), a Sangiovese (Tamas Estates) and a surprising lone Chardonnay from Concannon. What a difference a year makes.

Watch for the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association next big event, the 29th Annual Harvest Wine Celebration. It will be held Labor Day Weekend, Sun., Sept. 5 and Mon., Sept. 6. Festivities are from noon to 5 p.m. each day.

Tickets are available at participating wineries, www.LVwine.org, First Street Wine Company in Livermore, The Wine Steward in Pleasanton, and at Bay Area Safeway Stores

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the kids for many long hours, and Morgan Breedveld, Co-Choreographer for this and many other TVRT shows.

Lighting by David Lam, Sound Design by Scott Johnson, and sculptures by Antonio Echeverria enhance the spectacle, as do Patricia Krohn-Pope's impressive costume creations.

A long standing ovation showed the crowd's enthusiasm, but first-time viewers were in for an unexpected treat: the Mega Mix. This walk-down of encores reprised all the most memorable songs, carrying the audience up and into the action with the sing-along, clap-along giddiness of campers.

The show is a complete hoot, topped off with a socko ending, and this reviewer can't wait to see another performance without a pen and pad of paper in my lap. It's that much fun!

Future show dates are 8PM Fridays and Saturdays, July 30 and 31, and August 6 and 7, with 2 PM Sunday matinees August 1 and 8. For tickets, visit the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore, call the box office at 925-373-6800, or visit www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Pleasanton's First Wednesday Party Celebrates 'Dog Days of Summer'

The Pleasanton Downtown Association will be celebrating the "Dog Days of Summer" on August 4, from 6-9 pm, during the 1st Wednesday Street Party in downtown Pleasanton. This month's featured band is Public Eye.

The annual Pooch Parade will be held during the event. It is hosted by the Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers. Pooch registration begins at 5:00 p.m. at Wayside Park (corner of First and Neal Streets). There is a \$10 entry fee per category. All proceeds benefit Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers. All pooches welcome, big or small. Goody bags will go to the first 150 entries. Visit <http://trivalleyguidedogs.com> to check out the Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers website for complete details & registration.

Vendor booths will be set up along Main Street. Local shops, businesses and restaurants will be open. Local community and nonprofit groups will be on hand to provide information.

Public Eye will perform in the beer and wine garden on Main

Street. Beer, including selections from Anheuser Busch, Trumer Pils and Pleasanton Main Street Brewery will be on tap. Wines from Cuda Ridge, Eagle Ridge and Nottingham Cellars will be available for purchase. Tickets to purchase an alcoholic beverage are \$5 each. They can be purchased at the PDA volunteer tent inside the beer and wine garden. No animals are allowed in the beer and wine garden. You must be 21 years of age or older to enter the beer and wine garden.

New this month will be the "Family-Area" on the north end of Main Street. Live music, seating and tables, and children's activities can be found from St. John to the Del Valle bridge. Oasis, Rose Hotel, Farmer Restaurant at the Pleasanton Hotel, Pleasanton Main Street Brewery, and Emilio's Portal will be on hand with food, drinks and fun.

Main Street will be closed from Del Valle Parkway to Old Bernal Avenue from 4:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. There will be plenty of off-Main

Street parking available.

For more information, visit www.pleasantondowntown.net or contact event coordinator Alisha Perdue at the Pleasanton Downtown Association (925) 484-2199, ext. 4#.

Sign Up for Pooch Parade

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

Review

The Bard's '2 Gents' - A Blast from the Past

By Susan Steinberg

A razzle-dazzle production of seldom-showcased Shakespeare plays seems to be the specialty of free open-air San Francisco Shakes performances.

Once again their summer sojourn in a Pleasanton park offers a delightfully accessible presentation of a little-known work. An early entry in the Bard's canon, printed in the first folio of 1623, it has never gained a wide audience, perhaps because of its rather simple plot.

This actually makes it much easier to follow than most of the later plays, as it retells the familiar story of two sworn comrades, Valentine (standing for true love), and Proteus (a name that denotes mutability). Proteus is betrothed to Julia, but upon meeting his friend's new love Sylvia, forgets his allegiance and plots to replace Valentine in her affections.

Sylvia remains true to Valentine, and scorns Proteus' protestations of love as shameful, urging him to return to Julia. That sad lady has followed her faithless lover disguised as a page boy (a familiar dramatic device), and eventually wins back his love as he repents his mad betrayal of friend and fiancée. Forgiven by Valentine, he is to be included in a double wedding ceremony uniting both loving pairs.

A trite simplistic plot, but in Shakespeare's hands it becomes a living laboratory of heartfelt human emotions, as true and powerful today as they were 500 years ago.

Who has not experienced "head over heels" emotions of total love, complete with fixated thoughts of the beloved, imaginary romantic scenarios, and gushing praises of the adored one to everyone within hearing? And who has not been the butt of friends' derision for this constant romantic mooning?

It is as much a part of current male locker-room joshing as in the script of "Romeo and Juliet," still playing across the Valley at Livermore Shakes. Indeed, the opening scene, with Valentine teasing Proteus for being such a "votary of love" that "I waste my time to counsel thee" might well



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Alex Moggridge as Proteus.

have come from the later play, and other works that feature hopelessly lovesick men.

Women too are subject to love's folly, but in their own ways. A coyly coquettish Julia at first pretends to be uninterested in Proteus' love letter, demonstrating her disdain to her friend Lucetta by tearing it up unread. Once Lucetta leaves, however, she regrets her rash act, and tenderly gathers up the torn fragments, reads them lovingly, but drops them again as soon as Lucetta returns, embarrassed to admit her passion.

But lovers' obsessions are very clear to observers, as Julia's are to Lucetta. Likewise, Valentine's servant Speed describes all the outward signs of his master's love-sickness, astounding Valentine that his fondness is so transparent.

It seems Valentine, like so many males, is rather dense when

it comes to understanding ladies. A coy Sylvia asks him to write a letter that she can give to someone she loves. A crestfallen Valentine obeys, and hands the missive to Sylvia, who promptly gives it back to him. Completely baffled, he fears she did not like it, until his clever servant patiently explains her ruse of having him compose the love message she wished to give him. As Speed succinctly puts it, "Herself hath taught her love to write unto her love."

Proteus also has a servant, Launce, who is a familiar stock character – the dolt whose conversation tickles the "groundlings" with broad, often salacious humor, or misapplied words. One of Shakespeare's funniest monologues, a complaint about his ungrateful dog Crab, had the audience in stitches. So did his catalogue of the virtues and vices of his intended bride,

which concludes that her wealth turns all her vices into virtues in his judgment. Nothing like the noble characters' "love conquers all," but much closer to the earthy reality of most Elizabethan marriage matches.

Many other characters and situations familiar in later plays make their first appearance here: the father ordering his daughter into a hateful marriage, the banished lover and his woeful soliloquy, the thwarted lovers' flight into the forest, the faithless male, and his pursuit by a doggedly loyal lady, usually in disguise.

So why has "Two Gentlemen of Verona" been so sadly neglected over the years? Probably because only SF Shakes has brought it to such lively perfection – the first time this reviewer has really enjoyed it.

Giving the set an off-beat look, and dressing the cast in 60's outfits starts the fun visually. The retro soundtrack reinforces the mod energy, with a different platter for every scene. Unbelievably, appropriate lyrics by Marianne Faithful, the Moody Blues, Cat Stevens, and a host of fondly-remembered combos set the mood for each episode. Cast members gyrate with their guitars, lip-synch to the singing, and dance their soles out at every break.

The high-energy music obviously scored with the opening night audience, as many sang, swayed, or grooved along with their old favorites, and even kids started dancing around to the infectious beat.

The stage antics were also a clear hit, as actors slid down a fire pole, popped in and out of doorways, and adopted hilariously outrageous accents. The trio of forest bandits was a special comedy act.

But miraculously, Shakespeare's wonderful words were universally appreciated for their clarity and human reality. Some viewers even hissed Proteus as he argued himself into accepting his own treachery as sensible and justified. The triumph of self-interest and the reasoning away of any guilty feelings was well-expressed and easily under-

stood by an audience familiar with the likes of Bernie Madoff.

No, human emotions and frailties have not really changed that much since the Bard's days, and an inspired production like this one enables modern audiences to appreciate the truth of his perceptions.

To see whole families caught up in the enjoyment of classical theater is a rare experience. As one parent observed wonderingly, "It was more fun than a drive-in movie." Of course, an adjacent kiddy play area also provided a handy outlet for more youthful energy, but most youngsters chose to watch the play, fascinated by the sight of live actors (mostly Actors Equity members) doing a captivating job.

It's a tribute to the creative staff and many volunteers of the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival, now celebrating 28 years of bringing free Shakespeare to parks all over the Bay Area. After the show, audience members dove happily into their wallets to donate their thanks and help keep this great tradition alive in hard economic times.

Some came from as far away as Oakland and Stockton to catch this rare performance, but local residents can enjoy it right here in the Valley for 2 more weekends: 7:30 PM Saturday and Sunday July 31, August 1, 7, and 8. A special Family Day for children of all ages will start at 6 PM on July 31.

Everyone is welcome to bring blankets, low beach chairs, and picnic suppers to enjoy, but if you bring highback chairs, please be considerate and sit to the side where you will not block others' views.

The only problem with this new venue at Bernal Community Park is the ridiculously inadequate parking available. The Pleasanton Park Dept. was sadly short-sighted in choosing this location, with no adjacent street parking. All but the earliest arrivals were redirected to a distant school site to await the city shuttle van. So be forewarned and head to the overflow parking at Hearst Elementary School on Case Avenue off Valley.

Wente Restaurant Offers New Local Menu

This summer, The Restaurant at Wente Vineyards is offering a chance for the public to explore the inspiration behind their new Local Menu.

On select Thursdays, guests can sign up for complimentary garden tours and a cooking demo from Executive Chef Eric Berg. Introduced for the late summer months, the Local Menu features ingredients handpicked from the vineyard's beautiful 1000 square-foot herb and vegetable garden.

Spend the morning in the Livermore sunshine with on-site Master Gardener Diane Dovholuk and learn more about Wente Vineyards sustainability practices. Following the tour and herb tasting in the garden, Executive Chef Berg will conduct a demo for guests and share tips on how to create homemade pesto using handpicked garden ingredients.

After the tour and time with chef, guests can enjoy the two-course Local Menu lunch for only \$19. Each week new dishes will be showcased on the menu dependent upon the changing nature of the garden. Wine pairings with each course will also be available for an additional cost.

Tours begin at 10:30am and are available August 12 and 26, and September 9 and 23. Guests will first meet at The Restaurant for an introduction with the chef and enjoy a glass of Mint Garden Lemonade. To reserve a spot, call Wente Vineyards at 925-456-2450. Children are welcome!

Correction

The press release in last week's Independent listing a writing workshop for teens at the Livermore Library on Thurs., July 29 was incorrect. The workshop has already taken place.

For more information on teen programs, please visit TEEN SPACE on the library's website: www.livermore.lib.ca.us or contact Sandy at 925-373-5500 extension 5583.

Concert Marks End of Youth Orchestra's Second Season



The Youth Orchestra is shown in rehearsals at the Bothwell Arts Center.



By Patricia Koning

For the 80-plus members of the Livermore-Amador Symphony Youth Orchestra (LASYO), this Saturday marks the culmination of a summer's worth of hard work. Members of the youth orchestra hail from Dublin, Lafayette, Livermore, Pleasanton, and San Ramon, representing many middle and high school orchestra programs, along with Arizona State University, the University of California Irvine, and the University of the Pacific.

At 8 pm on Sunday, July 31, at the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore, LASYO will perform a free concert featuring Jean Sibelius' Karelia Suite, Andante Festivo, and Valse Triste, as well as Ludwig van Beethoven's Turkish March from "The Ruins of Athens," Johannes Brahms' Hungarian Dance No. 1 in G Minor, Johann Strauss, Sr.'s Radetzky March, and Edward Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance. Goran Berg, the owner and artistic director of Sycamore Strings Academy, is the conductor and Kathy Boster, the band, orchestra, and choir director at East Avenue Middle School, is the assistant director.

The Livermore-Amador Symphony established LASYO last year to provide an opportunity for young musicians in the Tri-Valley to develop their skills, learn from experienced musicians, and participate in a unique performance. "We had a great first year with about 60 participants," says Berg. "That has grown to over 80 this year. I'm so happy with our success."

LASYO is open to all brass, percussion, string, and woodwind players ages 13 to 21. Berg explains that the auditions, held in May, were for placement purposes and to give the young musicians experience auditioning.

Before practices began in June, Berg chose the pieces for the concert. "I picked several pieces by Sibelius because, in my experience, he appeals to teens. He's a little bit contemporary while very romantic," he explains. "By coincidence, we wound up with a lot of marches, a handy format. Playing marches is a foundation for a big orchestra. With an easy rhythm and structure, these were pieces we could master in eight rehearsals."

LASYO attracted young musicians who perform with the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra, Oakland Youth Orchestra, Berkeley Youth Orchestra, and Youth Orchestra of Southern Alameda County. "Those programs take the summer off, so LASYO fills in the gap nicely," says Berg. "It's also a great opportunity for middle and high school students to continue learning over the summer."

One of those talented musicians is Bronwyn Hagerty, a senior at Livermore High School who plays with the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra. "I really improved my leadership skills. Because I was the principal cellist with LASYO, I had other musicians relying on me and asking me for guidance," she says. "This is a great opportunity for people who want to be challenged beyond their school program. We're playing pretty advanced music. It's amazing how far we've come from day one."

Berg says that for the woodwind players who have only played with a band, LASYO offered a very unique experience. "For an orchestra, they've had to spiff up their tone quality and play like a soloist," he explains. "It's a real shot in the arm to play such an important role in the whole ensemble."

For more information on LASYO, visit www.livamsymph.org/lasyo.html or contact Betsy Hausburg at vdt.director@sbcglobal.net or (925) 443-6953. Applications for LASYO's third season in 2011 will be available early next year; auditions are expected to be held in May.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

Bunny Art Show and adoption event, Sat., Aug. 7, East Bay SPCA, 4651 Gleason Dr., Dublin. Adoptions 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Artists reception from 4 to 5 p.m. Buy a work of art and adopt the bunny. Bunnies and rabbits are featured in original works of art by well-known Bay Area artists and children. Art show runs Aug. 7-Sept. 30. Information www.eastbayrabbit.petfinder.com.

Livermore Art Association Gallery, located in Carnegie Park, offers art classes, unusual gifts, painting rentals, art exhibits and information pertaining to the art field, 2155 Third St., Livermore. The gallery has been open since 1974 and is run as a co-op by local artists. Hours are Wed.-Sun. 11:30-4 p.m. For information call 449-9927.

The Contra Costa JCC exhibits featuring work by Michael Yashar, a collection of Ketubot, and Traditions: From Generation to Generation, an eclectic collection of Judaica from the local community. Contra Costa JCC's Friedkin Art Gallery, Gallery 925, and Tice Valley Gallery through September 17, 2010. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am to 8:00 p.m. and Fridays, 9:00 am to 3:00 p.m. The public is invited to enjoy the exhibits. Admission is free. The Contra Costa JCC is located at 2071 Tice Valley Blvd. in Walnut Creek.

Call for Artists, Art in the Park, Danville, 12th Annual Fine Arts Festival, October 2 & 3, On the Town Green, Front Street Park, by the Library. Categories: Paintings in All Media, Photography, Ceramics, Sculpture, Graphics and limited openings in Fine Jewelry (no crafts). Sponsored by Alamo Danville Artists' Society and the Town of Danville, this event is a Fund Raiser for Art in the Schools of the San Ramon School District. Art in the Park includes a Judged Inside Art Show and food, wine and live entertainment. Booth spaces are 10' x 10' and the fees are \$85 for non ADAS members. Artist's applications available: e-mail ormawebb@comcast.net or call 925 828-9170.

Our Best Shot, July 1-31, Livermore Library Gallery, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Display of photographs, hosted by Livermore Art Association.

Kevin Milligan Gallery in downtown Danville presents the "Women's Contemporary Art Exhibition, Focus 2010" from June 26th through August 7th. The focus of this group show is: "What are women artists doing?" Tricia Grame of the California Institute of Integral Studies was juror for the exhibit. Selected artists are shown with invited artists: Michele Krup, Karen Sjolholm, Cindy Shearer, Carrie Lederer, Carrie Brewster, Cynthia Pelvin, Stefany Benson, Ruth Waters, Karen Gutfreund, and Katherine Sherwood. The gallery also features a wine bar and is located at 408 Hartz Avenue in downtown Danville. Gallery telephone number: 925-309-4648.

Art Crawl, Downtown Livermore, July 30, 6 to 9 p.m. Evening of art and wine tasting. The walkable tour showcases art displays, open studios and receptions, including the reception for Ryan Fine Art's exhibition, "Outrageous Claims," featuring the work of Petaluma artist Eli Slaydon and Sean Paul Lorentz, a young metal sculptor from Tiburon. For more information visit

<http://lindaryanfineart.com/>

The Bankhead Theater, "Images of the American West" by Livermore photographers Walter Davies and William Hackett. The prints are in color, black-and-white, silver, sepia and platinum/palladium. The complementary styles of the two photographers reflect upon their common love of the American West. The exposition will continue until August 31. Most artworks are for sale. The event will be open during the Bankhead Theater's regularly scheduled events. The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 1st Street, Livermore.

Abstract Women art exhibit will be featured at Deer Ridge Vineyards and Gallery. Complimentary wine tasting will be available. The Abstract Women exhibit features the works of four Bay Area women: Kay Athos, Paula Boas, Courtney Jacobs, and Sydell Lewis. The exhibit is open to the public for viewing during tasting room hours 11am-5pm, Thurs.-Sun. The show runs through August 6. Preview the exhibit at www.deeridgevineyards.com/abstractwomen.html. This event is free and open to the public. For information, call 245-9756. Deer Ridge Vineyards is located at 1828 Wetmore Rd., Livermore.

Scene on the Strait 2010, Sat., Aug. 14, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Martinez Regional Shoreline, Martinez. Showcases plein air or landscape painting. Sponsored by Carquinez Regional Environmental Education Center. All proceeds go to environmental and youth programs at the center. Art auctions, jazz trio and fine food. Parking and admission free. 510-787-9772 or www.SceneOnTheStrait.org.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

Karen Frey Watercolor Workshop, Oct. 20-22, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, Pleasanton. Presented in conjunction with the National Watercolor Society exhibit. Deposit of \$100 due by July 1. The fee for this workshop is \$295. Space is limited to 16 people. Phone 925-449-4226 or e-mail lsbeach@comcast.net.

Circus music class at Las Positas College, all day, July 31, August 7-8. If you play a woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument, please join the circus band. One clinic by Adam Frey, internationally-known euphonium soloist. Bob Gross, Member of the Windjammers Circus Band will conduct a clinic on the music of Karl L. King and his marches. Register on line at www.laspositascollege.edu by July 23. Click on Community Education. Click on their catalog. Go to the Music course listing. Find MU389. Register. Tuition is \$79. For further information, call 925-443-5526.

Master Class for all Brass Players, Adam Frey, internationally-known euphonium player and Yamaha Performing Artist, will present a master class for all brass players at Las Positas College on Monday, August 9, at 11:00 – 12:30. Registrants will be notified of the class location. \$20. Register by August 6. Send your name, address, phone number, e-mail, brass instrument, and a check for \$20 (payable to the San Francisco Parks Trust) to: Friends of the Golden Gate Park Band, 2840 Waverly Way, Livermore, CA 94551-1740. For further information, call 925-443-5526.

Alexander's Fine Art Gallery, series of summer and fall art workshops. Instruc-

tion will be in acrylic, oil, pastel and watercolor. Classes will be held at the 608 Main Street. Visit www.alexandersfineart.com for complete workshop information, or call Rosalinda Herrera at (925) 846-6015.

Pastel classes, Studio 7 Fine Arts Gallery, features artist Debbie Wardrope teaching painting classes for beginners and advanced students theme "Painting the Garden in Pastel." Sessions are Tuesdays, July 13-Aug. 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Studio 7 Fine Arts Gallery, located in downtown Pleasanton. The cost is \$85. Register in advance by calling Studio 7 Fine Arts Gallery at (925) 846-4322 or by emailing Jan Mahood - jan@studio7finearts.com. Debbie Wardrope is a signature member of the Pastel Society of the West Coast who works in oil and acrylics

Transparent Watercolor Workshop with Karen Honaker, learn basic principals of design – the rules of composition, value, color, and shape – and how to apply them to still life set-ups by using digital photography. July 27 to August 24: The class meets five times on consecutive Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. \$300 is due at registration. Classes will take place on the patio if weather permits. Registration is limited to 10 participants. For details and registration contact Alexander's Fine Art, 608 Main St., Ste. G, Pleasanton, 846-6015. www.alexandersfineart.com

Pleasanton Art League's 2-Day Children's Watercolor Painting Workshop for kids 9 and up. August 2nd and 3rd, 2-4pm at the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Building, 4455 Black Ave., Pleasanton, \$35 for both days includes materials. Registration required. Call (925) 462-7964 or email mtellis@pacbell.net

WINERY EVENTS

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

Lavish Laines Winery, Barrel Tasting, Aug 21 and 22, 2008 and 2009 Zinfandel with light appetizers. Private tasting, 2008 and 2009 Zinfandel with light appetizers. Tasting room at The Good Brewer, 2960 Pacific Ave, Livermore. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

East Tesla Old World Wine Driving Stroll, Bodegas Aguirre, Eagle Ridge, Boa Ventura and Les Chenes Estate Vineyards. Friday, August 6 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person; \$25 for wine club members. The fee includes a souvenir logo wine glass. Each winery will serve a selection of wine and pairings from around the world. Bodegas Aguirre will feature Spanish pairings. Boa Ventura will be offering Portuguese pairings Eagle Ridge will focus on Greek pairings. Les Chenes Estate Vineyards will be serving French and Cajun pairings. Limited tickets call or visit any of the four participating wineries. Bodegas Aguirre Winery & Vineyard: www.bodegasaguirre.com, 8580 Tesla Road, Livermore - (925) 606-0554. Eagle Ridge Vineyard, 10017 Tesla Road Livermore - (925) 447-4328. Boa Ventura De Caires Winery, www.boaventuravineyard.com, 9309 Tesla Road, Livermore - (925)

606-9672. Les Chenes Estate Vineyards, www.leschenesvine.co, 5562 Victoria Lane Livermore - (925) 373-1662

Wood Family Vineyards 7th annual release party, Saturday, August 7 and Sunday August 8. Releasing our '09 Chardonnay; '08 Grenache; '08 Cabernet Franc; '07 Syrah, Madden Ranch and the '08 Petite Sirah. Along with tasting additional Wood Family favorites. Live music: Patty & Abigail on Saturday and The Mundaze on Sunday. \$10 per person (waived for "Extended Family" club members) and keep your logo crystal wine glass. www.woodfamilyvineyards.com.

Occasio Society wine club member's release party, Fri., Aug. 20, 6 to 8 p.m. Wine club members are invited to sample and receive the new release – our award winning '09 Sauvignon Blanc and our much anticipated '08 Reserve Zinfandel – finally ready to make its debut! Enjoy some lovely appetizers and mingle with fellow members as John pours! As always, wine club members receive their releases one week prior to the general release, and have the opportunity to purchase more of these small lot wines at that time. www.occasiowinery.com. 2245 South Vasco Road, Livermore, (925) 371-1987.

Thomas Coyne Winery, summer open house on August 21, 22, noon to 5 p.m. at the historical tasting room at 51 E. Vallecitos Road Livermore. Six new wines will be released. A selection of fine fruits and cheeses will be served. New Releases: 2008 Grenache, Lodi; 2009 Pinot Blanc, Livermore; 2007 Contra Costa Mourvèdre; 2008 Vignesauvage.; 2009 Zinfandel, Lodi; 2008 Quest, CA. Bring a picnic. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard - active military who present valid ID can get a deep discount. For more information call (925) 373-6541 <http://thomascynewinery.com>

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

Occasio Winery One Year Anniversary Celebration! Aug. 28 and 29, noon to 5 p.m. Celebrating a wonderful year of gold medals, sold out wines and our Occasio Society wine club members. Release or new wines – award winning '09 Sauvignon Blanc and the anticipated '08 Reserve Zinfandel. Great food and live music. Saturday 1:30 – 5:00, bluegrass band Old Tunnel Road. On Sunday, 1:30 – 5:00 gypsy jazz band Gaucho. www.occasiowinery.com. 2245 South Vasco Road, Livermore, (925) 371-1987

MUSIC/CONCERTS

Concerts on the Green, Summer Series, Tuesdays through Sept. 24. Music 5 to 8 p.m. at the Livermore Valley Plaza in front of the Bankhead Theater. Hummingbirdz, high octane blues. No admission charge. Each week, two Livermore wineries featured; also beer selected by downtown bartenders. Non-alcoholic beverages will be available. Restaurants will offer food for purchase. The Livermore Downtown Inc. website lists the restaurants, wine shops and tasting rooms at www.livermoredowntown.com.

Blacksmith Square Saturday Concerts, Thomas Coyne Winery, John Christopher

Cellars, Swirl Tapas Bar and Victorian Olive Oil present live music in the Square, 3 to 6 p.m. on the following Saturdays: 7/31 Ground. Wine tasting (fee waived with purchase), food at menu prices. No outside food or adult beverages. Corner of South Livermore Ave. and Railroad Ave. downtown Livermore.

Occasio Harvest Wine Train on the Niles Canyon Railway, Sat., Aug. 21, 6pm – 8pm. Guests will enjoy an evening of wine, music, and food aboard the Niles Canyon Railway for a train journey back in time to an era of opulent travel and service. Sample our newly released '09 Sauvignon Blanc and '08 Reserve Zinfandel, paired with foods, served in the recently restored art deco lounge car that is part of the Golden Gate Railroad Museum's collection. Music of Off The Record, a local acoustic rock, folk, and blues trio. In celebration of the upcoming harvest, we also will take the time to sample some of our past vintages, pouring some long sold-out favorite memories from our library. Tickets can be purchased at Occasio Winery, or by calling (925) 371-1987. The event is \$65 for Occasio Society members and \$75 for non-members, all inclusive. www.occasiowinery.com. 2245 South Vasco Road, Livermore, (925) 371-1987

ON THE STAGE

Livermore Shakespeare Festival, "Romeo and Juliet" directed by Gary Armagnac; "The Real Thing" by Tom Stoppard, directed by Lisa Tromovitch. Concannon Vineyard July 8 through August 8. Romeo and Juliet is performed July 30 and August 1, 6 and 7. The Real Thing is on stage July 31. Tickets at \$25-\$39 go on sale in the spring. Call 1-800-838-3006, or buy online at www.LivermoreShakes.org.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre mainstage musical, July 30, 31, Aug. 1, 6, 7, 8. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Two Gentlemen of Verona, Free Shakespeare in the Park presented by City of Pleasanton Civic Arts and San Francisco Shakespeare Festival. Opens Saturday, July 24, continues Saturdays and Sundays through August 8, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. Special Family Day activities for children of all ages will take place on Saturday, July 31, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. All performances will take place at a new location, the recently dedicated Bernal Community Park, which is located off Valley Avenue, Pleasanton. Two Gentlemen of Verona, is a comedic story of youthful love. Julia conspires to win back Proteus (who has left her for his best friend's girlfriend, Silvia) by dressing up like a boy. With three outrageous outlaws, a misbehaving dog, and fun 1960s tunes in the mix, Shakespeare's Two Gentlemen of Verona is presented as a comic caper that is appropriate for all age groups. Admission is free. The audience is invited to bring blankets, lawn chairs and picnic suppers to the performance. For more information, contact the Pleasanton Department of Parks & Community Services at (925) 931-5340.

Underground Improv, Presented by Creatures of Impulse, Teen Improv Troupe. Teens only. July 30, 7:30 p.m. Veterans

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Memorial Building, downtown Pleasanton. Tickets \$5 at the door.

Gilbert & Sullivan's The Pirates of Penzance presented by Lamplighters Music Theatre Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore (tickets: 925-373-6800 or bankheadtheater.org). Performances Aug. 27, 8 p.m.; Aug. 28, 2 and 8 p.m. and Aug. 29, 2 p.m. Wacky, irreverent, and as entertaining today as it was when it first opened in 1879, Gilbert & Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance* follows the story of an orphan boy who was mistakenly apprenticed to a pirate instead of a pilot. A hilarious farce featuring sentimental pirates, bumbling policemen, dewy-eyed daughters, and an eccentric Major General, and peppered with unforgettable melodies and tongue-twisting songs such as *I Am the Very Model of a Modern Major General* and *Poor Wandering One*, *Pirates* is one of the most popular operettas ever written.

COMEDY

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

DANCE

Le Tableau Magnifique (LTM), premier Ballet Company with Livermore School of Dance, will present its second annual production, "Ballet in the Park," on Friday, August 6 at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, August 7 at 11:00 a.m. Performances will be held at Robertson Park (near the rodeo grounds) on the grass. Admission is free. For more information about "Ballet in the Park" or Le Tableau Magnifique, please contact Livermore School of Dance at (925) 245-9322 or by e-mail at LTMballet@gmail.com.

Dance classes, Pleasanton Library is offering a series of free ballroom dance classes to be taught by Christopher Li. The classes will be afternoons on August 9 and August 16 from 1 to 3 p.m. Teens through Seniors are welcome. Social ballroom instructor, Christopher Li, was a bronze finalist at the USA Dance National Championships 2010. Drop-ins are welcome. Lemonade and cookies will be served. The program is free and open to all. No registration required. For more information, call Penny Johnson, 925/931-3405.

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

AUDITIONS/VOLUNTEERS

City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Stage Company will hold auditions for Roald Dahl's

James and the Giant Peach on Sunday, August 8, 2010 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Auditions are open to ages six and older, with teen and adult actors are particularly needed. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Boulevard in Pleasanton, Calif. Adults and children interested in auditioning must reserve an audition time slot by calling 415-865-4425. Audition packets are available at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/community/arts/civic-arts. This production will have two casts in order to allow more children to participate.

Spelling Bee Auditions, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre production. The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee is a hilarious tale of overachievers' angst chronicling the experience of six adolescent outsiders vying for the spelling championship of a lifetime. The cast calls for 5 men and 4 women. One man (Douglas Panch) sings ensemble only. August 9th and 10th at 7:30pm and callbacks by invitation only on August 12th. Auditions are held at our dance studio, 315 Wright Bros. Avenue, Livermore. Auditioners are asked to prepare 32 bars of a song in the style of the show. Please bring sheet music; a capella auditions are discouraged. Be prepared to sing your audition piece as a middle school child and as an adult. There will be piano accompaniment. During the dance auditions, the choreographer will go over a few simple steps. Dress prepared to move. Acting auditions will involve reading from the script. Physical age is less important than the ability to portray a middle schooler convincingly. "Spelling Bee" runs at the Bankhead Theater weekends October 22nd - November 7th, 2010. Directed by Carol Hovey. All Roles open/no pay or AEA. Visit www.trivalleyrep.com for more information.

Cantabella Fall 2010 Registration, Cantabella Children's Chorus has been teaching fine vocal production and music literacy through great choral works to children in grades K-12 since 1992. Cantabella staff are now preparing for the Fall 2010 season and extend an invitation to children who would like to join the Chorus. A new rehearsal venue in Dublin at Resurrection Lutheran Church has been added to the existing Livermore and Pleasanton sites. New singers are invited to email Director Bee Chow, director@cantabella.org or call (925) 292-2663 for information about placement in the training choirs or to arrange an audition for the performing choirs. Classes resume 8/31, 9/1 and 9/2. Please visit www.cantabella.org for more information.

Auditions for William Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing at Las Positas College. August 23 and 24 from 7-9:30 PM in the LPC Center for the Arts. Performances will be November 11-21. Rehearsals are Monday through Thursday from 7-10 PM beginning August 30. For the auditions, bring a short prepared monologue, preferably Shakespearean. Ken Ross will be producer/director. For more information, email kross@laspositascollege.edu.

MOVIES

Movies in the Park, Pleasanton, Thursdays, July 22-August 26, Delucchi Park. Movies begin at dusk. Free. Schedule: July 29: Hotel for Dogs; August 5: Casablanca; August 12: Hairspray; August 19: Star

Trek; and August 26: The Princess and the Frog. Information www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

The War on Kids, will be shown Sat., Aug. 7, 7 p.m. Movie Night at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. This film depicts public schools as warehouses where children are taught to be obedient, docile, & powerless; where any infraction, no matter how small is overreacted upon. Schools today are more and more being fashioned after prisons. Welcome to "The War on Kids." This film event is open to the public, potluck at 6:30. Wheelchair & A/C friendly. Film starts at 7ish. There will also be an optional discussion after the film, for those who wish to participate. For more information, call 925-462-3459.

Summer Cinema at Wente Vineyards, venue opens 6:30 p.m. Twilight, Tuesday, August 17, 2010. 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore. For more information, visit <http://wentevineyards.com/>

Outdoor Movie Night: 7:30 p.m. Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs, Friday, August 6. The Blind Side, Friday, August 27. Emerald Glen Park, 4201 Central Parkway, Dublin. (925) 556-4500.

Outdoor movies, East Bay Regional Park District will screen outdoor movies in various parks. Admission is free. Movies begin shortly after sunset. Be sure to bring a flashlight, clothes to stay warm, snacks, and a blanket or chair for sitting. Each location offers a unique experience. Parking fees do apply. No pets. Rain cancels. August 7, Contra Loma, 1200 Frederickson Lane, Antioch, "Where the Wild Things Are." August 14, Ardenwood, 34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont: "The Wizard of Oz." August 21, Contra Loma, 1200 Frederickson Lane, Antioch: "Up." August 28: Shadow Cliffs, 2500 Stanley Boulevard, Pleasanton: "Alice in Wonderland." For additional information go to www.ebparks.org

OPERA

Opera in the Vineyard, 5-8 pm, August 1, Retzlaff Vineyards. A relaxed summer evening of music and wine. Silent Auction. Bring your own picnic. Wines available. More info and reserve online at www.LivermoreValleyOpera.com or call (925) 960-9210.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Alameda Creek Watershed 2010 Photo Contest is taking entries. The contest is sponsored by the Alameda Creek Watershed Council. Visit www.acrcd.org/WatershedCouncil.aspx for more details and to view the complete rules and regulations, or contact Amy Evans at 925-371-0154x112. Deadline for submission: September 15, 2010.

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

to wear a provided flotation device. Programs may be cancelled if there are five or fewer participants.

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

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

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BANKHEAD THEATER

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

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

July 30 - August 8

Adults \$34.50 - \$36.50, Students \$26.50

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

The audience will feast on a cornucopia of artistic styles, that expresses the struggle of a child reaching for her own unique identity, presented by Livermore Valley Children's Performing Arts School.

August 14 & 15

Adults \$15, Seniors & College Students \$10, Students \$7

THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE

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

August 27 - 29

Adults \$38 - \$43, Students \$19.50 - \$21.50

LWPK Presents On-Sale Now!

SPENCER DAY

Singer, Songwriter, Sensation! "A twenty-nine-year-old on the edge of full-fledged stardom." - *Cabaret Scenes*

Friday, September 10 at 8pm

Adults \$18 - \$40, Students \$12

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

www.bankheadtheater.org

Education

Livermore Grad Given Law Enforcement Scholarship

Livermore High School graduate Hayley Sa is among 16 top students who will receive \$1,000 college scholarships to encour-

age their pursuit of law enforcement/public safety careers by the professional public safety officers of the Law Enforcement Education

Program (LEEP).

Earning honors in the 2010 LEEP Dream Scholarship program were five students from

California including: Hayley Sa of Livermore; Zachary Gillmore of Brawley; Cassia Fernandes of San

Bernardino; Vanessa Casalegno of Hollister; and Vinnie Romo of Pico Rivera.

Sa, who graduated with a 4.0 GPA, will attend Sonoma State University in Rohnert Park, CA. She plans to become a crime scene investigator.

In school, Sa was a member of the varsity track and cross-country teams, earning many scholar athlete awards and serving as team leader and team captain. In track, she qualified for Meet of Champions and earned the Cowboy Pride award for outstanding teamwork, dedication and leadership. In cross-country, she qualified for state championships. Sa was a member of Get Set Organization, which encourages girls to pursue careers in math and science; earned the Academic Block award for maintaining a minimum 3.66 GPA for at least three consecutive semesters; and received the Livermore High School Teacher Recognition Award.

"Hayley is motivated and confident, and has the compassion to always put others ahead of herself," said Anne Harter-Dolid, Vice Principal and Advisor to the Livermore Class of 2010 in a recommendation letter. Her community involvement includes: working at the Children's Fair; retreat leader, confirmation assistant and presenting stations of the cross at Saint Michael Catholic Church; course monitor for Wente Bike Race; collecting entrance fees and working game booths at City of Livermore's July 4th celebration; and serving breakfast at the community center's Breakfast with Santa.

Other scholarship winners include: Joshua Champine, Jennifer Clayton, Maria Frosolone, Nicholas Kehoe, Taylor Langer and Joshua Sparks from Michigan; Jennifer Dunham from Minnesota; Bartholomew Tobiason from Montana; Amber Meadows and Lauren Stone from Texas; and Aleaha Gregor from Washington.

In its sixth year, LEEP has awarded some \$55,000 in Dream scholarships to students showing a demonstrated interest in public service/law enforcement careers. The non-profit public safety group's scholarship program is made possible by a growing list of national supporters.

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Anna Fitzpatrick received the Dean's Award for Outstanding Junior Undergraduate for the Department of Kinesiology at Cal State University at Northridge (CSUN). A Livermore native, she attended Las Positas College for two years prior to transferring to CSUN for the 2009-2010 school year. Anna is pictured with her award given by the Department Chair, Dr. Shane G. Frehlich.

Military

Sarah N. Turner has entered Basic Cadet Training at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., in preparation to enter the first academic year at the academy. The six-week, two-phased orientation program must be successfully completed by the cadets prior to entering their freshman year. The training prepares men and women to meet the rigorous mental and physical challenges experienced by new cadets.

Phase one involves personal in-processing, orientation, and training in the fundamentals of being a cadet. Cadet trainees are prepared to adjust from civilian to military life and disciplines, and learn proper wear of the uniform, saluting policies and procedures, drill and ceremony, marching, and living quarters standards.

During phase two, cadets train outdoors living in tents while learning to function in field conditions. Cadets apply and practice team work, cohesion and learn to deal with physically and mentally demanding situations. They complete the obstacle, confidence, assault, and leadership reaction courses, and participate in a rescue mission termed Operation Warrior.

She is the daughter of Christian Turner of Livermore, and Luz Rodriguez of Pleasanton. Turner is a 2010 graduate of Amador Valley High School, Pleasanton.

Moses Regional Winner of a Jefferson Award

Edward Moses, the principal associate director of the National Ignition Facility and Photon Science at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, is a regional winner of a Jefferson Award for his volunteer work in the community.

Moses was selected for his education outreach. Moses routinely volunteers his time to engage and lecture students and the general public on physics, lasers and photon science as well as the National Ignition Facility (NIF), the world's largest laser.

Considered a "Nobel Prize" for public service, the Jefferson Awards were co-founded in 1972 by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis to honor volunteerism and community outreach throughout the United States. The awards, named for Thomas Jefferson, are presented on two levels: national and regional.

"This is quite an honor and totally unexpected," said Moses, who will receive a special gold medallion during a reception for all Bay Area recipients in December. Each year 50 recipients are honored; five of those recipients will be selected in December for consideration for national honors.

Over the years, Moses has become a fixture of the Laboratory's popular Science on Saturday lecture series, which offers presentations on emerging science and technology to middle and high school age students. Moses' lectures, which are filled to capacity, are lively sessions in which he invites students on stage to participate in a variety of experiments to drive home the understanding of physical phenomena.

He uses these experiments to provide greater insight into the National Ignition Facility, which will be used to achieve fusion ignition for the first time in a laboratory setting. Fusion is the same force that powers the sun and the stars and holds promise as an unlimited source of clean energy.



Edward Moses

Moses's education outreach stretches well beyond the Science on Saturday series. He also spends time speaking to many other types of public audiences and has developed many educational and interactive tools to help people understand how science can be used to address the myriad challenges society faces.

"I just want to impassion people to engage in our collective future," Moses said. "I think it's a responsibility we have to explain the challenges that our civilization faces, possible solutions that we have, and how people can participate in those solutions."

Moses has 20 years of experience developing Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration laser systems and 30 years of experience develop-

ing and managing complex laser systems and high-technology projects.

Moses joined Lawrence Livermore in 1980, and was named associate director for the National Ignition Facility program in 2005 and principal associate director for the NIF & Photon Science Directorate in 2007. Moses received his bachelor's degree and doctorate from Cornell University in New York.

Jefferson Award recipients are selected by 150 media partners in more than 90 communities across the country. In the Bay Area, KPIX (Channel 5), a CBS affiliate, oversees the nomination of recipients. A local panel of judges selects the winners; those winners are then selected for consideration for the national honor.

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. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday.)

Electronic Waste Collection Event Recycling Fund-raiser for Open Heart Kitchen: Sat., Aug. 14, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Recycle free: televisions, monitors, laptops, flat screens, cell phones, extension cords (wire); \$5 per item: computers, stereos, telephones, printers, copiers, DVD/VCR, FAX Machines. \$15 per item: microwave ovens. Checks payable to Open Heart Kitchen. Cash donations accepted. All items are recycled according to California Law. For more information call Amy Burchett 925 5701543

Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL) offers services to help people with disabilities, and supports them to live independently and participate in their community for as long as they are willing and able to do so. CRIL maintains offices in Hayward, Fremont and Livermore to provide information and referrals and provide community education at senior centers and affordable housing complexes to residents of Southern Alameda County. The Tri-Valley office is located at 3311 Pacific Avenue, Livermore 94550 and can be reached by phone at (925) 371-1531, by FAX at (925) 373-5034 or by e-mail at denicia.gresel@cril-online.org. All services are free.

Bunny Art Show and adoption event, Sat., Aug. 7, East Bay SPCA, 4651 Gleason Dr., Dublin. Adoptions 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Artists reception from 4 to 5 p.m. Buy a work of art and adopt the bunny. Bunnies and rabbits are featured in original works of art by well-known Bay Area artists and children. Art show runs Aug. 7-Sept. 30. Information www.eastbayrabbit.petfinder.com.

Casino Night, Wed., Aug. 27, 7 to 9 p.m. benefit for Alzheimer's Association, Memory Walk. \$20 per person donation includes cocktails, heavy hors d'oeuvres, blackjack, poker, craps, and roulette. High Stakes room is available. Winnings are converted to raffle tickets to win tons of great prizes. Heritage Estates, 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Information 373-3636.

The War on Kids, will be shown Sat., Aug. 7, 7 p.m. Movie Night at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. This film depicts public schools as warehouses where children are taught to be obedient, docile, & powerless; where any infraction, no matter how small is overreacted upon. Schools today are more and more being fashioned after prisons. Welcome to "The War on Kids." This film event is open to the public, potluck at 6:30. Wheelchair & A/C friendly. Film starts at 7ish. There will also be an optional discussion after the film, for those who wish to participate. For more information, call 925-462-3459

How to Graduate in 4 Years or Less- Designed just for California State University students. The average graduation rate for Freshmen is six years! Save yourself extra years of hard work and thousands of dollars in tuition costs by attending this short three hour workshop on how to navigate through State University system. Sat., Aug 7th 12:00-3:00pm \$40.00 per student. Parents with students are \$10.00 extra. Seating limited. Visit www.graduatein4.com ; for more information.

Livermore Area Blood Drive - Friday, August 20, 1-7:00 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue (note new location!). There is a severe shortage of blood in the Bay Area, and only 3% of the eligible people give blood. Please help save a life by giving blood. The process takes 1-1/2 hours, and snacks and refreshments are served after you donate. You must be 17 years old, and have a form of identification with you. To sign up, go to www.RedCrossBlood.org, and use ASBURY925 as the sponsor code. For more information contact Tom Petty at 925-980-8164.

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

and to register.

Tri-Valley Holistic Moms Network, meets 7 p.m. Aug. 16. Sharon Tom, founder of 'Ohana Resource Group, will present the program. She will discuss effectively communicate with children, one needs to adapt the way they are spoken to based on their physical, emotional and cognitive developmental stages. Meeting at Harvest Park Middle School, 4900 Valley Avenue, Pleasanton. This meeting is free for Chapter members and first time visitors. Meetings are held on the third Monday evening of each month. For further information, please visit: www.holisticmoms.org or email Tri-ValleyHMN@hotmail.com

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., July 31, 20 miles Lafayette-Moraga Trail, meet 10 a.m. at the trail parking on Olympic Blvd., Randy Huey, 518-8439. Sun., Aug. 1, 55 miles Morgan Territory Loop, meet 8:30 a.m. at Danville/Sycamore Park 'n Ride, Kevin Thieben, 437-5919. Tues., Aug. 3, 8-13 miles mountain bike trails Lake Chabot loop, meet 7 p.m. Janie Page, 408-598-0247. Wed., Aug. 4, Calaveras Rd. to Ed Levin Park, meet 10 a.m. at Pleasanton Ridge trailhead, Gail Blanco, 872-1001. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Behind the Curtain, with Nicholas Staddon, director of new plant introduction from Monrovia Growers. Thurs., Sept. 2, 6 p.m. Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore. Free plant raffle. Sign up today to reserve a seat for this free event, 447-0280.

Livermore High School Class of 1965 is celebrating a 45th year class reunion. There will be a number of activities taking place, giving a chance for classmates to reminisce about their high school days. The primary event is the Saturday evening party at Beeb's Sports Bar & Grill, 7pm to Midnight, September 25th, \$45 per person. A picnic will be held Sunday afternoon, September 26th, \$15 per person. For additional information contact Betty Gonsalves Klino at 925- 443-0642 or nkliano@hotmail.com

Vineyard Alternative Elementary/Middle School, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District independent study program for grades 1-8 now accepting enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year. A parent orientation meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Wed., Aug. 18 in room 8 at the Ed Rundstrom Learning Center, 1401 Almond Ave., Livermore. This voluntary program is designed to assist parents who wish to instruct their children at home. The program provides, at no cost, educational materials that meet district and state framework guidelines. For more information, call 606-4722 ext. 3 or go to www.vineyard.schoolloop.com.

Teachers Needed: If you are a retired teacher or like working with children (mostly 3rd graders), we need you. The Livermore Heritage Guild has traded in the old Livermore Historymobile for a brand new vehicle and we need people to staff it. You would be sharing Livermore history with local children. Time commitment could be as little as a few days a year. Please call if you are interested: Nancy Mulligan, 925-443-3076 or E-mail n.mulligan@comcast.net

Moonlight on the Mountain, Saturday, August 28, Save Mount Diablo. This special, one-of-a-kind event for 500 guests includes drinks and hors d'oeuvres, silent and live auction, elegant sit-down dinner, and live music. "Moonlight on the Mountain" takes place outdoors on a flat plateau next to the dramatic rock formations of China Wall, with a spectacular view of undeveloped rolling hills and the summit of Mount Diablo—all under the light of the rising moon. The event also includes a presentation of the "Mountain Star" awards to individuals and organizations who have been significant in preserving, interpreting and restoring Mount Diablo. Last year's winners were Weston Cook (landowner Award) and Bob Marx (Leadership Award). For ticket information call (925) 947-3535

Hillsdale High School, Class of 1980, 30th Reunion, on November 6, 2010. Classmates, send contact information to Hillsdale1980@gmail.com

Pleasantonians 4 Peace, candlelight Vigil in front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main Street, downtown Pleasanton, Wed., August 11, at 7 PM. Participants will reflect on the human and monetary costs of the war, honor veterans who have sacrificed, and visualize ways of moving beyond this conflict to a more peaceful world. Peaceful War Protest on the

fourth Wednesday of the month, August 25 between 5 - 6 at the corners of First and Neal Streets. Questions?? Call Cathe Norman at (925) 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com; or kdowding@pacbell.net. Please see our New P4P web site. www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org

Andrew's Awesome Advocates, hosting a dinner and concert at 5 p.m. Aug. 14 at Trinity Baptist Church, Livermore. Tickets \$10 per person includes a complete spaghetti dinner and music by Trinity Baptist Church Worship Band and The Discovery Church Worship Team. All proceeds benefit the Andrew Hewitt Medical Trust Fund. www.contracostatimes.com/search/ci_145855646?source=email.

Armchair Travelers, Livermore Civic Center Library on Thurs., Aug. 12, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Frank Rainer will show digital photographs he took while traveling in the small isles and islands of the British Islands. Frank and his wife Sigrid visited Wight, Guernsey, Jersey, Sark, Herm, and Man, with stops in Wales and Devon in between. Adults are invited to this free program on the second Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Rooms of the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. For additional information please call 925 373-5500.

Livermore Military Families is a support group for families in Livermore, who have a loved one serving in the Military. It is a safe place to come and share the joys, tears and fears they have with others who understand what they are going through. All family members are welcome to attend meetings. Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the home of Cindy Gavello, 2851 Tahoe Drive, Livermore from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Pleasanton/Tulancingo Sister City Annual BBQ, Sat., Aug. 14, 5:30 to 11 p.m. Ivy Glen BBQ Area, Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Includes: Social Hour (no-host bar) and Silent Auction - tables full of great items; Tony Machiano's Lickety Spit BBQ Dinner with all the trimmings; Live Auction (items such "Black Tie" Wine Limo Trip, Stems in Mexico & New Orleans, Sailing on the Bay & much more); Dancing under the Stars - MC'd by KGO's Gary Hanson. \$30.00 per person. For Information and Tickets, call Mary Mendez 925-600-8414

Are You a Leader with Heart?! The American Heart Association is looking for team captains for our Heart Walks. We need leaders of healthier living for their family, friends and colleagues to help raise funds to save lives from the No. 1 and No. 3 killers of Americans: heart disease and stroke. Learn more at an information session in Walnut Creek. Thursday, July 29, 6-7 pm at Sports Basement, 1881 Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek, CA 94598. Details at heartwalkbayarea.org or call 510-904-4028. Heart Walks near your area include: Snow Park, Downtown Oakland, Thursday, September 16; Danville Livery and Mercantile, Sunday, September 19; Lake Elizabeth, Fremont, Thursday, September 30.

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

Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated kicks off the Election 2010 campaign season with its 6th Annual BBQ from 2 to

7 p.m., Saturday, August 14, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Enjoy food, fun and patriotic festivities with your fellow conservatives. Guest speakers will include candidates running in federal, state and local races in the November general election. \$20 per person. Reserve tickets by July 31. Call Phyllis at 925-462-4931. Visit www.trivalleyrepublicanwomen.org for more information.

Green Tech at IIT Tech, The public is invited to attend Green Tech at IIT Tech on Friday, Aug. 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the IIT Technical Institute in Concord (1140 Galaxy Way, Suite 400). Guests can explore new innovations in green technology and sustainable design. The event will feature solar panel and fiber optics workshops. To RSVP or for more information, please contact Francis Reyes at (925) 674-8254 or freyes@iit-tech.edu.

Caregiver Support Group, meets 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Learn new coping strategies and ways to better care for yourself. No fee to attend. Hope Hospice Inc., 6377 Clark Ave., Suite 100, Dublin. 829-8770, www.HopeHospice.com.

The Ins and Outs of a Successful Transfer To College- Are you frustrated by just trying to register for classes? Not sure what to major in or what college to transfer to? Feeling overwhelmed by the transfer process? Far too few community college students manage to transfer to a university and spend years longer to graduate than necessary. Save yourself thousands of dollars in tuition and years of hard work by enrolling in this short 1-day counseling seminar designed to help the community college transfer student. Parents welcome. Wed., Aug. 11, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. To register go to www.laspositascollege.edu/communityed or call 925-424-1467 PT654 \$39.00 per person

French classes for children after school, EFBA will be offering French classes to students K-5 after school this fall. There are different levels available ranging from beginners to children who speak French with their families. Children will learn the language and the culture through high-quality instruction and engaging activities. Visit the website more information: http://efba.us or call 922-0270.

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

Grief Journeys, summer support groups. Spousal loss: July 28, Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25, Sept. 1, 8, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Free to family members of former Hope Hospice patients. Community member subsidized fee \$40 for all 8 weeks. Enrollment limited. Parent loss: July 22, 29, Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26, Sept. 2, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Free to family members of former Hope Hospice patients. Community member subsidized fee \$40 for all 8 weeks. Hope Hospice, Inc. 925-829-8770 or (800) HOSPICE, 6377 Clark Avenue, Suite 100, Dublin. www.hopehospice.com

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue needs volunteers August 5-8, 2010, with the following skills: veterinarian, veterinary technician, and dog and cat grooming. Volunteers will participate with Tri-Valley Animal Rescue in

the East Bay Stand Down, a 4-day event in Pleasanton. Volunteers can participate during any or all of the four days. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Leslie Haas at 925-216-2569, or at tvarleslie@prodigy.net For more information about TVAR, please visit www.tvvar.org.

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

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

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

RELIGION

United Christian Church, celebrating 50 years in the Tri-Valley. 1886 College Ave. at M St., Livermore; worship on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. Children's program on Sunday morning and first Fridays. The community is welcome. United CC is an Open and Affirming ministry. Call 449-6820 for more information.

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

Trinity, 557 Olivina Ave., Livermore. Services on Sunday at 8:30, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. with Sunday school or Bible study for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Bible study for adults and activities for all ages on Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. 447-1848.

Granada Baptist Church, 945 Concanon Blvd., Livermore. Services: Sunday school 9:45 a.m., worship 11 a.m., Tuesday Bible study, 10 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. 1-888-805-7151.

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

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