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# **Donations of School Supplies,** Backpacks Are Needed

Tri-Valley Haven is working to ensure that low income children are able to start the new school year with all the essential supplies. Now in its fourth year, the Back to School Supply Distribution provides a new backpack and age appropriate supplies to homeless, near homeless and low income families in the Tri-Valley.

Last year over 400 children were served, a 27% increase over the previous year.

Samantha Burrows, director of homeless and family support services for the Haven, believes that this year the demand will be even greater. "Tri-Valley families are still struggling. Just as we have seen an increase in families turning to the food pantry to make ends meet, we expect an increase in families lining for the school supply drive. What has historically been a rite of passage, is for many families a huge financial burden."

The School Supply Distribution will take place Aug. 17 at 418 Junction Ave., Livermore, from 1 to 5 p.m. Backpacks and supplies will be given out on a first come, first served basis.

The Haven is still looking for donations of supplies to help address the need within the community. Donations of backpacks, binder paper, notebooks, pens, pencils and Payless gift cards for new shoes will be accepted Monday through Thursday until August 12 at the Tri-Valley Haven Community Building, 3663 Pacific Ave., Livermore.

For more information, contact Samantha Burrow at 455-2510

# **Haggerty Vice Chair of New Transportation** Commission

The new Alameda County Transportation Commission held its first meeting recently. The commission elected its Chair, Union City Mayor Mark Green to serve as chairman and Supervisor Scott Haggerty as vice chairman.

The Alameda County CTC is a newly formed countywide transportation agency, resulting from a merger of the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA) and the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (AC-TIA). Its mission is to plan, fund and deliver a broad spectrum of transportation projects and programs to enhance mobility throughout Alameda County.

In the midst of a down economy, the merger is an economical move to streamline costs, eliminate redundancies and create efficiencies in planning, programs and project delivery. In this respect, the Alameda CTC stresses accountability and transparency in administering public funds, as well as reforms to improve the County's ability to effectively plan and build transportation for the future.

"This is good for the cities, (See TRANSPORTATION, page 12)

# **Graffiti Annoys Public; Efforts Aim to Control It**

Graffiti taggers have more free time on their hands in the summer. The growing number of signs around Livermore is the result.

However, the community is organized to keep graffiti in check, according to a leader of the operation that cleans up the signs, and reaches out to the community for help control tagging.

The graffiti is most noticeable along the Arroyo Del Valle between Holmes Avenue and Stanley Boulevard. Livermore resident Auora Ahsan started using the bike trail along the arroyo in May to commute to a job. She has noticed the graffiti increase, and dislikes some of the symbols that some taggers paint, including some obscenities.

It's a poor atmosphere for the area, and sometimes it doesn't feel safe for younger children because of that, said Ahsan, whose child also uses the arroyo trail.

"There is some of this every year, but not to the extent that's there this year," said Ahsan. She would like to see more frequent policing to hold taggers in check.

She said that may be the key, since crews come out and paint over graffiti. It is back a day or two later.

Mike Nagel, executive director for maintenance at the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, appreciates Ahsan's concern. He said he is always glad to see residents speaking up about the problem, and reporting sites to the Graffiti Hot line at 373-5600.

Although the location of much of the graffiti is at the arroyo near Granada High School, not all of it

is caused by students there, said Nagel. Some taggers come from other areas. Much of it involves either gang members, who are staking out territory, or individual taggers, who see it as their form of creativity.

Tagging is defacing property or vandalism, a misdemeanor. Livermore Police Chief Steve Sweeney said his force does the best it can, but it's difficult to catch taggers, who work mainly at night.

When caught, offenders are referred to the city's Horizon counseling program, said Sweeney. There is also a "Pathways to Picasso" program, which tries to channel young taggers' activity into constructive artistic expression.

The Picasso program is run by Arthur Barinque, who looks at the vandalism and sees the artistic talent that some of the taggers have. "He is an artist who is interested in guiding the kids in developing their talent," said Sweeney.

Tagging occurs on park prop-(See GRAFFITI, page 4)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Ethan Santiago races through the Lizzie Fountain Spray Ground following dedication ceremonies last Saturday. For more on the event, go to page 12.

# Lab Team Helps Prepare for Next Big Accelerator

A Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory team is helping design elements of a future parto probe in unprecedented detail the fundamental forces that governed the early universe and may help give it structure today.

The accelerator, called the International Linear Collider, will pick up the physics story where today's most powerful accelerator, now operating in Geneva, leaves off. How soon that might happen is hard to predict because

it will be expensive and require tries. The ILC is being designed international funding. Some estimate that a new machine might ticle accelerator that is intended be operating by 2020, others not until 2025 or later.

The Livermore design team is headed by Jeff Gronberg of the Lab's Physics Division. The team includes engineers Tom Piggott, Jay Javedani, Charles Brown, Ryan Abbott and Ed Cook.

Their effort is part of an international one involving some 2,000 people from 300 laboratories and campuses in 24 counto collide electrons with their anti-matter counterpart, called positrons, at high energies in the expectation that the resulting bursts of particles and radiation will reveal detailed insights about the nature of the universe such as what happened during the Big Bang and how matter acquired

The Livermore team's job is to develop a source that can generate positrons some 100 times more profusely than has

been done before. The technique is to send gamma rays to a spinning titanium target, where they form electron-positron pairs that are then captured by what Gronberg calls "magnetic optics" and focused for acceleration toward the collision area some 10 miles

Under some circumstances, the Livermore group might also be asked to take on another project, the development of a "photon collider" to be operated (See LAB TEAM, page 5)

# **Senior Day Care Will** Be Back in the Valley A senior day care program

to replace the one that closed in Livermore in June 2008 is on the

The YMCA is working with the Tri-Valley adult day care board to open the new program at Nielsen Elementary School in Dublin. The school was closed by the district.

YMCA executive director Kelly O'Lague Dulka said the plan is eventually to have a capacity of 36 to 48 clients. They will come from the Tri-Valley, and even from Castro Valley and Hayward, she said.

The day-care center provides activities for seniors who are still living independently, but who might not be able to participate in activities at local senior centers, because they are frail.

Often they are living with their children. When those offspring have to work every day, there is no one to be responsible for the older adult. That is where senior day care comes in.

Dennis Gambs, president of the adult day care board, said that the board wanted to bring the program back. It had ben run by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD). The program was terminated when the Livermore Valley Charter School took over the school where it was operating. LARPD could not find a permanent home for the program in Livermore.

The day care board exercised a two tier bid process, which (See SENIOR DAY CARE, page 4)

# Friday Filing Deadline for Most November Races

Filings for the November elections close on Aug. 6, except for any races that might not have an incumbent filing. In that instance, the filing deadline is extended to Aug. 11.

Incumbents in the Pleasanton school district and Livermore Area Recreationand Park District (LARPD) have not filed, throwing those open to the deadline

extension. In Dublin, one of two incumbents has not filed for the school board.

On the Pleasanton school board, Jim Ott announced months ago that he will not be a candidate. The other incumbent whose term expires, Pat Kernan, has not announced whether he will run.

Sandy Piterit has filed her (See FILING, page 4)

# **Revitalization Effort Underway for Livermore's American Legion Post 47**

By Patricia Koning

A little-known fact about Livermore is that it is home to one of the oldest American Legion posts in the state—Post 47, located in the Veterans' Building at 522 L Street. Post 47 was an active part of the Livermore community beginning in the post-World War II era, but membership and the activity level dwindled off in the 1970's leaving the post on the verge of shutting down in recent years. Post 47 is part of Ameri-

can Legion District 10, which comprises 15 posts in Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Castro Valley, Emeryville, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Oakland, Pleasanton, and San Leandro. Last year Ed Castillo, District 10's past president, initiated an effort to revitalize Post 47. "It's such a beautiful, historic building with everything you need," he says. "I just couldn't let it go under."

He describes the Veterans' Administration hospital in Liver-(See POST 47, page 2)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen File photo of Niles Canyon Railroad.

# **Niles Train** Added to **Historic** Register

The State Historical Resources Commission voted unanimously last week to place the Niles Canyon Transcontinental Railroad Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Niles Canyon Railway is a segment of the final leg of the transcontinental railroad, passing through the Diablo Range to the shore of San Francisco Bay. The nearly twelve mile district stretching from Niles in Fremont to Pleasanton is one of the best preserved portions of the original railroad still providing passenger service. The historic designation goes to Bernal Avenue, covering the railroad right-of-way owned by Alameda County and leased to the Pacific Locomotive As-

Alan Frank, curator for the Pacific Locomotive Association, which operates the Niles Canyon Railway, said that the designation (See TRAIN, page 12)

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PETS OF THE WEEK

Come on down to Valley Humane Society this weekend Saturday Aug 7th and Sunday Aug 8th to experience Kitten Mania! We have a ton of kitties ready to go, but they haven't found their forever families yet. Could it be yours? We are offering kittens, cats, puppies & dogs at adopt one & pick a playmate for 1/2 off. Remember kittens love company! Visit Valley Humane Society's Kitty City, located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. 925-426-8656 www. valleyhumane.org



Cheryl Cook-Kallio

# Cook-Kallio Panelist at Bar Association Conference

Pleasanton City Council Member and Fremont veteran government teacher, Cheryl Cook-Kallio, will be a panelist on the value and importance of civic education in schools at the American Bar Association's annual national conference.

The meeting will be at the San Francisco Hilton, Union Square in Continental Parlors 4/5 on the Ballroom Level at 9:30 am.

Cook-Kallio is an advanced placement United States history teacher and "We the People" competition civics coach. Her team has been a California State Finalist each year and was California State Champions in 2005. Cook-Kallio received the American Civic Education Teacher Award in 2008, one of only three in the nation. She has been honored by the Fremont Education Foundation for Excellence in Education in 2006, and was Irvington High School's Teacher of the Year.

# POST 47

more as one of the Post's greatest assets. "Members used to volunteer thousands of hours each year and many still do," he says. "It's all about veterans helping veterans."

Ralph Morrow, the post's commander, has been working to increase membership. Currently annual dues are discounted from \$30 to \$22. "This post has a number of members from the World War II-era. We're hoping to attract members from Vietnam and Iraq so the post can become more active in the local community," he says.

One of those new members is Steven Thompson, who now serves as the post's chaplain. Thompson, an author who served in the Air Force from 1968-1972, moved to Livermore from Annapolis, Maryland in 2006. At first, he says, he joined the

national American Legion organization, paid his dues, and didn't do much else.

"I was inspired by the ex-

"I was inspired by the example of my wife Lanny, who has always been deeply committed to volunteer work," he says. "I also became aware that we are in the midst of a lot of veterans in this area. I had thoughts of getting involved locally when Ed started the effort to bring back Post 47."

The American Legion was founded in 1919 by veterans returning home from World War I. Later that year, Congress granted the American Legion a national charter. Today the American Legion has almost 3 million members in nearly 15,000 posts worldwide.

The American Legion's website describes the organization as "the nation's largest veterans

# Taste of Downtown in Livermore This Weekend

Taste of Downtown will be held in downtown Livermore this weekend, August 7 and 8.

The official hours of the event are from 1-5 p.m. Official 2010 Livermore Downtown Wine glasses and passports are available for purchase. Pre-sale passports with previously purchased 2010 wine glass are \$25; day of the event \$30. Pre-sale tickets for the passport and 2010 wine glass are \$35 or \$40 the day of the event. The food passport only is \$25.

Food samples will be available throughout the downtown - and of course - samples of local wine. Over thirty downtown stores and restaurants will be participating. Free horse drawn carriage rides will be available

to transport visitors to different downtown passport locations.

Tickets are available at the Livermore Downtown website at www.livermoredowntown. com and on the day of the event at Lizzie Fountain.

John Christopher Cellars will be open from noon to 6 p.m. both days. Bring the official 2010 Livermore Downtown Wine glass and passport to the tasting room in Blacksmith Square and receive 3 complimentary tastes of award winning John Christopher Cellar's wine. In the courtyard, there will be live music featuring the Hummingbirdz on Sat from 3-6 PM. For information on activities at the tasting room go to the website at www.johnchristophercellars.com.

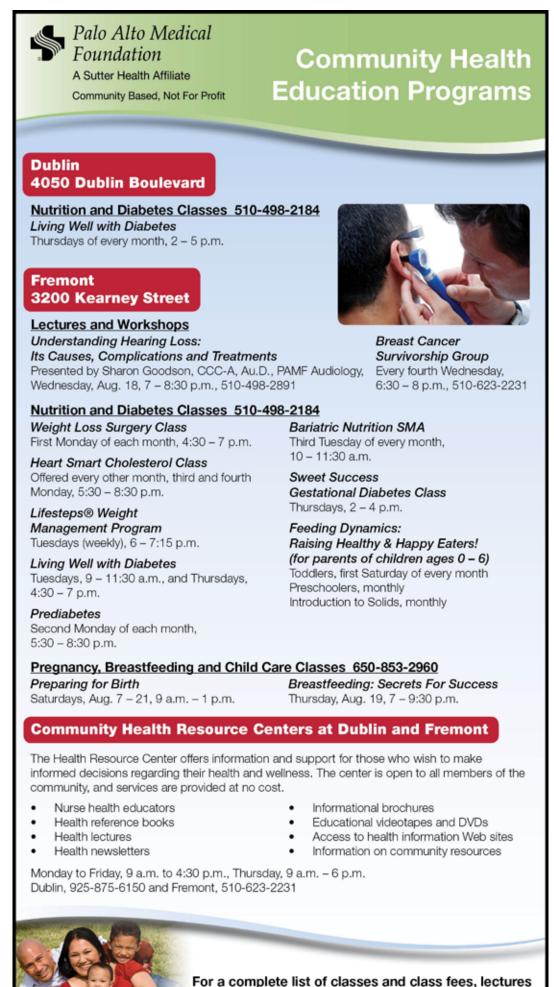
service organization, committed to mentoring and sponsorship of youth programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting a strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans."

Morrow plans involve Post 47 in many of the American Legion's national activities, such as the Heroes to Hometowns transition program for severely injured service members and the

oratorical contest for high school students. He's also looking to become involved with local youth activities, like Boy Scouts and Little League.

At this weekend's Taste of Downtown in Livermore, Post 47 will have a booth set up near the downtown flagpole "We want to let our local population know that Post 47 is alive and well and reaching out," says Thompson. "We are actively looking for people to help. It's not about us."

Post 47 holds a monthly meeting on the second Monday of each night at 7:30 pm at the Veterans Building, 522 L Street. To be eligible for the American Legion, one must be on active duty or have served honorably during eligible war eras. For exact dates and more information, visit www.legion.org. For more information on Post 47, email calegion.post47@gmail.com or call 925-443-0763.





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# VALLEY ROUNDUP

### **Pleasanton School Assignments**

The Pleasanton Unified School District has announced new assignments for the coming year (pending board approval).

Ben Fobert, vice principal at Amador Valley High, has been selected as the new principal at Mohr Elementary School. He succeeds Robin Sehrt who accepted an assignment in another district

Ken Rocha, vice principal at Hart Middle, has been selected as the new principal at Harvest Park Middle School. He replaces Jim Hansen who is now serving as principal at Amador Valley High.

Lisa Hague will move from a teaching assignment at Pleasanton Middle School to the vice principal position there, filling the vacancy created when Aileen Parsons accepted a principal job in Dublin.

#### **Local Firefighters Head South**

A crew from the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department (LPFD) joined together with four crews from other jurisdictions to form a Strike Team that was deployed to the "Bull Fire" in Tulare County last week. These crews have been requested to assist state and federal firefighters in stopping one of two large fires burning in Tulare County, the other being the "West Fire."

The "Bull Fire" was last reported to have grown to 15,000 acres and to have consumed at least six buildings. Crews left in the twilight hours with anticipation of being deployed for up to seven days. The crew from Fire Station 4 on Bernal Ave. arrived at the fire early this morning. They are presently checking-in at the Command Post where they will receive their assignment.

The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department's response to this incident was through a statewide mutual aid agreement. The LPFD is fully reimbursed by the state for personnel and equipment in response to incidents of this type.

#### **Stabbing Victim**

Pleasanton police officers were dispatched to ValleyCare Medical Center to meet with a victim of a stabbing.

The victim reported he had been involved in an altercation near Perry's Liquor, at 4301 Valley Ave., after purchasing some cigarettes. The victim stated he did not know he had been stabbed until he had fled the area and was near his home. After realizing he was bleeding he went to ValleyCare Medical Center for treatment.

The victim and witnesses described the suspect #1 as a Hispanic male, early 20's, 6'03" tall, 250 pounds, heavy build, short brown hair with a goatee, wearing a red t-shirt and blue jeans. Suspect #2 was described as Hispanic male adult early 20's 5'10" to 6' 00" tall, medium build, 180 pounds, short black hair, clean shaven, wearing a red t-shirt and dark blue jeans.

Anyone with information regarding this please contact Pleasanton Police at (925) 931-5100.

#### **Mental Health Funds**

The California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) approved a total of \$6,552,109 for mental health services in Alameda, Mariposa, and San Mateo Counties. The MHSOAC approved \$5,951,039 for Alameda County and \$490,970 for San Mateo County, as requested, for new programs in their Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Annual Updates.

The MHSOAC approves Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) funds for programs that apply strategies focused on preventing mental illness from becoming severe and disabling.

Alameda County will be using its \$5,951,039 in PEI monies to fund three new programs: Mental Health-Primary Care Integration for Older Adults; Peer Support Program for Children, Transitional Age Youth, and Adults; and the Prevention Grant Program. The Prevention Grant Program developed out of Alameda's Community Program Planning process which identified several groups in the

community that were not receiving a distinct allocation of resources with the original PEI plan. Projects under this program will be based upon evidence-based, emerging and promising practices that will include culturally-competent community outreach, engagement and education.

#### Correction

The amount raised by Republican 11th Congressional District Candidate David Harmer was \$782,549 during the three-month period that closed June 30. The printed figure, \$1.8 million, was the cumulative total since Jan. 1, and included the primary election donations.

#### **Gulf Response**

Congressman John Garamendi (D) voted for two bills that strengthen the House of Representatives' response to the Gulf Coast oil disaster.

The Consolidated Land, Energy, and Aquatic Resources Act (CLEAR) sets new safety standards and requires a transition to the latest technologies available to make offshore oil drilling as safe as possible. It also removes the economic damage cap paid by oil companies to residents and small businesses affected by oil spills. An amendment successfully introduced by Congressman Garamendi makes sure that the Coast Guard has the resources necessary to be an effective first responder to future oil spills.

The Offshore Oil and Gas Worker Whistleblower Protection Act protects workers who alert state and federal authorities of violations or practices that endanger the public and workers.

#### **Salary Increase Donated**

Keeping his commitment to donate his automatic pay raise to charitable organizations, Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) will be visiting the Child Abuse Prevention Council of San Joaquin County to hand deliver a check at 10:00 a.m. on this Thursday, August 5th.

McNerney has been a strong advocate against automatic pay raises for members of Congress. He has consistently voted against salary increases and helped pass legislation to abolish the automatic pay raise for the coming year.

Past examples of the organizations McNerney has donated funds to include the Greater Stockton Emergency Food Bank, which provides packaged food for residents in San Joaquin County, the Village Community Resource Center in Brentwood, which provides after-school programs as well as family support and health services, and the Tri-Valley Haven, which provides shelter and services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

### 65th Anniversary of Bombing

August 6th, 2010 marks the 65th anniversary of the U.S. atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Japan. Three days later, a second bomb was dropped on the city of Nagasaki.

Tri-Valley CAREs and other groups invite participation in a commemoration at the gates of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. The theme this year is "65: Time to retire nuclear weapons."

Participants will gather at 8 a.m. on Fri., August 6 at the north-west corner of Livermore lab, at the intersection of Vasco Road and Patterson Pass Road, in Livermore.

The program will feature Taiko drummers, speakers, including Norman Solomon, and spoken word poet, Kayla Marin. Around 9 a.m., following the rally, there will be a march to the Livermore Lab's West Gate, where those who choose will nonviolently risk arrest.

A moment of silence will be observed at 8:15 a.m.. It was then, the morning of August 6, 1945, that the Enola Gay dropped a uranium bomb over the city of Hiroshima.



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# **EDITORIAL**

# **LARPD-City Merger**

The Livermore City Council has thrown its unanimous support behind a feasibility study of a proposed merger between the city and Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (lLARPD).

The study would occur in phases, the first costing about \$25,000 and the last between \$100,000 and \$130,000. It would examine whether a LARPD-city merger would result in additional money for parks and recreation in Livermore.

The state currently takes almost \$7 million in annual property taxes from LARPD — about 48% of the district's budget. If LARPD, which is an independent agency, were under the city's jurisdiction, or if it were dissolved and run as a city department, this loss of property tax revenue might be significantly reduced.

During the council's recent discussion of this issue. Councilmember Marj Leider observed that LARPD has lost \$79 million to the state since 1992. "That could have built two sports parks," she said.

The merger idea is not new. It's been floating around for years, but has never ignited any meaningful support in the community.

We support the study to answers those questions. This issue begs to be aired. The community needs to be informed about the benefits and drawbacks of a LARPD-city merger so the issue can be put to rest.

However, we would note that LARPD's independence brings that money can't buy, namely a high level of responsiveness to the community. In addition, there are programs the city may not want to take on, such as extended student services.

The district is tremendously popular within the community. Any funds obtained through the proposed merger would have to be really significant to warrant messing with LARPD's independence. In addition, if a merger were to go forward, the park and recreation funds should be protected as a separate fund and not become part of the city's general fund.

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papers for the school board. Jeff Bowser and Joan Laursen have taken out papers, but have not been certified yet as candidates. The Alameda County Registrar of Voters checks signatures to ensure the filings meet requirements.

In LARPD, Scott Kamena is not running again. The other two incumbents, David Furst and Maryalice Faltings, had not finished the process yet by Tuesday. April Rood also had not been authorized yet. Confirmed candidates are newcomers Bob Coomber, Maureen Turner, and Bob Thrailkill.

On the Dublin school board, incumbent David Haubert has filed. However, the other incumbent, Jennifer Henry, decided on Tuesday that she will not run again, owing to health concerns. Newcomer Sean Kenney has filed.

# McLAUGHLIN BIDS

TO BE BACK ON BOARD For the Livermore school board, incumbents William Dunlop and Anne White and Kate Runyon are filed. So is challenger Thomas McLaughlin, a previous school board member. Andrew

Kaponen had taken out papers, but not completed the process.

In the Pleasanton city council race, Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and councilmember Cindy Mc-Govern have been confirmed for the contest for the mayor's seat. Councilman Jerry Thorne has been validated for re-election. Incumbent Cheryl Cook-Kallio and hopeful Karla Brown have papers out, but they haven't been validated yet. Fred Watson has pulled papers, but had not returned them by Tuesday.

Incumbent Ayn Wieskamp is the only person who has filed for District 5 in the East Bay Regional Park District. No one else has taken out papers.

In Dublin, incumbent Tim Sbranti is the only candidate filed for mayor. Incumbents Don Biddle and Kate Ann Scholz will be on the city council ballot joined by Eric Swalwell Shawn Costello has declared his intention to file for city council, but has not had the paperwork validated yet.

For the two terms expiring on the Sunol Glen school board, incumbents Guin Van Dyke and Don Ball have been validated to run again. No one else has taken out papers for the office.

# **Locked Out Castlewood Workers Stage Protest**

Maintenance, food and beverage workers at Castlewood Country Club have been locked out of their jobs for over 150 days. They staged a protest in front of the Club on Sunday to demand the Club end the lockout and bargain in good faith with the union.

"The BP oil spill in the Gulf hasn't last this long. We need to get back to work," said 5-year Castlewood banquet server Sergio Gonzales.

The lockout began on February 25, 2010 when management turned employees away when they reported to work. Negotiations stalled when the Club asked that their employees contribute \$739 per month toward their family health care costs. Union members point out that is nearly 40% of the average take-home pay of the locked out employ-

Workers offered to increase their share of health costs from 0 to \$225 per month, restrict health benefits to full-time employees, and accept a wage freeze in the first year and very low raises in later years. The union contends that these concessions would have more than offset the costs

of retaining family medical ben-

According to some reports, Castlewood has spent over \$337,000 on expenses related to the labor dispute. That price tag includes at least \$35K lost margin on events."It would have taken them years to spend that kind of money if they accepted the union's proposal and didn't lock the workers out" said Wei Ling Huber, president of Unite Here Local 2850.

"They don't realize we are fighting for our families. We are not going to go away," said Angel Melendez a 15 year Castlewood

EDD ruled that the lockout is an offensive action on the part of the Club. The locked out workers have been receiving unemployment benefits. Workers have also received donations to help them keep a roof over their heads. "The community supports us" says Maria Ramriez, a 4-year maintenance worker at Castlewood. "We've been receiving a lot donations and messages of strength. People do not want us to be starved into giving up hope and a good contract."

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# **Livermore Economic Development Advancing**

Livermore has been actively pursuing policies aimed at adding businesses and jobs.

The Livermore City Council heard an update recently on some of the activities. The presentation was by Rob White, director of economic development.

White pointed to the importance of businesses in maintaining the city's services. He stated that about 60 percent of the city's revenue coming from business, \$45 million of the \$70 million general fund. Most of the money comes from sales and property

Retail is one segment of the economy that needs a boost in Livermore. White told the council, "We need to diversify the retail base." The city has about 2500 retail sales points, putting it at the lower end of retail sales points. Only Dublin has fewer, according to White. The top five retail businesses in Livermore generate about 20 percent of the sales tax in the city. They are Costco, Livermore Audi, etc., US Foodservice, Wal-Mart and Target..

White continued, "It is difficult to attract retail. Bringing in new types of retail requires

a population base of 150,000 within a 15 minute drive time, high disposable incomes, ideal building conditions, and several other criteria. The good news is that the el Charro site planned for a high end outlet mall meets all of the criteria.'

Science and technology businesses are seen as a way to generate high paying jobs in the area. White said that more jobs results in direct economic impact, that may not be apparent to the average person. For example 200 new jobs have been generated by two companies moving to the city. White explained that one lunch per week at \$10 per meal (50 meals per worker) generates \$100,000 in economic impact. Using an economic activity multiplier of 6, those 200 jobs generate \$600,000 in buying power over a year.

The impact doesn't account for other positives such as spending on housing, child care, transportation, entertainment, and in other areas, added White.

White said he is encouraged by the growth in the tech industry in California, 17 percent over the last 12 months.

Livermore is positioned to

take advantage of technology and science growth. There are three main focus point, said White. One is the Livermore Valley Open Campus, which is comprised of 120 acres set aside for use as collaborative research space with both of the national labs. A second step was the designation of Livermore as an innovation hub by the state. White commented that the Livermore proposal was the top one the state reviewed. "We are the only hub that has national laboratories involved.'

The third element in Livermore's planned science and technology growth is 1600 acres of industrial and commercial land near the two national Laboratories for the innovation hub. Livermore's focus will be on green advanced transportation. The hub will increase tech transfer for green transportation and clean energy technologies from the laboratories, establish a technology incubator and coordinate an academic alliance, among other things. Partners in the hub include the two national laboratories, universities, local cities, Alameda County, and others.

The incubator, dubbed NEST,

will be established near the Livermore Valley Open Campus. The academic alliance would bring in universities and other

academic institutions. Part of the drive to build the economy in Livermore has been an effort to develop the workforce to take on the jobs, continued White. The idea is to connect businesses to resources and programs such as the workforce opportunity tax credit and subsidized employment. Businesses would also be provided information and support to connect with job seekers and business resources to help them grow.

Services are also provided for job seekers. For example, the Livermore Library offers a Free2Succeed Job Center. There is help with resumes and interview skills, access to computers, and workshops on the job application process.

Culture is part of growing the economy, added White. An arts cluster is planned in the downtown area. White told the council that future plans include teachers being trained to incorporate art into their lessons. There are plans to launch a utility box mural program.

# LARPD Okays Antenna in Max Baer Park

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District board approved an agreement with T-Mobile for a wireless communication antenna at Max Baer Park. The board also heard a report on a grazing policy in open space parks.

At the end of the meeting, Director Scott Kamena announced he would not be running for reelection this November.

Similar to the antenna installation at Robertson Park, the antenna at Max Baer one would include replacing an existing light standard at the ball field with a new light tower to support a wireless telecommunications facility. The replacement tower would be the same height as the previous light standard. The new antenna

equipment would not extend any higher than the top of the tower. Assistant General Manager John Lawrence commented, "Unless someone is looking for it, they won't notice it.'

T-Mobile will also construct a 28-foot-by-12-foot equipment storage area to house the necessary electrical and communication equipment. LARPD will receive a monthly lease payment of \$2109 per month. The rental fee is subject to an annual increase by the area CPI.

The Board also received an informational report on a District grazing plan, covering topics such as the cost of fencing and the long-term benefits of graz-

General Manager Tim Barry told the board that the next step would be to draft some policy language for future discussion.

Board President David Furst asked about comments regarding grazing on Brushy Peak made by Native Americans. He noted that they seemed to prefer goats

Lawrence explained that one of the issues on Brushy Peak is identifying all of the cultural areas. It may be that Native Americans say there should be no grazing at all.

Kamena said in announcing that he would not seek re-election, "This has been a good nine years. I want to give others a chance to do this." He said time is the factor in his decision to leave the board. He has two children, a third on the way. He works full time. "It is tougher to set aside 15 to 20 hours a month to do this job. I need the time to be a breadwin-

ner, a dad and a husband.' Kamena added, "I have not served with anyone I don't respect and enjoy being around. This is probably the best board I will ever serve on." He urged those interested in doing so to run for office. He declared, "It is a fun job.'

During the public forum, Marilyn Carter of the Livermore Veterans Foundation spoke to the Board about two servicemen lost their lives in the war. She requested the District assist in establishing a memorial bench at Maitland R. Henry Park, where the two soldiers played as children.

Carter also offered to volunteer for a committee that would take on fund-raising for the annual Fourth of July event that is at risk of being canceled for 2011. She stated she knows other people who would volunteer to raise funds to keep the event

# **Rambo Named New Granada Principal** schools," Rambo added. "Prepar-

The Board of Trustees for the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District has appointed Philomena Rambo as the new Principal of Granada High School. Rambo will take over for Chris Van Schaack, who was recently promoted to the position of Executive Director of Student Services. Van Schaack had been Principal since 2004.

The vote by the board was

Rambo has been Vice Principal at Granada for the past four years, with her primary responsibilities in the areas of curriculum and assessment. She has spent her entire career at the

high school level.

"I'm extremely excited about this opportunity," Rambo stated. "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 make great

Granada has shown gains over the past five years, including an increase of 124 points in the Academic Performance Index – one of the highest gains in the state for comprehensive high

"This is a critical time for high

ing students to be successful in post-secondary education and careers has never been more challenging or more important. We must be innovative in our approach to educating students." Granada teachers focus on relevant curriculum both to engage and to prepare students. The new Biotechnology Pathway at Granada prepares students for careers and college, providing them with experience and college credit.

Rambo will begin her duties immediately. "Leading a high school today is a huge task," she stated. "However, it is one that

erty, downtown, and school sites,

so LARPD, the city government and school district team together to pay for clean-up

The school district spent \$5000 to clean up graffiti at its sites. The schools do much of the clean-up, and bill the city and LARPD for the work.

Livermore director of public works Dan McIntyre said his records show that the school district billed the city for \$69,000 in the past fiscal year. The city spent another \$37,000 in labor an materials cleaning up downtown graffiti, where city crews were working anyway.

Nagel said that virtually every city in the United States has some graffiti. The best that can be done is to try to take it away immediately to show taggers their work won't last long. If residents can report graffiti right away, it goes a long way in keeping it under control, said Nagel.

# **SENIOR DAY CARE**

drew about a dozen interested providers. They were winnowed down to three, and the YMCA was selected. Gambs said that the board was

very happy with what the YMCA can offer. He cited its good track record in running day care for children in the Tri-Valley. Gambs pointed out that the

real strength of having a senior day care program is the impact on the people using it. It's one thing to have a hired caretaker at home. When seniors get out with their own peers all day, they really come alive, and feel much better, he commented.

The program is also a cost-

effective way to provide services. One of the sad things that happened when the Livermore program ceased was that adult children had to quit jobs in order to ensure care for their parents, said Gambs.

There is so much need in the Tri-Valley for the program that it's Gambs' opinion there should be a second project like it sometime in the future.

O'Lague Dulka lauded the Dublin school district for its role in stepping up to offer Nielsen school as the site. The district is converting the restrooms for use by seniors and making other improvements in the building.

Cost for capital improvements

will be paid by community block grants from Livermore at \$85,000 and Pleasanton at \$18,000.

O'Lague Dulka had praise for Maureen Gandara Swinbank at LARPD, who had experience with the previous program. "She has been a great ally and friend. She has been our mentor, said O'Lague Dulka.

We have a phenomenal board (at YMCA). Our board is responsible for this," said O'Lague Dulka.

The project must still go through a state licensing process, and firm up the planned operation, so there is no projected date yet for opening.

**Atomic Bombs** 

**Donald King** Livermore Once again, on August 6, we will be observing the anniversary (the 65th) of the dropping of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima (Aug. 6) and Nagasaki (Aug. 8). A good account of these horrific events is to be found in Gordon Thomas and Max Morgan Witts, "Enola Gay" (1977). Here is a quote from the book, "Oppenheimer stated the bomb would be ideal for use against a concentration of troops or war plants, and that it might kill about 20,000 people."

The estimated population of Hiroshima was 320,000 civilians and soldiers, "... some 80,000 were killed instantly or mortally wounded. About one-third of the casualties were soldiers." (page 313). Under the WWII concept of "total war," civilians had long since been seen as fair game. Tokyo and German cities had been routinely carpet bombed.

So even the "good war" had its ethical dark side. War is like that. It should be consigned to the dust bin of history.

# AILBOX

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## Let the Digging Begin **Bart and Barbara Costerus**

Pleasanton Through a number of sources, we have heard that an agreement regarding the development of Stoneridge Creek Continuing Life Communities and other Staples Ranch property is at hand.

It has been a long time coming! As prospective residents of Stoneridge Creek, we are thrilled that the many involved entities, i.e. the cities of Pleasanton, Livermore, and Dublin, as well as Alameda County, Alameda Creek Alliance, Safe Streets Pleasanton, and other involved parties have all worked together to assure that each group's needs are met. We are thankful for all their efforts.

It is our fervent hope that the details of this long-awaited asset to Pleasanton can now be approved by our city council at their meeting on August 24. Let the digging begin!

#### Arizona Law **Kathy Coyle** Livermore

A recent letter writer said that every day, legal Americans provide proof of citizenship to businesses, law enforcement and airlines. I think she assumes that a Driver's License is proof! My driver's license isn't proof of anything other than I have the right to drive a car and hopefully still look like the person in the photo! Unless you carry your US birth certificate, a US passport, a "Green Card" or your Citizenship document at all times, you have no proof you are legal. If Arizona law enforcement thinks it is appropriate, even these documents would need to be authenticated - while you sit in a cell. Most citizens of this country would be pretty upset with that!

I am a naturalized Citizen of this fabulous country. Before your pockets?

I got my passport and before you needed one to re-enter the US from Canada, I carried my diploma sized document with me when I visited my family. I needed it to re-enter the United States. On one rather hurried trip, I forgot it. Entering Canada was no problem. When I went through US Customs at the airport on the return trip, I was asked where I was born and I said I was a naturalized citizen when asked. I was then asked to prove it. Well, I couldn't because my Driver's License and my Voter Registration Card were not proof. The agent loudly scolded me for not carrying my documents but she eventually let me through. That was more than twenty years ago, and I do not believe I would have the same luck now!

I don't carry my passport around with me at all times because I don't expect the local Police to ask me for it, if I am pulled over for some reason. My birth certificate is from a different country and my Citizenship document doesn't fit in a wallet. How many of you who support the AZ law carry real proof in

# **Pleasanton Teen Goes to Super Scholar Institute**



**Christopher Sund** 

Super-bright kids like Christopher Sund of Pleasanton go to summer school, too.

In 15-year-old Christopher's life, that has been the University of Nevada at Reno (UNR).

Gifted students at some schools take advanced placement courses earning some college credits in their own high schools. However, Christopher experienced the real thing — university instructors giving a semester's worth of lectures five days each week, for three weeks.

The academic day ran from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. At the end of the session, Christopher earned 6 college credits. That brought his total to 18 credits, because he attended the program during the previous two summers.

Christopher's studies this summer were public health biology and nano-technology and test or the SAT.

The program at UNR is called is run by the Davidson Institute for Talent Development, which was created by former educational software entrepreneurs Bob and Jan Davidson.

As Nevada residents on the east side of Lake Tahoe, the Davidsons established in Reno a year-round academy for what the institution calls "profoundly gifted" students.

There is also the Young Scholars program, which offers information about academics and careers to the students and their families.

The idea behind all of the Davidson Institute work is that youths who are super-intelligent need accelerated work, but also need to be with their peers as they come to maturity.

Christopher's mother, Cynthia, said her son likes the balanced education that he can receive at Harker Academy, a school that dates back to 1893, when its forerunner was founded by David Starr Jordan, the first president of Stanford Univer-

Christopher said that he likes Harker because he a challenging curriculum is available and he still can play sports and make friends. Transportation to school is not much of a problem, because

Christopher started in Pleasanthat Christopher was such an ex-

To qualify, a student must pass screening, which includes being in the top 0.1 percent of an IQ

the THINK Summer Institute. It

his father works in Cupertino.

ton public schools at Valley View elementary school. However, it was evident after about four years ceptional student that the Sunds switched him to a private school in the Tri-Valley. Later, there was the switch to Harker, for an even more challenging curriculum, said Cynthia Sund.



micro-technology. "It's always

difficult, because of the time

constraint. These are not difficult

concepts, but there is a short pe-

riod of time. What's nice is that

we have three-hour classes. Each

day is the equivalent of about a

but enough time to do it, and also

get in some relaxation time with

the other 58 or so students in the

A third-baseman on his Hark-

er Academy team in San Jose,

Christopher especially enjoyed a

class excursion to a local minor

league baseball game. Otherwise,

students hang out at lunch or

play computer games or board

over the United States. Christo-

pher met students from Wiscon-

sin, Texas, and both coasts.

The students come from all

program, said Christopher.

There is plenty of homework,

week," said Christopher.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Livermore Downtown Inc. held its Christmas in July festivities last week. Visitors found holiday decorations and lots of bargains.

# **Lab Volunteers Help Boost Math Scores**

Students at Livermore High School have benefitted by having coaches — not just in sports, but also in math.

Earlier this year when Livermore High teacher Susan Johnston asked for volunteers to help staff her new evening calculus tutoring sessions she dubbed "Pizza and Problems," Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory scientists and engineers did not hesitate to sign up — and not just for the pizza.

Among those stepping up to the plate from LLNL to serve as calculus coaches were: Steven Azevedo, Shamasundar Dixit, Brian Wilson, Jean-Michel Di Nicola and Peter Murphy (re-

"We ran a weekly program from March 8 until the advanced placement exam on May 8,3 Johnston said.

After recently receiving the students' test results, Johnston happily reports that scores for the students and the rates were quite a success. "In this first year, we doubled the passing rate from last year and we significantly improved the average test grade. We also had more than twice as many students taking the exam.

"The students overwhelm-

ingly stated that the major reason they did so well on the exam was the advice and help they received from the volunteer calculus coaches," Johnston said.

One student remarked, "They made the difference — in my understanding of calculus and in my self-confidence.

Another student stated, "It was great to be able to casually study math in a relaxed atmosphere with a half dozen experts in the room."

Johnston added, "This is an excellent example of how the local labs contribute to the education of Livermore students.

# LAB TEAM

as part of the ILC. This would make use of the Lab's special laser expertise to hit electrons and positrons with a laser beam just before the collision zone, and collide the resulting high energy photons instead of the electrons and positrons.

As designed, the International Linear Collider will be about 20 miles long. Positron-electron beams will be aligned with spectacular precision. Clusters of electrons and positrons will be microscopically small – 20 millionths of a millimeter high, traveling at virtually the speed of light. The first particle clusters are expected to miss each other. Ssensors will provide finely tuned feedback that shifts the beam microscopically so that they can be recycled and collide next time through.

If all goes well, the ILC will produce some 14,000 collisions per second at half a trillion electron volts in its initial configuration. The energies of the collisions will be high but not unprecedented. What will make the experiments scientifically valuable is their relative sim-

One fundamental question to be addressed by the Large Hadron Collider and possibly in finer detail by the ILC is whether a particle exists called the Higgs boson, for the physicist who proposed its existence.

The Higgs particle has never been seen but is profoundly interesting to physicists because it is proposed as an explanation of why matter has mass and therefore gravity. Its existence and characterization could help unify quantum physics and general relativity.

Proof of its existence and measurement of its mass, at the Large Hadron Collider or elsewhere, will govern future decisions about the International Linear Collider. If its mass is in the range of 1 trillion electron volts or below, the ILC will be able to study it in fine detail. If it is several times higher, a more powerful but so far less fully developed accelerator concept may need to be supported. This is the Compact Linear Collider.

Beyond searching for the Higgs, it is hoped that the Large Hadron Collider may help create candidate particles that explain the dark matter that constitutes some 96 percent of the universe, demonstrate a theory called supersymmetry, and help explain theories of reality involving 10 dimensions and more.

The ILC, or the more powerful Compact Linear Collider. will be needed for follow-on experiments because today's most powerful particle accelerator has a drawback to go along with its great strengths. The Large Hadron Collider, which is now operating at the European physics consortium called CERN, near Geneva, collides protons at record high energies that are up to 3.5 times higher than previously possible and in time will be seven times higher.

It too will explore fundamental questions about the forces that shaped the universe.

However, its proton collisions are messy, because protons themselves are complex, consisting of three component quarks and other smaller particles. When they collide they produce sprays of particles and radiation that are difficult to interpret. It is hard to tell which of the components have collided and what their energies were — even when the proton's total energy is known.

One researcher compared the process to trying to understand how a Swiss watch works by smashing one watch against another at high speed and analyzing the resulting explosion of springs, gears and wheels.

By contrast, the electrons and positrons to be accelerated in the ILC are lighter and simpler. Colliding them at high energy should produce simpler bursts of energy that can be examined in clearer detail. In keeping with the Swiss watch analogy, their collisions would allow researchers to focus on the behavior of a gear or a spring.

For the foreseeable future, the general approach to high energy particle physics is likely to be investigating major new areas of science, and searching for new particles, using the Large Hadron Collider, and then filling in detail with the greater precision available from linear electron beam accelerators like the ILC.

Electron accelerators are operated in straight lines for reasons of efficiency and simplicity. Electrons emit X rays when they are guided along a curved path, which robs them of useful power and creates an unwanted high radiation environment.

However, electrons can be accelerated to higher and higher energies in a straight line. Limits are generally related to budgets, the availability of land and the quality of electrical systems and other technology.

By contrast, heavier particles like protons can be accelerated to higher and higher energy by being accelerated repeatedly in circular paths because they lose a smaller proportion of their energy as X ravs.

The most powerful electron accelerator in the world today is the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center, a half-century-old machine built under Interstate 280 in Menlo Park. It is two miles long and operates at up to 50 billion electron volts of energy, 10 percent of the energy projected for the first version of the International Linear Collider if it is eventually built.

The ILC will span some 20 miles at a site to be determined. Location at or near CERN would not be surprising, given the concentration of similar work being undertaken there and the willingness of individual nations, or consortiums, to contribute.

That decision may be years in the future. In the meantime, "Livermore is part of the global design effort," Gronberg notes.

# **EBRPD Police Earn Accreditation**

The East Bay Regional Park District Police Department has been awarded its official accreditation, becoming one of only twelve CALEA-accredited agencies in California. The ceremony took place on July 31 in Las Vegas, Nevada where the internationally-recognized Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) gave its awards.

The ceremony recognized 82 law enforcement agencies from the United States, Canada, and Mexico. East Bay Regional Parks Police was the only California agency recognized at the Las Vegas conference.

The CALEA accreditation programs involve a comprehensive review of a law enforcement agency's organization, management, operations and administration. The accreditation process begins with a self-assessment examination by the agency to determine whether it complies with all applicable standards. It concludes with an on-site inspection by CALEA assessors and a final review hearing by the commission. Participation in the CALEA accreditation program is voluntary, but successful completion provides a law enforcement agency with a nationally recognized award of excellence and professional achievement.

To receive accreditation, the East Bay Regional Park District Police Department participated in an intense three-year process, complying with over 400 primary and nearly 1,200 overall standards set forth by the commission. These standards touched on every facet of the department from administrative to operational services. Pat O'Brien, General Man-

ager of the East Bay Regional Park District attended the accreditation ceremony. "I'm especially proud of our Public Safety Division under the leadership of Police Chief Tim Anderson, stated O'Brien. "We're one of the few park districts in the nation that has its own sworn police officers. Not only do our officers patrol a vast 100,000+acre parkland system, they also provide law enforcement services for other agencies and mutual aid assistance for nearly 40 cities in

the East Bay.' At peak summer season, the East Bay Regional Park District's Public Safety Division is staffed by approximately 500 personnel, which includes 151 full-time equivalent employees (67 of whom are sworn police officers who derive their authority under California Penal Code Section 830.1). In addition, the division employs 195 seasonal lifeguards and 175 members of a Volunteer Trail Safety Patrol, and 48 industrial firefighters.

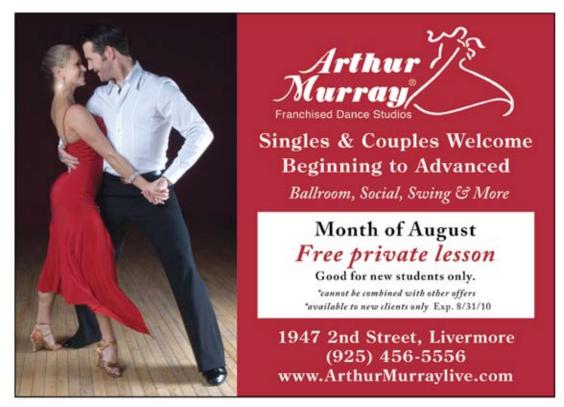
The department includes an Air Support Unit, Marine Patrol, Equestrian Patrol, K-9 Unit, Special Enforcement Unit, Investigations Unit, and a 24-hour-per-day 9-1-1 Communications Center.

"The East Bay Regional Park District Police Department takes pride not only in being a law enforcement agency that has worked hard for this prestigious recognition, but also in being an agency that has earned the respect of its community and the

Anderson. In its 23-page report, the onsite assessment team concluded, "The members of the East Bay Regional Park District Police Department are very proud of their organization and profession. They strive for excellence and it shows. The success of that effort is readily apparent. The agency has demonstrated that it is in compliance with all applicable standards and has rightfully earned a reputation as an excellent police service." The lead assessor was Chief Michael Dickey of the Fairfield, Ohio, Police Department.

The CALEA accreditation, which is often likened to a Better Business Bureau stamp of approval for public safety agencies, communications centers and training academies, is valid for three years, at which time an accredited agency will apply for review and re-accreditation. "CALEA is actually a business model, a way of conducting business with a critical eye. Our re-accreditation effort for 2013 actually began as soon as our initial on-site team walked out the door," Anderson said.









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Competitors dove in and swam in a variety of events during the Tri-Valley Swim League championships last Saturday. They were held at the Dolores Bengston Aquatic Center in Pleasanton. The results are below.

#### **Club Sport Swims Home with Title**

The Tri-Valley Swim League held their championship meet on Sat., July 31 at the Dolores Bengston Aquatic Center in Pleasanton. At the end of the day, the Club Sport Tidal Waves emerged as this

years team winner.

Tri-Valley Swim League Championships were held last Saturday in Pleasanton. Order of finish: Club Sport Pleasanton Tidal Waves (CSP) 2,338.50 points; 2nd Del Prado Stingrays (DP) 2,264; 3rd DBAC Swim Team Pirahnas (DBAC) 2,228; 4th Dublin Green Gators (DUB) 1,796; 5th Pleasanton Meadows Sharks (PMST) 1,554; 6th Ruby Hill Killer Whales (RH) 1,483.50; 7th Briarhill Barracudas (BH) 1,477; 8th FAST Dolphins (FAST) 961

It was a long and exciting day with fifteen new league records.

They were: 15-18 boys 200 medley

Wikinson, J. Brillante, M. Zamudio; 9-10 boys 50 free - 29.29 Teagan Cheney, CSP; 11-12 boys 50 free - 26.22 Nick Tucker, PMST; 15-18 girls 50 free - 25.26 Stephanie Doi, DP; 6 & Under girls 25 fly - 20.58 Hannah Loeffler, DP; 13-14 boys 50 fly - 26.18 Mattias Lindell, DBAC; 15-18 side 50 fly; 29.10 Steakins Dig DR; 18 girls 50 fly - 28.19 Stephanie Doi, DP; 11-12 girls 50 breaststroke - 35.48 Katie Tsui, DBAC; 13-14 girls 50 breaststroke - 34.40 Alexandra Brown, FAST; 11-12 boys 100 IM-1:09.16 Nick Tucker, PMST; 15-18 girls 100 IM-1:04.68 Niki Doi, DP; 13-18 girls 100 IM - 1:04.08 Niki Doi, DP; 9-10 boys 25 back - 16.96 Teagan Cheney, CSP; 11-12 boys 50 back - 32.56 Justin Lee, CSP; 15-18 boys 50 back - 25.44 Chris Clark, CSP; and 15-18 girls 200 free relay - 1:45.32 CSP C. Stuart, E. Surber, A. Miller, A. Hernbroth

relay - 1:46.21 Dublin J. Van Dorn, K. Wilkinson, J. Brillante, M. Zamudio; 9-

Top 20 finishers for the girls were Stephanie Doi (DP), Naomi Chan (DBAC), Callan Jackman (BH), Megan Doi (DP), Niki Doi (DP), Hannah Loef-

fler (DP), Brooke Promes (DUB), Lauren Jhong (RH), Brittney Achziger (BH), Alexandra Torrez (DUB), Savannah Wieser (BH), Amy Heath (DP), Kristin Horrillo (BH), Crystal Fisher ( (BH), Alyssa Bardakos (DP), Kannon Phipps (BH), Allana Romo (DUB), Jennifer Lee (DBAC), Laura Belichak (FAST), and Meghan Hogue (DP)

Meghan Hogue (DP).
For the boys, the top 20 were Nick Tucker (PMST), Tristan LaLonde (CSP), Cameron Kurotori (DP), Mattias Lindell (DBAC), Justin Lee (CSP), Tuler Lu (RH), Kagan Wilkinson (DUB), Jeffrey Liebman (DBAC), Jack Payan (DP), Sam Jorgenson (DP), Eric Gates (DP), Michael McMasters (DP), Daniel Huang (DBAC), Trent Pozzi (PMST), Minsu Kim (DBAĆ), Joey Grywczynski (BH), Andrew Voit (BH), Cole Reznick (DBAC), Matthew Zamudio (DUB), and Reece Toney (DUB).

Also turning in top finishes for their teams, Paige Heacox, Alexandra Brown, Elisabeth Balicanta, Elizabeth Brown, Emma Peppler, Scott Drummond, Scott Fitzgerald, Trevor Ross, Nathan Cruz, and Luke Szymczak for the Dolphins. For the Barracudas, Lauren Leahy, Delany Phipps, Whitney Dishman, Alexis Carino, Meghan Butler, Cavan Page, Joey Ugarte, Matthew Gryczynski, Sherman Vuong, and Clark Jackman.

Killer Whales Emily Harris, Brie Nicholas, Kirsty Brown, Kaitlyn Schnierer , Lexi Ewanich, Christopher Yang, Tom , Lexi Ewanich, Christopher Yang, Tom Sornsen, Ross Brown, Evan Lee, and Joey Vasquez. For the Sharks, Sidney Vaeth, Annie Geasa, Alyson Isaacs, Shelby Craig, Courtney Olivier, Collin Miller, Jack Geasa, Cody Vaeth, Blake Tucker, and Michael Azuma. Gators Stephanie Chiu, Olivia Cano, Lillian Cano, Katelyn Haly, Sofia Gluck, Stefen Dillon, Jonathan Brillante, William Merz, Yale Wyatt, and Anthony Zamudio. Katie Tsui, Eurie Seo, Kaela Lee, Rebecca Pollitz, Iris Chang, Alex Ren, Geunho Kye, Brock Uhl, Andrew Silva, and Brain Lee for

the Pirahnas.

Stingrays Eileen Drury, Jaclyn Strom, Danielle Sullivant, Elaina Gates, Alyssa Goard, Andrew Goard, Jake Newman, Tommy Sabatini, Stefan Hall, and Andrew McMasters. For the Tidal Waves, Cayla Jetter, Alison Hernbroth, Carli Lopez, Mika Lew, Lauren Dennen, Chris Clark, Teagan Cheney, Cole Sixkiller, William Rose, and RJ Merlo.

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Hanna 8, Lee, Kaela 8, Rohovit, Taylor
7), 1:25.05. 9-10 100 yd. DBAC Swim
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# **SPORTS NOTES**



The Fusion 97 Boys U13 team didn't need to pull any tricks at the Magic Cup tournament in Morgan Hill this past weekend to take second place in the Silver Division. They did it with tough defense, a lot of hustle, and great teamwork. The Fusion beat the Blazers from Walnut Creek 2-1, tied Manteca 2-2, and beat a tough team from Patterson by a score of 5-2 to get to the finals. They came up just short in the playoff with the same Manteca team losing by a score of 0-2. Emil Brown led the offensive attack with 6 goals for the weekend including a 3 goal hat trick. Scott Newby had 2 goals including a beautiful header into the net. Garrett Vest rounded out the goals with a nicely placed shot past the keeper. None of the goals would be possible without the great assists from Alec Foster, Mathew Garcia, Trevor Ross, Brandon Brocklesby, and Migual Suarez. The two key factors to the Fusion's success this weekend were the outstanding defense by Kevin Gilmore, Harrison Gould (the giant killer), and Jack Schoendienst and the amazing hustle by Connor Lovoi, Hayden Olsen, and Jaime Osorio. Alex Tellez made some amazing saves and was fantastic in the net.

ren, RHST-CC, 27.25. 7-8 25 yd. Haly, Katelyn, Dub Green Gators-CC, 21.99. 9-10 25 yd. Cano, Olivia, Dub Green Gators-CC, 18.77. 11-12 50 yd. Tsui, Katie, DBAC, 35.48. 13-1450 yd. Brown, Alexandra, FAST-PC, 34.40. 15-18 50 yd. Doi, Niki, DP Stingrays-CC, 32.97. 100 IM: 9-10 Cano, Olivia, Dub Green Gators-CC, 1:20.12. 11-12 Tsui, Katie, DBAC, 1:12.06. 13-14 Chan, Naomi, DBAC, 1:09.00. 15-18 Doi, Niki, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:04.68. Backstroke: 6-U 25 yd. Loeffler, Hannah, DP Stingrays-CC, 25.23. 7-8 25 yd. Phipps, Kannon, Briarhill, 21.05. 9-10 25 yd. Jackman, Callan, Briarhill, 17.80. 11-12 50 yd. Torrez, Alexandra, Dub Green Gators-CC, 34.21. 13-14 50 yd. Chan, Naomi, DBAC, 31.94. 15-18 50 yd. Surber, Elle, CSP-CC, 30.18.

Freestyle Relay: 6-U 100 yd. Club Sport Pleasanton-CC 'A' (Torres, Ashley 6, Soliz, Lauren 6, Dennen, Kayleigh 6, Anderson, Nia 5), 1:36.07. 7-8 100 yd. Club Sport Pleasanton-CC 'A' (Aronson, Saige 7, Anderson, Caili 8, Lew, Mika 8, Lee, Mackenzie 7), 1:13.12.9-10 200 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Bardakos, Alyssa 10, Foster, Madeline 9, Hicks, Lacey 9, Hogue, Meghan 10), 2:20.62. 11-12200 yd. DBAC Swim Team 'A' (Pollitz, Rebecca 12, Earle, Katie 12, Tsui, Hannah 11, Tsui, Katie 12), 2:01.07. 13-14 200 yd. Briarhill Swim Team 'A' (Grywczynski, Katie 14, Achziger, Brittney 13, Horrillo, Kristin 14, Wieser, Savannah 13), 1:54.58. 15-18 200 yd. Club Sport Pleasanton-CC 'A' (Stuart, Cassandra 17, Surber, Elle 15, Miller, Arin 15, Hernbroth, Alison 17), 1:45.32.

Boys Results

Medley Relay: 6-U 100 yd. Club Sport Pleasanton-CC 'A' (Kost, Devon M6, Merlo, RJ M6, Sixkiller, Cole M6, Hernandez, Cole M4), 2:05.49. 7-8 100 yd. FAST Dolphins-PC 'A' (Damico, Dylan M8, Xu, Warren M8, Drummond, Scott M8, Ward, Mason M8), 1:28.46. 9-10 100 yd. Club Sport Pleasanton-CC 'A' (Chase, Sammy M10, Torres, Robert M9, Louderback, Joseph M9, Cheney, Teagan M10), 1:09.95. 11-12 mixed 200 yd. DBAC Swim Team 'A' (Tincher, Sam M11, Kim, Minsu M12, Silva, Andrew M11, Kye, Geunho M12), 2:21.30. 13-14 mixed 200 yd. Dublin Green Gators-CC 'A' (Zamudio, Anthony M13, Merz, William M14, Wyatt, Yale M14, West, Allen M14), 2:05.52. 15-18 mixed 200 yd. Dublin Green Gators-CC 'A' (Van Dorn, Jason M16, Wilkinson, Kagan M18, Brillante, Jonathan M17, Zamudio, Matthew

M15), 1:46.21. Freestyle: 6-U 25 yd. LaLonde, Tristan, CSP-CC, 19.90. 7-825 yd. Drummond, Scott, FAST-PC, 16.33.9-1050 yd. Cheney, Teagan, CSP-CC, 29.29. 11-1250 yd. Tucker, Nick, Shrk-CC, 26.22. 13-14 50 yd. Kurotori, Cameron, DP Stingrays-CC, 24.80. 15-18 50 yd. Payan, Jack, DP Stingrays-CC, 22.42. Butterfly: 6-U 25 yd. LaLonde, Tristan, CSP-CC, 25.44.7-825 yd. Ren, Alex, DBAC, 17.50. 9-10 25 yd. Louderback, Joseph, CSP-CC, 15.37. 11-12 50 yd. Tucker, Nick, Shrk-CC, 30.58. 13-14 50 yd. Lindell, Mattias, DBAC, 26.18. 15-18 50 yd. FitzGerald, Scott, FAST-PC, 25.59.

Breaststroke: 6-U 25 yd. Mihelcic, John, FAST-PC, 29.70. 7-8 25 yd. Mc-Masters, Michael, DP Stingrays-CC, 23.83. 9-10 25 yd. Juarez, Tommy, DP Stingrays-CC, 19.02. 11-1250 yd. Geasa, Jack, Shrk-CC, 36.56. 13-14 50 yd. Liebman, Jeffrey, DBAC, 32.50. 15-18 50 yd. Wilkinson, Kagan, Dub Green Gators-CC, 28.60.100 IM: 9-10 Lu, Tyler, RHST-CC, 1:23.57. 11-12 Tucker, Nick, Shrk-CC, 1:09.16. 13-14 Lindell, Mattias, DBAC, 1:03.68. 15-18 Clark, Chris, CSP-CC, 56.60. Backstroke: 6-U 25 yd. LaLonde, Tristan, CSP-CC, 23.62. 7-8 25 yd. Ren, Alex, DBAC, 19.63. 9-10 25 yd. Cheney, Teagan, CSP-CC, 16.96. 11-12 50 yd. Lee, Justin, CSP-CC, 32.56. 13-14 50 yd. Kurotori, Cameron, DP Stingrays-CC, 29.84. 15-18 50 yd. Clark, Chris, CSP-CC, 25.44.

Freestyle Relay Mixed: 6-U 100 yd. Club Sport Pleasanton-CC'A' (Kost, Devon M6, Portoni, Jeffrey M6, Hernandez, Cole M4, LaLonde, Tristan M6), 1:42.34. 7-8 100 yd. Club Sport Pleasanton-CC'A' (Kost, Jack M8, Anderson, Rocky M7, McCuen, Ethan M8, Cheney, Brennan M7), 1:13.64. 9-10 200 yd. Club Sport Pleasanton-CC 'A' (Louderback, Joseph M9, Rose, William M10, Torres, Robert M9, Cheney, Teagan M10), 2:15.50. 11-12 200 yd. Pleasanton Meadows-CC 'A' (Geasa, Jack M12, Azuma, Michael M12, Fisher, Jake M12, Newman, Daniel M11), 2:06.11. 13-14 200 yd. Dublin Green Gators-CC 'A' (Toney, Jorell M13, Merz, William M14, Bowen, James M14, West, Allen M14), 1:49.94. 15-18 200 yd. Fast

Dolphins-PC 'A' (FitzGerald, Scott M18, Ross, Trevor M17, Lloyd, Anthony M17, Cruz, Nathan M17), 1:33.64.

Livermore AquaCowboys
The Livermore AquaCowboys did extremely well at this last week's Far Western Swim Meet that was held in Concord. The Western meet is a high-competition USA International age-group meet. This year it included over 1,300 swimmers nd over 100 teams from Southern and Northern California, Mexico, Canada New York, Massachusetts, Oregon and

Evan Carlo earned 1st Place in the men's 17-18 200 Back with a Long Course (50M) time of 2:12.64, 1st Place in the 200 IM with a time of 2:13.39, and 2nd Place in the 100 Back with a time of 1:01.69. Nina Hayes has earned 3rd Place in the women's 13-14 200 Back with a Long Course time of 2:24.92, 2nd Place in the 200 IM with a time of 2:25.32, and 4th Place in the 100 Back with a time of 1:07.14.

Andrew Hayes swam to 5th Place in the men's 15-16 200 Back with a Long Course time of 2:18.00 and 4th Place in the 100 Back with a time of 1:02.83. Additional qualifying finalists were Andrew Hayes in the men's 15-16 50 Free, he Placed 8th and Katie Kulp in the women's 13-14 who Place 9th. In addition to winning at the Far Western meet, Evan Carlo, Nina Hayes and Andrew Hayes have been invited to participate in the North America Challenge Cup being held in Santa Clara

Other qualifying swimmers who participated in this meet were Shahini Ananth, Natalie Wong, Alex Gonzalez, Trent Trump and Brendan Schierloh.

# Crush Basketball

The Tri-Valley Crush White basketball team won the 9th grade MVP Flight Competitive Championship, beating the Tri-Valley Crush Red by a score of 49-44. The intra-club championship game was set up the day before when both squads won their semi-final games. Prior to the championship final, the two teams decided to shuffle the squads to balance the sides. and play hard for club bragging rights.

Ninth grade members of the Tri-Valley Crush are Curt Wigginton, Calvin Rasbold, James Dayton, Michael Ditzel, Dominic DeFina, Grant Perry, Dominex Kovacs, Andrew Nop, Jake Trevithick, Austin Medeiros, Jake Salinas, Tyler Wallace, Matt Carlo, Stephen Goode and Andre Kasten.

In the first semi-final game on Saturday, the White team defeated Sportstrong by a score of 50-34. The victory avenged a loss the same Sportstrong team a week earlier. The game started evenly as the taller Sportstrong team controlled the boards, but the Crush pushed the tempo. Tri-Valley entered the fourth quarter with a five point lead. However, Sportstrong, playing with a minimal five man squad, could not keep up with the deeper Crush. James Dayton led the Crush with 11 points, three assists and two steals, and all of his points came in the second half. Jake Salinas ran the offense, and had nine points and three rebounds. Calvin Rasbold had six points and three steals and Grant Perry led rebounders with five.

The second semifinal was a closer affair, but the Red team prevailed over the East Bay Bulldogs 42-37. The Bulldogs jumped to an 8-0 lead, and they looked nearly invincible in the first few minutes of the game. Tri-Valley scratched back into the game, scoring nine in a row to lead by a point after the first period. A five minute scoreless drought started the second quarter, then a pattern developed. The Crush would build a small lead, and then Bulldogs would come back to nearly tie the game, even going in front once. The pattern continued into the final minute. Hanging by a thread with a one point lead, James Dayton hit a clutch field goal for small cushion, and then Andre Kasten intercepted a pass and converted a layup to put the game away. Kasten finished with 11 points, five rebounds and three steals. Austin Medeiros had 12 key points, and also had three steals. Curt Wigginton was an effective point guard and had three assists.

The Tri-Valley Crush Club is led by Head Coach Tom Olsen. Assistant Coaches are Damon Gragg, Larry Mead and Brent Botta.

# Ruby Hill Killer Whales

At the Tri-Valley Swim League Championships, Ruby Hill Killer Whales, Lauren Jhong (6) and Tyler Lu (9) had outstanding performances. Jhong, in the 6 and under category, won the breast stroke and placed 2nd in both freestyle and back stroke. Lu, 9-10 category, won the IM and placed 2nd in both the fly and back stroke.

Fuelled up by surely the best pot luck stand at the meet, other individual top 3 finishers for the Killer Whales were: Emily Harris (7), 2nd in fly and 3rd in back; Christopher Yang (7), 3rd in fly and back; Tom Sornsen (11), 3rd in free and fly; Lexi Ewanich (12) 3rd in free and

Brie Nicholas (14) 2nd in fly. Ruby Hill were also bolstered by top 3 finishes in five relay events, the specific events and all participants can be read in the full results listings

#### Del Prado vs. **Pleasanton Meadows**

In the final dual meet of the season. the Del Prado Stingrays defeated the Pleasanton Meadows Sharks 601.50 to 392.5. Even in defeat, the Sharks had some great efforts including four swimmers with multiple individual wins.

Each of the multiple winners took two events. The Geasas, Jack (11-12) and Annie (13-14), both won the backstroke. Annie also won the fly while Jack took the breaststroke. Blake Tucker (9-10) won the IM and the backstroke and Sidney Vaeth rounded out the multi-winners by taking the girls 9-10 fly and free.

Also finishing first for Pleasanton Meadows were siblings Caleb (9-10 free) and McKenna Harris (7-8 back), Cody Vaeth (7-8 free), Amelia Kelly (7-8 fly) Haley Isaacs, (11-12 breaststroke) and Michael Azuma (11-12 free)

The Meadows also had seven free relay teams that got to the wall first. The under sixes had both free relays finish first, the girls team was Courney Olivier, Courtney Iseman, Samantha Herlich and Sydney Simmons while the boys had Matthew Whiteland, Haison Park, Zach Lem and Murphy Fenzl doing the honors. The 7-8 girls team (Jessica Rhoads, McKenna Harris, Emily Miligan, and Kelly) also took the free relay as did the boys 9-10 team of Caleb Harris, Jared Lem, David Azuma, and Tucker.

The older boys' teams also did well.
The 11-12 team of Daniel Newman, Tommy Herz, Azuma, and Jack Miller finished first as did the 13-14 team (Perry Cheney, Amar Jyothiprakash, Colin Miller and Connor Greene) and the 15-18 team made up of Joev Silva, James Chenev, Grant Sweetnam, and Aaron Silva.

# **Youth Soccer**

Pleasanton Ballistic Soccer Club U16 Select 2, River City Elite Gators 0: Needing a victory to advance to the knockout round of the Magic Cup tournament, Ballistic Select came up big, shutting out the River City Elite Gators. First half goals by Justin Moore and Mike Roeder, and an assist by Shayan Koeksal put the Select

up 2-0 at halftime. In the second half, the defense stepped up as Kevin Costello, Rene Guerrero, and Morgan Melendrez stopped each offensive threat from the Gators. Goalie Zachary Morrissey recorded four saves in picking up the clean sheet. Top Offensive Players: Justin Moore, Shayan Koeksal, Mike Roeder. Top Defensive Players: Zachary Morrissey, Kevin Costello, Rene

# Tri-Valley Aquatics

The Far Westerns Championships are the most prestigious of age group competitions held by Pacific Swimming. This past weekend, teams came from thousands of miles around - some coming from even New York, Canada, Mexico - to compete at the meet in Concord. Tri-Valley Aquatics brought seven swimmers to the fiveday meet: Hannah Bergh, Marissa Bergh, Connor Daly, Chris Dotson, Chris Jhong, Brent Reed, and Natalie Tang.

To make the finals that swam later in the day, swimmers had to post times in the top nine for their event during the preliminary heats. Chris Dotson, who swam two events in the meet, made finals in both of his events, the 50 and 100 meter freestyles. He took first in both races, scoring 20 points for Tri-Valley Aquatics. Brent Reed also made finals in the 50 and 100 meter freestyles, taking third and fourth. Chris Jhong (10 & Un), who had a significant drop in his 100 meter breaststroke at the Junior Olympics two weeks earlier, swam two more best times - one in prelims and one at finals - and took seventh place. Marissa Bergh swam to eighth place in her 50 meter freestyle.

All of the Tri-Valley swimmers put in some best times. Hannah Bergh swam a best time in both the 400 meter individual medley and the 50 free, the latter of which was a new Sectional qualifying time. Marissa Bergh dropped time in her 200 meter backstroke. Connor Daly managed to drop time in his 50 meter backstroke. Chris Jhong went his fastest in the 50 freestyle and 200 IM. Brent Reed took down his personal best in the 100 meter butterfly, almost making finals in it. Natalie Tang swam best times in her 800 free, 100

# **LAZERS Under-14 Girls Water Polo Team Competes in Junior Nationals**

**By Patricia Koning** 

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District's (LARPD) LAZERS Water Polo has been a quiet, casual program that has mostly flown under the radar—until now. In June, the LAZERS' under-14 girls team qualified for the Junior Nationals Water Polo Tournament—placing them among the top 50 teams in the nation.

The Junior Nationals is a four-day tournament, from August 4-9, in Los Angeles. Playing for the LAZERS are Teagan Fish, Michelle Hawkins, Katie Johnston, Greta Kohlmoos, Christine Kunzler, Madeline Loggins, MiKayla McNair, Kelsey Naninni, Baylie Peterson, and Jordan Volponi. Team members Stephanie DaVita, Jessica Elfin, and Katie Flores are not competing in the Junior Nationals.

"I'm really excited," says LAZERS coach Matt Croghan. "This is a grass-roots team going up against some mega teams. It's really a testament to these girls, to their talent, team work, and perseverance."

The team defied expectations at the Junior Nationals qualifier in June, competing well against much more experienced teams. The LAZERS' performance is even more remarkable considering the relative inexperience of the team. Of the 13 members, three have been playing water polo for over two years. The rest have been at the sport for less than two years; three members started this summer.

One of the more senior team members is Michelle Hawkins, a freshman at Livermore High School who plans to play high school water polo. She started playing water polo with the LAZERS 2.5 years ago, following in the footsteps of her three older brothers and older sister.

"I love water polo," she says. "I'm very competitive and I love being part of a team, especially this team. We just keep getting better and better. We played great at the qualifier. At

Junior Nationals we won't be one of the best teams, but I do want to put us on the map."

Bailey Peterson, a freshman at Granada High School who joined the LAZERS last fall, describes going to the Junior National as "a dream come true and it proves to me that anything really is possible." She plans to play on Granada's water polo team this school year.

To raise money for the trip to Los Angeles, team members sold snacks at LARPD swim meets this summer. They also received contributions from local businesses, including Davey Trees, Falcon Lumber, Livermore Police Officer's Association, Livermore Valley Tennis Club, Mitchell Katz Winery, Proforma Construction, ProSports MVP, and Stan's

The LAZERS success story has a bittersweet side. When Croghan began coaching the team in 1999, his then 5-year-old daughter Korrine was always around. "In the beginning, she swam around with the older kids and was like the team mascot," he recalls. "When she was 10, we had enough players to form an under-14 team. She loved water polo and played until she was diagnosed with a rare form of ovarian cancer."

Korrine lost her battle with cancer and died on October 27, 2008. For more information on Korrine and the Team KC Foundation, which raises money to support families of children battling cancer, visit http://korrinecroghan. blogspot.com.

The LAZERS new season begins on Sept. 8, with the under-14 water polo team for girls and boys practicing on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 4-5:30 pm. New this fall is splashball, a modified version of water polo for children ages 6-10 years old on Wednesdays from 4 to 5 pm. Register for either program through LARPD (www.larpd.dst.ca.us). For more information on the LAZERS, visit http:// lazerswp.clubspaces.com/default\_css.aspx.

back, 100 fly, and 200 IM.

Tri-Valley swimmers saw the Far Westerns as a successful meet to end their summer swim seasons on. However three more swimmers (Marissa Bergh, Chris Dotson, and Brent Reed) each have one more meet to compete at. Marissa and Chris will be competing for Pacific All-Star Team at the prestigious North American Challenge Cup, an international age group meet. Brent was selected to swim at the Western Zones Championships meet, where he'll score points for Pacific against USA Swimming's other eight westernmost teams. Swimmers for both Championship meets were selected by Pacific Swimming.

# All Valley Divers

Three divers represented All Valley Divers at the 2010 USA Diving Age Group Championships at the University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona

Lottie Goddard finished first in the 3

Results: Lottie Goddard - 11 under age group girls, 1 meter - 5th place 168.30 (6 dives), 3 meter -1st place 191 40 (6 dives), Platform - 5th place 141.60 (5 dives);

Anatoly Nazarov - 11 under age group boys, 1 meter - 2nd place - 184.00 (6 dives), 3 meter - 4th place - 193.40 (6 dives), Platform - 3rd place - 136.25 (5 dives) Anthony Epshteyn - 12 - 13 age group boys, 1 meter - 9th place - 199.65 (7 dives),

3 meter - 4th place - 237.45 (7 dives)

# Golf Classic

 $The 5^{th} Annual "Summer Classic" Golf$ 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 genera-

tions 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 media sponsorship opportunities, please call Mark Curtis at (510) 393-9903 or Mark@MarkCurtis-Media.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 online conclude August 22nd. Try-outs will be held August 30th to September 2nd and September 7th to September 11th. Please check the SMSC CYO website at www. smsccvo.org for the try-out schedule. Visit the website for more information or email cyoregistration@yahoo.com. Open to Livermore residents.



The Pleasanton Seahawks raised the bar July 24 and 25 at the Tiger C/B/A+ Meet in Stockton. From the Pre-Novice swimmers to the Senior group the swimmers ended the 2009/2010 season on a high note. Pre-Novice: Dalynn Miller shaved 7.48 seconds off of her 50m free for a new LTB of 1:11.63, and Emily Tsai competed in 5 events establishing a "B" time in the 50m back with a final time of 1:06.61. Novice: Amber Miller established two new LTB "A" times, Jordy Peters established two new "B" times, and Samantha Snow established two new LTB "B" times. Pre-Junior: Audrick Antonio - 2 new "A" times, and Kevin Gao - 3 new "A" times. Senior: Daniel Cheng swam 4/6 LTB times, and Emily Saccullo swam 3/5 LTB times. Pictured are (back, left to right) Jordy Peters, Amber Miller, Samantha Snow; (front) Dalynn Miller, and Emily Tsai.



Livermore Aquacowboy team members who turned in top performances were (from left) Andrew Hayes, Evan Carlo, and Nina Hayes.

# SPORTS NOTES

In-line Hockey
Valley In-line Hockey in Livermore is getting ready for fall with Youth League signups on 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 of 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 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 more information regarding Fall Swim/Varsity Conditioning with the Pleasanton Seahawks please email recruiting@pleasantonseahawks.org.

### **Baseball Players**

A 9 and 10 year old tournament baseball team is forming. Interested players are invited to call Nick at 200-2140.

### **Tryouts**

TABU U13 will be holding Fall Ball tryouts August 8th @ 9am at Walters Jr. High (39600 Logan Drive, Fremont, CA) Check in @ 8:45. For more info contact Manager Chuy Martinez at 510-501-9155 or coachchuy@comcast.net

**Bowling News** 

Gary Rensink, from the Summer Fun Time League, bowled 220 pins over average with games of 286-226-233 ending e night with a 745 series at the Granada Bowl in Livermore. Russ Overcash, Thursday Practice League, recorded a 680 Series (131 pins over) with games of 224-233-223

Bill Lindke Jr., in the Summer Fun Time League, rolled a nice 223 game. Glen Thompson, in the Gene's Pro Shop Championship Trios, rolled a nice 276 game, Mike Stephenson 268, Matt Coleman 268, Maria Lockridge 264, Mike Hill a 233. Mushy Machado bowled a 4 game series of 1039 with games of 255-266-252-266. Craig Truscott, in the Practice League, rolled a nice 245 game, Kevin Sheehan 212, John Reed 200, Vince Banelos 193, Jeff Dunn 190 and Mike Lueck 173. Mike Collins, in thr Friday Family Affair League, bowled

Senior Bowler Frank Cerros, in the Monday Primetimers, bowled a 201 game, Bill Duguid 199 and Jeanne Rogers 168. Betty Winn, in the Donna's Mixers, recorded a nice 199 game, Sachiko Kobayashi 195 and Jo-Ann Braden a 172. Sharon Stein, in the Friday Primetimers, bowled a nice 214 game, Rich Baguio a 208, Dick Greene 206, John Foscalina 201, Linda Helbacka 196, Chuck Edeal 196, Blossom Kivlen 179, Dale Irving

170 and Jim Truscott 164.
Youth Bowler, Cody Cakebread, Friday Family Affair League, bowled a very nice 200 game.

# Pleasanton Meadows

It was a momentous day for the Pleas anton Meadows Sharks at the Tri-Valley Swim League Championships. For the first time in over 10 years, the Sharks finished above seventh place, placing fifth, 11-12 swimmer Nick Tucker broke two league records, the team broke an additional four team records, and approximately 90 percent of their swimmers set personal

Tucker had the best day of any swimmer at the meet, not only did he break league records in the free and the IM. but he won the fly and, along with teammates Daniel Newman, Michael Azuma, and Jack Geasa, took second in the medley relay. Geasa also had quite a meet, setting the team record, and winning, the breaststroke, and finishing second in the backstroke. Then Geasa, along with Newman, Azuma, and Jake Fisher essentially clinched fifth place for the Sharks when they won the 11-12 free relay.

Pleasanton Meadows 11-12 girls didn't let the boys get all the glory; they also set a record when Haley Isaacs swam a 37.88 breaststroke. Her effort was good enough for second place.

The other two team records were set by the youngest and oldest of the Shark girls. The six and under girls free relay team, composed of Samantha Herlic, Courtney Olivier, Sydney Simmons, and Ela Kularni set a team record in the event, finishing third overall: and 15-18 Swimmer Alicia Brown, swimming in her last Shark meet, set the butterfly record finishing in ninth place. Alicia also finished ninth in the backstroke. Olivier also had a great individual meet, taking third in the back and eighth in the fly and Simmons finished fourth in the free and 10th in the fly. While the 6U girls relay team broke a record, the

**Games are Fresh Breath of Air For** Lung Recipient

Michael Lause cleared almost 4 feet in the high jump in athletic games in Madison, Wisc., earlier this week.

Lause didn't win any gold, silver or bronze medals. However, the 56-year-old Livermore resident is just happy he can compete again — or do anything, for that matter.

Lause was within weeks of death in 2008, suffering from a disease that was destroying his lungs. He breathed with the assistance of a machine. He could not stand up for any longer than 10 seconds, without having to catch his breath, which itself took five minutes.

Then, Lause received the call of his life, literally, on Aug. 6, 2008. A Richmond police officer was fatally wounded in the line of duty, and was on life support in John Muir Hospital in

The officer, Brad Moody, had designated himself an organ donor. When it became clear he would not survive, Moody's family authorized the donation.

Still rehabilitating himself nearly two years after the transplant, Lause said he is up to 60 percent of normal lung capacity. He has no job, but is on disability payments. Still, he is confident he will improve to the point where he will be able to work again.

Whatever job he obtains, it won't be like the last one. He worked as a refinery operator, which involved seeing to it that petroleum products were hauled out to waiting ships in the

One of the first questions that Lause asked doctors was whether his lung malady was the result of fumes connected to his work in the petroleum industry. The doctors said that there is no way of telling. Lause will take no chances — he won't be around petroleum work in the future.

#### **DONOR FAMILY EARNS RECIPIENT'S THANKS**

Lause was very grateful to Moody's family. He was able to express his feelings to them at a ceremony in Castro Valley, which included other donor families and recipients. It was sponsored by the non-profit California Transplant Donor Network (CTDN).

CTDN was founded in 1987. It coordinates donation of organs and tissue in northern and central California and northern Nevada. It is the largest of four non-profits that conduct that type of work.

CTDN works in 41 counties and with 175 hospitals. It handles the official organ registry in northern and central California, and another group does it for southern California.

The official registry is the structure that puts the donor symbol on driver's licenses. Valle said there are 6 or 7 million donors signed up in the entire state.

The annual athletic games that Lause attended this month were sponsored by CTDN. The games enable the donor families to see the good that comes from their relatives' transplants. In turn, the recipients are demonstrating how they are returning to good health, as a result of the donations, said Lause.

At the games, Lause met recipients who told dramatic stories. It was not unusual to find a kidney recipient who received the donation 15 or 20 years ago and is still going strong, leaving kidney dialysis behind for all those years.

One man talked about his donor brother, whose organs saved seven lives. Another 73 people benefitted from his donation of tissue, ligaments, tendons, veins, cornea and bone marrow.

Looking back at his athletic and social experience at the games, Lause said, "They show people how much of a miracle there is between where they were and where they are. They are so thankful to have another life.

The games are patterned after the traditional summer Olympics, with competitions in such events as shot put, running, discus, and relay swimming. They also offer competitions in badminton and ballroom dancing.

"It has been really amazing, so wonderful. My hope is to compete in 2012 and do better than this time. I'd like to invite the donor family to go with me. The real heroes are the donor families. They are just so giving to save someone else, said Lause.

6U boys team of Jack DuBos, Zach Lem, Haison Park, and Nathan Shinn one upped the girls in terms of placement, getting

the wall second. Trent Pozzi also had an excellent meet, scoring individual seconds in the 7-8 back and free events, a fifth in the fly. He also opened the meet swimming on the third place medley relay team with Joey Herz, Cody Vaeth and Brent Werder. Vaeth also had three top ten individual finishes with sevenths in the fly and free, and an eighth in the breaststroke. Werder also scored a seventh, just ahead of Vaeth in the breaststroke. Cody's sister Sidney didn't let her little brother get all the glory, she scored a fifth in the IM and a

sixth in the free.

Speaking of families, the Geasa family had quite a day. In addition to Jack's per-

formance, sister Annie (13-14) had a third in the back, a fifth in the fly and an 8th in the IM while little brother Joey (9-10) had a seventh in the free and a ninth in the IM. Alyson Isaacs joined sister Haley in the top 10 three times, scoring a fourth in the free, a seventh in the fly, and a ninth in the IM. Brothers Chris and Michael Azuma also joined the family affair with Chris (13-14) taking eighth in the backstroke and Michael (11-12) taking sixth in the same event and a fourth in the free. The final family tie was Blake Tucker who joined brother Nick with three top 10 finishes,

**Karting Racers Have High Finish** 

out of Umigo Indoor Karting in Livermore recently competed in the IKWC (Indoor Karting World Championships) in Phoenix, AZ.

The team participated in the 'Nations Cup,' a team event for countries around the world. The Nations Cup consisted of 11 teams from around the world; Nor-Cal, So-Cal, a team made up of drivers from the east coast and Arizona, Belgium, Great Britain

The Indoor Karting team Columbia, Brasil(x2), Germany, average lap time of 24.041.

ance race with four drivers from each team driving 45 minutes each. The Livermore team qualified in the 5th position and ended up finishing 3rd. Team USA Nor-Cal (Jerot King, Jon Kimbrell, T.A La and Zach Becker) finished one lap back.

Netherlands, and Austria. The race was a 3 hour endur-

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Jerrot King, thr first driver has competed in the US Indoor Karting championships as well as Jon Kimbrell. La and Becker are new to major Karting events.



The Tri-Valley Babe Ruth 13-year-old All Stars clinched the Northern California State Championship last Thursday night defeating Mountain View 19-7. The team traveled to the Babe Ruth Regional Tournament in Arizona on Aug. 3 to compete with seven other State Champions for a spot in the Babe Ruth World Series in Texas. Pictured are (top row, left to right) John Anthon, Jacob Kinney, Jake McIntosh, Collin Miller, Alec Delillo, Matt Snyder, Chase Henley; (bottom row) Trent Kravitz, Tyler Lonestar, Josh Domingo, Matt Haworth, Donald Camello, Ryan Groleau, Sam Cabral, and Justin Hooper. Not in the photo are Manager Ken Franco, Coach Tim Cabral and Coach Dave Kravitz



Pleasanton National Little League 11 and under All Star captured first place in the Brett Singler Tournament won the Brett Slinger Memorial Tournament at Osage Park in Danville, defeating the Albany Thunder 2-0, on July 28, 2010. The Little Leaguers played 20 games in less than 4 weeks winning 16 of the games. Pictured are (front, left to right) Garrett Howell, Josh Maroney, Joey Casetti, Cole Torquemada, Noah Woolsey, Trevor Ibanez, (back row) TJ Myers, James Cowick, Tim Michael, Chase Godi, Bradley Norton, Griffin Chinn, Brandon Zerio; and coaches John Godi, Brett Howell, Todd Norton, Ed Ibanez.

taking sixth in the 9-10 back, eighth in the IM, and ninth in the free.

Colin Miller was a standout performer for the 13-14 boys with three individual top six swims. He placed fifth in both the IM and the fly and sixth in the free.

Scoring two top ten finishes were Shelby Craig (13-14 girls), seventh in the free and eighth in the fly and Jake Fisher (11-12) eighth in the fly and 10th in the free.

The 6U boys swimmers got a couple more top finishes when Jack DuBos scored a fourth and Haison Park took eighth in the back while 7-8 age group got top placements from Amelia Kelly (3rd Fly), Ainsley Hasty (10th fly), Tim Kanarsky (5th breast), and Luke Scanlon (8th back)

In addition to Brown, the oldest swimmers got top 10 finishes from Joey Silva in the free and James Cheney in the breaststroke. Both swimmers placed eighth.

Rounding out the top 10 finishers were Alison Miller who took 10th in the 9-10 free, Talia Florio 10th in the fly, Daniel Newman 9th in the free, and Tyler Rhoads 10th in the fly.

Pleasanton Meadows had two other third place relay teams. Florio, both Isaacs, and Adriana Harris in the 11-12 medley, Craig, Annie Geasa, Dana Long, and Kyra Schwaninger in the 13-14 medley.



Tri-Valley Aquatic team members pictured are (from left) Marissa Bergh, Chris Dotson, and Brent Reed.



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# **Alameda County Fair Board Taking Applications for Three Openings**

The Board of Directors for consulting firm Ruggeri-Jensenthe Alameda County Agricultural Fair Association announced its intent to fill three positions on the Board.

All interested parties are required to complete and submit a formal application by Friday, August 13, 2010. Formal Applications are available by calling the CEO's office at (925) 426-7501. Applicants should include information on their community involvement, as well as brief detail on how their experience and professional expertise would be of benefit to the Fair Association. Applicants must reside within the County of Alameda.

Submissions should be addressed: Alameda County Agricultural Fair Association, Attn: Executive Committee, 4501 Pleasanton Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566.

The Board of Directors is responsible for policy oversight and general operation of the 267-acre Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. The Fairgrounds is home to more than 300 events year round, with an annual attendance in excess of 3,000,000 patrons. Since the Fair Association is a 501(c)3 Nonprofit Corporation, no compensation is provided to its Board Members. Board Members are requested to invest a minimum of 10 hours each month.

The Alameda County Fairgrounds is recognized as one of the Top 50 Fairs in America and was named the "Fastest Growing Fair in America" in 2009. The Fair Association has received more industry awards and recognition than any other Fair in the United States and Canada for each of the past four years.

Retiring Board member, Pete Ruggeri has served on the Board for the past seven years. Ruggeri served as President and Chairman of the Board of the professional

Azar & Associates. "Director Ruggeri, with his almost 40 years of professional civil engineering experience, has been a valuable contributor to the success of the Fair Association. We will truly miss his expertise," said CEÓ Rick Pickering. Ruggeri is a Registered Civil Engineer and a graduate of the University of Santa Clara. He is moving his home outside of Alameda County and thus retiring from the Fair

Board. Also stepping down, due to a move outside Alameda County, is Castro Valley resident Bonnie Sabraw who has served Alameda County as a Judge since 1988. She attended San Francisco Law School and earned her State Bar License in 1979. Sabraw is also a member of the California Judges Association, Alameda County Bar Association, Women Lawyers of Alameda County and the Shack Riders located at the Stanford Campus. Sabraw used her 30 years of experience in her law career that focused on land use, environmental law business interests, agriculture, government, labor, and insurance issues, and contributed to the community and the goals of the Fair Board.

Retiring Board Member, Tony Macchiano, a well known Pleasanton resident and chairman and co-owner of Pleasanton Garbage, began his service on the Fair Board in 1998. He has served with much distinction including positions of both Vice President and President. Macchiano is known for his continuous support of the Alameda County Fair within the horse racing industry, serving as chair of the Fair's Racing Committee for many years. He has also worked tirelessly to insure that all members of the Fair Board share equally in the governance of the Fair Operations. Macchiano is retiring from the Fair Board having served the maximum allowable years on the

Board – twelve years.

FAIR BOARD PRESIDENT Board Member Patrick O'Brien has been elected as President. O'Brien is the Chief Financial Officer for Leisure Sports in Pleasanton. His responsibilities include financial planning, debt financing, property sales and acquisitions and legal matters. He also coordinates the entitlement process for development projects. O'Brien has a strong background in both finance and real estate development, and is a CPA. "To be associated with an organization that is here to specifically serve the community is a pleasure, to be named President is an honor. With my background and nine years of Board Member service under my belt, I am confident in my abilities and vision to guide the Fairgrounds into the future," said O'Brien. "Outgoing President Anthony Pegram did a great service for the Board and I simply look to extend his progress and establish new strengths within the Association." O'Brien began his service on the Fair Board in 2001.

Board Member Janet Lockhart has been elected as Vice President. She is the former Mayor of Dublin and Executive Director of Dublin Partners in Education. Prior to her election to the Dublin City Council, Lockhart was a member of the Board of Directors of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce for several years, serving as President of the Board in 1995. Her strong commitment to the community has included employment as a school librarian, owner of a small business, and published author of children's books. Lockhart began her service on the Fair Board in 2005 when she was appointed by Supervisor Nate Miley.

For more information, visit www.AlamedaCountyFair.com, or call (925) 426-7600.

# Wall Family Gathers in Dublin

Five generations and nearly 400 members of the Walls family are expected to gather in the Tri-Valley from August 6-8, 2010 to celebrate the family's 99th annual reunion. A tradition that began as an afternoon picnic in 1912 has grown into weekend event packed with festivities.

Carlotta Walls LaNier, one of the African American students who integrated Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, will attend the festivities and sign copies of her recently published book, "A Mighty Long Way: My Journey to Justice at Little Rock Central High School," on Saturday evening. Carlotta founded LaNier and Company, a real estate brokerage firm, is a Congressional Gold Medal recipient and is asked to lecture throughout

This year, the local hosting family members will entertain reunion guests at the Hyatt Place Hotel in Dublin. Activities include a party on Friday night at the Shannon Community Center in Dublin, a picnic on Saturday at Lake Del Valle in Livermore and worship services and a bus tour of San Francisco on Sunday.

"The Tri-Valley tourism community extends a warm welcome to the Walls family," said Karie Geiger, Director of Sales for the Tri-Valley, California Convention & Visitors Bureau, "Our destination is a wonderful place for family celebrations, and we wish the Walls family a most special and memorable reunion.

The family's reunion tradition started in 1912 when two sisters, both former slaves, decided to bring their family members together so that they would know one another. The first reunion took place at Noble Lake, Arkansas. Each family brought a basket of deliciously cooked food.

Although the family grew and members relocated throughout the country, each year they continued to meet in various locations on August 6 for a picnic. In the 1970s, to accommodate the growth of the reunion, the family voted to change the official reunion date to the first Saturday in August. The growth also caused the reunion to move from the one-day picnic in a park to a weekend-long event.

"We're excited to share the Bay Area with our family members and to continue this tradition of making Walls Family history," said Earl Walls, Chair of the host

# **Public Invited to View Teachers' Work**

More than thirty teachers participating in Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's Teacher Research Academy will present research posters on Friday, Aug. 6, from 1-4:15 p.m. in the Cresta Blanca Room of the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave.,

Livermore. The poster session will highlight the scientific research work of teachers as well as students enrolled in credential programs to become science teachers. These teachers and students will have completed an eight-week summer research experience working as members of research teams at the Lab.

Community members are invited to come meet the teachers and hear about their projects. The session is offered free of charge and there is no registration.

The California State University Science Teacher and Researcher (STAR) Program and the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Science Education Program will host the poster session. The following teachers will

present on Aug. 6:

(Teachers working at Lawrence Livermore Laboratory) Aaron Glimme, Berkeley High School, Berkeley Unified School District; Alexandria Malloy, Livermore High School, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District; Lavette Richards, West High School, Tracy Unified School District; Ken Wedel, Tracy High School, Tracy Unified School District; Rebecca Reinders, Rancho Milpitas Middle School; Marlene Stark, Kapolei High School, Leeward District, Hawaii; Nan Ho, Las Positas College, Chabot-Las Positas Community College District; Aaron Tsuha, Castle High School, Windward District, Hawaii; Steve Giles, Livermore High School, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District; Pat Wu, Chabot College, Chabot-Las Positas Community College District; Craig Marquardt, Heritage High School, Liberty Union High School District; Will Corning, Deer Valley High School, Antioch Unified School District; Julie Hubbard, Liberty High School, Liberty Union High School District; Michael Hudson, Hercules Middle High School, West Contra Costa Unified School District; Me-

lissa Arteaga, Hogan High School, Vallejo City Unified School District; Thanh Le, Salesian High School, Catholic Schools; and Liz Ritchie, Deer Valley High School, Antioch Unified School District.

(Pre-service teachers from the STAR Program) Shayne Bradshaw, California State University, East Bay; Jody Dunkel, California State University, Sacramento; Ernst Irish, California State University, Dominguez Hills; Leo Groner, California State University, Dominguez Hills; Jeffrey Herbst, San Francisco State University; Jonathan Kamp, California State University, Stanislaus; Renee Link, California State University, Sacramento; Sarwia Nawim, California State University, East Bay; Rebecca Paddack, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo: Emily Parra, California State Universit,y Bakersfield; Rong Qian, California State University, East Bay; Purna Venkataraman, California State University, Santa Cruz; Zachary Leisz, California State University. Sacramento; Sasha Silvestrini, California State University, Sacramento; Dannette Poole, California State University, Stanislaus; and, Jaime Valadez Vallejo, California State University, Dominguez Hills.

# SHORT NOTES

Nature Programs

Hide and Seek is the theme of a nature program to be offered by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff on Sat., Aug. 7. Meet naturalist Sharon Peterson at 7 p.m. at the Wetmore Road entrance to Sycamore Grove Park.

Hide and seek - for predators and prev it's a serious game. An animal that's not good enough at hiding may become someone's dinner. A critter that isn't good at finding may go hungry. Camouflage is a key to success in this game. Join this nature program to test your eyes and discover what it takes for something to blend into the background so well that it almost seems invisible. Participants will have a chance to create a camouflaged creature and take a short walk to see what's hiding in the park

AFamily Bike Ride will be offered Wed., Aug. 11. Meet ranger Patti Cole at 6:30 p.m. at the Wetmore Road entrance to Sycamore Grove Park.

This evening nature program will take a ride through the park along the paved trail. The ride will be tailored to families with younger children; however, everyone is welcome to join in. The ride will be paced to accommodate the group. Remember, everyone under 18 is required to wear a properly-fitting bike helmet. Bring your bike, drinking water and a snack.

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Leadership Academy
Alameda County has begun accepting applications for its 10th Leadership Academy. This free, six session interactive forum is for people who live, work, or own a business in Alameda County.

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

to hear from residents. The Academy begins October 6, 2010 and continues through March 2, 2011. Sessions will be held the first Wednesday of each month from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at facilities throughout the County on the following dates: October 6, November

3, December 1, 2010 and January 5, February 2 and March 2, 2011. To graduate from the Academy, participants are required to attend at least

five of the six sessions. Space is limited. Interested applicants can obtain additional information and complete an online application at www.acgov. org/adultleadership, or by contacting the County Administrator's Office at (510) 272-6510. The application deadline is August 27, 2010. Participants will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis and will represent the County's various geographic areas.

# **Sport Clips Opening**

Sport Clips will open its newest location at 4338 Las Positas Rd., according to local Team Leaders (franchise owners) Dave and Jason

With more than 700 Sport Clips across the country, Livermore's newest guys' haircutter provides a sports-themed environment, along with its signature MVP Treatment that features a steamed towel treatment, neck and shoulder massage and precision haircut all in a hassle-free, family-friendly setting. Sport Clips surrounds its clients with sports-themed décor, a big-screen TV in the lobby, and televisions at each haircut-

ting station tuned to sports.

The Grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony will be conducted at 3:00 pm on 8/13/2010 with the Livermore Chamber of Commerce. Haircuts will be offered for \$12 with a complimentary upgrade to the signature MVP treatment for all new clients. The Store mascot "Sporty" will make appearances and will be handing out

goodies for the kids.
Store owners Dave and Jason
Trabert say the local store will add 15-20 new jobs to the area's workforce and will support the local community through charitable outreach and partnerships with local schools and sports teams. For more information about this location visit their website at: www.haircutmenlivermoreca.com

# **New Stores at Stoneridge**

Stoneridge Shopping Center announced the opening of five new stores in the mall this year, in addition to a complete remodel of their existing Gap stores. The new retail spaces will cover close to 10,000 square feet. The mall also announced the hiring of Mike Short, a long-time Simon Property Group employee, as the Center's general manager.

Stoneridge, which currently has five department stores and over 165 specialty stores, will welcome

Guess, MAC Cosmetics, LoveSac, Brighton Collectibles and Massage Journey to the mall throughout the summer and fall.

Taking over general management of Stoneridge Shopping Center is Mike Short, who previously worked at other Simon properties Hilltop Mall in Richmond, Coddingtown Mall and Santa Rosa Plaza. Prior to joining Simon, Short had 10 years of diverse management experience within the shopping center industry.

Of the new stores, Guess, expected to open this summer, will be the only East Bay location of the international brand, with a 4,200 square foot space on the lower level in Grand Court. MAC Cosmetics, the hugely popular summer, located on the lower level close to Guest Services

LoveSac, which sells beanbags and "alternative furniture," will open this summer on the upper level near Macy's Women's, just the second Bay Area location for the store. Massage Journey, a former kiosk that offers on-the-go deep tissue massages, will open in a permanent location near the Cheesecake Factory mall entrance this summer.

Later this year will see the opening of Brighton Collectibles on the upper level above Grand Court. The jewelry and accessories retailer expects to be open before holiday 2010. In addition, the existing Gap spaces at the mall are currently undergoing a complete remodel to bring the Stoneridge locations in line with the brand's existing store concept.

# **Growing Up Female**

Mothers and their fourth- to fifthgrade daughters are invited to attend an uplifting workshop about body changes and the realities of being female on Thursday, Aug. 19, from 10 a.m.-noon at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, 777 Peters Ave.

Led by RN specialist Amy Sluss, this two-hour workshop explores the normal changes that occur in girls ages 9-16, offers girls tools and tips for handling puberty, and connects girls and adult women together in a powerful and positive way. The session is crafted to build self-esteem, positive body image, and a healthy sense of "being a girl." A warm and comfortable environment for questions, exploration and learning, this experience sets the stage for future conversations and positive growth as your daughter transitions to adulthood.

There is a \$75 fee per motherdaughter pair for the workshop, which

raising campaign brought in more than \$117,000, which helped build 32 homes for low income families. includes \$50 worth of take-home material to continue the learning. For more information, call Sluss at 858-0702. Register online at www. fab2bfem.com

## Middle School Years

Mothers and their middle school aged daughters are invited to register and attend this uplifting workshop about body changes and the realities of being female on Thursday, Aug. 19, from 2-4 p.m. at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, 777 Peters

This workshop offers girls and mothers a safe haven in the midst of the complexities and struggles of middle school. The session explores and promotes positive relationships (with friends, parents, and boys), healthy and realistic body-image for the teen years, and issues around intimacy and emotional intelligence, all in an uplifting safe environment.

A \$75 fee per mother-daughter pair covers the workshop, materials, and \$50 of take-home instructional materials to continue the learning. For more information call Sluss at 858-0702. Register in advance at www.fab2bfem.com

#### **Habitat for Humanity Funds** Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Community Foundation has launched it 12th annual Habitat for

Humanity fundraising campaign. The major event of this year's fundraising effort will once again be a Habitat for Humanity raffle, which kicked off Tuesday. Last year's fund-

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Organizers of this year's campaign, dubbed "Homes and Hope," have set a goal of raising \$337,400. Money will also be raised by fundraisers held by individual Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage offices throughout Northern California. Over the past 11 years, the Cold-well Banker Residential Brokerage Community Foundation has been the

leading corporate sponsor of Habitat for Humanity, raising more than \$2 million through the efforts of its sales ssociates, managers, staff and clients in Northern California. The Coldwell Banker team has also volunteered more 43,000 hours and participated in the construction of 127 Habitat for Humanity homes.

We look forward to our Habitat for Humanity fundraiser every year," said Rick Turley, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. We've had 11 astonishing years of raising money and helping build homes for families in need, and this year we'll make it an even dozen.

The raffle runs today through August 31 in all 58 Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage offices throughout Northern California. Tickets are \$2 each. The public is invited to participate. Checks should be made payble to Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Community Foundation. All money raised through the raffle will be donated to local Habitat for Humanity chapters for homes to be built in 2011.

Prizes for the raffle include \$5,000 donated by Princeton Capital, gift certificates, hotel stays and much more. For a list of prizes or Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage offices, visit www.CaliforniaMoves.com or call 925.275.3085.



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# **Dublin to Present Foreclosure** Workshop

Housing and Economic Rights Advocates (HERA) is offering a free foreclosure workshop for Tri-Valley homeowners at the City of Dublin on August 7th at the Dublin Library from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The seminar is offered for homeowners who want to protect themselves from foreclosure rescue scams and homeowners who have been victimized to learn about options available to recover their money. The seminar will also describe options to avoid foreclosure.

Individual counseling with attorneys and/or housing counselors will also be available. It is advised for those attending to bring paystubs, recent utility bills, bank statements, loan documents, and letters from your bank and foreclosure notices to get advice and help

The HERA-sponsored workshop is in partnership the Tri Valley Affordable Housing Committee (TVAHC), the Community Housing Development Corporation of North Richmond (CHDC) and the Tri Valley Housing Opportunity Center (TVHOC). For more information, phone (510) 271-8443 x 304 or email inquiries@ heraca.org.

# OBITUARIES

#### Martha T. Field

Livermore resident Martha T. Fields was born in Hickory, North Carolina on April 10, 1924 and passed away on Sunday, July 25, 2010 in Fremont, CA. She was 86 years old.

Martha was raised in Hickory, N.C. where she attended college and later earning her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. She married her husband, Les in 1944 in Louisiana and moved to California in 1945. She worked at Providence Hospital in Oakland, a Doctor's Office in Hayward and as an Industrial Nurse for United Can in Hayward for a total of 45 years of service. She was a member of the Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile, Elks Lodge in Fremont, Moose Lodge in Castro Valley, the Shurafa RV Club and Golden Panners.

Martha was preceded in death by her husband, Les in 2009. She is survived by her daughter Sherron and husband, Hank Gersich of Livermore, CA, son Bill and wife, Barbara Field of Manteca, CA, 3 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were August 1 in Livermore. Interment will be at San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery in Santa Nella, CA. Arrangements by Callaghan

# **Bernice Rose Schott**

Mortuary.

Bernice Rose Schott passed away July 24, 2010 in Fremont, California. She was born February 7, 1925 in San Francisco, California. She was a resident of Pleasanton for 39 years.

Preceded in death by her husband Albert Raymond Schott and her sisters Rose Marie Schroff and Katherine Bensen. She is survived by her daughters Patricia of Manteca and Mary of Livermore; brothers Joe Kennel of San Francisco and Robert Kennel of San Bruno; grandchildren of Gustavo, Yvette and Robert Jeremiah.

Bernice loved to knit, spending time with her family. She loved animals and enjoyed television, going to Swiss events: dances and picnics and she was a fan of the A's and Giants..

Services were held July 28th at St. Augustine's Catholic Church in Pleasanton. Burial was at Holy Cross Cemetery in Colma, California. Donations can be made to the SPCA, No Kill Animal Shelters and Animal Rescue.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

### **Doris Madeleine Patrick**

Doris was born in Oakland, CA on July 8, 1904 and passed away on Friday, July 23, 2010 in Livermore, CA.



She was a resident of Heritage Estates for four years. She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church in Livermore.

Prior to coming to Livermore, she lived in Grass Valley 40 years, where she was active in the Rock Club, the Stamp Club, Memoir Group and a Museum Docent in

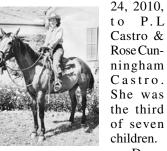
Grass Valley. She was an amazing 106 years old. Doris worked as a secretary for the Berkeley Board of Education for 30 years, retiring in 1964.

Doris was preceded in death by her husband Vernon Patrick in 1970. Surviving are her 2 loving sons Richard and his wife Beth Patrick of Livermore, CA, Raymond and his wife Edi Patrick of Petaluma, CA, 9 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Doris will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

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



Castro. She was the third of seven children. Doro-

thy 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 was 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

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

#### **Darlene Gail Burr**

Darlene went home to be with the lord, at the age of 68 on July 16, 2010. She was born Jan. 13,

She was a 50 year resident of Livermore.

by her father Roger Bouscal in

She is survived by her mother Lois Bouscal of Livermore, her

son Rodney (Michelle) Burr of Turlock, brothers Dennis Bouscal of

Washing ton & Rocky Bouscal of Livermore, and by two

Burr of Turlock. A celebration of Darlene's life was held on Monday, July 26 in

Livermore.

grandchildren Ashton & Andrea

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June 24, 2015. The Independent Legal No.2810. Publish July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 2010.

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Killarney St., Livermore Ca This business is conducted by:an Individual

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed. Signature of Registrant /s/:Kenneth R. Hegarty

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No.2811. Publish July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 2010. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 440434 The following person(s) doing business as:Orange Flute 3518 Saddlebrook Pl. Dublin Ca 94568 is hereby registered

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Signature of Registrant: /s/:Saniav H. Parekh This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 6, 2010. Expires July

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The following person(s) doing business as:Livermore Gvm nastic Center, 4039 First St. Livermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Elite Taekwondo Academy 673 Splitrail Ct., Livermore Ca 94551

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or names listed. Signature of Registrant /s/:Jeffrey J Avilla This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 23, 2010. Expires June 23, 2015.

22, 29, August 5, 2010. **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** FILE NO. 440279

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Court, Pleasanton Ca 94588 This business is conducted by:an Individual legistrant has not yet begur to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.

Signature of Registrant: /s/:Sherry Chuang This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 30, 2010, Expires

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/s/:Vipa Hobbs

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NAME STATEMENT

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** 

NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 440606

The following person(s) doing

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the fictitious business name

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on July 12, 2010. Expires July

Signature of Registrant:

/s/:Jodie Thompson

Ave., Livermore Ca 94550

August 5, 12, 19, 2010.

Signature of Registrant:

/s/:Andrew Barovick

August 5, 12, 19, 2010.

Signature of Registrant:

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 440653 following person(s) do-

ing business as:Little Orsi Davcare, 3580 Madeira Way. Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sulema Janet Orsi, 3580

Madeira Way, Livermore Ca 94550 This business is conducted by:an Individual Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under

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on July 14, 2010. Expires July 14. 2015. The Independent Legal No.2816. Publish July 29, August 5, 12, 19, 2010.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 440942

The following person(s) doing business as:Delivered, 1054 Dolores St. #17, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Christopher Palmer, 1054 Dolores St. #17, Livermore Ca 94550

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/s/:Chris Palmer This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 21, 2010. Expires July The Independent Legal

No.2818. Publish July 29, August 5, 12, 19, 2010. **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 440407

The following person(s) doing business as:Town & Country Cleaners, 456 West Harder Road, Hayward Ca 94544 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Vipa Enterprises, LLC., 4348

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This business is conducted by:an Individual The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on May 2009. Signature of Registrant:

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 28, 2010. Expires July 28, 2015. The Independent Legal No 2823. Publish August 5, 12,

#### 19, 26, 2010. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 440922

The following person(s) doing business as:UP "N Smoke Barbecue, 855 Polaris Way, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following

Charles Metcalf, 855 Polaris Way, Livermore Ca 94550. Jeremy King, 849 E Stanley Blvd #185, Livermore Ca 94550, Cartis Rvan Stephens 861 Folsom Ct., Livermore

Ca 94551 This business is conducted by:a Limited liability partner-Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under

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12, 19, 26, 2010. **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 440867-440870 The following person(s) doing business as:1)Fire Trucks

3)Home 4 The Day, 4)Wicktonville Township, 1619 94551 is hereby registered by

the following owner(s): Wicktonville Fire Dept. Inc.,1619 Maralisa Ct., Livermore Ca 94551 This business is conducted by:a Corporation

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on February Signature of Registrant:

/s/:Paul M. George This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 21, 2010. Expires July

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#### **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 441067 The following person(s) doing

business as:Efendi Travel, 4646 Lakewood St., Pleasanton Ca 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ozgur Guker, 377 Santa

Clara Ave. #210, Oakland, Ca 94610 This business is conducted bv:an Individual

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# **Update on Real Estate** Market: Tax Credits, Recent Sales and Price Increases

California's 2010 tax credit for first-time homebuyers has proved so popular the fund may already have run out. The credit allows a tax credit of 5 percent of purchase price up

to \$10,000 over three years. The fund includes a total of \$100 million in credits for first-time homebuyers and another \$100 million for those purchasing new construction. The home must be used as a primary residence. The credit kicked in May 1. Reservations for the first-time home-

buyer program hit \$100 million in just two months, although the state is continuing to accept applications because some applicants may not qualify.

But there is still funding for the new construction credits – about 70 percent had been reserved as of July 27.

For information on the program, see www.ftb.ca.gov/individuals/new\_home\_credit.shtml

A similar federal program expired April 30, and experts predicted an end to the homebuying frenzy that had characterized Spring. In fact, buying did slow markedly in May, only to revive in June.

**Bay Area Home Sales, Prices Increase** 

Home sales in the nine Bay Area counties climbed 1.3 percent in June over May, according to statistics compiled by MDA Data-A total of 8,373 homes closed escrow in June still well below

the historic average for June of 10,198. Speculation is that the tax credits nudged buyers who were considering purchasing property anyway to do so before the credits

expired – in effect "borrowing" buyers from later in the year. "The next few months should be very interesting," said John Walsh, president of the real estate tracking service. "We're about to see how well the housing market can fly on its own. The tax credits no doubt stole some demand from the rest of this year, and soon we'll have a better sense of just how much."

While sales figures were up only slightly, home prices continue to climb, due mostly to fewer foreclosed properties being re-sold and more high-end homes selling.

In June, the median sales price throughout the Bay Area for new and resale houses and condominiums combined was \$410,000, up 16.5 from \$352,000 in June 2009. Figures for Alameda County were even more impressive: The

median home sales price rose nearly 20 percent from \$335,000 in June 2009 to \$400,000 in June 2010. Livermore prices during the same period grew from \$405,000 to \$419,500. The Bay Area median price has risen on a year-over-year basis for nine straight months, although it is still well below the high-point

of \$665,000 in June/July 2007. (The post-boom low was \$290,000

#### in March 2009.) **Foreclosure Resales Fall**

One reason prices have increased is that sales of lender-owned properties – homes that had been foreclosed on in the prior 12 months – are down. Foreclosures fell to 26.7 percent of the Bay Area's resale market, the lowest since April 2008. Foreclosure resales peaked at 52.0 percent in February 2009. Historically, such sales account for 7.9 percent of the market.

Statewide, the number of homes going into foreclosure between April and June dropped for the fifth consecutive quarter.

The declines were greatest in the most affordable areas, where foreclosure activity hit hardest over the past two years. Alameda County declined 43.3 percent, from 4,616 in the

quarter of 2009 to 2,615 for the second quarter of 2010. Motivated sellers and accommodating lenders helped push short sales in lieu of foreclosures. Public policy has also been a factor.

"Prices have come up off bottom over the past year. If they continue to rise, fewer homeowners will find themselves under water, which is a significant factor in letting a home go," said Walsh.

defaults over the past year, that trend appears to be leveling off. In every price category, certain lenders had more properties in default than others. Those that originated the most loans that went

into default last quarter, according to MDA DataQuick, were:

While more expensive neighborhoods have been hit harder with

- World Savings (2,982)
- Washington Mutual (2,547)
- Countrywide (2,532)
- Wells Fargo (2,177) • Bank of America (1,049)

These were also the lenders who wrote the most loans in the second half of 2006. Their default rates on loans in that period are less than 10 percent.

Many small subprime lenders had default rates above 65 percent. Among those with the highest number of defaults are:

- ResMAE Mortgage
- Ownit Mortgage
- Master Financial • First NLC Financial Services
- Fieldstone Mortgage

California in Line for \$700 million in Federal Homeowner Assistance Because California was hit harder than most states with the housing crash, we will receive the largest share of a \$1.5 billion federal

fund for programs designed to assist struggling homeowners. California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA) recently announced the state's share of funds from the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (EESA) would go toward four different programs ultimately assisting 40,000 homeowners.

Earlier this year President Obama announced the \$1.5 billion infusion for state housing agencies in Arizona, California, Florida, Michigan and Nevada, where home values have fallen more than 20 percent from peak 2006 and 2007 markets.

We are very grateful that the Obama Administration recognizes that California and several other states have been severely impacted by the twin problems of unemployment and home price depreciation," said Steven Spears, executive director of CalHFA.

The details aren't finalized and homeowners, who needn't be CalHFA loan holders, must otherwise quality before approval. **Fixed-Rate Mortgage Rates Hit Another New Low** 

Interest rates on conventional mortgages — 30-year fixed-rate

mortgages with at least 20 percent downpayments – inched down again to an average 4.54 percent with about 0.7 point for the week ending July 29. This is down from the previous week when it averaged 4.56 percent. Last year at this time, the 30-year FRM averaged 5.25 percent.

Historically, interest rates on conventional mortgages have ranged from 7-8 percent. Rates on 15-year fixed-rate mortgages are currently at a record

low of 4.00 percent with an average 0.7 point.

For information on what type of mortgage you might qualify for, contact your mortgage specialist.

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

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# **Lizzie Fountain Spray Grounds Officially Dedicated**

The new Lizzie Fountain Spray Grounds has been a popular atdowntown Livermore for several months.

On any given hot day, children can been seen and heard playtraction for the younger set in ing happily in the water while parents and grandparents relax in the shade.



Photos - Doug Jorgensen

The new spray ground in Livermore is a popular place in the downtown for the younger set . Both photos were taken following the dedication last Saturday.

The spray ground is located in the park at the corner of First Street and South Livermore Avenue.

The official dedication of the spray grounds was held last Saturday. The occasion was complete with music, remarks by Mayor Marshall Kamena and the reading of a poem written by Livermore Poet Laureate Cher Wollard.

The dedication was part of the downtown's Christmas in July celebration. Livermore Downtown Inc. Executive Director Rachel Snedecor commented, "It's all about water. This is a great time to celebrate the new spray ground. I can't think how many families have already enjoyed it.'

Kamena recited some of the history of the area, noting that the corner was once occupied by the Hub. He said when the Hub was torn down, there were suggestions to build a parking lot. However, former city manager Dan Lee proposed the original fountain. It was constructed in

Work on the new spray grounds began in February. The entire park area was refurbished to include drinking fountains for both two and four legged visitors, a trellis, seating, greenery and lighting.

The memorial bricks, the clock, and two memorial redwood trees were retained.

Kamena led a countdown, assisted by Ethan Santiago, to mark the official turning on of the fountain.

Prior to the countdown, Poet Laureate Cher Wollard read her poem, "Who Is Lizzie?" She observed there were really two

Lizzies. One, Miss Liz, was the daughter of William Mendenhall. The other, Lizzie Oliver, was "a little bit nuts." She was called Aunt Lizzie. At one time, Livermore Avenue was called Lizzie Avenue.

Her poem is as follows:

#### Lizzie's Street

Crazy old auntie rocked that chair like it was a bucking mule all day long on her front porch profligate hats provoking the sensible hallooing at tradesmen, vaqueros passersby winding south on the long road that stretched past her house to the coal mines and Cresta Blanca

Some took to calling it Lizzie's Street And why not? Wasn't her house planted like a thorn in its side? Didn't young hoodlums race through the dust just to pelt her door with rocks, sometimes a load of birdshot?

Long before, a lawyer's wife

staked her own claim to the avenue. Daddy owned half the town, after all. Now they've taken it away from both of them - Aunt Lizzie and Miss Liz paved it over, smoothed out the ruts renamed it for some long-dead Englishman

But people remember. They built a fountain put up a clock across the street a block or so from where Lizzie's wide-porched bungalow once stood, on the spot where Joe Duarte used to sell cigars Later a tavern quenched the thirsty

Fountain water spouts, waves at cars, trucks, bicycles, at progress even Sweltering summer days every child in town splashes like downless ducklings in her water. Before long somebody tosses in bubble soap

# **TRAIN**

is a "very big deal. For one, it provides physical protection for the property.

Frank noted that it also opens doors to apply for grants to preserve and restore historic property. "We are looking specifically at our bridges. We have three large bridges along the rail-line. They are very expensive to paint, about \$300,000 each. The designation will also help plans for museum development at Niles.'

Presently, the Pacific Locomotive Association's Niles Canyon Railway provides historic train ride experiences to the public year round from the 1880's depot in Sunol and from Niles Station in Fremont. The train doesn't travel the entire length of the restored rails, which extend to Verona Bridge. Work is underway to extend the rails to Happy Valley.

There had been talk one time of bringing the trains into Pleasanton. Frank pointed out that the historic designation results in no change in plans to bring the railroad to Pleasanton. "It would be up to the city if it wants the trains and where a station might be located. There have been some discussions as to where it might go, if were determined there was support to bring the train to the

The Niles Canyon segment was completed after the driving of the Golden Spike. Constructed from 1865 to 1869, the line retains many features of early railroading, including stone culverts and truss bridges.

The scenery and route through the canyon have barely changed in over one hundred and forty years. The completion of the railroad in 1869, reduced the travel time from the east from months to a few days, connecting California to the rest of the nation.

Steam locomotives pulled trains through Niles Canyon for eighty years before diesels took over in the 1950's. In 1984, after twelve decades of railroading in the canyon, the Southern Pacific ceased operating trains on the right-of-way, pulled up the tracks, and deeded the land to Alameda County.

The Pacific Locomotive Association entered into an agreement with Alameda County and began rebuilding the rail line in 1987. Association volunteers worked for over a year on the first part of the track reconstruction between Sunol and Brightside. On May 21, 1988, almost 122 years after the first Western Pacific excursion, the Pacific Locomotive Association brought railroad passenger operations back to life in Niles Canyon.

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good for the county and transit operators, and over the long run will provide greater efficiencies in delivering transportation improvements and services to the residents and businesses of Alameda County," noted newly elected Chair, Mayor Mark Green, who successfully spearheaded the year and a half merger process.

In January 2009, ACTIA and the ACCMA initiated a study to identify service sharing and/ or consolidation opportunities between the two agencies. The study examined whether mission critical responsibilities could be delivered in a more streamlined and cost effective manner if the two agencies operated on a more integrated basis.

In May 2009, the Boards reviewed opportunities for service sharing and potential merger of operations, opportunities for cost efficiencies and estimated annual savings. This review demonstrated a very good return on investment, with up-front costs relatively minor considering the long-term goals and benefits. The greatest opportunities for consolidation and efficiency improvement were in the areas of financial services, administrative services and capital project delivery. Members also discussed the potential for blending the Boards of Directors into one Board. The initial analysis was compelling enough for the Boards to move forward with an implementation analysis and plan.

In January 2010, the Boards expressed support for a proposed merger of the two agencies, including a new structure for a combined Board of Directors and support for the title of Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) as the name of the agency.

In February 2010, the joint Boards approved a draft Joint Powers Agreement and directed staff to present it to the Board of Supervisors, the City Councils for all 14 cities in the County, and the Boards of AC Transit and BART. Over the next few

months, ACTIA and ACCMA obtained approval of the new Joint Powers Agreement and the necessary parallel changes to the ACCMA joint powers agreement from each of these entities. The ACTIA Board also amended the 2000 Transportation Expenditure Plan, following a 45 day review period, to change the composition of the ACTIA Board so that it is the same as that of the Alameda

CTC Board. On June 24th, the Alameda County Transportation Authority (originally created in 1986 to implement the first transportation sales tax measure in the County) was terminated and the Agency's assets and liabilities were transferred to ACTIA. As the merger continues, these will be turned over to the new Alameda CTC.

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# Art, Community, & Education



Pictured are Tisha by Shelly Yen (at right), and Portrait of two of the Pittsburg bunnies, by 6-year-old twins Taylor and Tommy Todd.



# Bring Home a Bunny, As a Pet Or As a Painting

#### **By Patricia Koning**

Bunnies and local artists will come together this Saturday for the Bunny Art Show and Adoption Event at the East Bay Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), located at 4651 Gleason Drive in Dublin. The event will showcase the work of 11 local artists and 10 art students who created portraits of adoptable bunnies offered through East Bay Rabbit Rescue.

"The Bunny Art show was conceived to increase exposure and awareness for rescued rabbits," explains Joan Wegner of East Bay Rabbit Rescue. "Many people who would not buy a dog or cat

buy a small animal because they are unaware that small animals are available at shelters and with rescue groups."

Ten local artists— Michelle Chan, Eileen Crowley, Valerie Daft, Carol Hart, Kathleen Hill, Lenore Kreit, Diana Marion, Christine McCall, Linda Ryan, Marcy Schaaf, and Shelly Yen—created a total of 40 rabbit portraits. The art will remain on display at the East Bay SPCA through the end of September.

On Saturday, August 7, the adoption event will take place from 11 am to 4 pm, followed by the artists' reception from 4 to 5 pm. East Bay SPCA will receive 20%

of all sales at the Bunny Art Show to support their work.

Dublin-based graphic designer and artist Shelly Yen designed the event flyer, which features a portrait of Tisha, a one-year-old English Spot rabbit available for adoption. After looking through pictures of different rabbits that Wegner sent her for the flyer, Yen wound up creating 10 pieces for the show.

"I love animals and I love painting animals. All of the bunnies were so different, and I really wanted to focus on their unique qualities," she explains. "I never painted so many bunnies before! It was a lot of fun." The artists attended several rabbit adoption events and worked from photographs of the rabbits. They chose their rabbit subjects from among the 150 that East Bay Rabbit Rescue currently has available for adoption.

Late last spring, Wegner was concerned about having enough pieces for the show, so she asked Diana Marion if her students might be interested. "They were delighted," says Marion. "My students were excited to help the animals and to be part of a real art show. I'm happy they will have the chance to share the work."

On the first Saturday of each month, East Bay Rabbit Rescue

holds a rabbit adoption at the East Bay SPCA. About six rabbits are usually adopted each month; in the last 12 months, East Bay Rabbit Rescue has placed over 70 rabbits. Wegner estimates that at any one time in the Bay Area there are several hundred rabbits available for adoption.

Most of the rabbits up for adoption have either been abandoned by their owners or are the unwanted offspring of pet rabbits. "People don't realize that rabbits live for eight to 12 years and require as much care as a dog or a cat," says Wegner. "If rabbits are not spayed or neutered, they can produce a lot (See BUNNIES, page 2)

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# Concert Is a Benefit for Open Heart Kitchen



Camerata Players include (from left) Deborah Lorenz, piano; Bronwyn Hagerty, cello; James MacQueen, violin; and Anna Lorenz, harp and piano.

## Program Includes Performance of 'A Glimpse of the Shore'

A chamber group, The Livermore Camerata Players," will present a recital of classical chamber music to benefit Open Heart Kitchen.

The concert will be held at 7 p.m. on Wed., Aug. 11 at the First Presbyterian Church, 4th and L Streets, Livermore.

Camerata Players are Deborah Lorenz, piano; Bronwyn Hagerty, cello; James MacQueen, violin; and Anna Lorenz, harp and piano.

The program will includes works by Shostakovich, Berens, Ravel and more. In addition, there will be a performance of the premiere of violinist/composer James MacQueen's "A Glimpse of the Shore."

Admission is free. Donations for Open Heart Kitchen are gratefully accepted.

### **BUNNIES**

(continued from front page)

of offspring very quickly."

The discovery of over 120 rabbits living in a backyard in Pittsburg gives credence to the phrase "breeding like rabbits." The owner adopted what she thought was a pair of male rabbits, but a few months later one of the rabbits gave birth to its first litter. Within a year, there were over 100 babies.

After Michelle Miller, a volunteer with Contra Costa Animal Services, discovered the owner selling the baby rabbits at a garage sale, she enlisted another volunteer, Suzi Hibbard, to lead the effort to find homes for the rabbits. Several Bay Area rabbit rescue groups came together to support their effort. Over 60 of these rabbits still need homes. About 25 will be at the adoption event; 10 are featured in the art work.

East Bay Rabbit Rescue hosts the House Rabbit Society, Harvest Home Animal Sanctuary, private rescues, and volunteers from local shelters for their monthly rabbit adoption event at the East Bay SPCA. This is one of the largest rabbit adoption events in the Bay Area.

"A huge selection of rabbits of all breeds and ages are available for adoption," says Wegner. "While the adoption fee is comparable to what you'd pay for a rabbit in a pet store, rescue rabbits are spayed/neutered, healthy, and socialized"

In addition to the rabbit adoption events, those interested in adopting a rabbit can look at local shelters or on petfinder.com. The site currently lists over 500 rabbits available in the Bay Area.

At the rabbit adoption event, representatives from East Bay Rabbit Rescue are available to discuss the benefits and responsibilities of keeping a rabbit as a pet. For more information, visit www.eastbayspca.org and choose "Rabbits for Adoption" on the front page.

# Wearable Art Featured at LAA Gallery

The Livermore Art Association LAA Gallery is featuring the jewelry and ceramic art of Rhonda Chase during the month of August.

Rhonda's award-winning wearable art is created mostly using a combination of gemstones, tiny porcelain sculptures, and metal wire. By combining these materials and some unexpected accents, she creates a wide variety of one-of-a-kind adornments including pendants, bracelets and earrings. Each piece Rhonda makes is carefully designed according to the shapes and patterns of the selected gemstones. More elaborate works are sketched out first.

Her jewelry is almost entirely cold-welded, which means she doesn't use any glue or solder. Rhonda especially enjoys creating scenes from nature and sculpting intricate little trees; which have become her signature pieces. She says, "Whether designing or sculpting, my work is very flowing and organic. I love good materials; natural stones, rich glazes and precious metals. I also enjoy a really full-bodied color palette. I treat my glazes like watercolors



and my gems like oils. And I hope that while everything I make is functional, each piece is first, a work of art."

Also on display will be a selection of Rhonda's ceramic art. Shown in the photo is her "Niagara Fall Pendant," which won the Most Original Beaded Object at the Bead Society of Northern California this year.

The Livermore Art Association (LAA) Gallery is open 11:30-4:00 Wed-Sun, and is located in the historic Carnegie Building at 2155 3rd St. Livermore. For more info call the Gallery at 925-449-9927.

# **Zingers on Stage** at the Library

The Zingers sing show tunes, songs from American Broadway musicals, 20's – 30's – 40's popular music, and standard choral works, secular and sacred. The will be at the Pleasanton Library from 2 to 3 p.m. on Sun., Aug. 15.

The specific purpose of The Zingers is to promote the appreciation of choral music in our community and throughout the country.

This program is free and open to the public. No registration is required. The performance will take place in the Pleasanton Library's meeting room, 400 Old Bernal.

For more information call Penny Johnson, 925/931-3405.



The Zingers will perform show tunes and other music during a performance at the Pleasanton Library.

# **Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social Set for Sunday**

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band will be performing on Sun., Aug. 8 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Ravenswood Historic Site, 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore.

The Band will be playing a variety of musical styles appropriate for the 1800's and 1900's. A salute to the centennial of compositions

by Chopin and Robert Schumann will be included. Guest clarinetist Joe Bonfiglio will play a clarinet concerto. Additional selections will honor the 200th Anniversary of composer Otto Nicolai, patriotic songs, oldies, pops and marches.

The performance is part of the annual old-fashioned ice cream

social at Ravenswood. The Valley Banjos will also entertain.

The event includes games, music, historic demonstrations and more. Ice cream and hot dogs will be available for purchase.

Special activities include Tickle Me Pony Parties Baby Petting Zoo and Pony Rides; the Livermore Heritage Guild, and face painting.

There is no admission charge. The event is hosted by the Ravenswood Progress League and the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District. For information, call 443-0238.

# **Zany Performance of "Three Billy Goats Gruff"**

The Livermore Public Library's Springtown branch, presents Puppet Art Theater's zany new take on "The Three Billy Goats Gruff," on Tuesday, August 10.

The award-winning Puppet Art Theater performs hundreds of live performances each year throughout California. The Tortoise & the Hare start out this production with their classic race concluding at "The Toll Bridge," waking up the grumpy troll and setting the stage for a very funny new trio of goats.

"The Three Billy Goats Gruff" free performance begins at 6:00 pm and will take place outside the library, at 998 Bluebell Drive. The audience will be seated on tarps and attendees are encouraged to arrive early for best parking and viewing opportunities and to bring appropriate sun gear.

This free event is made possible by a donation from the Friends of the Livermore Library.

The library's Summer Reading Game ends Saturday, August 14. Special events include magic shows, puppetry, wild animals, international music, circus performers and storytelling.

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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# **Campers Learn How to Produce a TV Program**

munity Television (TV30) is offering two sold out sessions of a school students in the Tri-Valley.

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Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti is being interviewed by TV campers Sierra Taylor from Danville, age 11 and Sarah Clearly from Danville, age 11 (top photo). Tri-Valley TV Summer Camper Evelyn Reed of Livermore, age 12, works the camera (bottom photo).



The first camp took place the week of June 14th. The second session begins August 9th. Ranging in age from 10 – 15 years old, twelve campers from Livermore, Pleasanton and Danville participated in the five day camp in June. The result is a special show produced by the students titled "Tri-Valley Youth View." This thirty minute program is currently airing on Channel 30 and 28.

"It is so great for all of us at Tri-Valley TV to have the Campers at the station. The first day most of them don't know anything about TV. They work together as a team with our staff and by the last day of camp, they have created a half hour TV show." said Melissa Tench-Stevens, Executive Director of Tri-Valley TV. "It is a fast paced week which gives students an edge in the industry.

Under the direction of Camp Director, Mitch Eason, the handson TV Camp provides an introduction to the technical and talent aspects of studio and field production, writing, producing and digital video editing.

"Tri-Valley Youth View," was written and produced by the students who range in age from 10 15 years old. They researched and wrote questions, they acted as crew for all the production positions and were talent for the

Guests who were interviewed on "Tri-Valley Youth View" include Mark Duncanson, Senior Recreation Program Specialist from Pleasanton, who spoke about PTOWN411.com as well as other recreation options for youth. Also appearing is Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena who talked about things for youths to do in Livermore and Mayor Tim Sbranti of Dublin, who discussed what it's like to be a Mayor. In addition, the owners of Traveling Pizza taught the campers how to make a pizza.

"Some of the campers from last year returned to volunteer crew at TV30 this summer," Tench-Stevens said. "TV Camp has been a win-win for all of us! We are looking forward to the next group of campers in August."

To watch TV 28, 29 and 30 or for more information about the station and its programming, visit www.tri-valleytv.org.

Air times for "Tri-Valley Youth View" on Channels 28 and 30: are TV 30: Sat. 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Sun. 8 a.m.; Mon. noon; Tues. 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 8:30 p.m.; Thurs. 7:30 p.m.; and Fri. 8:30 p.m. TV 28: Sun. 7:30 a.m.; Tues. and Thurs. 6 p.m. and Fri. 6:30

# **Occasio Winery** to Mark First **Anniversary**

August 28, 2010 marks the One Year Anniversary of Occasio Winery and Tasting Room. A variety of festivities are planned to celebrate.

Owner and winemaker John Kinney commented, "Last August 28, we were harvesting our Sauvignon Blanc grapes early in the morning, and opening our doors to the tasting room that afternoon. What an incredible year this has been, with Gold Medals, sold out wines, and the wonderful Occasio Society wine club membership. In honor of our anniversary and harvest, we'll be releasing our 2009 Sauvignon Blanc, as well as our 2008 Reserve Zinfandel. With already one medal on the Sauvignon Blanc and the success of our regular Zinfandel, we feel we have two pivotal wines for this release."

Occasio Winery is a small and micro lot, award winning winery focusing on the Heritage varietals of Livermore Valley. Using only Livermore Valley grapes, owner and winemaker John Kinney handcrafts his wines to express the local terroir of which he is so proud. Sit down with John for a history lesson of Livermore Valley.

New wines to be released are the following:

Occasio 2009 Sauvignon Blanc, Del Arroyo Vineyard (only 200 cases made - \$18 per bottle): Grapes were picked in the cold, early morning hours and pressed as whole clusters. In keeping with the "sauvage" nature of the grape, fermentation was allowed to initiate with native yeasts. The fermentation temperatures were kept low in order to retain the most volatile flavor components. The wine was racked from its lees and aged in stainless. This wine is unoaked, and has not undergone secondary malolactic

Occasio 2008 Reserve Zinfandel, Del Arroyo Vineyard (only 71 cases made - \$42 per bottle): The Zinfandel grape has a long heritage in the Livermore Valley, with the first plantings occurring over 100 years ago. Our Reserve Zinfandel is a blend of the Deaver and Dupratt clones. Aged in American Oak for 18 months, this is a marvelously structured, complex wine that pays tribute to Livermore's pioneering heritage.

Special events planned:

On Sat., Aug. 21, 6 to 8 p.m. ride the Occasio Harvest Wine Train on the Niles Canyon Railway. Guests will be treated to 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 the newly released '09 Sauvignon Blanc and '08 Reserve Zinfandel, paired with foods, and served in the recently restored art deco lounge car that is part of the Golden Gate Railroad Museum's collection. Music will be provided by Off The Record, a local acoustic rock, folk, and blues trio. In celebration of the upcoming harvest, there will be time to sample some of the past vintages by pouring some long sold-out favorite memories from the winery's library.

Tickets can be purchased for the wine train at Occasio Winery, or by calling (925) 371-1987. The event is \$65 for Occasio Society members and \$75 for non-members, all inclusive.

The one year anniversary celebration will take place on Aug. 28 and 29 from noon to 5 p.m. both days. New wines to be released included the 2009 Sauvignon Blanc and the 2008 Reserve Zinfandel. On Saturday, 1:30 to 5 p.m. bluegrass band Old Tunnel Road will perform. The gypsy jazz band, Gaucho, will provide the entertainment on Sunday from 1:30 to 5 p.m.

Occasio Winery is located at 2245B South Vasco Rd., Livermore. The Library Room accommodates parties up to eight people, where guests can study the wines in greater detail in the presence of our winemaker, and can explore cheese and wine pairing, by appointment. It is open Fri., Sat. and Sun. noon to 5 p.m. or by appointment. For information, go to www.occasiowinery.com.

# Petite Sirah: The Saint Bernard That Wants to Sit in Your Lap

by Laura Ness

While at a recent tasting in Livermore, my lips turned blue, so did my teeth, and blue-purple juice was dripping down my chin. It was happening to everyone around me. No, I was not taking part in a blueberry pie eating contest, or sampling juicy ripe plums at a Farmer's Market. Instead, I was at a Petite Sirah tasting. Not just any Petite tasting, but the 8th annual focused tasting that PS I Love You, an advocacy organization dedicated to this most delightful teeth-stainer, holds yearly for its members. It's the Big Dog tasting for one of the biggest, baddest and best in the wine world.

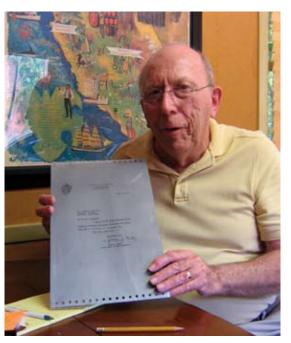
Graciously hosted for the second year in a row at Concannon Vineyard, the sold out conference on July 27th also garnered a sizable virtual following online as well. It's always good to see Jim Concannon at these events, as he could claim to be the modern father of Petite Sirah, having been the first winemaker to label it as a variety back in 1961. Even sweeter is the sight of he and his son, John, now the Board President of the organization, seated at the head table. Both are clearly proud to wear the purple mantle of Principal Purveyors of Petite. Jim and John Concannon, along with Chief Ambassador and Jack of All Trades, Jim Ryan, have done a tremendous service in promoting the Conservancy line, a tribute to both of John's grandparents, who helped continue a dynasty, modest as it was, that became a household

While Concannon has become synonymous with Petite Sirah, for too long, it was a plaintive solo in Livermore. Now there are at least enough players to form a choir. New voices include Jaime Dowell Crooked Vine, John Kinney at Occasio, Collin Cranor at Nottingham Cellars and grower Julio Covarubbias, whose fruit is making its way into cellars all over the Livermore Valley. He understands this grape and it shows. Mark Clarin has some of Julio's juice in the cellar at McGrail, and so does Rhonda at Wood. The 2009 barrel sample Collin poured at the seminar was a racy, nutmeg-tinged blueberry fiesta, while Julio's 2008 barrel sample showed blackberries and plummy richness.

Mostly relied upon as a backbone grape for blends, Petite spent an almost ignominious century as the lowly and invisible rug pad instead of the much coveted and fussed over Persian carpet. Now it is walking with pride down a purple red carpet of its own.

The rise in popularity of Petite is gratifying: in its heydey, there





Taking part in the program were John Kinney from Occasion Winery (left) and Jim Concannon from Concannon Vineyard.

were 14k acres planted in California. This dropped to a low of 1700 acres in 1984, and has rebounded to 7500 acres as of 2009. From a dismally low 65 producers in 2001, the number has skyrocketed to 725 wineries out of 6k. Of the 200 bonded US wineries back in 1975, 20 of them produced the grape. So we've achieved that 10% level once again.

What is the prognosis for Petite Sirah? Pat Spangler of Spangler Vineyards in Oregon positions it as the "Anti Pinot." He asks people, "Are you tired of wimpy Pinots? Try this! But not if you're wearing a white shirt!" He has great success marketing it as the big dog wine: are you tall enough to ride this ride? He commented that people are looking for bigger, bolder reds.

Presentations by Dan Berger (wine writer) and Clark Smith (WineSecrets founder), two avid fans who have probably tasted more Petites than anyone on the planet, helped us understand more about the styles of Petite Sirah from the different winegrowing regions (80 AVAs produce Petite Sirah and they've profiled 28 so far). These profiles are being utilized to inform judges at the wine competitions. Sameness is the rule at most competitions," said Berger. "But Petite Sirah is a variety that adapts to an area and shows its distinctiveness. Petite Sirah smells like two things: it smells like Petite and it smells like its region.'

So what are the regionally distinctive characteristics of Livermore Petite? There's a tendency for earthy, baked berry pie aromas and flavors that tend towards ripe black

plums and big fat blueberries, with lots of spice, fairly resolved, but noticeable tannins and typically very little acidity. High pH is a hallmark here, thanks to the heat index and the fact much Petite is picked well over 26Brix. Many of the same markers can be found in Paso Petites, especially ones from the Eastside. One I loved was the 2008 Grizzly Republic, which was a Double Gold winner at the Chronicle, oozing black raspberry and cherries and a hint of Meyer lemon. Vina Robles 2007 Jardine Vineyard is classic, classy stuff, and Clayhouse is a great example of the varietal.

Petites from the Silverado area of Napa seem to exhibit violets, pepper and spice, whereas Calistoga is not quite as floral or refined, and is also less tannic. Silkwood and Stag's Leap are lovely.

While regional distinctiveness may indeed be a hallmark of Petite, the influences of topography and elevation are profound. The Petites

I found most intriguing were the 2008 Oakstone from Fair Play, from a 2500ft elevation vineyard, big and peppery with bold flavors, and the 2007 Spangler, from an 1800 ft elevation site in Oregon, which delivers a smooth, seamless, pepper-spicy concoction with svelte greyhound-like tannins, tinged with ample acidity.

Oak influences are profound with Petite: French oak just can't handle this monster. This is an all-American kennel variety, for sure. Napa Petite producers seem bent on using French, which seems as silly as taking up lion-taming as a profession.

What we can say about Petite in general is that it's a big dog that would rather lick you to death, like a Saint Bernard or Golden Retriever. It's no manicured poodle, nor is it a beagle, with more (incessant) bark than bite.

However, unlike a dog, Petite will not come when called. This year may prove a real challenge in that it's one of the latest varieties to come in from the vineyard. It's also quite prone to bunch rot and mildew. We're already late for the harvest dance and Petite is often ruined by rain. This could mean an even more petite crop of Petite, as much fruit would need to be dropped in order to achieve ripeness. Or, it could end up being a killer vintage, with perfect balance. For now. we can relax on the porch with a bottle of 07 or 08, and hope the Big Dogs behave.



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## **Reviews**

# Starstruck's Marvelous "Les Miz"

#### By Susan Steinberg

Rejoice, fellow lovers of "Les Miz"! A grand new production by StarStruck Theatre is lighting up the night just over the hills at Fremont's Ohlone College.

Utilizing a massive outdoor stage featuring a stunning multi-dimensional set, trapdoors, turntable, and a broad audience-reaching catwalk, this is as impressive as any professional production, and better than many.

The 13 principals are exceptionally strong in vocal and acting ability, and a large extended cast fills the stage with authentic-looking crowds of laborers, poor Parisians, factory workers, prostitutes, and tavern revellers (in a scene straight out of a Breughel painting). Their voices fill the air with lusty full-throated choruses, rousing and blessedly well-enunciated.

There are no miking distortions, a problem in some large shows, so lyrics were clearly intelligible,

especially from Connor Stokes and Kimberly Chatterjee, as the nasty thieving Thenardiers. Stokes' famous "Master of the House" literally brought down the house with its broad bawdy humor and cheeky litany of larceny.

Surprisingly, Benjamin Hall, Livermore High's memorable Jean Valjean is playing his nemesis, the implacable Inspector Javert. His intensely dramatic solos give Javert a strong, principled character rather than just an evil one.

Michael Jon Landreth as Jean Valjean brings dignity and nobility to the role, rising from the initial hateful viciousness of a beaten convict to the saintly self-sacrificing benefactor of humanity. His famous solos, from "Who Am I" to "Bring Him Home" completely hushed the audience, and won a well-deserved ovation.

A silver-voiced Fantine (Callie Garrett) wrung hearts in her death scene, as did poor Eponine (Karina Simpson) whose "On My Own" was movingly pathetic. Chelsey Sue as Cosette was winsomely sweet in appearance and singing, while Rachel Sue proved unusually surevoiced as the young Cosette.

Lance Smith's Enjolras cut a heroic figure as the passionate student leader, his stirring "Red and Black" and "Do You Hear the People Sing?" ringing out with revolutionary fervor. His death sprawl atop the barricade was truly show-stopping.

A young Andrew Apy had an admirably strong role and voice as street urchin Gavroche, especially in his prolonged death song. James Jones played a sympathetically love-struck Marius, and moved listeners to tears with his mournful lament "Empty Chairs at Empty Tables."

Music Director Nancy Godfrey coordinated this hugely challeng-

ing operatic ensemble, conducting an impressively well-rehearsed 35- piece orchestra. Vocal Directors Lee Glover and Jeff Olivera had obviously worked tirelessly to deliver an impeccably-sung performance.

General Director Lori Stokes can be justly proud of bringing this wildly popular show, (winner of 8 Tonys) to such perfection – a fitting finale to StarStruck's 15th anniversary year.

Careful attention to stage detail, from "real" cobblestone streets to the intricately-choreographed crowd scenes are amazing touches that bring the show to life. It's a grand-scale historical epic, but also an intimate look into the hearts and minds of so many individuals, engaging the audience viscerally with each one.

Ohlone College Amphitheater provides a beautiful outdoor venue

only 20+ minutes from Livermore (even on a Friday night). Two more weeks of performances remain, with shows Thursdays through Saturdays, August 5, 6,7 and 12, 13, 14, at 8:15 PM.

Valley theatergoers can enjoy a first-rate professional performance at a fraction of SF prices, with tickets at an amazingly low \$20 to \$25, and the parking is free. For tickets and more information, visit www. starstrucktheatre.org or call the box office at 510-659-1319.

Optional: Many familiar local performers appear in the cast and orchestra, including Sarah Reggiardo, Katherine Hall, Charles Platt, Olivia Cantrell, and Skyler Jones.

Directions: from the Valley, use 680 to Fremont's first Mission Blvd. exit, turn left on Mission for one mile, then left on Witherly and up the hill to the amphitheater.

# Resounding 'Ring' An Operatic Triumph

#### By Susan Steinberg

Wagner's epic "Ring" (4 operas with 16 hours of music) condensed into a single performance? A crazy idea, but somehow it works.

David Seaman's 1990 abbreviated "Ring" debuted in Germany and delighted Berkeley Opera audiences in 2004, thanks to Music Director Jonathan Kuhner and Mark Streshinsky. Now Berkeley Opera's Artistic Director, Streshinsky will produce LVO's fall opera here.

A blockbuster 2004 hit, this "Ring" packs a greater punch in El Cerrito's new Performing Arts Theater, where BO's solid Wagne-

rian cast wowed opening night's full house with a dream production. Literally.

Using few props on a bare stage, the show soars into Wagner's imaginative universe courtesy of Projection Designer Jeremy Knight. Computer industry pioneer Knight creates an entirely new theatrical concept, bringing revolutionary visual fantasies to the stage, as Pixar did to the screen.

The Rhine's projected waves exactly mirror Wagner's undulating river motif. Valhalla's majestic grandeur, no plaster prop, becomes an imposingly sited reality, actually consumed by the final flames of "Gotterdammerung." The Rainbow Bridge must be seen to be believed.

For viewers expecting "authentic" details, be advised: this production, like most new Ring cycles, has no traditional trappings. Rather it is an inspired and inspiring re-creation of a fantasy world, where visual images merge with the lush musical imagery to produce multi-sensory magic.

This die-hard traditionalist was converted by the bold new concept. Missing were familiar setpieces: the Volsungs' love duet and the Valkyries' Ride. But gone were some admittedly tedious segments, like the first scenes of "Siegfried." How glorious to experience the saga's full trajectory in one deeply-satisfying performance.

The musical cutting and splicing is nothing short of brilliant, with Jonathan Kuhner's deft honing of surprising transitions producing a completely seamless work, BRAVO!

Masterful interpretations by the cast elevated the evening. Richvoiced Richard Paul Fink, a great SF Opera Alberich, astounded with his debut performance as a powerful Wotan, and surprised as a credibly craven "Gotterdammerung" Gunther.

Jay Hunter Morris, Met and SFO principal, delivered a stalwart Siegmund, temperamental teenage Siegfried, and finally a mature heldentenor. Few singers can perform all three Volsungs in one evening and have such strength for a ringing final aria.

Marie Plette made five superb appearances as Woglinde, Freia, Sieglinde, an adorable Forest Bird, and Gutrune, requiring many character (and costume) changes, a magnificent voice, and great stamina. Recipient of many prestigious awards, she is a star roster addition.

Popular bass-baritone Bojan Knezevic was a wonderfully lusty Alberich, with his curse on the ring an outstanding dramatic highlight. Dean Peterson, a regular Met villain, masterfully created three different menacing figures: Fafner, Hunding, and a chilling Hagen.

Dramatic soprano Christine Springer sang a marathon three Brunnhildes, achieving a strong emotional impact even in shortened segments. Launching into hugely dramatic climaxes is a daunting challenge without the usual preliminary passages, but she made it seem effortless. Her breath-taking awakening and grim vengeance oath were particularly powerful.

An obvious audience favorite, Stephen Rumpf as Loge, proved both a gifted tenor and consummate actor. Facial expressions and physical postures perfectly captured the capricious Fire God, and his Mime was deliciously treacherous.

Valentina Osinski sang beautifully as a sophisticated shrewish Fricka.

Maestro Kuhner, the evening's true hero, conducted his small orchestra in this "chamber re-instrumentation" that clarified and intensified many pivotal musical passages.

Special praise to Director Mark Streshinkly for the entire amazing presentation, a must-see for Wagnerites and newcomers alike.

Only three more performances remain: Wednesday, August 4 (4:30 PM), Friday, August 6 (8PM), and Sunday, August 8 (2PM), For tickets, call 1-800-838-3006 or visit www.berkeleyopera.org.



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# 'Alice in Wonderland' Gives Back to the Community

Alice in Wonderland is coming to the Bankhead Theater on August 14 and 15. The Livermore Valley Children's Performing Arts School will be performing the classic tale.

The cast includes comical characters such as the door mouse, the Cheshire cat, and of course Alice. The set designs are crafted by Jean-Francois into a confection of visual oohs and aahs that feature the works of world famous artists such as Van Gogh, Erte, Kinkade, Warhol, Escher, and more.

Scene I opens with Alice and characters walking through the pictures at a museum into a Wonderland. Alice is the embodiment of the Artists journey. The show is both entertaining as well as educational. The school has prepared teaching packets for parents, teachers, camps, and child care facilities to use, at no cost. The teaching packet includes a brief description of the artists and their styles, along with an entire Alice in Wonderland A-Z coloring book. The packets may be downloaded at www. smartsunlimited.com/lookingglass/Artists\_Info.pdf

Mike Kasin, the shows director, has directed the children on-stage in age appropriate action. Children ages 5-16 perform in 7 shows during a two day period. "Working with seven casts isn't easy, but he met the challenge, and it's going to be a great show" says McQueen, the schools Director.

The actors are allowed to choose their own roles and switch roles in each successive show. Nicole King, a student at Mendenhall Middle School, has been enrolled with the school for 7 years and during that time has performed in over 26 roles in six different shows. "Imagine the performing, and theatrical foundation this child will have when she is 22", says McQueen. Additionally "We are committed to giving children the best possible performance venue we can offer, which is why we use the Bankhead Theater. The Bankhead is a beautiful fly house, which allows us to do more creatively than other local theaters. It has quality, easy access parking and is situated near numerous restaurants for parents and family to enjoy before and after shows.

"We couldn't ask for a better place to perform" added Mc-Queen.

Families bring their children to Livermore every summer from Sunol, Castro Valley, Tracy, Discov-



Campers prepare for their performances in "Alice in Wonderland." Pictured in back are Livermore City Councilmember John Marchand (left) and show director Mike Kasin.

ery Bay, Brentwood, San Ramon, Pleasanton, and Dublin. "We are blessed to have been able to fill this program this summer without any advertising" says McQueen, the programs Director. "In fact the program was 50% enrolled only a few days after we finished last year's production".

Children coming to the Alice production are encouraged to dress in their favorite Wonderland Character outfit. Each child who comes to the show in a Wonderland costume will receive a free treat from one of the shows local sponsors. Participating sponsors include Robeks, Eddie Papa's, Nestle's Toll House Café, and Loard's Ice Cream.

"As part of our mission we believe it is important to help build a strong micro economy in Livermore. We do our best to keep dollars local by supporting & purchasing from local businesses as much as possible", says McQueen.

"Toward this effort Jean-Francoise has designed our sets using pieces from Livermore Valley Opera's prior productions. We will pay a modest rental fee for those pieces. We in turn rented out one of our pieces from last year's Pirates of Penzance production to the LampLighters upcoming production. We are not only recycling materials already used, but we are also keeping the dollars local."

Another example of this concept is the hot lunch program. Strizzi's and First Street Alehouse combined have made thousands of dollars from our lunch program. This helps bump up their receivables in the dog-days of summer. "In the four weeks we have run this camp we will have worked with more than 25 local Livermore

businesses," adds McQueen.

In addition, the school is working with city staff in hopes of donating a percentage of ticket proceeds to the Horizons Program for at risk youth. "During these tough economic times we all need to hold hands and help one another in any way we can", explains Mc-Queen. The school has developed a fund-raising program which also works on the micro economy principle. There is an on-line auction system for donations. Local families can donate items they no longer need to the school, which are then sold on-line. This includes props, costumes, and theatrical effluvia accumulated over the past few years. Items can be viewed at www.smartsunlimited.com/garagesale/

The performing arts school has responded to the demand for

additional theater programs this year, and has launched four new black box productions, two for youth and two for teens. Last semester's "Secret Life of Girls" demonstrated that there was a need for smaller performance opportunities for teens and youth. The first production this year is "The Giver" for teens and "A Cinderella Christmas" for youth. For more information on these programs go to www.SmARTSunlimited.com or call 925-245-0283.

Tickets for Alice Wonderland are reasonably priced at \$7.00 for children, \$10.00 for seniors and \$15.00 for adults. Shows are approximately one hour long at 1, 3, 6, 8 p.m. on Saturday and 1, 3, 6 p.m. on Sunday. To purchase tickets go to www.LivermorePerformingArts.org or call the Bankhead ticket office at: 925-373-6800.

# **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.

Call to artists, The 9th Annual ArtWalk Livermore, set for October 9, 2010, is a cross between an art tour and a festival that draws thousands to the downtown to explore art exhibits and displays, and enjoy a full day of excellent music. The ArtWalk Livermore benefits the Bothwell Arts Center, which provides affordable space to those in the performing and visual arts. Project of Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, along with the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore. See www.artwalklivermore.org. For info, contact artwalkartists@hotmail.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.

Karen Fleschler 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 8, from 1:00p.m. - 3:00p. m. Please check out her website at www. kb-art.com.

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

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 sched-

uled 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. deerridgevineyards.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,

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.

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 Isbeach@comcast.net.

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

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, BoaVentura 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, BoaVentura 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.

Murrieta's Well Vineyard Tour & Tasting. Wed., Aug. 11, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 3005 Mines Road, Livermore. Learn how farming influences estate blends. Tour Times vary - please refer to website www. murrietaswell.com. Reservations required \$20 Silver Spur Wine Club Members; \$25 Non Members.

Buon Appetito Wednesdays, Tamas Estates, Thurs., Aug. 12, 4 to 7 p.m. Each Wednesday light appetizers with our Tamás Estates wines. Complimentary for Saluté Club Members \$10 for General Public. RSVP by calling 925-456-2380 oremail us at tastingroom@tamasestates.com. 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore.

BYOM (bring your own meal) and Bluegrass Music, Cedar Mountain Winery, Sat., Aug. 14, 6 to 9 p.m. Music by the "Forget Me Nots" and a "BYOM" (bring your own meal) BBQ. Grill with hot coals supplied. Just bring your food to grill, side dishes, plates, and utensils. (maybe a picnic blanket) Wine by the glass/bottle and beverages will be available for purchase. \$5/person. 7000 Tesla Road, Livermore. www.cedarmountainwinery.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 Mourvédre; 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://thomascoynewinery.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

BYOM (bring your own meal) and Bluegrass Music, Cedar Mountain Winery, Sat., Aug. 28, 6 to 9 p.m. Music by the "Cowboy Bill" and a "BYOM" (bring your own meal) BBQ. Grill with hot coals supplied. Just bring your food to grill, side dishes, plates, and utensils. (maybe a picnic blanket) Wine by the glass/bottle and beverages will be available for purchase. \$5/person. 7000 Tesla Road, Livermore. www.cedarmountainwinery.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, notting-hamcellars.com.

#### MUSIC/CONCERTS

2010 Concert at Wente Vineyards, Huey Lewis and the News, Aug. 10; Chris Isaak, Aug. 19; ZZ Top, Aug. 25; Earth, Wind and Fire, Aug. 30. Ticketmaster.com or by calling the Wente Vineyards Box Office at 925.456.2424. Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Rd., Livermore.

Chris Bradley's Jazz Band, plays at The Sunol Jazz Cafe (In the Center of Sunol) the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month 7:30-9:30 pm. The band features real Jazz from the 1920's, 30's, 40's... Celebrate the band's One Year Anniversary in Sunol.

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. 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; Concannon Vineyard. Romeo and Juliet is performed August 6 and 7. Tickets at \$25-\$39 go on sale in the spring. Call 1-800-838-3006, or buy on-line at www. LivermoreShakes.org.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre mainstage musical, Aug. 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. All performances will at take place at a new location, the recently dedicated Bernal Community Park, which is located off Vallev 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.

Much Ado About Nothing, performed by Woman's Will. Pleasanton Aug. 15, 4:30 p.m. at Centennial Park, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Free admission. Danville, August 14, 1 p.m. on the Town Green. www. womanswill.org.

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

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of an orphan boy who was mistakenly apprenticed to a pirate instead of a pilot. A hilarious farce featuring sentimental pirates, bumbling policemen, dewyeyed 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.

Leading Ladies, Douglass Morrisson Theatre, Sept. 23-27, Tickets are \$24 for adults, \$22 for seniors, and \$15 for students, and available at www.dmtonline.org or by phone at (510) 881-6777. Evening performances at 8:00pm and Sunday matinees at 2:00pm. Parental guidance suggested. The Morrisson Theatre is located at 22311 North Third Street in Hayward.

#### 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@itsallaboutdancing.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.

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 San José launches its 27th Anniversary Season with the West Coast premiere of Anna Karenina, an American opera by composer David Carlson with libretto by the late Colin Graham. Eight performances are scheduled from September 11 through 26 at the California Theatre, 345 South First Street in downtown San José. Opera San José will present Anna Karenina with a new scene added by the composer following the opera's 2007 world premiere at Florida Grand Opera. Tickets are on sale at the Opera San José Box Office, by phone at (408) 437-4450 or online at www.operasj.org. Anna Karenina is sponsored by a grant from the Carol Franc Buck Foundation and is made possible, in part, by a Cultural Affairs Grant from the City of San José.

#### 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 925-371-0154 x 112. 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 iacket, sunscreen and binoculars if you have them. Purchase tickets at the eastside concession beginning at 6:00 am; age 13 and up/\$5; age 1-12 and Seniors/\$3; under 1 year/free if in parent's arms. All children under 13 (including infants) and all non-swimming adults will be required to wear a provided flotation device. Programs may be cancelled if there are five 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.

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

Ravenswood Ice Cream Social, Sun., Aug. 8, noon to 4 p.m. Ravenswood Historic Site, 2647 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. No admission charge. Tours of historic site, entertainment including the Pleasanton Community Concert Band.

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

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

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 fantastic Occasio Society wine club members. Release or new wines - award winning '09 Sauvignon Blanc and the anticipated '08 Reserve Zinfandel. Great food and live (continued on page 10)

# BANKHEA

### **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.

August 6 – 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

# 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

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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

Day in the Park, Sun., Aug. 29, fund-raiser for the Taylor Family Foundation and Camp Arroyo. Gift center, live auction, wine tasting, celebrity guests, gourmet foods tasting, music and camp tour. \$175 for individual tickets or \$2000 for table of ten guests. 455-5118 or www.ttff.org

Fourth Annual Wine & Equine benefit for SonRise Equestrian Foundation. Saturday, September 18, 2010, from 1-5 p.m., at the Charles Wilhelm Training Center in Castro Valley. SonRise Equestrian Foundation helps create 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 barbecue and desserts provided by Esin Restaurant, the afternoon includes a wine cellar raffle, live and silent auctions, demonstrations and a horse show. Wines from Wente Vineyards and Murrieta's Well and hand-crafted

beers from Drake's Brewing Company. 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.

# What Our Readers Are Saying...



On behalf of Valley Humane Society's cat and dogs, I want to thank you for giving us the "Pet of the Week" spot in The Independent. Rusty was featured this week. Rusty has been with us for 4 years. He was very fiesty and practically impossible to place until now! He was adopted all because of the article in The Independent. The lady carried around the article for three days, then came in and adopted him. Thank you a million times for allowing us to feature our "Pet of the Week" regularly.

#### Natalie Giordano

Operations Manager, Valley Humane Society, Pleasanton

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# Restaurant Partner of the Year Named

The Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association launched a new program, Restaurant Partner of the Year, to recognize restaurants that actively promote and support Livermore Valley wines and wineries.

The 2010 award goes to Zephyr Grill & Bar in downtonw Livermore.

Restaurant nominations were received by the public. Zephyr Grill and Bar received the highest scores in the following quantifiable categories: including a wide array of Livermore Valley wines on their menu, participating in many Livermore Valley Wine Country events, hosting numerous winemaker dinners, training staff on Livermore Valley wines, supporting local farmers and local ingredients, and waiving corkage on Livermore Valley wines.

Information and reservations for the Zephyr Grill and Bar can be found at www.zephyrgrill.com/

# **Military**



Air Force Airman Julian C. Clark (pictured) graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. He is the son of Joe and Esther Clark of Livermore. Clark is a 2008 graduate of Granada High School, Livermore.

Army Pvt. Matthew D. Peterson has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. He is the grandson of Shirley Davis of Livermore. The private is a 2009 graduate of Livermore High School.

# **Education**

Eric M. Wood was among those listed on the Angelo State Dean's List for 2010 spring semester. To be eligible, a student must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

# Milestones

# **Community**

# Fire Fighters, Law Enforcement Personnel **Honored by Supervisor Haggerty**

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty recognized three fire fighters from the Alameda County Fire Department and two deputies, one retired and one active, from the Alameda County Sheriff's Office as the recipients of the 2010 Fire Fighter and the 2010 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Awards at Haggerty's 14th annual barbecue held at the Fairgrounds in Pleasanton on Saturday.

"I am humbled by the contributions and sacrifices, day in and day out, of our public safety personnel, said Haggerty. "This award is a small, but heartfelt way that I can recognize these people for their

Joe Davis of Pleasanton retired from the Alameda County Sheriff's office August 3, 1984 after serving 30 years as deputy sheriff. Davis joined the Sheriff's office at the age of 24 after serving in the Navy during the Korean War. Over the years, he served in various roles including 16 years assigned to the County's Santa Rita jail in Dublin. He worked at every courthouse in the County including serving as civil and criminal Marshall in charge of the Livermore-Pleasanton courts and at the Fremont Hall of Justice. Davis was the last constable to serve in Alameda County. His record reflects never having taken a single day of sick leave. After his retirement, Davis was active in the Alameda County Retired Deputy Sheriff's Association with key roles organizing activities and events for its members over the years. Appointed by Haggerty, he has served on the County's Advisory Commission on Aging. One of two recipients of the 2010 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award, Davis is being recognized for his many years of distinguished service as well as his many contributions to his country and community, his work ethic and unwavering commitment to

The second Law Enforcement award recipient, Deputy Derek Pope is a 20-year veteran of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office currently assigned to the Airport Police Services at the Oakland International Airport. On March 21, 2009 Deputy Pope was on patrol when he and his partner responded to the "officer down

call" on that fateful day when two Oakland Police officers were shot during a routine traffic stop in the 74th Avenue and MacArthur Blvd. area in Oakland. Two more Oakland SWAT team officers were killed in the attempt to apprehend the suspected killer. His years of experience with Special Ops in the U.S. Army; with the Sheriff's Office as a firearms instructor and as a member of its Special Response Unit Team, training in SWAT tactics and operations and as a weaponry expert factored into Deputy Pope's methodical actions in evaluating the situation working with the Oakland Police SWAT team. Pope entered this dangerous situation without his SWAT gear, attired only in his regular patrol uniform and Kevlar vest. Deputy Pope is being recognized for his heroic actions in the course of a gun battle that successfully eliminated the continued threat of the suspect armed with a high-powered weapon. Deputy Pope has been recognized by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors and the National Sheriff's Association for his valor during the call of duty.

The 2010 Fire Fighter of the Year Award recipients from the Alameda County Fire Department are Deputy Fire Chief Demetrious Shaffer, Captain Robert Bodnar, both formerly of the Newark (CA) Fire Department, and Captain John Whiting formerly of the Union City Fire Department. The Newark and Union City Fire Departments recently completed a merger with the Alameda County Fire Department. Deputy Chief Shaffer has moved through the ranks in fire service over the past 25 years starting as a reserve fire fighter with the City of Campbell before moving over to Newark. He was involved in advocacy for regional fire services before the merge and currently oversees fire services for the communities of Newark, Union City, Dublin and the Lawrence Livermore and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratories for Alameda County Fire.

Captain Bodnar has been involved in fire service since his teen years as an Explorer in Hayward, becoming an EMT in 1986 for Regional Ambulance before being hired by Newark Fire Department in 1986. Bodnar was promoted to

Captain in 1996 and was recognized as Newark's Fire fighter of the Year in 1996 and again in 2007. Bodnar worked closely with the Newark City Council and management to ensure the merger between Newark and Alameda County Fire Department was adopted and the transition a smooth one.

Captain John Whiting began his fire service in 2000 as fire fighter/paramedic with Union City Fire Department. Prior to Union City Fire, Captain Whiting was a reserve fire fighter with Alameda County and a paramedic with San Joaquin County. In 2008 Whiting was selected as Union City's Fire Fighter of the Year. Deputy Chief Shaffer, Captain Bodnar and Captain Whiting are being recognized for their service to their communities and for their vision and support to deliver service efficiently and effectively to Alameda County communities while preserving fire fighting jobs.

Scott Haggerty represents the First District communities of Fremont, Livermore, Pleasanton, eastern Dublin and east unincorporated areas on the five-member Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

# Museum on Main to Present Heritage Awards

The Museum on Main Board of Directors announced a new program earlier this year called the Heritage Awards. These awards are designed to recognize excellence in the preservation of the community's history.

The Board felt that recognizing people for their often unsung work done in taking care of and promoting the community history is a central part of the mission. Over the past few months, the Museum solicited nominations from the general public and then reviewed those nominations with history and preservation professionals along with members of the Board of Directors.

This year's recipients will be honored at the Museum's annual fundraiser Brothels, Bar Rooms and Bandits on August 7 at the Pleasanton Senior Center.

The are:

- Historic Preservation-Commercial: Bud Cornett: for significant and lasting contributions to the history of Pleasanton through the renovation and restoration of the Kolln Hardware Building as an extraordinary effort to maintain the historic character of our
- Historic Preservation-Residential: Teri & John Banholzer for the renovation and the restoration of their home on St. Mary Street

as an outstanding effort in the use of original and replicated historic materials to reconstruct their building to maintain the character of the neighborhood.

- Historic Organization: Alameda County Fairgrounds as it approaches its 100th anniversary for its contributions to the quality of life and by maintaining community traditions.
- Historic Business: Christesen's which has been a part of the downtown Pleasanton landscape since 1923 and done much to keep our community connected to its historic roots as a farming and ranching community.
  - History Educator of the Year:

Nicole Dalesio, a 3rd grade teacher at Fairlands Elementary for her innovative work with her students in studying local history and for promoting her love of this community and its history worldwide through her amazing video productions.

 Phoebe Apperson Hearst Award: Bill Apperson for his significant and lasting contributions to the history of Pleasanton and sustaining the important contributions and legacy made by the Apperson and Hearst families in this

The Museum On Main is located at 603 Main Street in the heart of historic downtown Pleasanton. Tel: 925-462-2766, fax: 925-462-

2779, or visit the web site at www. museumonmain.org. Regular hours of operation: Wednesday through Saturday 11:00 am to 4:00 pm and Sunday 1:00pm to 4:00 pm. There is no admission fee, although donations are always accepted and appreciated.

The presentations will be Saturday, August 7, 2010 at the Pleasanton Senior Center during the annual Brothels, Bar Rooms, and

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.

# **BULLETIN BOARD**

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

Electronic Waste Collection Event Recy-

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.gressel@cril-online.org. All services are free.

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Creative People Needed, a few creative people are sought to help design and outfit the interior of the Livermore Heritage Guild's new Historymobile. If you know anything about displays, posters, interior design, etc., you are the person I need. Please call if you are interested: Nancy Mulligan, 925-443-3076 or n.mulligan@comcast.net.

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA., Oakland Museum visit, Aug. 14, 11:30 a.m. RSVP by Aug. 11 to Marge 828-5124. Chanticleers Theatre, Aug. 15, 6 p.m. RSVP to Jill, 510-881-4788. Happy Hour in Pleasanton, Aug. 19, 5:30 p.m. RSVP by Aug. 17 to Marge, 828-5124. Friendly bridge, Aug. 21, 1 p.m., RSVP by Aug. 17 to Jeanne, 361-6110. Birthday dinner, Aug. 22, 5 p.m. RSVP to Jill at 510-881-4788. Luncheon in Fremont, Aug. 25, 1 p.m., RSVP by Aug. 23 to Vickie, 51-656-1166. Miniature Golf and lunch in Castro Valley, Aug. 26, 10 a.m., RSVP by Marge and Wes at 510-582-6038. Champagne Brunch in San Ramon, Aug. 29, 11:45 a.m. RSVP by Aug. 26 to Marsha, 830-8483.

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Toastmasters, Amador Valley group meets at Mimi's Cafe, 4775 Hacienda Dr., Dublin, 7 a.m. Thursday mornings. Learn go communicate more effectively, improve presentation skills and leadership potential. Contact Hal Brown, 462-2412, for information.

Livermore Lions Club, monthly breakfast branch meeting Fri., Aug. 6 at 8 a.m. at Emil Villa's BBQ Restaurant, 3064 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Bring a favorite book to share or exchange. Visitors welcome. For more information regarding the activities of the Livermore Lions Club, email Livermore Lions Club@comcast.net or go to www.LivermoreLions.org. Amador Valley Quilt Guild will meet

Amador Valley Quilt Guild will meet Saturday, August 14, at 1:30 pm at the Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Avenue, Pleasanton. The meeting is open to all those who are interested in the culture, history and artistry of quiltmaking. Guest speaker will be Diane Steele from Davis, CA. She will present ideas and formats in the collective tradition of quilting: "Group Quilts: Round Robins, Challenges and Block Exchanges."

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Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club,
Sat., Aug. 7, 20 miles down the Embarcadero,
over Golden Gate Bridge to Fort Baker, meet
10 a.m. in front of Ferry Building, Randy
Huey, 581-8439.

Casino Night, Wed., Aug. 27, 7 to 9 p.m.

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.

Tuff Girl Fitness is offering a free fitness boot camp for women in Livermore on Saturday, August 21st from 9:30am - 10:30am at a location in Livermore (TBA). Sign up at www.tuffgirl.com or send an email to tuffgirlfit-

ness@vahoo.com

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

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society, meets Tuesday, Aug 10, 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker is Gabriel Gutierrezc. Topic is Researching Mexican records: paper and on-line, civil and church, find everything you can. Gabe Gutierrez is a retired digital communications expert from Sandia National Laboratories who will share his quest for information on his family roots in Mexico and how he used all available resources to make these finds including paper and digital, civil and church, and local, state, and national archives. Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. No fee. All welcome. Marie Ross 925-447-1806. www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-BethEmek.html

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.

Tri-Valley Democratic Club, rally protesting corporate corruption & take the pledge to amend the Constitution to protect America from unlimited corporate spending on our elections. Pass the Fair Elections Now Act. Close the revolving door on lobbyists. In front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main St., Pleasanton on Tues., Aug. 10 at 2 p.m.

Livermore Area Blood Drive - Friday,

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 1-1½ 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

Behind the Curtain, with Nicholas Staddon, director of new plant introductions 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 nklino@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

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 Hillsdale 1980@ 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.Pleasantonins/Peace.org

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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.

Free Princeton Review practice SAT test. Sat., Sept. 4, Livermore Library. Students who plan to take the SAT test are invited to participate in this important college preparatory event. This proctored exam will begin promptly at 10:00am and end at 2:00pm in the Storytime/Craft Room of the Livermore Public Library, Civic Center. Parents and students are invited to return for the SAT Strategy Session on Thursday, September 9, 2010 from 6:00 to 8:30pm to view scores, get feedback, and ask questions about standardized tests for college. To register for the practice test and the strategy session, please visit the Princeton Review's website at www.princetonreview.com. For more information, please visit TEEN SPACE on the library's website: www.livermore. lib.ca.us or contact Sandy at 925-373-5500 extension 5583.

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

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

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, Stays 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 nonalcoholic beverages. Free Admission. Please forward this invitation & RSVP so we know how much to buy.

Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated will hold 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 include candidates running in federal, state and local races in the November general election. \$20 per person. Reserve tickets by August 8. Call Phyllis at 925-462-4931, or visit www.trivalleyrepublicanwomen.org for more information.

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Green Tech at ITT Tech, The public is invited to attend Green Tech at ITT Tech on Friday, Aug. 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the ITT Technical Institute in Concord (1140 Galaxy Way, Suite 400). Guests can explore new in novations 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@itt-tech.edu.

Caregiver Support Group, meets 2nd and

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.

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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/communityedorcall 925-424-1467 PT654

\$39.00 per person
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: Aug. 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: Aug. 12, 19, 26, Sept. 2, 10 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

#### RELIGION

Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton. Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m., worship at 10:30 a.m.; children's church (age 3-12) at 11:15 a.m.; women's Bible study, Wed. at 10 a.m. Senior adult ministry meet monthly, next session Oct. 2, 7 p.m. Call about church programs 846-8650.

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

Calvary Chapel Livermore, Sunday Services 10:30 am and 6:00 p.m. 545 N. L Street Livermore. (925) 447-4357 - www. calvarylivermore.org. St. Matthew's Baptist Church, 1239

St. Matthew's Baptist Church, 1239 North Livermore Ave., Livermore. Services on Sunday at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Adult Sunday school 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. Prayer each Wednesday at 7 p.m. followed by Bible study at 7:30 p.m. 449-3824. United Christian Church, celebrating

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

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 Concannon 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.

**Divorce Care,** Valley Bible Church, 7106 Johnson Dr., Pleasanton. 13-week seminar and support group for people going through divorce or separation. A 30-minute video shown each night featuring experts on a variety of topics. Group meets Tuesdays 7 to 9 p.m. starting Sept. 14. There is a one time charge of \$25 for the workbook and other materials. Preregistration is required. Contact Mark Porter, 846-9693 or mcporter@hotmail.com.

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, Non-Religious Rosh Hashanah celebration. Wednesday, Sept. 8, 7 p.m. at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St. in Livermore. A short program of readings and music followed by an apples and honey reception. Child-friendly. Those attending are encouraged to bring canned or boxed food for the food bank. Free to TVCJ members. \$10/adult (over 13) non-member. For information and reservations 925 485-1049 or reservations@tri-valleyculturaljews.org.

St. Bart's Episcopal Church. There will be a Celebration of Rev. Carol Cook's Ministry on August 28 at 5:30pm. Please join us the congregation for this special occasion as we bid farewell. 678 Enos Way, Livermore. Information at www.saintbartslivermore.com.