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Hippo needs a name.

Name Sought for Gingerbread **School Hippo**

Gingerbread Preschool, which is closed until September 29, 2008 for a broad scope of renovations, is seeking suggestions to name its new statuary hippo. The hippo will live in the new school play yard, which is currently undergoing its first major renovation in almost two decades.

The public Grand Rededication of Gingerbread Preschool will be held on Saturday, October 11, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. A commemorative book is being written and illustrated by the Gingerbread staff to observe the event. The book is entitled "A Hippo in Pleasanton?" It will be available for purchase to the public in limited supply at the grand opening event. Proceeds from the book will support the Gingerbread Preschool program.

Hippo names may be submitted by September 19, 2008 to Gingerbread Preschool at gingerbread@ci.pleasanton.ca.us, or by mail to City of Pleasanton, gingerbread Preschool, P.O. Box 520, Pleasanton, CA 94566. Please include the Hippo name (See NAME, page 12)

Olympics Watch Opening Ceremony in The Downtown

The Olympics Opening Ceremony will be shown on a large outdoor screen at the Livermore Valley Plaza in Downtown Livermore this Fri., Aug. 8.

The fun starts at 7 p.m. with Olympic Trivia, games, and more with host Lance Leber, from Vino Cellars & Accessories! Bring a blanket or lawn chairs, gather with friends and family, and watch the Opening Ceremony starting at 8:08pm. There will be Chinese food available for purchase from Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard. For more information please contact Livermore Downtown Inc. 925-373-1794. The event is sponsored by Livermore Downtown Inc., NBC11 and Vino Cellars & Accessories.

County Would Pay for Stoneridge Drive Extension

green in a big way. There is good news on the transportation front. The county budget is balanced with a large reserve. And, there is a blank check to pay for a Stoneridge Drive extension.

Those were the highlights of a State of the County talk presented by Supervisor Scott Haggerty at a luncheon hosted by the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce last week.

When Haggerty took office in 1996, he said the county's reserves were dangerously low. Since then by setting aside funds annually,

Alameda County is going there is now \$100 million in reserves. "We need to double that," he stated.

One of the main issues in balancing the budget is the state's money woes. Since 2003, over a half a billion dollars in county revenues have been transferred to the state. "Those are your taxpayer dollars that could pay for services in the county." Haggerty said the county is awaiting the approval of a state budget this year to see what impacts it may have on the county's budget.

We have been able to bal-

ance the budget mostly through fiscal management awards. In the past, if there were funds left at the end of a year, a department would rush out and spend them. Now we allow the departments to roll-over the money. When we ask them to make cuts, they are able to use those past fiscal management rewards to help fill in gaps," Haggerty explained

The surplus property authority has made it possible for the county to fund capital projects. In 1950, the authority was formed to acquire all of the Camp Parks property. The 950 acres were pur-

chased for \$1.5 million. Since then, there have been thirty sales netting \$260 million. There are \$175 million in pending sales. Haggerty anticipated that the surplus fund would grow to \$500 million by 2012. "All that comes from a \$1.5 million investment. The interest earnings are used to secure bonds to build major capital projects. We are not spending that money. We are using it to pay debt service," declared Haggerty.

Environmental issues play a big part. Haggerty said that the county is taking the issue of climate change very seriously. It is the first county to join "Cool County" initiative sponsored by the National Association of Counties. The goal is to reduce greenhouse emissions by 80 percent by 2050.

He was proud of the fact that one of the newest and largest facilities in the county, the juvenile justice center, received a gold award from the National Green Building Council.

The county has nine solar power providing installations. The 3.3 megawatts produce is (See COUNTY, page 5)

to look at passing the fee pro-

posal next month. Livermore has

the matter scheduled for its coun-

cil meeting Sept. 8, said assistant

home pays \$2036 to the regional

impact fee. In the 2010-11 fiscal

year, that will grow to \$3053. The

following year, in the second of

two steps, it will reach \$4275.

After that, increases will be based

retail, office and industrial cat-

egories also will have steep hikes.

Multiples will rise from \$1295 per unit to \$2104 on the first step,

and \$2945 on the second step.

Retail commercial would re-

(See FEE, page 5)

Fees for multiple residential,

on cost of living averages.

Currently a single family

traffic engineer Bob Vinn.



Traffic Impact Fee Proposed to Double

By Ron McNicoll

The regional fee that developers pay to help alleviate regional traffic impact would approximately double in some categories of development by the 2011-2012 fiscal year, if all of the seven jurisdictions involved approve the rise.

That would be the second year of an increase, which would begin in the 2010-11 fiscal year. The city and county members of the Tri-Valley Transportation Council will have the final say about approval. They are Alameda and Contra Costa counties, and the cities of Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon and Danville.

The jurisdictions are expected

Grant Will Help Fund Care for Chronic Diseases

Axis Community Health has received a \$25,000 grant from Kaiser Permanente to establish a Clinical Nutrition Department. The department will help meet the needs of low-income Tri-Valley residents with chronic diseases such as diabetes. The grant will cover initial department startup costs and the recruiting and hiring of a Regis**Clinical Nutrition Department** will enable us to improve the delivery of care provided to individuals who have chronic illnesses, with highest priority on diabetics and children and adults who are obese," says Axis CEO Sue Compton. "Other patients to be served include those who have congestive heart disease and hypertension.



Gail Ruvalcaba will show her baskets and pottery.

'Imagination Expressed' At Museum

Work by members of the Pleasanton Art League will be showcased at the Museum on Main through October 5.

The show entitled, "Imagination Expressed," is the second show by PAL at the museum. The show opens with a reception on Sun., Aug. 10 from 3 to 5 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Artists will talk about their particular art form at various times throughout the August 10-Oct. 5 exhibit, Wednesday-Friday 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and weekends 2 to 4 p.m. Artwork will be available for purchase.

Participating artists are Linda Beach, pastel, Nancy Briemie, basketry and textiles; Janet Crampton-Pipes, jewelry; Pushpa Dalal, photography; Lisa Davis, mixed; Anne Emery, textiles and watercolor; June Ferreri, watercolor; Karen Fleschler, water-(See SHOW, page 2) Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Playing in water is one of the fun activities of summer. Pictured at the Pleasanton Tennis Park is Katrina Stoffel (front), age 3.

tered Dietician. "The establishment of a

Specific outcomes would in-(See GRANT, page 3)

Testing Claims Some Apartments Discriminate

A test of Livermore and Pleasanton apartment owners and managers showed that in 30 percent of the instances, there were subtle forms of discrimination against the African-American testers, said a fair housing organization.

The survey conducted at 10 apartments in Livermore and 10 in Pleasanton, showed alleged discrimination at 3 places in each city. The survey was part of a larger one undertaken by Eden Council For Hope and Opportunity (ECHO) at 111 properties in the Eastbay, Southbay and Pen-insula. Overall the survey alleged discrimination in 32 properties (29 percent), no sign of discrimination in 75 instances (68 per-(See DISCRIMINATE, page 4)

City Council Passes Resolution Telling State To Leave Local Funds Alone

The Livermore City Council approved a resolution at its meeting on Monday asking that California not tap into local revenues to balance the state's budget.

The resolution notes, "Čity investments in infrastructure, affordable housing and basic public safety and other community services will create needed jobs and speed our economic recovery. The Legislature should balance the state budget with state revenues and respect the overwhelming support of voters not to use local property taxes, redevelopment tax increment and transportation sales tax funds to fund the day-to-day operating cost of state programs.'

It has been reported that some state officials are considering borrowing local government funds including redevelopment monies and transportation revenues to help close a \$15.2 billion deficit. According to a staff report, the effect this could have on Livermore is significant in light of the economic downtown that has already reduced the city's two largest revenue sources, sales and property taxes.

City Manager Linda Barton noted that in two recent ballot initiatives, voters agreed that local government should not continue to serve as the source of funding to meet the state's financial obligations. Voters approved Proposition 1A in 2004 and Proposition 42 in 2006. Prop. 1A sets conditions that allow the state to take local money. Barton says those conditions do not exist. Prop. 42 protects transportation infrastructure improvement revenues. Both ballot measures allow the governor to declare a severe state of fiscal hardship and borrow funds if they are repaid in three years with interest.

Gov. Schwarzenegger opposes borrowing the funds, noting that it would deepen the state's deficit and have a serious impact on local government and transportation services.

Faced with the potential loss of local dollars, the League of California Cities has launched a campaign to make sure local dollars stay local, transportation money pays for transportation and redevelopment dollars continue to be used to boost local economies.

The resolution will be sent to (See FUNDS, page 4)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

One young competitor swims for the finish during the Tri-Valley Swim League Championship Meet held last Saturday at the Robert Livermore Community Center Pool. ClubSport of Pleasanton swam away with the championship with 2993 points; 2nd Del Prado Stingrays 2,382; 3rd DBAC swim team: 952; 4th Dublin Green Gators: 744; 5th Briarhill swim team: 476; 6th Ruby Hill swim team: 423; 7th Pleasanton Meadows: 287; 8th FAST Dolphins 694. For results, see sports, page 6.

PET OF THE WEEK

Steve is a 5 year old Siamese mix who is just delightful- mellow, calm and very tolerant. He is de-clawed, so it is imperative that he be an indoor-only kitty, which would suit him just fine! He's curious and very smart, and would make a wonderful addition to any family. Visit Steve and all his feline friends at Valley Humane Society's Kitty City, 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Open Tues-Sat from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., call 426-8656 or visit www.vallevhumane.org for more details. Wiggle Waggle Dog Wash is August 9th at Noon- bring your pooch in for a lather and rinse!

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Teens Stage Fashion Show to Raise Money for Children's Hospital Oakland



Teens created a poster to promote the fashion show.

By Patricia Koning

If you are looking for insight into the hottest new back-toschool fashions, want to help out a good cause, or just want to have fun, don't miss the Teen Fashion Show to benefit Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland on Saturday, August 16 at Quarry Lane School in Dublin.

The event will feature a slideshow about Children's Hospital Oakland and its patients, teen models wearing their favor-ite back-to-school outfits and clothing from local retailers, and door prizes. For the \$10 admis-sion (\$12 if purchased at the door), guests will receive a goodie bag filled with coupons from sponsoring merchants and a chance to win one of several

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\$50 gift certificates from Macy's,

Aeropostale, and other retailers. The event is being produced by Teens for Kids, a service learning volunteer group associated with the Children's Hospital Foundation. Teens for Kids is made up of about 40 teenagers from all over the Bay Area, many of whom have been patients at Children's Hospital or who have friends or family members that have been patients.

"Teens for Kids is a great way to give back," says Josie Aris of Walnut Creek. "I've been in the hospital and it is no fun. So we want to do anything we can to help the patients and their families.

Liz Paz-Rumori, Dean of Students at Quarry Lane and mother

of two Teens for Kids members, adds that the group provides a way for teens from all over the Bay Area to meet and develop

friendships. Teens for Kids typically helps out with Children's Hospital Foundation events, often providing manpower for fundraisers, decorating the hospital at Christmastime, and writing ad-vocacy letters. The Teen Fashion Show is the group's first stab at a running its own fundraiser.

"On the show Laguna Beach, the teens ran a fundraising fashion show and it looked like a lot of fun," says Desiree Ansari, who attends Monte Vista High School. While the idea for the fashion show may have had modest beginnings, these teenagers have

set a lofty goal to raise \$5,000 for Children's Hospital. All money earned from ticket

and food sales will be donated to the Children's Hospital Foundation. Quarry Lane is donating space at its Tassajara Road Campus for the show. Teens for Kids is holding two

shows, at 1 pm and 3 pm on August 16, and hope to attract at least 200 guests to each one. For the past six months, the teenagers have been hard at work contacting retailers for clothing samples, coupons for the goodie bags, and gift certificates for door prizes. They've also launched a marketing campaign that has in-cluded designing a logo and bro-chures and distributing flyers all over the Bay Area.

Teens for Kids was founded over five years ago by Dr. Candida Brown, a pediatric neurolo-gist at Children's Hospital. She was inspired by Fremont resident Adriana Aboumard who was treated for childhood leukemia at Children's Hospital. Adriana raised \$400 for the Children's Hospital Foundation through a lemonade sale, which gave Dr. Brown the idea for a teen volunteer group. Adriana's mother Leanne Aboumard is the director of Teens for Kids.

"This fashion show is going to be a lot of fun," says Teens for Kids member Nicole Rumore of Walnut Creek. "You can get a sneak peek at what everyone will be wearing at school in a few weeks and benefit Children's Hospital.'

Nicole attends Carondelet High School in Concord where students wear uniforms most of the time, so she plans to model a favorite casual Friday outfit. "This is really a special group

of kids. Many of them play sports and are involved in other community groups, but they always make time to help support Children's Hospital," says Leanne.

Anyone interested in modeling at the Teen Fashion Show can contact Leanne Aboumard at teensforkids@yahoo.com. Teens for Kids meetings are held the second Sunday of each month from 2-4 pm in the board room at Children's Hospital in Oakland (there will be no August meeting

because of the Teen Fashion Show). New members are always welcome.

The Teen Fashion Show is on Sat., August 16 at 1 and 3 pm at Quarry Lane School, 6363 Tassajara Road in Dublin. Advance tickets are \$10 at www.chofoundation.org/ teensforkids or for \$12 at the door.



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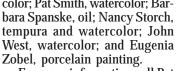
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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Clean-Up Funds Restored

The National Nuclear Security Administration's (NNSA) site office overseeing Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory has received approval for a budgetary shift of more than \$6 million to help pay for continued environmental restoration activities at the laboratory.

The original appropriation for cleanup activities at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for Fiscal Year 2008 was approximately \$6 million. Recent full-year funding has been in the \$12 million

range. "We are very pleased that the Congress worked with NNSA to restore essential cleanup funding at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory," said Livermore Site Office Manager Camille Yuan-Soo Hoo.

"These funds will allow us to continue our successful comprehensive master plan to clean up the laboratory site as efficiently as possible without any significant impacts to the effectiveness of the remediation," she said. "Although some aspects of the cleanup were interrupted temporarily for a short period of time, the delay has not resulted in any harm to the environment or the public.'

Nuclear Protest

The annual protest at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory commemorating the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki will be held Sat., Aug. 9.

The theme is "Looking Back - Remembering the Victims of Nuclear Weapons: Looking Forward - Toward a Nuclear Free Future." Participants will meet at the corner of Vasco Rd. and Patterson Pass Rd., Livermore. Beginning at 10:30 a.m., there will be a walk through the "nuclear maze

At 11:02 a.m. there will be a moment of silence followed by an address from keynote speaker Nabuaki Hanaoka, a survivor of the bombing of Nagasaki, and music by Kaylah Marin.

Among the sponsors of the event is Tri-Valley CAREs, a local Lab watchdog group. For information, call 443-7148 or go to www.nuclearfreefuture.org.

Best in the West

The Princeton Review has selected California State University, East Bay as a "Best in the West" college for 2009.

It is the fifth straight year that the university has been recognized by the Princeton Review, which provides college preparation information to students throughout the United States.

The Princeton Review gave the university a strong recommendation after reviewing results from a survey of Cal State East Bay students about campus life, academics and classmates. It found that CSUEB students gave the university high marks for academics, small class sizes, campus life and students who are "serious about their education" and "extremely focused."

Cal State East Bay was one of 117 institutions of higher learning to receive the 2009 "Best in the West" designation and one of only 41 California colleges recognized. Cal State East Bay is one of eight from the Bay Area and one of six recognized from the 23-campus California State University system.

The Princeton Review noted that CSUEB students commented on the university's "affordable" tuition, "small class sizes" and "strong" business, nursing, and teaching programs.

According to the Princeton Review, more than half of all collegebound students in the United States turn to its books and Web site, seeking information to help them choose the right university or college.

Energy Savings

U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency David Rodgers announced the first four Energy Savings Performance Contracts (ESPCs) to help the federal government save approximately \$13 million on energy and energy-related costs per year. The contracts will also enable \$140 million in energy efficiency improvements to DOE facilities, as part of the Department's Transformational Energy Action Management (TEAM) initiative.

At the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory the bulk of the energy savings is expected to come from a major upgrade of the Energy Management Control System. The system will be a tool in diagnosing and solving problems with the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems and ensuring efficient HVAC systems operation. The project is estimated to save nearly 100 billion Btu/yr. Johnson Controls (Milwaukee, Wis.) will undertake the project. The project will cost approximately \$11 million to imple-

ment, resulting in an annual savings of approximately \$1.3 million. The federal government is the largest single user of energy in the United States. Federal agencies have already reduced the energy intensity of their facilities by over seven percent since fiscal year

the intersection with life threatening injuries. She was taken to ValleyCare Medical Center where she was pronounced dead.

The driver of the vehicle is a 71-year-old Pleasanton woman. It appears the driver was heading north on Old Santa Rita Road and was preparing to make a right turn onto Rosewood Drive when she struck the pedestrian who appears to have been in the crosswalk.

The police remind drivers and pedestrians to pay attention while walking or driving in areas where they may come in contact with each other.

Last week the Police Department's traffic unit conducted a crosswalk and educational enforcement effort at the intersection of Santa Rita Rod and Francisco Street. While additional educational and enforcement efforts are planned in the coming weeks and months, citizens are reminded to walk and drive defensively.

Ninety-First's 91st

With a history that dates back to World War I, the 91st Division (Training Support) at Camp Parks celebrateD the 91st Anniversary

of its creation August 5, 2008. Focused on the Global War on Terrorism since 2001, the division has deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and the Middle East in support of Iraq Freedom.

The 91st Division was constituted (created) August 5, 1917, and by happenstance, a day before most other U.S. divisions, making it

one of the oldest divisions in the U.S. Army. "I'm excited, especially since I have had relatives in this division," said Wallace L. Lane, retired staff sergeant and historical artifacts curator of the 91st Division.

Lane, who began his career as a medic in Vietnam and then served in the 689th Quartermaster Company (Mortuary Affairs) unit, ended his career with the 91^{st} Division. He is related to Sgt. Oliver Wallace, who served with the 91^{st} Division during World War I and was awarded the Belgian Croix de Guerre (Cross of War) for heroism under fire.

Formed at Camp Lewis, Wash., the 91st Division soon departed for England in the summer of 1918, and in turn, participated in three campaigns during Word War I including Lorraine, Meuse-Argonne, and Ypres-Lys. In World War II, the division was again mobilized, participating in the Rome-Arno, North Apennines and Po Valley campaigns. During the two world wars, the 91st Division had seven Medal of Honor recipients.

With thousands of causalities suffered during World War I & II, the 91st Division has served its country with honor. The division's latest combat death was Master Sgt. Robb Gordon Needham, who was killed September 20, 2006. His death was the division's first since World Ŵar II.

The 91st Division is currently in the process of transforming into the 91st Training Brigade (Operations) and is slated to move its headquarters to Fort Hunter Liggett near King City early in 2009.



Wente Celebrates by **Donating Wine to Nonprofits**

In celebration of its 125th Anniversary, Wente Vineyards has donated 125 cases of wine to each of the following national nonprofit organizations: The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, American Cancer Society, America's Second Harvest-The Nation's Food Bank Network, Macy's Passport HIV/AIDS Benefit, and The Gretsch Foundation. The organizations will leverage the donations to raise monies far beyond the value of the wines at fund-raising events this year.

"We are gratified to have the opportunity to help these wonderful organizations," said Fourth Generation Winegrower and Vice Chair of Wente Vineyards Carolyn Wente. "We hold community involvement in high regard. From volunteering on a very local level, to our sustainable winegrowing practices across all segments of our winery and wine country lifestyle businesses, our community outreach and fundraising are integral parts of our long term strategy and vision."

In 2006, Wente Family Estates donated nearly \$130,000 to charity, and more than \$230,000 in 2007. Wente Vineyards plans to contribute \$340,000 to charities in 2008.

"The significance of the Wente family's generous donation goes beyond the monetary value of the wine," said Heather Shannon, National Product Manager of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. "Special events generate an enormous part of our funding and fine wine is an essential component of these events. The Wente family's donation gives us back precious time and resources that would have been spent pursuing or purchasing wine for our events."

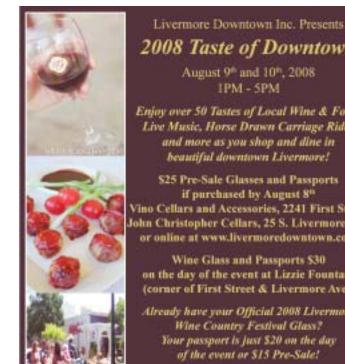
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The Kaiser Permanente grant will allow provision of more than 400 hours of nutrition counseling services for Tri-Valley residents over the next year.

Detailed information is available at www.axishealth.org.

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Pedestrian Fatality

An accident involving an auto and pedestrian occurred Monday in Pleasanton, resulting in the death of the pedestrian. It was the second such accident during the last three months.

The collision took place at the intersection of Old Santa Rita Road and Rosewood Drive. Numerous members of the Pleasanton Police Department responded to the scene along with members of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department and paramedics. Officers found the victim, a woman in her mid-forties, lying in the middle of

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EDITORIAL

World Of The 'Suburban Hiker'

Bob Coomber, a Livermore resident who is wheelchair-bound as the result of diabetes, hasn't let his handicap prevent him from enjoying his love of hiking.

Known on the internet as "4wheelbob," Coomber and his wheelchair have hiked not only most of the Tri-Valley's trails, but also some of the highest peaks of the Sierras. He is one of 27 athletes chosen for the 2008 President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports Community Leadership Award.

Bob writes a column in the Independent Magazine, each month describing a different outing of his. His latest column, in the magazine that came out last week, was a gem.

Headlined "Save Gas, Get Fit in 2008," it describes a different kind of hike than the column usually features; this one involves a leisurely walk by Bob and wife Gina to downtown Livermore from their home two miles away. Bob writes that he used to think he had to drive 300 miles to enjoy a weekend. This hike started with breakfast downtown, followed by some window shopping and then a walk home through the neighborhoods.

"In the quiet neighborhoods we had time to walk and talk, unlike the pace we set for ourselves when in the car," writes Bob.

Bob and Gina stopped to admire a garden and chat with the homeowner. He relates, "Arriving at home, we both felt good about the day. ... Our cars got a chance to sleep in, and we entered a world we hope many others will join — the 'Suburban Hiker'."

Bob points out the Valley boasts three marvelous downtowns — Livermore, Pleasanton and Danville. It has a trail, the Iron Horse, that can take you from Pleasanton to Martinez, with stops at restaurants and shops along the way.

As we strive to liberate ourselves from our reliance on oil, the Suburban Hiker envisioned by 4wheelbob can be a meaningful force.

"There is freedom, cost savings, a sense of community and better health in taking a walk, the longer the better," Bob observes. "You don't have to summit Mt. Everest to get in shape. You may reinvigorate your marriage, your kids may find a side of you they haven't seen, and the car will still have a full gas tank when you get home."

November Election Filing Deadline This Week

The Statewide General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008. The nomination period for the election closes at 5 p.m. on Friday, August 8. In the event that an incumbent officer fails to file for re-election the nomination period for that office is extended until Wednesday, August 13 for any eligible candidate except an incumbent.

Candidates for municipal offices must contact their city clerk for nomination information. Persons interested in running for other local offices may call the

bents have both filed for relection.

As of Tuesday, Beth Wilson and Steve Goodman were the only candidates to return papers. Barbara Kraybill has taken out papers, but not returned them.

BART CANDIDATE FILES

Linda Jeffery Sailors has filed candidate papers for the BART, Ward 5 Director position. Sailors has been endorsed by many community leaders, including the mayors of Livermore, Dublin, Pleasanton, San Ramon and Janvine. In addition, she has been endorsed by Senator Tom Torlakson, Assemblywoman Loni Hancock, Alameda Co. Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Ayn Wieskamp, President of the East Bay Regional Parks and many others. "I believe that it is time for Livermore to have a BART station. Livermore is the last of the promised extensions in the original BART plan. We have been paying for it for 50 years. BART to Livermore may be our best strategy for managing the I-580 traffic, which is the 2nd most congested road in the Bay Area," says Sailors. She also is promoting clean trains and ample secure parking. Sailors is the former Mayor of Dublin, founding member of the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority, and was part of the team of elected officials that brought BART to Castro Valley and Dublin. She currently resides in Livermore.

Chamber Offers 'A Community Vision' for 2015

By Ron McNicoll

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce is calling on the business community to continue its support of the community's goals, and to offer as much help as possible in achieving them.

The list of 45 goals in "Pleasanton 2015: A Community Vision," includes the categories of the arts, recreation, schools, health care, housing, the local economy, public safety and transportation. The goals did not originate with the Chamber. They were obtained from staffs of various local institutions such as ValleyCare, AXIS, and city and school district staff. The sources were interviewed by longtime Chamber members who have been active in the various categories.

The Chamber produced a somewhat similar report six years ago. However, there are two key differences in the new report, said chamber president and CEO Scott Raty. "This time, there was a conscious effort to make the bullet points as measurable as possible, as outcomes, maybe monitoring them annually. And we will look to see whether they are done or not done," said Raty.

Pleasanton is seen in the report as performing very well as a city, and is considered a desirable place to live. However, the report finds that things could be even better. One example is the school district's desire to move up even higher in objective state rankings. Currently, based on statewide test scores, it ranks ninth among more than 300 unified districts in the state.

Superintendent John Casey told the report authors that the district wants to be in the top five by 2015. Raty said that Casey's goal brought the Chamber report

committee's reaction, "It's heavy duty stuff, in the top five. Around the state, Piedmont and Palos Verde are usually number one and number two. Those are very small districts with lots of money." It's a vision worth supporting, said

The chamber's talks with ValleyCare and AXIS showed goals of affordable health care for all residents. That includes mental health care, and also urgent care services available 24 hours every day. Eliminating obesity and depression as "leading health care concerns in our community" was also mentioned. **HOUSING AND BUSINESS**

GROWTH

Among housing goals in the report is one that states that Pleasanton will meet its "fair share" housing goals not just through 2015, but through 2025. The chamber is looking to 2025 because "business decisions and life decisions occur in more than a seven-year context," said Raty. The state doles out new housing numbers every seven years as the city's "fair share" goals.

The "fair share" is meant to be Pleasanton's obligation to house increasing Bay Area population. The state targets include specific numbers of low and moderate income housing. They do not include any infrastructure financing to the city to help it meet the goals, city officials have pointed out.

The report calls local business "a key driver of the local community's success," and notes that more than 60 percent of the local tax base is contributed by businesses. The community needs to build "diverse, cuttingedge economic segments." The Bay Area and Pleasanton

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after.

grew in the technology sector because of the work force here, and also because of cheaper land than in San Francisco, said Raty. Now other states and nations can offer that, too, so the community needs to know, "What's the next wave, to maintain a competitive edge here?'

The economic contribution from business is the underpinning for the city's quality of life, said Raty. He quoted Joel Kotkin, a syndicated Los Angeles Times columnist, as putting it succinctly. "His take is that business exists to make a profit, which creates jobs, and affords people a lifestyle. That sums it up well,' said Raty.

Some of that lifestyle by 2015 will be in the areas of arts and recreation. The Firehouse Theater will be open before then, as will Alviso Adobe Community Park.

OAK GROVE SEEN AS BIG ADDITION TO PARKS

"Oak Grove development's gifted 496 acres public park land with staging areas will be completed," says the report.

There are competing ballot measures in November, which could change the outlook concerning Oak Grove, if a grassroots initiative wins against one sponsored by the city council. Raty said, "We are supportive of Oak Grove, and hopeful it will open. There are those who try to paint Oak Grove as a major development project. If you really look at the acres involved, the housing and number of units, we look at it as the single greatest park project in city history."

Raty said that the chamber's political action committee will 'look at the ballot measure, and the candidates for the November ballot. We'll draw some conclusions in the next month or two on that front. We have already as a chamber been in front of the council, supporting their alternative measure.

In public safety, the report supports the city in maintaining or tweaking high levels of response. Raty noted that the police respond to non-emergency calls in person, something that many cities no longer do, because of budget constraints or other factors. In non-emergencies, people have the option to go online to file a report, but they "get no face time with officers," said Raty.

STONERIDGE DRIVE EXTENSION SEEN AS NEEDED

The report includes 15 specific goals on transportation. Much of it is devoted to specific projects, such as seeing the completion of Stoneridge Drive from Santa Rita Road to El Charro Road. This has been controversial in the community, at least with residents in that area.

On a regional level, the vision includes extending Dublin Boulevard so it goes through to Livermore, which would take pressure off local motorists who now must use Interstate 580. Truck climbing lanes on I-580 in the Altamont, and the extension of BART to east Livermore are also on the list.

The whole report will be published in the chamber's September newsletter. It is the final draft. There won't be any amendments to it. "We'll be presenting it to the city, and service clubs that might want to hear it. We hope folks get acquainted with it, and find one or more elements that they are passionate about," said Raty.

DISCRIMINATE

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cent), and four that were inconclusive (4 percent).

ECHO, a nonprofit formed in 1964 in Hayward, conducts rental housing audits annually, to determine whether landlords and managers are complying with federal and state antidiscrimination laws in housing. Last year, the audit was centered on people with disabilities and the housing regulations that help them function well in a rental. Other categories tested from time to time include discrimination on the basis of gender, sex-orientation, religion, and marital and familial status.

The last time race was checked was in 2004-05. Results back then showed a 26 percent rate of differentiation between for them to "sell" them on the tester was given an application, unit. It was up to the managers to the minority person was not. bring up such things as offers to In Pleasanton, the minority fill out applications or knowledge about special programs that

and majority tester saw units in different buildings. The minority tester was not told about apartments that were below market rate. At another Pleasanton unit, the Caucasian tester received a "thank you" card for the visit. The minority tester did not. Also in Pleasanton, the majority tester was offered an application, but the minority tester had to ask for one.

Arlene Zamora, who staffs ECHO's Livermore office, said, "If you have a move-in special, you have to mention it to everyone. If you have units available in the complex, then you should be able to provide that informa-

Zamora, who trained the

testers for the Livermore and

Pleasanton tests, said that the pro-

files were matched up so that

testers were of the same age and

looking for the same type of unit

in the same price range. Asked

tion to both testers.'

her own impressions of the survey, Zamora said, "I'm a minority myself. It's sad that we still live in a place where you can see differential treatment, by not providing the complete information, or by steering people to a specific part of the complex, as it happened in one complex in Pleasanton.'

The report itself used much stronger language about discrimination. It says that the days of signs saying "No coloreds" are long gone. However, "the discrimination of the 21st century is far more insidious than the discrimination before the civil rights movement.'

The differential treatment found by the study is not "in your face. It is unseen and only brought to light by the tool of testing." Although survey results can be used to support discrimination cases against landlords, ECHO prefers to work with landlords and managers by offering them counseling about the law, and what it requires, according to the report.

voters at 510-272 6933 for additional information.

In the Pleasanton mayoral race, no one has returned papers. Incumbent Jennifer Hosterman, planning commissioners Anne Fox and Greg O'Connor and former commissioner Mary Roberts, have taken out papers.

Fox says she and other planning commissioners have expressed interest in running for mayor, because of issues that have come up during during Hosterman's time in office. Fox refers to a lack of transparency in government as one issue. Another is what she sees as interference with the work of the planning commission itself, urging it to move large projects through the process more quickly.

"I strongly feel that so many planning commissioners felt compelled to pull papers because many of us believe the mayor of any city should abide by the basic principles of democracy and not interfere with the public process and participation of its citizens. I strongly believe that trying to fast-track projects through the city and work deals behind closed doors is absolutely wrong. Regardless of how many socalled 'public meetings' were held, if a development deal was struck behind closed doors, calling it a 'public process' is fiction," according to Fox.

Fox says she has written an entire platform on process reform, including reforms to ensure more open government. She proposes establishment of a "Lobbyist Registration Act," similar to the City of Oakland, within the City of Pleasanton.

Only one council candidate has filed papers, Jerry Pentin for city council. Incumbents Matt Morrison and Cindy McGovern and challenger Howard Neely have taken out papers.

INCUMBENTS FILE

Livermore Area Recreation and Park Dsitrict board incum-

LIVERMORE SCHOOL BOARD

In the election for the Livermore school board, incumbent Bill Morrison filed his papers, and Chuck Rogge took out pa-pers. Morrison joins fellow incumbent Thomas McLaughlin and challenger Stewart Gary on the ballot.

CONGRESS AT CORNER

Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) will hold Congress at Your Corner at the Lowe's store in Dublin this Saturday, August 9, noon to 1 p.m. This will be the 43rd Congress at Your Corner event, a program designed to allow constituents to meet and discuss issues with Rep. McNerney in the places where they already shop and recreate.

At the event, Rep. McNerney and his staff are on hand to discuss issues on residents' minds, listen to their opinions, and aid them in finding solutions to any difficulties they may encounter in dealing with federal agencies.

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races. In this year's test, testers were recruited through advertising. All the testers were women. One-half were African-American, the other one-half were Caucasian.

Both testers were instructed to be passive in interviews with managers or landlords, and wait

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(continued from page one) key members of the state decision making process.

ZONE 7 LIAISON

The council agreed to establish an intergovernmental liaison committee with Zone 7. John Marchand and Doug Horner will represent the city.

Zone 7 requested the committee to help resolve concerns the city has raised regarding Zone 7 fee increases. In particular, the city is concerned about the application of such fees to the El Charro development since a critical element of Zone 7's flood

casian.

At another Livermore place, the minority tester was not told about a move-in special. At a Livermore unit, the minority tester was told about an available unit, but only the majority tester was allowed to view it. The majority

control plan is anticipated to be built as part of the El Charro Specific Plan.

AUTO USES ADDED

The council voted to rezone a six plus acre site to allow for some auto service uses and miscellaneous repair uses in conjunction with existing industrial uses.

The zoning change for Contractors Place would go from high intensity industrial to planned development.

Assistant Planner Alison Mitchell told the council that auto uses are moving out of

downtown. Providing a place for them to relocate to will keep those jobs in town.

Councilmember Doug Horner commented, "It's one thing to want to fix up the downtown. To fine places where they can move is a great idea. It is perfectly appropriate.' **MITIGATION**

Construction of the Isabel/I-

580 interchange will require mitigation to make up for the removal or disturbance of seasonal wetlands, riparian and grassland

habitat for several species. The council approved a proposed plan of action.

The city will be required to make onsite improvements to the Arroyo Las Positas and onsite improvements at Sycamore Grove Park to benefit the California red-legged frog. In addition, the city is to purchase and manage 50 acres of habitat to benefit the red-legged frog, California tiger salamander and the San Joaquin kit fox. A wetland is to be created within the 50 acres.

MAILBOX

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Tech Trek Victoria Drake, Tech Trek Coordinator, Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin AAUW

Each year the American Association of University Women (AAUW) sends qualified seventh grade girls to a weeklong science camp at Mills College. This year we expanded the program to include Stanford University. The success of this program would not be possible without the support of the following businesses in the Livermore-PleasantonDublin area: The Rotary Club of the Livermore Valley, Lance Cavalieri Jewelers, Barbara's Hallmark, Country Charms, The Rotary Club of Livermore, FedEx Kinko's of Livermore, Office Max, Golf Mart, Dr. Deborah Lobo, Gerarda Stocking, Dr. Bruce McKelvy, Wal-Mart of Livermore, Golden Apple, Canton Village, August Tea Room, Rick Fallahee, CPA, Lee's Total Body Care, East Avenue Cleaners, DBA Alert Fire Protection, Alexander Chiropractic, and the countless AAUW members who gave individual contributions.

The six seventh grade girls who we sent this year have now returned and they all have expressed the same sentiment - the camp taught them new perspectives and opportunities in science that was wrapped in a possible and collaborative setting.

Again, thanks to all who support this program and with more exposure we hope to send more girls to camp each year.

Nuclear Bomb **Marylia Kelley** Livermore

On August 6, 1945, the United States dropped the first atomic bomb used in war on the city of Hiroshima, Japan. Survivors report seeing a dizzying flash and feeling a scorching heat. They tell of people with skin hanging from arms and bodies. They speak of a desperate thirst and how it drove many to jump into the river.

Three days later, on August 9, 1945, the United States dropped a second atomic bomb on the people of Nagasaki. Nobuaki Hanaoka was just eight months old on that day. His mother and sister were spared the direct blast. But, due to radiation exposure, both were dead by the time Nobuaki reached 7 years.

On Saturday, August 9, 2008, the Reverend Nobuaki Hanaoka, now a resident of San Francisco, will deliver the keynote address at a commemoration for the victims of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The event will be held at the Livermore Lab near the corner of Vasco Road and Patterson Pass Road beginning at 10:30 a.m. Participants will observe a moment of silence at 11:02 a.m. to mark the dropping of the atomic bomb on Nagasaki.

Tri-Valley CAREs will be there to share information on plutonium and other nuclear materials at the Livermore Lab. On this solemn 63rd anniversary of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki, we will proclaim the truth spoke by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. - that love is stronger than violence. Join us and stop the next nuclear bomb before it starts.

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enough to power 2300 homes.

Our diesel fleet of 'veggie fueled VW Jettas' runs on biodiesel. It is funny to see mechanics out there straining grease from restaurants. After an hour of driving around in one of the cars, you get out either craving French fries or smelling like them," he joked. He added that the county owns 70 hybrids and continues to replace older vehicles with hybrids.

The county also promotes commuting. There is a pre-tax deduction that supports employee transit. The county encourages employee bicycling and continues to add bike racks. Carpools are supported with parking. There is a guaranteed ride home program, in case an employee misses his or her ride.

To help reduce driving and support transit options, county services are combined. For example, there is a one-stop center for delivery of social service programs. Visitors to such facilities as Highland Hospital, the juvenile justice building or the jail can access them via transit.

Haggerty pointed out that all of the efficiency efforts not only help the environment, they help save the county money. The county has realized a \$6.5 million in energy savings each year by retrofitting facilities. On site renewable power generation saves another \$820,000 a year. In addition to the solar energy, there is a one megawatt natural gas fuel cell generation facility at Santa Rita. It supplies 85 percent of the hot water on site.

One idea he is pushing is reducing the use of paper. He noted that the most recent supervisor meeting agenda contained 140 items resulting in a large stack of paper. Haggerty has proposed using flash drives instead of printing out everything to stop wasting so much paper.

In the area of transit, the new parking garage at BART in Dublin has opened with 1700 space, 500 more than the parking lot it replaced. It cost \$48 million to build. However, the return has been huge in the resulting increase in property values around the parking garage. Recent land sells there have been at the \$5 million to \$6 million per acre range reported Haggerty.

Transportation has been one of Haggerty's prime areas of focus. He was recently named chairman of the National Association of Counties Transportation Committee. As a result, he says the Tri-Valley will have a voice at Congressional hearings, where he will be called upon to testify in his role as chair. "I look forward to it very much. I worked very hard for this appointment,

Projects aimed at decreasing congestion are in various stages. Ramp metering, information signs and video monitoring are underway; HOV/HOT lanes are planned eastbound from Hacienda Business Park to Greenville Road. While the plan now is to open the lane as an HOV lane, Haggerty is pushing to make it a HOT (high occupancy toll) lane from day one. He said he felt that would be more acceptable than trying to change it later. The new lane is expected to open in 2011. Groundbreaking would take place on a westbound HOV lane in 2011. Work on the Isabel/I-580 interchange is proceeding.

Highway 84 improvements along Pigeon Pass are underway, as are plans to widen Isabel between Jack London and Ruby Hill. There are plans to widen 84 from Pigeon Pass to I-680. The improvements will bring relief to 580 and 680 for about fifteen years, according to Haggerty.

As for transit in the Tri-Valley, "I expect nothing less than BART," Haggerty stated. "We can start purchasing land from willing sellers now with the \$100 million that has been set aside for that purpose." It is anticipated that a preferred alignment for BART will be identified in 2009. Haggerty said that the selection is between a Greenville Road station and Stanley Blvd. station to hook-up with ACE. "I am concerned that if the station were built on Stanley Blvd., there would never be another BART extension," Haggerty added.

He prefers the Greenville station for the opportunities it provides to connect many transit options. The idea would be to bring the high speed rail into the station, extend BART there, hook up e-BART, and the ACE train to create a grand central station. "I will continue to push for the high

FEE

(continued from page one) ceive an eventual break. The fee would rise from \$1365 per 1000 square feet to \$3400 the first year. After that it will be frozen until fiscal year 2029/30. The fee for office space will rise from \$3653 per 1000 square feet to \$5191 and then \$7267. The industrial rate will go up from \$2469 per 1000 square feet to \$3020 and then \$4227.

TWO YEAR DELAY AIMED AT SOFTENING BLOW

There are two silver linings for developers and their customers. One is that the increase is being delayed for two years, in recognition of the slow housing market and the general lag in the economy. The other is that the

speed rail," he stated. Plans are to have the high speed rail bonds on the November ballot. However, Haggerty said that idea is in trouble when it comes to including funding for a possible Altamont extension. San Francisco wants all of the money spent on the connection between Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Haggerty also addressed Pleasanton issues. He probably caused a spike in blood pressure for the city manager when he casually mentioned that the board of supervisors had told him not to close on the former railroad corridor. He then grinned, and stated, "We will close escrow on the corridor this week." The corridor goes through downtown Pleasanton. The city plans to use it for parking. The price is \$7.5 million.

Perhaps the loudest applause came when Haggerty said he had a blank check in his pocket. "I will pay to build the Stoneridge Drive extension just like any developer. I am concerned that the city is not including the full Stoneridge Drive in the EIR for the Staples Ranch." Haggerty was also concerned that the approval process for Staples Ranch was moving too slowly. The county owns the 124 acres on the eastside of Pleasanton. Proposed uses for the land include a 37 acre auto mall, 45 acre continuing life facility, 17 acre park and 16 acre retail/office area.

Haggerty was also interested in finding a solution to parking for ACE in Pleasanton. The Pleasanton station is the busiest one in Alameda County, he pointed out. The parking lot is getting busier. It belongs to the fairgrounds. "We will need to start compensating the fairgrounds for the use of the parking lot or build a station somewhere else,' Haggerty said.

680, and the fees that should be charged. "We are setting it at 35 percent of what we could charge on residential, and 15 percent on retail commercial," said Vinn.

Asked whether obtaining only a percentage of the cost would fly in the face of growth paying for itself, Vinn said that the fee is only a part of the funding source to finance traffic-easing projects. "We feel we will have continued success in obtaining state and federal money for the projects. The council sees it as seed money to fund other projects," said Vinn.

Vinn cited the recent allocation of more than \$200 million for Interstate 580 improvements as an example of state money

Las Positas to Host Veterans Info Faire

Las Positas College's Veterans First Initiative will hold its Second Annual Veterans Information Faire for all returning veterans considering or planning on continuing their higher education. The event is set for Wed., Aug. 13.

The Faire, hosted by LPC's Veterans First Initiative, is an opportunity for those who have served the nation in uniform to receive information, learn about obtaining financial help for attending Las Positas, veterans' benefits tips, and community support resources.

The Info Faire will be hosted in the Little Theater/Building 800. It will open at 9:30 a.m. for guest registration and begin of-

Work Group **Focuses on** Conservation

The Alameda County Conservation Partnership is convening a Local Work Group meeting on August 20, for the fiscal year 2009 NRCS Environmental **Quality Incentives Program** (EQIP), a Farm Bill program that provides funding for conservation projects on agricultural lands. The purpose of the local work group is to facilitate locally led conservation and to provide advice to NRCS concerning the implementation of conservation programs in Alameda County.

NRCS local advisory groups were established to make recommendations on local natural resource priorities and guidelines for NRCS conservation programs. The Local Work Group meeting provides a forum for local farmers and ranchers, public agency representatives and other partners to communicate their views on the most critical natural resource issues and priorities for the county. Local NRCS staff can then use the input provided to help prioritize EQIP funding allocation to meet local natural resource needs.

This year's Local Work Group meeting will be held Friday, August 20th at 6:00PM with a free BBQ dinner starting at 5:00PM.

Please RSVP to Peggy Kiefer at (925) 371-0154 extension 122, or peggy.kiefer@acrcd.org

ficially at 10 a.m. with a welcome; the event is scheduled until 2:30 p.m, with a 45-minute lunch break allotted at noon.

Advising and planning, financial aid, and veterans' benefits information will be addressed before lunch. After the break, an LPC student veterans' panel will address questions from guests. LPC Veterans Club President Christina McCandless will discuss the club and its numerous campus and community activities.

Among those in attendance will be local veterans support groups such as the Pleasanton Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Blue Star Moms, the Concord and Palo Alto Veterans Centers, LPC Veterans First Office and Veterans Club, CSU East Bay Veterans, Pleasanton Military Families, and Tri-Valley One Stop; all distinguished guests will be introduced at the conclusion. The Livermore Valley Rotary, Blue Star Moms, and Pleasanton Military Moms are sponsoring the event.A full copy of the day's agenda is available at www.laspositascollege.edu/veterans/index.php in pdf format. It is too late to RSVP for lunch, but not too late to attend. To RSVP, contact the LPC Veterans Office by telephone at 925-424-1571 or 925-424-1582, or by e-mail at the Las Positas College website (www.laspositascollege.edu/veterans/index.php) and clicking on "RSVP Veterans Information Faire."





declared Haggerty.

Congestion is an ongoing problem with 85 percent of the congestion in Northern California within the nine Bay Area counties. About 40 percent of it goes through the Tri-Valley. "I-580 through the Tri-Valley is the gateway corridor for workforce and commute travel and goods movement. It is chronically congested. It doesn't know a commute hour. By 2030, it is predicted that there will be a 90 percent increase in traffic coming over the Altamont," according to Haggerty.

Efforts are underway to improve the situation. "The past year has been very good for the Tri-Valley," stated Haggerty. Of the Prop. 1B funds allocated to the area, \$250 million will go to projects to improve I-580. The trade corridor improvement fund has allocated \$900 million to projects in the county.

fees could have been higher.

To determine fees, representatives of the transportation council conducted a nexus study. It shows the link between need in the region, including many projects along Interstates 580 and

flowing to the region for traffic solutions. The funds came from state infrastructure bonds approved by voters.

The boost in the regional transportation fee is the first one since it went into effect in 1998.

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SPORTS NOTES



The Stoneridge Water Polo Club competed in the National Junior Olympic Tournament

Stoneridge Water Polo

Stoneridge Water Polo Club competed in the National Junior Olympic Water Polo Tournament in Irvine, Ca., July 26-29th. This is the first time a Stoneridge team has qualified for this event. Stoneridge qualified for the tournament by placing 5th in their Pacific Zone "NJO Qualifying Tournament" back in May.

The Stoneridge 14 under boys' team made it into the "Platinum Division" after the first day, competing with the best 14 under boy's teams in the Nation. Stoneridge ended up 22^{nd} out of 48 teams that qualified for this National event.

Coach Randy Usedom said he is proud of how far these boys have come in such a short time. Over half of the team consisted of athletes who only started playing the sport in the fall of 2007. These young athletes come mostly from sports like baseball, softball, soccer, football and swimming. All boy and girl members come from various middle school and high schools in the Tri-Valley area to train for their local high school teams in the fall.

The fall Stoneridge water polo program will begin in September for all 8th grade and under boy and girl athletes. Practices are held at the Dolores Bengston Aquatic Center in Pleasanton. For more information about the Stoneridge Water Polo Club, go to www.Stoneridgewaterpolo.com

Swim League Championships

The Tri-Valley Swim League held their Championship Meet last Saturday at the Robert Livermore Community Center Pool. ClubSport of Pleasanton swam away with the championship with 2993 points; 2nd Del Prado Stingrays 2,382; 3rd DBAC swim team: 952; 4th Dublin Green Gators: 744; 5th Brianhill swim team: 476; 6th Ruby Hill swim team: 423; 7th Pleasanton Meadows: 287; 8th FAST Dolphins 694.

There were over a 1000 participants, producing several new league records. Breaking records were the following: Haley Lukas from Briar Hill for the Girls 11-12 50 breast (35.95), Brent Reed from Briar Hill for the Mens 15-18 50 fly (24.36), Kyle Surber from Clubsport for the Mens 15-18 50 free (22.41), and the 15-18 100 IM (55.57). The Clubsport Mens 15-18 Medley Relay team of Stephen Jacobe, Kyle Schempp, Kyle Surber, and Joseph Cheney, also bettered their own record (1:47:47).

In addition to the league records, many swimmers had personal best times and broke some of the team records. Also having an outstanding day, were Iris Chang (14) and Verts Team (10) Court DDAC (14) and Katie Tsui (10), from DBAC, Claire Suen (6) and Maya Cipriano (12), from Dublin, Megan Doi (10) and Taylor Peterson (18), from Del Prado, Alyse Bateman (17) and Elle Surber (13), from Clubsport, Brittney Achziger (11) and Kristin Horrillo (12), from Briarhill, Laura Belichak (8) and Farnaaz Khoyloo (6), from FAST, Hannah McGillivary (10) and Brianna Nicholas (12), from Ruby Hill, and Jessica Rhoads (6) and Alyson Isaacs (10), from Pleasanton Meadows, for the Girls.

Some top performers for the boys in-clude, Daniel Huang (12) and Jax Pedersen (9), from DBAC, Christopher Jhong (8) and TJ Meagher (5), from Clubsport, Jack Geasa (10) and Nick Tucker (10), from Pleasanton

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Ruby Hill Swim Team-CC A (Mooney, McKalee 12, Nicholas, Lexi 12, Nicholas, Brianna 12, Seams, Courtney 11), 2:25.32.
Girls 13-14: 50 free: Chang, Iris, DBAC, 26.93. 50 breast: Jetter, Cayla, CSP-CC, 33.14. 50 breast: Jetter, Cayla, CSP-CC, 36.71. 50 fly: Chang, Iris, DBAC, 1:07.13. 200 free Relay: Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (DeWilde, Lindsey 13, Gates, Elaina 13, Klein, Laura 13, Doi, Stephanie 13), 1:51.67. 200 Medley Relay: Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (DeWilde, Lindsey 13, Gates, Elaina 13, Klein, Laura 13, Doi, Stephanie 13), 2:09.13.
Women 15-18: 50 free: Peterson, Tay-lor, DP-CC, 26.27. 50 back: Alvari, Danielle, CSP-CC, 31.29. 50 breast: Peterson, Tay-lor, DP-CC, 24.95. 0 fly: Bateman, Alyse, CSP-CC, 29.11. 100 IM: Bateman, Alyse, CSP-CC, 1:08.02. 200 free Relay: Club Sport Pleasanton-CC 'A' (Avon, Kelly 16, Miller, Rachel 15, Hernbroth, Alison 15, Schoch, Sara 17), 1:47.45. 200 Medley Relay: Club

Sara 17), 1:47.45.200 Medley Relay: Club Sport Pleasanton-CC 'A' (Venema, Amanda 18, Alvari, Danielle 16, Bateman, Alyse 17, Schoch, Sara 17), 2:02.61.

1st Place Boys: Boys 6 & Under: 25 free: Drummond, Scott, FAST-PC, 18.79. 25 back: Meagher, TJ, CSP-CC, 25.88. 25 breast: Ku, JR, CSP-C, 31.55.25 fly: Drummond, Scott, FAST-PC, 25.62. 100 free Relay: Club Sport Pleasanton-CC 'A' (Jetter, Nolan 6, Kost, Jack 6, Ye, Jonathan 6, Ku, JR 5), 1:33.07. Jack 6, Ye, Jonathan 6, Ku, JR 5), 1:33.07.
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 Boys 9-10: 50 free: Sornsen, Tom, HST-CC, 31.24. 25 back: Pedersen, Jax, DBAC, 18.10.25 breast: Geasa, Jack, PMST- US, 19.06. 25 fly: Tucker, Nick, PMST-US, 16.01. 100 IM: Geasa, Jack, PMST-US, 1:22.84. 200 free Relay: Del Prado Stin- rever GC (A) (Schutz, Targentin, Targentu, 10) Clan- rever GC (A) (Schutz, 10) (Schutz, grays-CC 'A' (Sabatini, Tommy 10, Glenn, Seth 10, Smith, Taylor 9, Newman, Jake 10), 2:21.22. 100 Medley Relay: Club Sport Pleasanton-CC 'A' (Derham, Brett 9, Jhong, Anthony 10, Daly, Connor 10, Lee, Justin 10), 1:15.37.

Boys 11-12: 50 free: Huang, Daniel, DBAC, 27.72. 0 back: Pedersen, Kaleb, DBAC, 21.12. 0 back. redelseli, Kaleb, DBAC, 36.61. 50 breast: Huang, Daniel, DBAC, 34.67. 50 fly: Lindell, Mattias, DBAC, 31.31. 100 IM: Huang, Daniel, DBAC, 1:13.60.200 free Relay: Dbac Swim Team 'A' (Lindell, Mattias 12, Wang, Yen 12, Mowry, Scott 12, Pedersen, Kaleb 12), 2:02.90. 200 Medley Relay: Dbac Swim Team 'A' (Wang, Yen 12, Huang, Daniel 12, Lindell, Mattias 12, Mowry, Scott 12), 9:17.80 2:17.89.

Boys 13-14: 50 free: Grotegut, Alec, DBAC, 25.54. 50 back: Sun, Matthew, DP-CC, 31.80. 50 breast: Nespor, Christopher, DP-CC, 33.76. 50 fly: Hildebrand, Eric, CSP-CC, 27.80. 100 IM: Johnston, Nick, RHST-CC, 1:07.06. 200 free Relay: Club Sport Pleasanton-CC 'A' (Cheney, James 14, Murtagh, Riley 14, Barrera, Abraham 14, Hildebrand, Eric 14), 1:47,70, 200 Medley Relay: Club Sport Pleasanton-CC 'A' (Barrera Relay: Club Sport Pleasanton-CC'A' (Barrera, Abraham 14, Romine, Kevin 14, Hildebrand, Eric 14, Cheney, James 14), 2:02.61. Men 15-18: 50 free: Surber, Kyle, CSP-CC, 22.41. 50 back: Surber, Kyle, CSP-CC, 27.01. 50 breast: Schempp, Kyle, CSP-CC, 29.17. 50 fly: Reed, Brent, BH, 24.36. 100 M. Schu, Web, CSP, CC, C7, 200 for: IM: Surber, Kyle, CSP-CC, 55.67. 200 free Relay: Briarhill Swim Team 'A' (Somerville, Relay: Briarhill Swim Feam 'A' (Somerville, Jamie 15, Reed, Brent 16, Lind, Brandon 16, Page, Cavan 15), 1:34.47. 200 Medley Relay: Club Sport Pleasanton-CC'A' (Jacobe, Stephen 18, Schempp, Kyle 18, Surber, Kyle 15, Cheney, Joseph 18), 1:47.47. Pleasanton Meadows Sharks finished wardth is the barea Link Comp. Spitched seventh in the league. Jack Geasa finished first in the 9-10 IM breaking his own record by 1.27 seconds in the process. His finishing time was 1:22:84. The other club record was set by Cody Vaeth in the Under 6 butterfly. Vaeth also broke the record by more than a second, posting a 26.92 time. The old record was 28.21. Was 28.21. Geasa was particularly impressive, win-ning the IM and the breast and taking fourth in the free. Nick Tucker was similarly impres-sive, capturing the Sharks other first place finish taking 9-10 fly, taking second in the 9-10 free and finishing third behind Geasa in the IM. Veath, who finished third in the fly the IM. Vaeth, who finished third in the fly, also finished second in the free. Jessica Rhoads also garnered a pair of top five finishes with a fourth in the 6U 25 breast and finishes with a fourth in the 6U 25 breast and a fifth in the free. Grabbing a pair of fifths was Alyson Isaacs (free, IM). Elsa Schwaninger got a fifth (13-14 fly) and a sixth (IM) and Curtis Wong took a pair of sixths (15-18 free, breast). Kaala Cheney finished just behind Schwaninger in the fly and placed ninth in the back. Joe Geasa also had a pair of top 10 finishes, going 9th in the 7-8 breast and 10th in the fly. Other top 10 finishes for Pleasanton Meadows included Joey Silva (10th 15-18 free), Kevin Driver (10th 15-18 fly), Aaron Zheng (6th 6U breast), Brady Scanlon (10th 6U Breast), Blake Tucker (5th 7-8 free), Haley

Isaacs (4th 9-10 breast), Annie Geasa (4th 11-Isaacs (4th 9-10 breast), Annie Ceasa (4th 11-12 back), Colin Burke (9th 11-12 back), Kyra Schwaninger (10th 11-12 breast), Chris Bush (5th 11-12 breast), Connor Greene (10th 11-12 fly), and Perry Cheney (4th 11-12 free).

Youth Soccer

The Livermore Shock, Division 1, U15 Girls soccerteam went undefeated in the Pleasanton Rage College Showcase Tourna-ment, July 26-27th. The Shock defense was like areinforced brick wall, allowing only one goal in four games. Shock's offense put 10 balls in the back of the net in three of four games and came very close to breaking a 0-0 tie with just minutes remaining in their game against a tough Fullerton Rangers team from Southern California.

Scores: Saturday, July 26: Livermore Shock 4, Bullard FC Blue 1; Livermore Shock 0, Fullerton Rangers White 0; Sun-day, July 27: Livermore Shock 3, Pleasanton Rage AC 0; Livermore Shock 3, Lamorinda United '93 0.

The Shock offense was led by midfielder Angel Gosse who displayed impressive footwork and explosive speed - racking up 2 goals and 2 assists for the weekend. Fellow Shock midfielders, Tatyana Martinez, Kylene Hill (1 goal, 2 assists), Sabrina DeHoyos, Juliana Lopez, and Racquel Hamblen (2 goals, 1 assist) all played with determination each gam

Forwards, Lauren Kershner (2 goals), Jennavive Lillie (1 goal), Ashlyn Conlin, and Kailey Moser (1 goal) applied constant pres-sure toward their opponents' goal for the

majority of each game. The Shock defense was consistent and solid, led by Haley Londry, Brianna Hylton (1 goal, 45 yards out), Nicole Gasior, Alicia McKinney, and Rachelle Hamblin.

Goal keeper, Hannah Boger, had an outstanding save when a Lamorinda forward broke through the shock defense. However, the trip was cut short when Boger charged out to meet the intruder - winning the challenge and saving a sure goal.

Injured players, Rachelle Hamblin, Allie Labine, and Breanna Rittmann showed strong support for their teammates at each game. The Pleasanton Rage U12 D3 got a

great start to the soccer season, by making it to the Consolation Game of the Magic Cup III Tournament in San Jose. The Rage started by tying the host team 0-0 in a game in which by tying the host team 0-0 in a game in which they dominated possession but just couldn't put one in the net. In their second game the Rage beat Castro Valley United 3-0, with Kalyn Epps, Liz Unpingco, and Nicole Lindke each tallying a goal. In the third game, Rage went up against a spirited and talented Fair Oaks Storm team, and they were able to battle to a 1-1 tie behind superb goaltending by Maddie Aston and Mo Baker. Kalyn Epps put Rage on the board first with a goal in the 5th minute of the first half. The back line of 5th minute of the first half. The back line of Sarah Pease, Julia Amos, Natalie Reichenbach, and Jordan Niermeyer were under pressure the whole game, but they stayed focused, and helped deliver the tie. If Rage had won this game, they would have gone onto the Championship Game, however, with the tie, they played River City Spirit in the Consolation

And after giving up two goals in the first 20 minutes, the Rage regrouped. And in the second half, Kamryn Brown scored a nifty goal 1:30 into the half. The Rage then spent most of the half in the attack, trying to get the equalizer, but that didn't occur until Nicole Lindke snuck a shot in past the keeper with 30 seconds left in regulation. And after 10 scoreless minutes of overtime, where again, the Rage were on the attack, the game went to penalty kicks where River City was able to win 3-1. Top Offensive Players: Kalyn Epps, Nicole Lindke, Kamryn Brown, Liz Inpingco, Julia Amos, Devon Buteau, Jessica Amos, Anna Copenhagen; Top Defen-sive Players: Maddie Aston, Mo Baker, Allie Nickel, Lauren Epps, Jordan Niermeyer, Natalie Reichenbach, Taz Rad, Sarah Pease.

The Livermore Fury girls U13 team participated in the Tracy United Tournament. Against ranked opponents Tracy Dynamite and Santa Rosa Shock, the Fury's defense was challenged often. Defenders Beth McCall and Morgan Brandt did a great job of stopping several rushes. Goalies Skyler Kriz and Jenna Hatch also played well to keep the games close. After a 5-0 loss to the Dynamite, the Fury played a solid first half against the Shock by allowing only one goal. However, Santa Rosa broke through three times in the second half to complete a 4-0 win. The Fury dominated their final game against the Clovis Odyssey. Defenders Erin Winegarner and Amanda Fairclough limited Clovis scoring chances and set up the Fury offense. Brittany Ahrbeck, Rebekah Johnson, Elyse Codiroli, Alison Pierson, Kaitlyn Bulhoes and Elise Falgout all counterattacked well and the team placed several shots on goal. However, Livrmore could not beat the Clovis keeper and

Jimenez and Ashley Morton. Rampage's defensive dynamic duo-Jesse Espana and Hunter Vice kept the score down. Goalie efforts by Ashley Morton, and Isabella Neads were once again, magnificent.

Phantom Softball

The Phantom 12U fastpitch softball team competed in The Western Nationals in Las Vegas, Nevada, July 27–August 3, 2008. The tournament field was made up of the top 48 teams from fastpitch softball leagues from across the Western U.S.

Phantom opened pool play with a 9-6 win over Tuff-n-Nuff (Delano, CA). Phantom started off the 1st inning with a base hit slap from Krista Williams and a bunt from Kendall Moore. Tuff-n-Nuff came back with 3 runs for a 3-2 lead. Phantom took the lead for good in the 4th with a two run home run by Krista Williams. The girls scored two more in the 5th on excellent bunts by Nicole Bardakos and Corinne Valdix. The Phantom bats came alive in the 6th, scoring 3 runs on hits by Malory Masajlo, Aubry Wolff and Julia Petros

Phantom exploded for a 10-2 victory over a tough Riverside, CA team for its 2nd pool play victory. Phantom started out hot in the 1st with 5 runs on hits by Krista Williams, Julia Petros, Kendall Moore (3 RBIs) and Malory Masajlo. Phantom ended the game on a run rule with 5 more in the 4th. Victoria Molina doubles in the 4th, along with a single by Malory Masajlo (2 for 2 in the game). Defense was stellar behind an awesome pitching performance by Grauer on the mound. Williams ended the game with a double play up the middle. Molina was exceptional behind the plate picking off a runner at 2nd.

Phantom began championship play with a tough 8-6 loss to Poway, CA. Phantom took a 3-0 lead in the 2nd on hits by Johanna Grauer, Julia Petros, and Krista Williams. The usually tough Phantom defense had an ex-tremely rough bottom of the inning, giving up 8 runs. Fortunately, the girls did not give up. Johanna Grauer singled and scored in the 6th to make the score 8-4. In the 7th the girls victoria Molina, Johanna Grauer & Aubry Wolff, but ultimately fell short. Phantom began its climb out of the loser's bracket with a 6-1 victory over San Bruno.

Friday began very strong for the deter-mined Phantom team. The girls exploded for 8 runs in the 1st against Oregon Reign (Eugene, OR). Krista Williams started the game with a triple. Victoia Molina followed with a double. Jana Johnson, Kennedy Poplawski, Brooke Campbell each had singles in the inning. Williams closed out the 1st inning with her second triple of the inning. Molina continued the hitting in the 2nd with a home run over the left field fence. Johanna Grauer and Corrine Valdix combined for a no hitter and a 12-0 victory. The only Oregon player to reach base was thrown out attempt-

ing to steal 2nd by Nicole Bardakos. Phantom started the second game of the day right where they had left off, with Williamsstartingoff against WAGS (Westlake Village, CA) with a triple. Johanna Grauer got the RBI with a double. Phantom had trouble getting runs across early with only 2 runs on 7 hits in the first 3 innings. That all changed in the 6th and 7th innings as Phantom scored 4 runs to shutout the 2007 runner-up team 7-0. Williams held WAGS to 4 hits in the circle. Corinne Valdix, Kendall Moore and Aubry Wolff all had exceptional plays for the strong Phantom defense. The bats continued strong with 11 hits. Williams led the way going 5-5 with two triples, two doubles and a single. Nicole Bardakos recorded 3 hits. Johanna Grauer and Kendall Moore each had two hits. Corrine Valdix and Malory Masajlo each had

Phantom struggled early in the third game of the day against La Mirada, CA, with La Mirada taking a 3-0 lead by the end of the La Mirada taking a 3-0 fead by the end of the 4th. Phantom loaded up the bases in the 4th, but could not get a run across. Things changed in the 6th with the girls scoring two runs to bring the game to 3-2. Nicole Bardakos, Aubry Wolff, Corinne Validix and Julia Petros each contributed a base hit in the 6th. With time running out in the battom of 6th. With time running out in the bottom of the 6th the Phantom defense quickly retired La Mirada and barely reached the 7th inning before time expired. With one out Johanna Grauer reached 1st on an error. Victoria Molina followed with a base hit and Nicole Bardakos loaded the bases with a walk. Unfortunately, the tying run was thrown out at the plate twice, leaving La Mirada with the 3-2 victory to eliminate the Phantom team from the tournament. Phantom finished the tournament in 13th place out of 48 teams from across the Western U.S. The girls finished their 2008 summer season with a record of 35-9-1.

Summer Trail Run

Dog Days of Summer Trail Run is set for August 23. The 3.7 mile course is be great for

beginning trail runners with its elevation gains and drops of less than 300 feet. The 6.24 mile course is another story with a gain and fall of 1100 feet. Expansive ridgetop views reveal Mount Diablo to the west, Mount St. Helena to the north and the snow-covered Sierra to the east.

Morgan Territory is located within the traditional homeland of the Volvon, one of five Native American nations in the Diablo area. Sandstone hills within the park's 4,708 acres are adorned in spring with more than 90 species of wildflowers, including the Diable sunflower.

Due to the size of the parking lot, participation is limited to the first 80 entries. Registration opens at 7:30 am, race begins at 8:30 am.

Fee is 3.7 mile course \$27; 6.4 mile course \$30.

For more information go to EBTrailRunners.

Youth Football/Cheer

Livermore Youth Football & Cheer (LYF&C) is a full contact football league that has been established for 35 years. The league's metter is "abilitien first some area of "The motto is "children first game second." The league focuses on teaching the fundamentals of both football and cheer that are needed to make the transition into high school both rewarding and as smooth as possible. The league works with the local high schools to ensure participants are learning the fundamental.

Safety is the biggest concern. All coaches are CPR and First Aid certified as well as NYSCA certified. All coaches are required to attend coaching clinics each year to strengthen their knowledge of the game. Squads compete in the highly competi-

tive Diablo Valley Youth Football Confer-ence (DVYFC). It consists of 18 "city" teams that attract the best football players and cheerleaders in the Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

There are 5 levels to tryout for with ages 7 to 14 (football), 5 to 14 (cheerleading). Walk in registration will be available during practice 6-8 pm. behind Mendenhall Middle School, 1701 El Padro Dr. Information website www.eteamz.com/lyfc or email lyfc@onebox.com/lyfc.

The league is currently accepting appli-cations for both football and cheer coaches for the upcoming season.

Swim Sessions

The Pleasanton Seahawks' Fall Swim and Varsity Conditioning sessions starts September 15 and runs through December 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 8th year in a row the Seahawks have been recognized as one of the top 75 USA Swimming teams in the nation. Swimmers of all abilities are welcome. Please note that Fall Swim does not affect summer league eligibility. USA Swimming registration is included. For more information regarding Fall Swim or Varsity Conditioning with the Pleasanton Seahawks USA Swimming Team, contac

please correcruiting@pleasantonseahawks.org.

Baseball Mini Camp

Tigers Baseball is sponsoring a Back to School 2008 high school mini camp to be held at the Foothill High School varsity baseball field, Saturday and Sunday Septem-ber 6-7. All high school players and their parents are invited to spend a weekend with one of southern California's most calabrated one of southern California's most celebrated hall of fame collegiate coaches. This camp is for high school players and parents who would like to know what it takes to play collegiate baseball. Players will have a chance to training under the guidance of Coach Robert "Skip" Claprood. This event is being held at the Foothill High School Varsity field. Space is limited. The first 40 players and parents who sign, un will be invited to a and parents who sign-up will be invited to a special private session with Coach Robert



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"Skip" Claprood Saturday morning. Players participating in this event should go to the Tigers Baseball website: www.livermorepony.com to download the camp registration form. All forms should be filled out and mailed with a check payable to Tigers Baseball. Mail check and registration form to Tigers Baseball, 6306 Carson Pass

Way, Livermore, CA. 94551. Registered players will be notified via email with directions, location and time changes. Tigers Baseball is a nonprofit baseball program that works in cooperation with well known collegiate coaches and profes-sional players to teach dedicated young players who wish to play baseball at a higher level. The mission of Tigers Baseball is to provide young players with the opportunity to develop and learn the sport of baseball from some of the finest teachers in our area. Tigers Baseball is not affiliated with or in any way associated with the Detroit Tigers or any other Major League Baseball related entity.

Fall Ball Registrations

Tigers Baseball is now taking player registrations for their third annual fall ball program. Players from all leagues ages 10-14 are invited to attend this annual event. Players will spend ten weekends on the field training win spend ten weekends on the field utaming including two special weekends with Coach Robert "Skip" Claprood. The fall program will be held weekends starting Saturday -September 13, 2008 and continue for ten weekends. Space is limited this year, so players interested in participating should go to the Tigers website to download a player registration form. www.livermorepony.com. Forms should be filled out and either fax or mailed to the address on the form. Additional details are provided on the Tigers website Registered players will be notified via email with additional schedule information. Tigers Baseball is a non-profit baseball program that works in cooperation with well known col-legiate coaches and professional players to teach dedicated young players who wish to play baseball at a higher level. The mission of Tigers Baseball is to provide young players with the opportunity to develop and learn the sport of baseball from some of the finest teachers in our area. Tigers Baseball is not affiliated with or in any way associated with the Detroit Tigers or any other Major League Baseball related entity.

Bowling News

For the second week in a row Ray Salas in the Championship Trios league rolled a perfect 300 game and with a 227, 224 & 262 game ended the night with a four game series game ended the high with a four game series of 1022 at Granada Bowl in Livermore. Right behind him was Gene Bruihl with a four game series of 1019 with games of 210, 225, 300 and 267. Mike Stephenson in the same league

also rolled a perfect 300 game. Landon Lawson, in the PBA Adult League, bowled 245-232-207-226 for a four game series of 910. Phil Sivret rolled a 267 and Maria Lockridge a 255 in the same league. Don Evans, in the Getaway Fours League, recorded a 603 series with games of 243-159-201. Jeff Cote rolled a 235 game. Alex 201. Jeft Cote rolled a 235 game. Alex Guarin, in the Orig. Guys & Dolls League, bowled 66 pins over his average with a 204 game. In the Friday Family Affair League, Ron Shaffer bowled games of 223-201-201 for a 625 series. In the Donna's Mixers league, Norv Parker rolled a 205, Norm Taasevigen 211 and Don Tunicon a 212 game

a 211 and Don Tunison a 212 game. In our Monday Seniors League, Mike Miller recorded a 232, John Waite bowled a 220. High for the morning was John Foscalina with a 235 game. In the Tuesday Sirs & Sirettes league, Sam Cancilla bowled a 232 game and Harry Thomson a 296 game

game and Harry Thompson a 226 game. Youth bowler Keifer Sivret knocked down the first 9 and ended with a 264 game, Jake Giambrone rolled a 200 game and Shawn Donahue a four game series of 791 with games of 225, 187 and 211.

Baseball Tryouts

Fall Baseball tryouts for 18U and 14U teams, Sunday, August 24 at Diablo Vista baseball field, 1000 Tassajara Ranch Dr., Darville. 14U players attend 10am-12pm and 18U players attend 12-2pm. For more information, call Coach Max Valencia (925) 639-9034 and go to www.colt45s.net.

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Meadows, Scott Drummond (6) and Jeff Liebman (12), from FAST, Joey Grywczynski (7) and Brandon Lind (16), from Briar Hill, Nick Johnston (13) and Tom Sornsen (9), from Ruby Hill, Matthew Sun (14) and Eric Gates (15), from Del Prado, and Reece Toney (8) and Matthew Zamudio (13), from Dublin. 1st Place Girls (all distances in yards):

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28.62. 50 back: Cipriano, Maya, DUB-CC, 34.89. 50 breast: Lukas, Haley, BH, 35.95. 50 fly: Nicholas, Brianna, RHST-CC, 33.63. 100 IM: Cipriano, Maya, DUB-CC, 1:14.72. 200 free Relay: Briarhill Swim Team 'A' (O'Callaghan Jones, Paige 12, Horrillo,

the game ended in a 0-0 tie. Livermore Elite Rampage 98 Div. 1 U10 Girls had an exciting weekend in Redwood City at the Tournament of Champions. Game 1.

Elite Rampage 98 (0) vs Tracy Crush (2): Rampage played a tough game and fought hard against the Tracy Crush. Unbelievable efforts were made by Ryan Murphy, Isabella Neads and Marissa Pletschette. Beautiful midfield passes were made by Bianca Stubler and Leums Sandy. Beampage hed strang gool and Lauren Sandy. Rampage had strong goal tending by Alyssa Oki and Ashley Morton.

Game 2. Elite Rampage 98 (0) vs SAYSO Gryphons 98 (3): Rampage defense worked hard as the Gryphons pressed. Strong defense from Jesse Espana and Hunter Vice helped Desure termandously. Rampage had fan-Rampage tremendously. Rampage had fan-tastic midfield support from Adrianna Sblendorio, Marissa Pletschette, and Alyssa Oki. Spectacular goaltending came from Alyssa Oki as she made diving saves for

Autysa Oki as she hade diving saves for Rampage. Elite Rampage 98 (0) vs San Ramon United (1): In an evenly matched game both teams fought hard. Lauren Sandy, Ryan Murphy and Isabella Neads made many impressive runs, but couldn't break through. Beautiful support and marking were done by Bianca Stubler, Adrianna Sblendorio, Leslie

What Players 10-14 years of age as of 5/1/2008.

at Foothill High School

and high school coach.

Cost: \$500 [two payments of \$250]

ball Coaches Hall of Fame, 2004

Volleyball Tryouts

The Renegades Volleyball Club is hold-ing tryouts for boys aged 14-18 on August 16th and 17th at Granada High School in Livermore. The season runs September through early February, with practices twice a week in Livermore and Pleasanton. For more information go to www.renegadesvolleyball.com or contact kris@renegadesvolleyball.com.

Lady Hustle Tryouts

Lady Hustle Fastpitch will be holding try-outs for the fall season. For more infor-

mation go to www.ladyhustlefastpitch.com. Try-Outs Age's 14 and 16: Session 1 Sunday, August 10th 10am-12pm Fielding/ Running @ Robertson Park 1pm-3pm Hit-ing @ Robertson Park 1pm-3pm Hitting @ Double Diamond; Session 2 Sunday, August 17th: 10am-12pm Fielding/Running @ Robertson Park 1pm-3pm Hitting @ Double Diamond.

Try-Outs for 18's: Session 1 Saturday, August 16th 10am-12pm Fielding/Running @Robertson Park 12:30pm-2pm Hitting @Double Diamond; Session 2 Saturday, August 24th 10am-12pm Fielding/Running @Robertson Park 12:30pm-2pm Hitting @Double Diamond.

Real Estate Market update available at www.Livermorehomes.com

Hoers Baseball presents

Fall Ball 2008

This will be our third annual fail ball program and once again we are offering ten weekends of

on-field training plus two weekends with Hall of Fame Collegiate Coach Robert Claprood.

To ensure everyone has an opportunity to participate, this year we are offering weekend sessions.

Space is limited - All registrations must be received by September 5, 2008 For info about the Tiger program, go to: www.rteamsile.com/baseball/ligersbaseball or go to this link for a registration form

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Some of the special guests this season

ROBERT "SKIP" CLAPROOD - First Coach in Southern California Community College history to win

770 games. Over 35 years of collegiate coaching experience. Named to CA Community College

JOHN BAKER - Professional baseball player who currently catches for the Florida Marlins

Texas League All-Star, Pacific Coast League All-star before being pulled up this year

KIM EPPARD - Co-founder the Total Player Center with over 20 years of experience as a collegiate

Coach John was AS-Pac 10 University of California at Berkeley; 4th round draft pick Oakland A's:

When: Fail program begins Saturday, September 13, 2008. The fail program will be held both Saturday & Sunday for 10 weeks! The fail program will conclude Sunday, November 10, 2008. Includes 2 special weekends with Coach "Skip" Claprood!

Where: All training sessions will be held Saturday in Livermore and Sunday in Pleasanton



hall of tame collegiate coaches. Players will spend both days on the field working with Coach Skip experiencing collegiate level training

CAMP SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 6, 2008

10am-12noon - Private Session with Coach Skip. The first 40 players to register and their parents will be invited to this private session to hear what college coaches are looking for and what it takes to play college basebell.

tpm-4pm - Defensive Training Session Begins

Sunday, September 7, 2008

12ncon-3pm - Offensive Training Session Begins

Special Guest Trainers will be on hand to help! Any questions contact: ANGELO SCAVONE at (825) 461-6600 or at ascavone@plasanton.k12.ca.us. For a registration form go to: ww.rteansite.com/baseball/tigersbaseball/upicaded/documents/campaneouncements.pdf Fill out registration form and tax to (925) 215-2265. Confirmation email will be sent upon registration process. If weather is bad, this camp will be moved in doors. Registered players will be notified via email with directions, location, and time changes.

igers Baseball is a non-profit baseball training program that works in cooperation with well known collegiate coaches and professional players to teach dedicated young players who wish to play baseball at a higher level. The Tigers Baseball mission is to provide an opportunity for young players to develop and learn the sport of baseball from some of the linest teachers in our area.







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BULLETIN BOARD

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

Dublin 4-H Club is now accepting applications for new members. This youth organization is open to boys and girls ages 7-19 years old. It is affiliated with the University of California Cooperative Extension. Goals are to learn citizenship, leader ship and life skills. To learn more about Dublin 4-H and its program, attend the get-acquainted meeting at Eric's Deli on Tuesday afternoons from 4-6 PM (across the street from the Senior Center) or call Sharon at 925-462-4518.

The Teen Fashion Show, presented by Teens for Kids, Aug. 16, 1 and 3 p.m. All proceeds will directly benefit the Children's Hospital. The Teen Fashion Show will take place at the Quarry Lane School, 6363 Tassajara Rd, Dublin. Tickets are available online for \$10.00 at www.chofoundation.org/ teensforkids, and will also be sold at the door for \$12.00.

for \$12.00. Cosmic Dog Yoga is offering a family yoga class on Saturday, August 23rd at 11 a.m. Parents, come do yoga with your kids. This class is appropriate for families with kids in the 7-12 age range. This class is by donation only. All proceeds to go to the Tri-Valley Haven. Cosmic Dog Yoga is located at 1923 Second Street. Reservations not required. For more information, call us at (925) 456-YOCA

(925) 456-YOGA. **Tri-Valley Estate Planning Council** has elected a new board of directors. Darrell Claridge, CFP[®] of Bank of America was elected president replacing outgoing presi-dent Jennifer Thaete of Abramson Thaete, LLP in Livermore. Other board members include: Celia Mason, Vice President, Barhichde, Cena Mason, Vice Freshein, Bar-bara Cyphers, Treasurer, Ira Hillyer, Pro-grams, Kirsten Barranti, Secretary, Michele Matsumura and Steve Polaski, Public Rela-tions, Tim Hyden, Membership and Fred Nelson, Hospitality.The Tri-Valley Estate Planning Council is a non-profit organiza-Planning Council is a non-profit organiza Valley region. The Council promotes the knowledge of and interest in estate planning subjects and provides a forum where trust officers, attorneys, financial planners, ac-countants, life underwriters and charitable planners can exchange views and promote the best interests of the general public in matters of estate planning. For more information: www.tvepc.com

The YFU International Exchange Student program needs hosts for exchange students. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact Émilie Linick, NoCAL Field Director at linick@yfu.orgortoll-free at 800-872-0200x 285. Feel free to visit www.yfu-usa.org for more information.

Assisted Living Seminar - August 21st at 7:00 pm. 850 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Come experience this educational and infor mational panel of experts discuss how to know when you or a loved one qualifies for Assisted Living. Find out how the caregiver is affected and how to prevent burn-out. Please RSVP to (925)373-3636.

Long Term Care Insurance Seminar - September 18 at 7:00 pm 850 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Mike Morgan of Gene Morgan Insurance in Livermore will discuss the ins and outs and advantages of Long Term Care Insurance and how it works. Please RSVP to (925) 373-3636

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., Aug. 16, 41 miles St. Helena-Napa ride, meet 10 a.m., Randy Huey, 518-8439. Sun., Aug. 17, 20 miles Shannon Park north through San Ramon and Danville, meet

Bertram S. Christensen

Lifelong Livermore resident

Bertram Christensen passed away

on July 30, 2008 at Saint Agnes

Hospital in Fresno. He had been

living in Clovis with his daugh-

ter and her family since March

2008. He was 87.

OBITUARIES

9 a.m., Mason Cornelius, 487-0690. Wed., Aug. 20, 30 miles from Shannon Center to Castro valley and through five canyons area, meet 9 a.m., Alaine Nadeau, 577-6586, Anyone planning on going on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet

and what to bring. Annual Pleasanton/Tulancingo Sister City Barbeque (25th Anniversary), Sat-urday, August 9, Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, 5:30 to 11 p.m. \$30 per person. Tickets can purchased at Pleasanton of Commerce on Peters Ave. Need not be a member to attend. Tri-tip dinner with all the trimmings, no host bar; mariachi band will entertain; KGO's Gary Hanson will emcee; live auction. For more information: Jorge Victoria 925-4625786.

Romania Animal Rescue Fundraiser, Oasis Grille and Wine Lounge 780 Main Street, Pleasanton, September 14, 5:30pm – 7:30pm, Admission: \$25 in advance; \$35 at the dooR includes wine, wine tasting and appetizers from the Oasis Grille. Raffle and Auction prizes include vacation getaways, art, wine, hotel stays, gift baskets, golf for four and much more. Performance by magi-cian Tom Cutts. Tickets can be purchased on the website, via email or phone: 925-672-5908, romaniadogs@sbcglobal.net, www.romaniaanimalrescue.com. Donations accepted. Funds help to send highly skilled vets to help the dog overpopulation crisis in Romania

The Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society meets 7:30pm., Tuesday, August 12, at Congregegation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct., Pleasanton. The speaker will be Mel Stephenson whose topic is "Scandina-vian Genealogical Research." Map to the machine dito usual LACC meeting site: www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-BethEmek.html. Visitors are welcome, no charge. Information: Marie Ross 925-447-1806.

The Wii Experience for Seniors, mature adult program, Tuesday, August 19 at 1:00 pm the Pleasanton Public Library. Teen volunteers will teach seniors how to use the new virtual video games. Games will include tennis, bowling, and golf. Wii sports games offer low-impact exercise using a motion-sensitive controller that is strapped to the hand and allows players to act out the game. Information, 931-3411.

Pleasantonians 4 Peace is again spon-soring a candlelight vigil in front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main Street, Down-town Pleasanton. Wed., August 13, 7 PM. Those attending 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. Plans are to continue a monthly event, the second Tuesday of the month as long as necessary. Questions? Call Cathe Norman at 462-7495 or E-mail Matt

Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com. Vineyard Alternative Elementary/ Middle School, a Livermore School District Independent study program for grades 1-8, is now accepting enrollment for the 2008-2009 school year. A Parent Orientation Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 20, at 10:00am 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 the district and state framework guidelines. For more information, call (925)606-4720 or visit our web site at

(925)606-4720 of Visit our web site at www.vineyarded.net. **Baby Boot Camp** offers a unique work-out designed to help new moms get back into shape after having a baby. All fitness levels welcome. Classes in Livermore are held Mon., Wed., Fri. and Sat. For complete details visit http://babybootcamp.com_or details visit http://babybootcamp.com or

contact Rechea Fallis at rechea.fallis@babybootcamp.com or 960-0519.

Amador Valley Quilt Guild will meet on Saturday, August 9, at 1:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ava program about the varied friendship groups within the guild. On Sunday there will be a workshop on Crayola Gardens, by member Jan Steinhoff. The guild is a nonprofit educational association for quilters of all skill levels. Anyone interested in quilting may attend. For further information about the guild or upcoming speakers, please visit our website, http://amadorvalleyquilters.org. Service news, Army Pfc. Maurice Searcy has graduated from basic infantry training at

Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. Searcy is a 1986 graduate of Granada High School,

Livery in Danville, Open to new and estab-lished residents of San Ramon, Dublin, Pleasanton, Livery on a Danville. Guest speaker, Dana from J'Erol, will talk about skin care and colors. www.srvnc.com

Celebration of Athletes, 580/680 Senior Games opening ceremonies, Fri., Sept. 19, 4 to 7 p.m. at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Mexican buffet dinner, silent auccenter, mexican buffet dinner, silent auc-tion, door prizes, keynote speaker, fitness expert Joanie Greggains. \$14 per person, dinner RSVP by Sept. 12, doors open at 4 p.m. 931-5365.

Hawaiian Luau, Livermore Pleasanton Classifier and the second seco ment. Prepaid reservations only. No tickets at door. 455-8829. Widowed Men and Women of North-

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA., Happy Hour Sheraton Hotel in Pleasanton, 5 p.m., RSVP by Aug. 13, Lorraine, 846-5695. Bunco in Dublin, Aug. 16 82, 1:30 p.m. RSVP by Aug. 13, Jeanne 361-6110. Birthday Dinner, Sazio's Restaurant in Castro Valley, 5:30 p.m. RSVP by Aug. 13 to Margaret, 510-782-1819. Lunch on the Bay in San Leandro, Aug. 20, 1 p.m. call Ginny 510-656-5625 by Aug. 18. Happy hour in Castro Valley, Aug. 22, 5 p.m. Palomares Cafe, call Davy, 510-537-4031 by Aug. 20. Film museum and dinner Fremont, Aug. 24, 4:30 p.m., call Marge, 828-5124 by Aug. 24, 4:30 p.m., call Marge, 828-5124 by Aug. 22. Dinner in Dublin, Elephant Bar, 5 p.m., Aug. 30, call Athene, 846-0111, by

Aug. 27. Free Diabetes Support Group, Alameda County Public Health Diabetes Program. Open to all people with diabetes and their families or friends. Every 2nd Wednesday of the month 2pm - 4pm Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. Please

7600 Amador Valley BiVa, Dublin. Please call 510-383-5185 to register. First Time Buyer Seminar, Aug. 12, 7 to 8:30 p.m. 5994 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite 101, Pleasanton. RSVP Firsttimebuyereducation.com. Wellness Defined Wellness is the ulti-mete colution to A merico' is health care cricic.

mate solution to America's health care crisis. It is never too late to develop healthier lifestyle habits to fend off illness. Dr. Robert Walsh defines "Wellness" and presents comwashuemes weiness and presents com-mon sense, time-tested, proven advice for better health through better living. Pleasan-ton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Tues-day, August 12, 10am to 11:30am, \$1.50

Residents / \$2 Nonresidents. Brain Training Workshop Learn how to exercise your brain the fun and inexpensive way from Kathryn Tournat of Bella Menti Learning Solutions. Space is limited, so please preregister by coming in or calling. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Tuesday, August 26, 10am to 11:30am, \$1.50 Residents / \$2 Nonresidents. **Child Care Links** is hosting a "Healthy Summer Kick-Off" event. Bounce U, 7073 Commerce Circle, Pleasanton, is a safe and comfortable indoor facility, filled with giant inflatable structures. Space is limited so register early. For children ages 2 and up. No Cost for this workshop. 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Aug. 18.

Student news, Michael Friesen, a resident of Livermore, and a student at Santa Clara University, spent the fall semester of the 2007-08 academic year studying in Washington, D.C., as part of American University's semester program in international environ-ment and development. Jordan Even of Livermore is a soloist on the Valparaiso University Kantorei choir's new CD, "We See Light." The CD features several hymns from two new Lutheran worship books. Dylan Michael Hurder from Coronado Way, Livermore, is a University of Massachusetts Dartmouth student who has been named to Dartmouth student who has been named to the Dean's List (grade point average 3.2 or higher out of a possible 4.0) for the Fall 2007 semester. Hurder is majoring in management information systems. Texas Lutheran Uni-versity has awarded a Pacesetter Award for College Excellence (PACE) Scholarship to Amytemmen eQL incorrespondent and CE is TLU's Amy Lemmon of Livermore. PACE is TLU's top scholarship award for overall academic excellence awarded to incoming freshmen. Lemmon is a senior at Livermore High School and is the daughter of Paul and Sharon Lemmon. The PACE award was made to accepted students with an articulated high school cumulative grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and an SAT/ACT composite score of at least 1250/28 or higher, or rank in the top 10 percent of the class with a minimum of 1100/24 SAT/ACT composite minimum of 1100/24 SA17AC1 composite score. Mackenzie Orth of Livermore was named to the dean's List for spring semester at Northwest Nazarene University. Wilmington College senior Andrew Hamel of Livermore was named to the Dean's List for the 2008 spring semester. He maintained 4.0 grade point average in sport manage a 4.0 grade point average in sport manage-ment. Okobiah Oghenekarho of Livermore received his bachelor of science degree in engineering during commencement services at South Dakota State University on May 3. David Warren Sprehn of Livermore, son of Nancy Susan Morris, was awarded a BA degree with a major in Latin and Mathematics from the University of the South. Robert Weiss of Pleasanton received the University of Scranton's Frank J. O'Hara Award for Management during the 27th annual awards ceremony. The O'Hara Awards are the highest honor bestowed jointly by the university and its Alumni Board. Weiss is chief executive officer, president and member of the Board of Directors of The Cooper Companies, Inc., based in Pleasanton. It manufactures and markets specialty healthcare products and has annual revenues in excess of \$1 billion. Annual revenues in excess of \$1 binton. Oregon State University graduates from this area include the following: Livermore: Phillip E. Broughton, Master of Health Physics, Radiation Health Physics; Miguel A. Castro amora, Master of Health Physics, Radiation Health Physics; Pleasanton: Patrick J. eenihan, Bachelor of Science, Business Administration; Brian M. Leima, Bachelor of Science, Chemistry. Andrew Hamel of Livermore recently graduated cum laude from Wilmington College with a bachelor of science degree in sport management. Names of students who have made the Scholastic Honor Roll Spring term have been announced by Oregon State University. Students on the Honor Roll included: Livermore; straight-A Average: Claire C. Pierce, Senior, Exercise and Sport Science. David Sprehn of Livermore has been named to the Dean's List at the University of the South for the Easter 2008 term. He is the son of Ms. Nancy Susan Morris and Mr. Gregory Allen Sprehn. The University of Idaho has awarded a combined

\$22 million in scholarship support for the 2008-09 academic year. Among those receiv-ing support is Andrew Patrick Kovisto of Livermore. Several Valparaiso University students were named to the Dean's List during spring semester: Jordan Even, a senior music performance and history major from Livermore; and marketing major Frin Murray of Pleasanton who graduated in May. David Michael Sprehn of Livermore, received the Robert Hooke Prize for achievements in mother of the prize for achievements in mathematics, as well as the Walter Guerry Green Medal for Latin, during Commence-ment ceremonies for the University of the South held on May 11. Sprehn graduated summa cum laude with degrees in mathemat-ics and Latin. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs.

gory Sprenn. RELIGION

Divorce Care, Valley Bible Church, 13 week seminar and support group, Mondays 7 to 9 p.m., starts Sept. 8, 7106 Johnson Dr., Pleasanton. \$25 charge for workbook and other materials. Preregistration is required. Contact Mark Porter, 846-9693 or at mcporter@hotmail.com. Concert, Calvary Chapel of Livermore is

hosting a free concert on August 31, between 6 and 8 p.m. in front of the Bankhead Theatre (Shea Home stage). The public is invited. Featured artist is the 2007 IMCA award winner Dennis Agajanian.

Illusionist Toby Travis will be at CrossWinds Church in Dublin on Saturday, September 6. This event will start with dinner at 5:00. Price is \$15/adults, \$10/kids (16 and under) and includes dinner, the show, and live music by the band 2Endeavor. After August 31, price goes up to \$25/adults, \$15/ kids. For more information, go to www.crosswindschurch.org or call 925-560-2000 3800.

Tri-Valley Unity Church hosts guest Tri-Valley Unity Church hosts guest speaker Dr. Richard Southern for a three-part series on "The Spiritual Practice of Welcom-ing." August 10 focus is "Welcome Home." August 17: "Welcome to the Journey." And August 24 is "Welcome to our World." All are welcome! Service at 10 a.m. at the Radisson, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. www.trivalleyunity.com (925) 829-2733. Community Ribla Study the Women's

Community Bible Study, the Women's Community Bible Study will offer a nondeominational, in-depth study of the Book of Revelation at Centerpointe Presbyterian Church of Pleasanton starting on Sept. 11 at 9:30 - 11:30. A children's program, run concurrently, is available for the little ones. For more information or registration, call Kim @925-209-0242, or attend the Informa-tional Coffee to be held at Centerpointe Presbyterian Church on Aug. 21 from 10am to 11am.



Can you suggest a few ways to help me become a greener global citizen? Jon

A Yes, you can show your respect for the earth and its inhabitants with these ecosteps:

- 1) Practice green rituals daily, such as gardening or watching a sunset or
- sunrise. 2) Remember to compost,
- create less waste, and recycle & reuse instead of buying new.
- 3) Stay current on environmental issues through friends,
- books and mass media. Turn good intentions into green actions by shutting off lights, switching to green cleaning products, and using reusable bags.



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Livermore, CA 94551

Q I sometimes feel overwhelmed by all the "going green" information in the media. What can I do to help myself stay on track? Leonardo

 ${\cal A}$ If too much information threatens to short-circuit your efforts to keep the environment healthy, take this simple pledge:

I will do the best I can for the planet.

Then, relax. Every eco-friendly habit you practice helps the planet-big or small-from recycling plastic water bottles to choosing products made with recycled materials to placing solar panels on your roof. Important fact: WM was the first company in America to promote placing recyclables in a single cart or bin for WM pickup-no customer sorting required. It's easier than ever to recycle!



Til worked in the Nursery business and at Golden Gate fields for many years. He was a devoted husband and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He

He was 90 years old.

ermore. He was born on Februdren and their spouses, Gilbert ary 25, 1918 in San Francisco. and Julie Alves of Livermore and great grandchildren. Joseph and Cindy of Escalon, sister and her spouse, Mary and Louie Deniz of Modesto; grandchildren, Mitchell and Leslie Alves, Kari and Mitchell Candler, Hayward. Jennifer and Joe Rodriguez, Stacy and Jeff Harris, Stephanie Hitch Mortua

and Jesse Rangel and twelve

Funeral services were held August 5 at Cornerstone Fellowship in Livermore. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in

Arrangements by Graham-

He was born in Livermore, on December 6, 1920. Bert graduated from Livermore High School, Class of 1937. He was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church, the Danish Lodge, and past Master of the Masonic Lodge, (the 2nd youngest Master in California). Bert was past Director of the Livermore Stockman's Association.

He was preceded in death by his wife Doris in 2005. He is survived by his children, Diana Gould and son-in-law Al of Clovis, and Andrew Christensen and daughter in-law, Andrea of Livermore. Also surviving are his grandchildren, Jeffrey Perlichek, Darren Perlichek and wife, Kandi, Andrew Perlichek, Lucas Perlichek, Jeanine Lytle and husband Scott and Sheila Christensen; and three greatgrandchildren, Kylie & Dakota Perlichek and Ava Lytle.

Funeral services were held August 4 in Livermore. Burial was at Memory Gardens Cemetery, Livermore

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Attilio "Buck" Enrico Boccoleri

Livermore resident Attilio "Buck" Enrico Boccoleri passed away on August 1, 2008 in Liv-

was also a proud member of "The Friends of Marino Pieretti."

He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Phyllis (Capriotti) and a son, Gary Boccoleri, who was the light of his life, and daughter-in-law Kim Boccoleri, and granddaughters, Gina and Daniela Boccoleri, all of Livermore.

A Chapel Blessing Service was held Åugust 6 in Livermore. Inurnment was at Memory Gardens Cemetery, Livermore.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Julia P. Rodriguez

Pleasanton resident Julia P. Rodriguez died July 30, 2008.

She was born January 1, 1918 in Santa Clara, where she grew up. She moved to San Leandro in 1938 when she married Joseph B. Rodriguez (aka Gabby), who passed away in 1987. In 2005, Julia moved to Pleasanton to be near her family. While living in San Leandro, Julia as very active in the Senior Center, always donating her time to help out with different city activities. She loved to do needlework and was a very talented artist. She and her late husband belonged to RV clubs and toured the United States and Canada with family and friends.

She is survived by her chil-





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Richard Chon performs with The Saddlecats.

The Saddlecats Swing into Pleasanton Library

"The Saddlecats," Cowboy swing musicians, will perform on Sun., Aug. 10 at the Pleasanton Library. The performance is 2 to 3 p.m. The Saddlecats are a Western Swing pocket orchestra dedicated to taking the Western Swing tradition of Bob Wills, Milton Brown and Spade Cooley and bringing it into the new century in a blazing mix of finesse, abandon and exuberant spirits.

The Saddle Cats are founded on the suave, peerless steel guitar artistry of Bobby Black, whose membership in such bands as Asleep at the Wheel and Commander Cody and his Lost Planet Airmen was decisive in bringing the sound of Western Swing to a new generation of listeners. Bobby is joined by fiddler and vocalist Richard Chon, a member of Dan Hicks and the Hot Licks and the Sons of the San Joaquin.

The driving rhythm of guitarist Gordon Clegg and acoustic bassist Bing Nathan round out this sleek, silver-toned cowboy outfit, whose repertoire runs from rustic Texas breakdowns to the sophisticated swing concoctions of Benny Goodman and Count Basie, from the high-driving California swing of Bob Wills' Tiffany Transcriptions and Tex Williams to the Cats' own stylish originals. The program is free and open to all. No registration required. The

program will be held in the Pleasanton Public Library Meeting Room, 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

Sundance Award Winning Film, 'Full Grown Men,' Screens at Vine

Full Grown Men, winner of the 2007 Sundance Channel Audience Award for the indieWIRE "Undiscovered Gems" Film Series, will begin a 7 day run at the Vine Cinema in Livermore on Friday, August 8.

Produced locally and shot in Florida, the movie chronicles the misadventures of a maturity-challenged 35 year old husband and father. The film stars Matt McGrath (Boys Don't Cry), Alan Cumming (Friends, Eyes Wide Shut, Spy Kids) Amy Sedaris (Strangers with Candy) Debbie Harry (Blondie) and Judah Friedlander (30 Rock, American Spendor).

Two of the film's producers reside in the Tri-Valley, where they were able to raise a significant amount of the films budget from local investors and film lovers. Donna Garrison (Producer on feature Planting Melvin, local realtor and president of The Ruby Hill Giving Thanks Charity Committee) and Larry Lipman (Producer of Taking Satan to the Mat and Maverick, The Series and local businessman.) contributed to the creation of Full Grown Men and have enjoyed watching the film take off.

"I started reading about Xandra (Castleton) and David's (Munro) mission to make this movie in their 'Daiyr of a Filmmaker' column in a San Francisco paper," stated Donna Garrison, associate producer. "I was introduced to them by a mutual friend and fell in love with the project! Many of my friends and our investors joined the team in New York City two years ago to see the film's debut at the Tribeca Film Festival. It's fun to see it now at our local Vine Cinema.'

Full Grown Men enjoyed its West Coast theatrical release at the Lumiere Theater in San Francisco 2 weeks ago, where it was the #1

Band Members Attracted To Computer Field

By Ron McNicoll One of the musical acts at the "Taste of Downtown" event this weekend in Livermore will be The Tiger Club, a band of former touring and studio musicians. The band will perform in front of the Bankhead Theater from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Aug. 10. Most of the band members

live on the Peninsula. However, the rhythm guitarist, Cal Ball, has been a Livermore resident for four years. Ball and his wife fell in love with Livermore the first time they saw it. "It reminded us of Napa 20 or 25 years ago," said Ball. They love the open-space feel of the city, and the new downtown activity that resulted from redevelopment.

Like most of the other band members, Ball has combined two things in his life - music and science, notably the computer software industry. "There are many musicians who work in the

computer field. It's mostly the math connection (between music's mathematical variations and ratios and software's). The CEO at one company that Ball worked for was a fair blues guitarist. We had two whole bands, put together from employees at

that company," said Ball. Back in his full-time music days, Ball played with some heavyweight musical acts, such as Buddy Miles, Marty Balin, and Sylvester.

Kyle Bowers, the group's lead guitarist, is an audio engineer who produces some records. He works in technology in the South Bay. Chris Beveridge on bass, works for Cisco Systems in Redwood City. He has performed as a studio musician, and toured with bands. Bob Runnels, trumpet and flugelhorn, is a music educator, who has worked in technology most of his life.

Other members are Scott Smith, Brad Hughes and the bandleader, Baxter Robertson. Hughes, who plays saxophone, lives in San Francisco, where he is director of audio at the San Francisco Academy of Arts. The work involves teaching composition and sound mixing, and folding music into movies. Robertson has played music around the world, including at the 1972 Olympics. He owns a recording studio in Campbell.

Robertson doesn't work with computers, but he does have a music composing job. Ball said that Robertson writes music that is programmed into squeeze toys, which have come a long way since the "goo-goo" days. With the Tiger Club,

Robertson writes his own tunes. His influences include the Beatles, the Beach Boys, Carlos Jobim and Henry Mancini. The

band also plays covers of tunes by The Doors, Georgie Fame, Donovan and the Monkees, among others.

Robertson named the group The Tiger Club as a placeholder name, but it stuck. The comotation has to do with the 1950s nickname when clean-cut, athletic guys were called Tiger, as in "Hey, Tiger," said Robertson. It's also an allusion to the tiger mascots of many high school and callege trame be added college teams, he added.

Robertson was founder of a Bay Area party band, The Cheeseballs. In his full-time music days, he held contracts with RCA records and Atlantic Records for albums. Robertson's oldest daughter, Allison, 29, is a guitarist for the internationally known female hard-rock banď, the Donnas, which started in Palo Alto 15 years ago.

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Wild Vine Gallery is featuring the following local artists: August: An-gela Johal, abstract oil paintings, re-ception Aug. 14, 7 to 9 p.m. Septem-ber: Hayley Ferreira, mural paint-ings, reception Sept. 4, 7 to 9 p.m. October: Linda Ryan, figurative acrylics, reception Oct. 16, 7 to 9 p.m. November: Jennifer Severo, portrait figures recention Nov. 14. portrait, figures, reception Nov. 14, 7 to 9 p.m. December: Lisa and Ron Rigge, photography, reception Dec. 4, 7 to 9 p.m. 2187 First St., down-town Livermore; 243-0700. **The Cherry Orchard** by Anton Chekhov. July 26-Aug. 10, Saturday and Sunday evenings Las Positas

and Sunday evenings. Las Positas College Theater, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. \$10 general admission, \$7 students and seniors. Per-forming Arts Events Line 424-1100. Vineyard Nights Live: Fri., Aug. 8,

Wrecking Crew performs Pre-Beatles Roots Rock along with area native Paul Manousos. Live music on the patio. Restaurant opens 6pm, music 7-10pm. \$15pp minimum. Indoor seating available. For more information contact Garre Winery, 7986 Tesla Road, Livermore. 371-8200. www.garrewinery.com

Bocce Ball & Italian Dinner Night Wednesday, August 13, Italian buf-fet dinner and a traditional Italian game. Served with three glasses of complimentary vineyard selection wine, event takes place on outdoor courts with patio seating. Cellar Mas-ter Wayne Re is Bocce Captain and coordinates instruction and group play. Bring a group or come alone; all skill levels are welcome. \$38.95 person all inclusive. Seatings from 5:30pm. Garre Winery, 7986 Tesla Road, Livermore. _371-8200. www.garrewinery.com. Reservations

Dublin Summer Concert Series, Fri-day 7 p.m. fountain courtyard on the east side of the Dublin Civic Center. Audience-style and picnic-style seat-ing is available on the terraces around the fountain for over 400 guests. Swing Fever concludes the season on August 8 with jazz of the 1930s and 40s. Concert lasts approximately two hours. Bring a picnic dinner to munch on and a blanket to sit on. There is no

August and September Concerts In the Park, Fridays, 7-8:30 p.m., Li-ons Wayside Park, First & Neal Streets, Pleasanton, presented by the Pleasanton Downtown Association, Please, no plastic tarps or rocks to hold down Rock and Pop. August 6 - Finding Steha plays Latin Rock, Latin Soul and Salsa. August 22 - Magic Moments with "oldies" and a new 50's legends review. August 29 - Pladdohg with sounds of Ameri-Celtic and Celtic rock. September 5 - Public Eye with Rock n⁺ Roll Hits from the 60's through today. No admission charge. Cedar Mountain Winery Summer Concerts, Saturdays 7 p.m. ("doors" open at 6 p.m.) August 9: Juice -classic rock (Beatles, Eagles, Rolling Stones, Doors, Credence Clearwater, Van Morrison etc.); August 23 - Big Rain - country rock. Advance tickets \$15 per person, CMW Wine Club member \$10 per person, day of show \$20 per person. Call 925-373-6636 for more information. Bring a picnic dinner. Some picnic tables are available or bring a comfortable chair. Wines are available for sale. No outside alcoholic beverages. No animals - except guide/aide dogs. Tickets not refundable. 7000 Tesla Road, Livermore Godspell, set in the the real world of the disenfranchised, will be staged by Cal State East Bay at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 8-9 and 15-16, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17. Shows will be in the University Theatre, 25800 Carlos Bee Blvd., Hayward. Book by John Michael Tebelak, music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz, directed by Darryl V. Jones Tickets, at \$14 general, \$12 youth (3-18), seniors (55+), alumni (with alumni I.D.); \$8 CSUEB students, may be reserved at



A visitor admires work by one of the Livermore Art Association artists who displayed their creations last weekend during the Art in Carnegie Park event.

http://class.csueastbay.edu/theatre/ Ticket_Reservations.php. For details on any theatre or dance event, go to http://class.csueastbay.edu/theatre/ or call 510-885-3118.

Carle Ridge Vineyard is celebrating the first anniversary of its tasting room on Aug. 9 & 10 from 12:00 -4:30. The first year was highlighted by winning 3 silver medals and a bronze for the very first wine, 2004 Petite Sirah. The 2006 Pinot Grigio, while not entered into any competi-tions, has completely been sold out for several months. In celebration of the first anniversary, the winery is releasing its 2005 Petite Sirah and 2007 Pinot Grigio to the public. The festivities will include specialized food-wine pairings with both of the new wines. Live music provided "Hurricane" from 1 to 4 p.m. each day. 10017 Tesla Rd., Livermore. 447-

4328. Auditions for the upcoming Las Positas College production of Shakespeare in Hollywood will be held on Monday and Tuesday, August 25 and 26 from 7-9:30 PM. The mad cap farce by the author of Lend Me a Tenor and Moon Over Buffalo is about the filming of the 1935 Max Rinehardt version of A Midsummer Night's Dream. There are eight male and four female principal roles, plus small ensemble parts. An audition mono-logue is requested but not required. Rehearsals will be on Monday through Thursday nights and performances are November 14 through 21. For more information, call (925) 424- Concert, Calvary Chapel of Liver-more is hosting a free concert on August 31, between 6 and 8 p.m. in front of the Bankhead Theatre (Shea front of the Bankhead Theatre (Shea Home stage). The public is invited. Featured artist is the 2007 IMCA award winner Dennis Agajanian. **Red Skye Winery** will host a "Syriously Syrah" event on Sat., Aug. 23. There will be wine tasting, cheese pairings, an opportunity to chat with the winemaker and to nurchase Red winemaker, and to purchase Red Skye's 2004 Syrah at syriously rydiculous prices! Learn about the origins of the Syrah grape, how to pair meals with Syrah, and the three biggest mistakes in entertaining with wine. Red Skye Winery is located at Blacksmith Square in downtown Livermore.

low, City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Stage Company, in partnership with the San Francisco Shakespeare Festithe San Francisco Shakespeare Festi-val, will hold auditions for Washing-ton Irving's classic, The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, adapted for the stage by Frederick Gaines. All auditions will take place at the Amador The-ater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, on the Amador Valley High School campus in Pleasanton. Auditions for all ages, 7 years and older will take place 7 years and older, will take place from 6:00-9:00 p.m. on Monday, August 11, and Wednesday, August 13, 2008. Call backs will be held on Thursday, August 14, 6:00-9:00 p.m., by invitation. Adults and children who wish to audition should dress comfortably and be prepared to have fun. They will be asked to read from the script with some improvisation. This is a non-union production and offers no pay. Audition packets are available online at

are available online at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us. Click on

on sale for August 15, 16, 17^{th} at the Bankhead Theater. A free Wonka Bankhead Theater. A free Wonka Bar for each child attending the per-formance-and a prize for the child with the golden ticket. Prices for Seniors \$10.00, Adults \$12.00 and Children \$8.00. SmARTSunlimited produces Theater for Children – By Children. 1PM & 3PM productions performed by children ages 3-10, 6PM & 8PM productions performed by children 11-17. Go to www.livermoreperformingarts.org www.livermoreperformingarts.org or call 925-373-6800.

History talk, Aug. 20, featuring Don Meeker who will speak on "Ground Zero, Livermore Fallout Shelters." 7:30 p.m. Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Presented by the Livermore Heritage Guild. Open to the public. Light refreshments. Film Making Today and Its Impact on

Independent Films, August 21, An

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film and held over for another week.

Film lovers are invited to meet some of the filmmakers at a reception at the Round House Grill in downtown Livermore at 5:30 Friday, August 8. A limited number of tickets are available for \$10 each, at the door. Ticket price includes a no-host bar and appetizers. Proceeds from the pre-party will go to benefit Livermore's own California Independent Film Festival, now in its 11th year.

We're so pleased to be helping to promote Full Grown Men," offers up Wendy Madden, the film festival's executive director. 'We've always supported independent films and filmmakers. I hope everyone comes out to see the movie!" The Round House Grill is located at 2300 First Street in Livermore.

Full Grown Men will screen three times daily, starting August 8th, at 4:45, 7 and 9 PM at Livermore's historical theater, The Vine Cinema, located at 1722 First Street in Livermore. www.VineCinema.com

Wineries Offer Harvest Passport

Thomas Coyne Winery, Rodrigue-Molyneaux, LVC (Livermore Valley Cellars), Eckert Estates and Deer Ridge Vineyards invite members of the public to become acquainted with the diversity of wines they produce and meet the winemakers who make them. Just pick up a free South Livermore Valley Wineries Harvest Passport at any of the participating wineries listed below. Taste the wines and explore the family-owned wineries, and in most cases, meet the winemaker. At each winery visited, have the passport stamped with a unique stamp until all five are collected. The time period for collecting stamps is August 1 through November 2 (excluding Harvest Celebration Weekend).

Once a Harvest Passport is stamped at all five wineries, the passport holder will be eligible to receive a 25% discount for a future purchase of specially selected wines at each winery (limit one case per winery). The South Livermore Valley Wineries Harvest Passport Program expires November 2, 2008.

Participating Wineries: Deer Ridge Vineyards, Winery Estate & Gathering Place, 1828 Wetmore Road, Livermore; (925) 743-9427, open Friday – Sunday 11 am to 5 pm; www.DeerRidgeVineyards.com

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Willy Wonka Junior, tickets are now

event in the Ed Kinney Lecture Se ries. Presented by Joe and Wendy Madden. At 7:00 p.m. at the Museum on Main, 603 Main Street, Pleasan-ton. Cost: \$10 donation, \$5 for museum members. Reservations are recommended. For reservations call 925-462-2766. Information: www.museumonmain.org.



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Twelfth Night Music: Hummable Melodies for a Cool Evening

By Nancy O'Connell

The chorus from the cast of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* sang and danced to the original arrangement of "Hey, Ho, the Rain and the Wind" as the last production for this season drew to a close. The audience didn't have to contend with rain, but with the wind and the cold. Biting temperatures gave a brisk business to the renting of blankets at intermission on August 3rd, but I didn't see anyone leave the exciting performance.

Rob Evans is a talented young musician, actor and composer who arranged and wrote the original music for this production of Twelfth Night. In the program notes it mentions that he has played in the pit orchestras for over twenty performances and also performs in the Rob Evans Quartet, so the theatrical world should be made richer by his talents for a long time to come.

Years ago at Stanford University I performed in Twelfth Night on stage in Elizabethan costume with my 'cello accompanied by a harpsichordist. We were in the court of Duke Orsino of Illyria and played early Elizabethan music. I enjoyed the rehearsals immensely. A talented young woman performed as Viola, Sebastian's twin sister. Only once in all of the rehearsals did her understudy play the part. But on opening night, confusion reigned. The leading lady suffered a nervous breakdown, was hospitalized, and her understudy took over the role. The latter hadn't discovered that she would go on until 5 PM, less than three hours before the curtain would go up. The understudy was terrific and received rave reviews. Such is show business. Expect the unexpected.

This production on Saturday night was set in Edwardian times, rather than the Elizabethan and opened with Chris Macomber, dressed in her male role as Feste, the court jester, striding forward from the back of the audience, singing the words of Shakespeare's Sonnet #57. Accompanied by Emma Jonas on the guitar, with original music composed by Rob Evans, it was the perfect introduction for this play with its closing words, "So true a fool is love that in your will, though you do anything, he thinks no ill." Since the plot involves the beautiful Lady Olivia falling in love with Viola disguised as a male courtier, " foolish in love" is a theme which runs throughout. Chris Macomber sang with great assurance and captured the audience immediately with her stage presence.

"Hold Thy Peace" was set to the familiar music of "Three Blind Mice." The audience was invited to participate in singing

the refrain. Earlier it was performed as a quartet with Elissa Beth Stebbins as Viola singing soprano in a high, clear voice. There were many variations and complex musical parts with the originality of Rob Evans again revealed. He played a haunting melody on the clarinet and displayed another aspect of his formidable talents. Chris Macomber, as Feste, played the violin with a melody reminiscent of an English folk song. (Last year, when I first heard Macomber on the violin in Comedy of Errors, I tried to seek her out afterwards to congratulate her.) She is obviously a classically trained musician and deserves appreciation for her many talents.

Lisa A. Tromovitch, the Producing Artistic Director, also deserves plaudits for the clever way in which she involved the audience as well as for her skill as a director. Having the show open with Feste striding forward from the back of the audience and with James Hiser as the excellently portrayed Malvolio coming down the steps and standing in the midst of the listeners were masterful strokes. Rob Evans also involved the audience in the singing of the round, "Hold Thy Peace," so people felt personally involved throughout.

Hopefully, Rob Evans will compose more original music for future productions. He is a talent to be watched as he grows in stature. Perhaps he'll not have to earn his living as a paralegal for too long a time.

The singing and dancing at the close of the last act involved the entire cast in a clever display of their many talents, and the audience left, humming melodies and warmed by the cast's infectious enthusiasm, despite the chilled night air.

Jesse Scheinin **Quartet Closes Out Library** Jazz Series

The Pleasanton Library wraps up its series of four after-hours concerts featuring young jazz artists with the Jesse Scheinin Quartet on Sat., Aug. 9 playing original music out of Boston.

Born and raised in Santa Cruz, Jess is now at Berklee College of Music in Boston. He played with the Monterey Jazz Festival's 2006 Nest Generation Jazz Orchestra, the SFJAZZ High School All-Star Ensemble, and the Kuumbwa All-Star High School Band. Jesse studied with Dann Zinn and has played with Joshua Redman, Billy Harper, Miguel Zenon, Nicholas Payton, among other jazz greats.

The performance is at 7 p.m. in the meeting room. No reservations, no tickets, no cover charge. Library programs are free and

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ambiance for the home - if it's done correctly and it's done well," Kotch said, adding that sometimes do-it-yourselfers take shortcuts that make a home less appealing. In terms of kitchen upgrades, homebuyers in the moderate price range - \$700,000 to about a million dollars in Livermore want the kitchens to have new appliances and new, preferably stone, countertops. Stainless steel is a popular choice for appliances Buyers in the higher price ranges expect those appliances to be top-of-the-line. They like Viking, Thermador, Sub Zero. If they go into houses and see GE Profile, they're not very happy," Kotch said. Most buyers across the price spectrum are also looking for land to call their own. That desire for a big yard often brings buyers to Livermore, after they have looked at homes in neighboring communities. "They get more house and more land for their money in Livermore than in Danville, Alamo or Pleasanton," Kotch noted. "On the other side of that, most want a custom house. There are not very many of those in Livermore. Most of the upscale houses here are in tracts.' In addition to nice kitchens and bathrooms, hardwood floors and big backyards, buyers respond to the imponderables touches that can give a home an overall feeling of value that buyers might not even know they appreciate. For that reason, both Davis and Kotch, as well as increasing numbers of other Tri-Valley agents, advise their selling clients to have their homes staged. Professional stagers can re-arrange furnishings, often removing some items and bringing in decorator pieces, to show off a property's best features. "It makes your house show better." Kotch said. "With so much inventory for buyers to choose from, I want a house to look like it's going to its prom!"

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Once buyers find their perfect home and negotiate a good price, they are likely to get professional inspections and to pay close attention to what the inspection reports reveal.

"Most buyers are looking to make sure the roofs are good, that the air-conditioning is in working condition," Kotch said. "When something gets called, they have no problem giving a laundry list (of requested repairs) to a seller.

The condition of the property is a big part of what determines the price buyers are willing to pay for it. For that reason, many agents now advise their sellers to get their own "pre-escrow' inspections, and take care of the repairs before buyers start asking for discounts or credits based on work that needs to be done.

Buyers have a lot more to choose from now than a year ago, and so can afford to be picky.

One client Kotch is currently working with is looking to purchase a three-bedroom home of about 1,500-1,600 sq.ft. As with other buyers, he knows he can be fairly demanding about the features he wants in a new home.

'He wants it a little bit more finished and updated. Newer carpets or hardwood floors. A bigger back yard. A more modern, up-to-date kitchen. If the kitchen isn't updated, he doesn't want it," Kotch said.

Stainless steel appliances. He would like granite. He says he'll take the white tile with the white grout, but if I show him a kitchen that has that, he rejects the house.

That client is a serious buyer and, with Kotch's help, he will likely find the right property to purchase. But some homebuyers are so focused on getting the lowest price possible that they risk missing out on the opportunity to acquire the home of their dreams

"They are not real buyers," Davis observed. "They are real shoppers.'

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SHORT NOTES

Winery Open House

Thomas Coyne Winery will host the annual summer open house on August 16 and 17 from noon to 5 p.m. at historical tasting room at 51 E. Vallecitos Road Livermore.

Five new wines will be released. A selection of fine fruits and cheeses will be served. The new releases are a 2007 La

Petite Quest, California; 2005 Quest Reserve, San Francisco Bay; 2007 Pinot Blanc, Livermore Valley, Detgens Farm; 2005 Petite Sirah, California; and 2007 Chardonnay Port "Sweet Emilie," Livermore Valley.

Wine Release Event

Tesla Vintners will host a wine release part on Sat. Aug. 16th from 6-

9pm for several new wines. The Singing Winemaker will re-lease the '06 Chardonnay. This is a Livermore Chardonnay with light oak and a creamy butterscotch flavors. If you like Oaky and Buttery, this is your Chard. Get it quick. There is a limited

Supply. Miramont will be releasing the Eclipse Blend. This is a blend of Cab, Syrah, and Old Vine Zin.

Marr Cellars will be running a special on the Cabernet from Lake County and Syrah from the Tehama Foothills. Loren Olk will be here playing light rock and his version of many of our favorite songs. The Singing Winemaker

will also be singing. Mexican Food will be available for purchase from El Castillito.

Tesla Vintners is at 5143 Tesla Rd., Livermore. For more information, call 606-9463.

August Star Party

"August Star Party," is the theme of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff on Sat., Aug.

Meet Ranger Glen Florey at 8:30 p.m. at the Wetmore Road entrance to Sycamore Grove Park

The program is presented in coop-eration with the Tri-Valley Stargazers. There will be a short walk into the park where visitors will learn about the night sky and observe some of its wonders through telescopes. The walk into the park will be on a paved path. All ages welcome.

There is a \$3 per vehicle parking fee. A \$2 donation is requested to help support the programs. Participants may call 925-960-2400 for more information.

Winemaker's Dinner

Charles R Vineyards will host a full moon winemaker's dinner in the country on August 16 at 7 p.m.

The wine and food pairing features a gourmet winemaker's dinner under the full moon on the back patio.

The evening will begin with jumbo herb marinated grilled shrimp prepared over a mesquite grill, followed by a baby greens, sliced pears, sugared walnuts, and gorgonzola cheese salad. Then, there is a choice of two entrées: Italian Chicken or Firecracker Tilapia Chocolate decadence mousse pie with a crème glacee and berry couli concludes the menu. Each course will be accompanied by a glass of Charles R wine

Cost is \$89 per person. Reserva-tions please: Charles R Vineyards @ 454-3040 Or email Bonnie@charlesrvineyards.com. Res-ervations may also be made at the Livermore, Friday-Sunday, Noon to 4:30.

Travel Opportunities

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District will offer two get-away trips through its Senior Services department. These two upcoming trips

gional Park District for a volunteer build a trail event at Brushy Peak Preserve on Sat. and Sun., Sept. 13 and 14. Volunteers will build a loop trail

system. The project officially starts on Saturday at 7:30 a.m. The group is looking for over 200 volunteers ages 14 and over. Participants receive a commemorative gift. No prior experi-ence is necessary. Training is provided, as is food.

To sign up go to www.v-o-cal.org or call 650-298-9774 for more information.

Camp Openings

Spaces still remain in Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Summer Youth Sports Camp. The camp runs through Aug. 22.

The camp is open to ages 5 to 11. It is held at the Robert Livermore Com-munity Center, using the center's outdoor fields, gymnasium and aquatic center. Participants are broken down into two groups, ages 5 to 7 and ages 8 to 11, to learn traditional sports as well as nontraditional games. The goal is to improve children's coordination and cardio fitness.

The cost to attend is \$132 per week for half-day camp (8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.) and \$199 per week for full-day camp (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.). With four purchased weeks of camp, LARPD is offering students a fifth week of the same kind of camp for free. Extended care will be available from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. and from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for an additional \$27 per week.

All campers will receive a camp shirt and progress report for participat-ing. Campers are asked to bring water, a snack, lunch, bathing suit, sunscreen, a towel and non-scuff athletic shoes. For more information, call 925-

373-5733 or visit www.larpd.dst.ca.us. RECREATIONAL SWIMMING

The Summer Classes & Programs Brochure states that the swimming pools are scheduled to close for recreational swim on Aug. 22. However, a decision has been made to extend the program an additional week. The pool at the Robert Livermore Community Center (4444 East Ave.) will remain open from Aug. 25 to 29 from 1 to 5 p.m. each day. The pool will remain open on Saturdays and Sundays as scheduled, through Sept. 31. Drop-in public swim ranges in price from \$2 to \$4 per person. For more information on the Robert Livermore Community Center Pool, the public can contact 925-373-5751.

Top 500 Firm

Willow Ridge Capital Advisors in Pleasanton has been named one of the top 500 wealth advisory firms in the country by Wealth Manager Magazine for the the second year in a row. "With over 11,000 investment ad-

visors registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, we feel this award reflects the value of the services we provide our clients" said co-founder Gary Alt. "As the only firm in the Pleasanton/Dublin/Livermore area to receive this award we have the unique ability to help our clients in the East Bay protect and grow their wealth." Willow Ridge Capital Advisors is a

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Student attendees must compete for seat at the conference through an application procedure that includes consideration of academic achievement, breadth of involvement in school and community activities, demonstrated interest in government, politics, and public policy development, extent to which this educational experience contributes to the student's future plans, and recommendations from school faculty and administrators. Student Senators were selected by a committee comprised of representatives from the conference presentation staff at EIP, representatives from various financial sponsors of the event, and representa-tives from legislator offices at the Capitol.

Green Building

Pleasanton-based homebuilder Signature Properties (SigProp.com) an-nounced the launch of the company's green building initiative at all its Northern California communities. Private Reserve, Signature's home community in the South Livermore wine country, is currently undergoing Build It Green's GreenPoint Rated process and will be Signature's first GreenPoint Rated community.

"Providing green features in every home is an organic progression for us," said Mike Ghielmetti, President of Signature Properties. "By conserving natu-ral resources and maximizing a home's energy efficiency, water conservation and indoor air quality, homebuyers can diminish their carbon footprint with a new Signature home.

Green features include new insula-tion, efficient indoor and outdoor lighting, low-emittance windows, and a high-efficiency furnace, appliances and air conditioner.

Signature Properties' green friendly homes exceed California's Title 24 energy code by being at least 15 percent more efficient.

Signature Properties is also an ac-tive member of Build It Green (BuildItGreen.org), California's pro-fessional nonprofit organization whose sole mission is to promote healthy, energy and resource-efficient buildings. Build It Green connects consumers and building professionals with the tools and technical expertise they need to build quality green buildings. Many of Signature's management team are trained Certified Green Building Professionals through Build It Green's certification program.

Mount Diablo Events

The Mount Diablo Challenge on Sun., Oct. 5 is a 10.8 mile timed bike ride, starting at Athenian School in Danville and climbing up Southgate Pard 2.340 fact to the number of Mount Road 3.249 feet to the summit of Mount Diablo. 1,000 cycling enthusiasts compete and prizes are awarded for several categories in a ceremony at the summit with food and beverages for all. All proceeds benefit Save Mount Diablo's land conservation efforts. Registration cost is \$50.00. To register please visit www.savemountdiablo.org or www.active.com. No day of event registration.

The Mount Diablo Trail Adven-ture on Sun., Nov. 2 offers a Half-Marathon, 10K Run, and Family Hike beginning at Castle Rock Park in Wal-nut Creek, climbing the fire roads up the slopes of Mount Diablo and finishing at Castle Rock. The event includes pre and post race entertainment by a live band and lunch for all participants. Registration for all events is \$35. October 22 the fee increases to \$40.00 for all events. Day of registrations open at 7:00 am all events start at 9:00 am. www.savemountdiablo.org

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The public is invited to spend a leisurely day on the lawn at Ravenswood Historic Site for its annual Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social. Operated by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, Ravenswood plays host to the traditional summer celebration that dates back to the turn of the century and allows visitors to step back in time. This year's social, co-sponsored by LARPD and the Ravenswood Progress League, will be held from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 10.

Admission to the family-friendly event is free. It is open to the public. Visitors can purchase ice cream, hot dogs and other snacks while enjoying games, music, historic demonstrations and more. All funds raised from the Ice Cream Social will go toward restoration of the historic site, which features two Victorian houses set on landscaped grounds with a vineyard, large shade trees and a gazebo. Ravenswood is on the National Register of Historic Places, a State of California Historical Point of Interest and a City of Livermore Historic Preservation Landmark Site.

At the Ice Cream Social, the Pleasanton Community Concert Band will play a special 1890s program all afternoon, plus the Valley Banjos will play fun old-fashioned toe-tappers in the Main House Drawing Room. Children can enjoy the baby petting zoo and pony rides offered by Tickle Me Pony Parties. The Livermore Heritage Guild's "Historymobile" will be open for tours. Families can learn about antique dolls from the Love-A-Doll doll club, which will feature demonstrations and displays. In addition, the Tri-Valley Woodcarvers will be demonstrating their art and will have items for sale.

Ravenswood Historic Site is located at 2547 Arroyo Road in Livermore, and is also open for free public tours from noon to 4 p.m. the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Costumed docents lead hour-long tours of the site, which also includes the Ravenswood Progress League Gift Shop located in the Tank House. For more information, call 925-443-0238.

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of Directors. Boyce has had a long career in banking, which began after his graduation from San Jose State University at United California Bank, later First Interstate Bank. Nine years later, he orga-

nized a board of directors, obtained a state banking license, and founded Pacific Valley Bank in 1975. The bank eventually became Pacific Western Bank and grew to a \$1.4 billion bank serving Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and Monterey Counties. Boyce served as chairman of the board and CEO of the bank and its

holding company, Pacific Western Bancshares. He has also served as Chairman of the Board of Pacific Trust Company and Western Capital Man-agement, subsidiaries of Pacific Western Bancshares. In 1994, when Pacific Western Bank was acquired by Comerica Bank, he remained to serve on the Board of Directors of Comerica. He has also served as chairman of the Board of Heritage Bank.

Currently, Boyce serves as chairman of the Valley Foundation, the Silicon Valley Children's Fund, the Hakone Foundation and the Saratoga Cemetery District. He is also a senior advisor to the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, a director of the San Jose State University Tower Founda-tion, and a member of the Santa Clara

Valley Community Bank an-nounces that Phillip R. Boyce has as-sumed the role of chairman of its Board

Wiggle Waggle Dog Wash Valley Humane Society will host two Wiggle Waggle Dog Washes this summer

Drop by and let VHS volunteers run your dog through the wash and rinse cycle. There are three wiggle waggle: August 9, and September 6, from Noon to 4PM at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. All dogs on leashes, please. Call 925.426,8656 for more info or

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following events: • Sun, Aug. 10, Mystery writers panel with Camille Minochino (writing as Margaret Grace); Steve Hockensmith

(Holmes on the Range Mysteries), and

Hailey Lind (the Art Lover's Myster-ies.) This is a celebration of the publi-

cation of the second installment of

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• Wed., Aug. 13, Read It and Eat Lunch with Annie Barrows. Guernsey

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lunch; \$30.00 book and lunch. • Wed., Aug. 20, 6:00 Meg Waite Clayton author of the Wednesday Sis-

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vations requested. Food and beverages

provided.
Fri., Aug. 22, 2-4 Book signings for the mixed media artists participat-

ing in the ZneConventionZione in Pleasanton. Learn more about the con-

ference and the artists in attendance.

Towne Center Books is at 555 Main Street, downtown Pleasanton.

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visit the VHS web site-www.valleyhumane.org. Dog washes are free, with all donations greatly appreciated.

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include a venture to the Southwest and to the Great Smoky Mountains.

Coming up first is the National Parks of the Southwest, trip from Sept. 14 to 22. LARPD staff has organized a tour that will take a chartered bus from Livermore to the Southwest. Travelers will visit Zion, Bryce Canyon and the Grand Canyon National Parks, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area; and the Pipe Spring National Monument. In addition to seeing thr nation's natural beauty, the trip includes a one-night visit to Las Vegas. Resident rates for double occupancy run \$1,880 and for single occupancy are \$2,530. The trip includes accommodations, 13 meals, receptions and excursions. A highlight this fall will be LARPD's

Tennessee and Great Smoky Mountennessee and Great Smoky Moun-tains Holiday Tour from Nov. 9 to 15. Scheduled activities include a guided tour of Great Smoky Mountains Na-tional Park, a visit to Dollywood, a city tour of Nashville including Music Row, the Country Music Hall of Fame and much mericitat will be present in much more. Two nights will be spent in the Opryland Hotel in Nashville. Pricing for residents is \$2,100 for double occupancy or \$2,550 for single occupancy. Rates include airfare and airport transfers, accommodations, nine meals, admission to events and baggage han-

dling. Both trips are recommended for those 55 and older, though other ages may attend based on availability. An additional nominal fee is charged to non-Livermore residents. For more information on these trips, please call LARPD Senior Services at 925-373-5760. Sign-ups for both trips must be made by Wed., Aug. 13.

Build a Trail

Volunteers for Outdoor California is teaming up with the East Bay Re-



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Student Senator

Livermore High School senior, Mark Larik of Livermore, has been selected as the "student senator" to represent California's ninth Senatorial District at the August, 2008, session of the Sacramento Leadership Experience (SLE). Conducted at the state Capital, the SLE is a four-day activity where selected high school students from throughout the state get to "live the life" of a California State Senator as they engage in a living laboratory about government, public policy formulation and civics

Participants at this conclave learn about California government opera-tions, the legislative process, public policy development, and study major issues facing our state's citizenry. As the week progresses the student sena-tors will take up pieces of mock legis-lation aimed at solving some of California's significant problems. The climax of the week's activities

is the convening of a general floor session of the student senate, in the State Senate Chambers of the State Capitol Building, where student senators will debate, argue their points of view, lobby fellow senators, and ultimately vote on the mock legislation that was moved to the general session by com-

a breakthrough in preventing heart disease, obesity and chronic illness with integrative medicine. Instead of taking a one-size-fits-all approach, it supports each individual's unique ge-netic recipe with the correct matching

nutrition. Pamela McDonald, the author, will lead a free seminar on Mon., Aug. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Pleasanton Library.

County Housing Trust. Boyce is a past director of numer-ous boards including the California

Community Reinvestment Corporation, the Community Foundation of Santa Clara County, the Technology Center of Silicon Valley, the UC Santa Cruz Foundation and the Montalvo Center for the Arts.



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Golf Tournament Raises Funds to Benefit **Developmentally Disabled Adults**

By Andrea M. Waitrovich

HOUSE Inc. and Tri-Valley Special Needs will be hosting the second annual golf tournament fund-raiser at Šunol Valley Golf Club on Monday, Aug. 18th. All golfers and non-golfers are welcome.

HOUSE Inc. and Tri-Valley Special Needs are in the process of merging together. The golf tournament will be the first event as one organization. Last year the tournament raised \$59,000. The hope is to exceed last year's amount.

All proceeds will help create low-income special needs housing and fund social, nutrition, education, and fitness programs for developmentally disabled adults in the Tri-Valley. The promoters of the fund-raiser point out that every dollar raised stays in the Tri-Valley and goes directly to serve the special needs population.

Both all-volunteer non-profits were started by parents of developmentally disabled persons. In their combined thirteen-year history they have never had paid staff. Keeping expenses low allows them to provide the supportive programs.

Both nonprofit organizations provide support so their tenants can live independently. There is a wide range of ability among the tenants of the six homes. Support staff helps the residents to budget, buy groceries, and prepare meals.

The programs offered by Tri-Valley Special Needs and the independence HOUSE Inc. offers, allow parents of developmentally disabled adults to have confidence their children can live on their own when they will no

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(continued from page one) of your choice, your name, mailing address, phone number and email address. The winning Hippo name will be announced at the Grand Rededication event on October 11.

The new play yard design also includes a concrete play/art terrace, trellis canopy, music wall, hand pump and water trough for water play, resilient play surfaces, sand box, slide, mud play area, garden area, a new tricycle path and tunnel, outdoor circle area, swings and climbing structure, a story telling circle, and more. The project also includes a separate play area for the Gingersnaps pro-

longer be there to care for them.

"It is easier. I am more independent [compared] to the group home. [I am] responsible for getting meals and traveling," said Victor Almeida, a House Inc. tenant

Almeida has been a HOUSE Inc. resident for less than a year. He has a full time job during the week and in his free time he enjoys listening to music. Almeida also enjoys playing basketball, softball, and track and field. He recently competed in the Special Olympics.

Residents like Almeida either work each day or attend school during the week.

"They really get to decide what they want to do each day," said Polly Morelli, HOUSE Inc. treasurer.

HOUSE Inc. has received housing funds from the cities of Pleasanton and Livermore. However, the organization relies on fund-raisers to keep programs going and expand housing opportunities. Fifty percent of the

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proceeds from the golf tournament will go toward acquiring future low-income housing.

Currently, HOUSE Inc. has three independent homes in Pleasanton, two independent and one group home in Livermore serving 19 residents.

"There is a population of over 1,000 special needs adults in the Tri-Valley. Before HOUSE Inc. our kids had to leave the Valley to find independent housing" said Morelli.

Morelli believes HOUSE Inc. helps build confidence in their tenants who are living on their own for the first time. Some even move on to a further level of independence. For example, her son, Scott who was a past tenant, is currently living in a supportive environment in Berkeley and is taking classes at the University.

For information on the tournament or volunteering, please call 963-6591 or visit www.tvsnf.org/golf2008.html.

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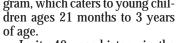
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