



Hot rods, such as these, will be on display this weekend at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. For the story, see page 11.

New Pigeon Pass Roadway Ahead Of Schedule

Earth-movers continue to work at creating the new Highway 84 through Pigeon Pass, with a completion date set for spring 2010. The date is 16 months earlier than first estimated.

The project is being paid for by a state fund at a cost of \$24 million for the 2 miles of roadway. It will have two traffic lanes and a truck pull-out lane in each direction. The old roadway will be left in place, with the intention of creating some form of recreation along it, said Art Dao, deputy director of the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA).

ACTIA had no hand in funding the project. However, the agency was a strong supporter of giving priority to the Pigeon Pass project in order to promote safety, said Dao.

Pigeon Pass is near Vallecitos, between Livermore and Sunol. (See HIGHWAY 84, page 4)



Work is underway on a bridge over the Arroyo Del Valle in Pleasanton. The project includes the construction of a second bridge on Bernal Avenue near Vineyard Avenue. It will allow for two lanes in each direction and the widening of Bernal Avenue to the bridge. Funds will also go toward installing a sewer line and the creation of wetland and riparian habitat in the arroyo to mitigate construction impacts.

Alcohol Prohibited At Special Events Involving Youth

Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARP) facility rental events that primarily involve youth will be prohibited from serving alcohol at future events.

Last week the LARP Board of Directors voted to approve this policy change. It specifically prohibits alcohol at events where the guest of honor is under the age of 21.

Events include, but are not limited to, birthday parties, baptismal celebrations, graduations, coming-of-age celebrations and the like. Events of this kind that are already booked will be grandfathered in to allow for initial requests to serve alcohol.

Sheryl Hardin told directors that there have been increasing problems at "coming of age parties" over the last year. One recent event resulted in five fist fights with the police having to take action. "It is becoming more difficult to monitor under-age drinking," she stated.

Hardin said that she anticipates the district will lose a population of renters. However, she believes that it will be possible to backfill those dates with

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Goal to Establish More Green-Jobs Education

A task force created by the Tri-Valley Business Council is gearing up to form a partnership among educators, business people and government officials to expand the options for people who want to enter the growing field of sustainable business.

The task force's goal is to prepare a report by next school year on how Tri-Valley school districts, Las Positas College and Cal State East Bay could start to create and implement new programs designed to focus students in the direction of green jobs. The whole effort will require close communication between educators, business, and government, and fund-

ing from private and governmental grants.

Jim Caldwell, executive director of Workforce Incubator, was chair of a one-day conference last week at Las Positas College that provided the kickoff for the effort. About 30 people have signed up to accomplish the committee work.

Caldwell told the Independent after the conference that the group's task is a big one. "There are a dozen different functions we need to look at. We'll have to see what skill sets are required, what jobs to target, and we need to inventory current education programs."

The payoff will be big. It can help put the Tri-Valley on the cutting edge of sending its workers into the newly emerging high-tech jobs aimed at cutting carbon emissions, and switching to alternative sources of power. Such jobs as research scientists, engineers and solar panel installers will be part of the new green economy.

As Caldwell described it, there will be a career pathway to the green jobs. The path will start in the high schools, run through the community college districts, and through Cal State Eastbay.

TVBC president Toby Brink echoed Caldwell's statement. He

told the Independent, "We need to make sure we have a pipeline of educated workers who understands industry's needs, so they can jump into careers. We don't know what it (future green job market) will look like yet, but we know we can build a basic skills set for those careers."

Brink added, "It's all about staying ahead of the career curve, and being competitive with other regions and other parts of the world."

McNERNEY DELIVERS KEYNOTE TALK

Rep. Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton) presented the keynote address that underscored the

need for partnerships to improve education.

Citing high rates of failure in some school districts, McNerney said we need to get these kids engaged and a part of this economic system. I know LLNL, Sandia and Oracle want to help. It's up to community leaders to make this happen. That's my focus in the next 10 years or more."

Talking about the high educational levels and world sophistication that other nations are achieving, McNerney said that China is graduating more engineers than the United States. When he visited Amsterdam,

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Rory Janes takes Nikki (left) and Sarah for a walk.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Romanian Street Dogs Have a Champion in Nancy Janes

By Patricia Koning

In 2001, Livermore resident Nancy Janes traveled to Romania with a hiking group and was transformed by what she saw there. "I had read in a travel book that you can't swing a cat in Romania without hitting a dozen dogs. However, I was still shocked by the number and condition of the Romanian street dogs," she says. "I

came home and told my husband Rory that we needed to move to Romania so I could start an animal shelter."

On the trip, Nancy and her companions found themselves distributing food and Frontline to the street dogs. In Bucharest, she was putting out food for a group of dogs in a park when a young woman approached her

and asked what she was doing to her dogs.

"I told her I was feeding them. I realized later that she probably thought I was poisoning the dogs," explains Nancy. "I told her I wanted to help the dogs. She hung her head and told me that everyone says they are going to help, but they forget all about the

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Both Ballot Arguments Claim to Be Best Way To Protect Ridgeland

Arguments in support of the two Pleasanton measures on the November ballot both claim to be the only way to protect area ridgelines.

Measure QQ was placed on the ballot by three councilmembers. Measure PP is an initiative that qualified for the ballot with over 5000 signatures.

The council measure (QQ) will ask residents to confirm a statement in the general plan calling for establishment of an ordinance to protect the southeast hillsides.

Some type of community collaborative effort would be used to develop the ordinance. The ordinance that would result would be subject to environmental review. It would identify such things as elevations and major ridgelines. The ballot measure is not subject to environmental review.

The citizens initiative (PP)

would prohibit the building of structures and grading on slopes of 25 percent or greater or within 100 feet of a ridgeline. There is an exception made for developments of 10 or fewer units. The initiative also includes a definition of a housing unit that is to be counted under the city's 29,000 cap. A housing unit is defined as having a bathroom, and a kitchen with a sink, cooking device and a refrigerator.

"Yes on PP" declares that the initiative offers the only way to "Protect Pleasanton." "It immediately protects our scenic ridgelines, vital wildlife habitats and oak forests. It closes loopholes in our existing voter approved housing cap."

The "yes" arguments use the opportunity to argue against Measure QQ, declaring it a plan to create a plan that may never

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Council Refuses to Extend Ballot Argument Rebuttal Deadline

A request by two Pleasanton city councilmembers to extend the deadline to submit rebuttals to arguments for ballot measures was rejected by two other councilmembers.

With Mayor Jennifer Hosterman absent, all four of the councilmembers would have had to agree to add the matter to the

agenda. The motion failed 2 to 2, with Cindy McGovern and Matt Sullivan in favor, and Cheryl Cook-Kallio and Jerry Thorne opposed.

The split represents their stands on the two ballot measures. McGovern and Sullivan support Measure PP, the citizens' (See EXTEND, page 4)

Livermore, Pleasanton Schools Show Score Boosts

Pleasanton students scored well above state averages in all tests given as part of the California Standards Test (CSR). Livermore schools have shown improvement in English Language Arts and math on the test, whose results were released by the state department of education last week.

The CST is the primary component in determining scores on the Academic Performance Index (API), whose results are published in the spring. Three other tests are also included in the API. However, those tests are taken by special education and Spanish-speaking students. Both groups comprise a relatively small minority in the two districts' population.

The big value of the standardized testing to school districts is their use as diagnostic tools to see how well they are performing. District teachers and administrators modify teaching focus to try to improve student performance.

Livermore superintendent Brenda Miller said, "I am very pleased with the numbers. The district made gains in English Language Arts and math."

From the diagnostic point of view, the district will put more emphasis on math, said Miller. "The scores are not as good as we would like them to be," she added.

Miller cited good math performance in the elementary schools,

but lower achievement in the middle and high schools.

One reason for the lower scores in the higher grades is that math becomes more difficult as the student progresses up through the grades, said Miller. Nevertheless, the district does "need better articulation (of teaching) throughout K-12 in math," said Miller.

More attention is being focused on Algebra I these days, because the Legislature passed a law this year that will require testing all eighth graders in the subject. The goal has been around for a few years for districts. Livermore and Pleasanton have been swinging over to teaching Algebra I in eighth grade. Livermore listed 584 eighth graders who are taking the Algebra I test. Some 9 percent of them tested out as advanced, 19 percent proficient, and 29 percent basic. Some 35 percent were below basic and 8 percent far below basic.

A higher number of Livermore students, 795, took the test in 9th grade. Three percent scored in the advanced category, 13 percent as proficient, and 32 percent as basic. Some 38 percent were below basic and 15 percent far below basic. The results are worse in the 9th grade because these were students who

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Pictured at Critter Camp is 9 year old Kaelyn Shirley of Pleasanton visiting "Tinkerbell" the Donkey at Circle J Horse Ranch in Livermore. The program is presented by the Valley Humane Society (VHS). Every week in August, ten campers are assigned to a VHS animal to take of, feed and clean up after. The campers also take field trips to other local animal groups such as the East Bay SPCA, Bishop Ranch Vet Clinic, and the Lindsay Wildlife Museum. The kids learn just what it takes to be a responsible pet owner. At the end of each weekly session, each child "adopts" a plush animal to take home.

Livermore Happy with Tax Decision

The City of Livermore appealed to the California Board of Equalization, which oversees sales tax distribution, the shift of sales tax revenue from Livermore to Fillmore. Livermore is happy with the outcome.

The board withheld the first-quarter sales tax from Fillmore, pending a resolution.

The board issued a decision this past week. Livermore City Manager Linda Barton said because of taxpayer confidentiality laws, she can't reveal the decision. However, Barton added, "We are very pleased with the decision."

The ruling is subject to appeal. A 30-day clock is running now.

The issue involves Owens & Minor, which is based in Virginia. The firm has a warehouse in Livermore, and another major one in City of Industry, and a smaller one in San Diego. All three cities obtained sales tax revenue from the hospital supply firm, because they were each designated by the company as contributing a part to sales of the product.

Fillmore is a small town in Ventura County.

Last year, Livermore learned that the sales tax payments distributed by the state suddenly showed a quarterly shortfall of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Emmy is just a young girl (about a year old) looking for a quiet home to rest her head. She was found wandering the streets pregnant, and gave birth to a litter of kittens before she was 9 months old! She is very particular about the people she likes; but once she latches on to you, she doesn't let go. To meet Emmy, come to Valley Humane Society's Kitty City, 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Visit the web site www.valleyhumane.org or call 925-426-8656 for more details.



Taking part in last year's event were (from left to right) Narsa David, Elaine Taylor, Barry Taylor, and Venus David.

Gala to Raise Funds for Camp

The Taylor Family Foundation (TTF) is gearing up for the 18th Annual Day in the Park auction fundraiser on Sunday, August 24 at Camp Arroyo in Livermore. Proceeds from the auction help fund Camp Arroyo's summer and weekend camp adventures for children living with life-threatening and chronic illnesses, developmental disabilities and youth at-risk.

Day in the Park auction raises funds to facilitate Camp Arroyo, a safe haven for children with HIV/AIDS, skin and heart disease, colitis, diabetes, brain tumors, bi-polar, autism and other chronic and critical illnesses. At Camp Arroyo, kids meet other children with similar conditions, learn to live with their disease and make lasting friendships. It's an opportunity for them to just be kids without worrying about medicine, doctors, surgeries and their health.

This year's auction fundraiser includes gourmet food and wine from some of the Bay Area's top restaurants and Northern Californian wineries. Mingle with local celebrities and bid on more than 300 silent and live auction packages. Priceless and rare live auction items include a cooking school in Italy, celebrity dinners and sports packages, private air accommodations to the Grammys, NASCAR tickets, an exclusive Monday Night Football experience with Steve Young, a week's stay at Las Ventanas in Cabo San Lucas and a private yachting excursion. Individual tickets are \$175, tables of 10 are \$2,000. Sponsorships range from \$3,000 to \$50,000.

For tickets/tables and event sponsorship opportunities for Day in the Park, please visit our website at www.ttf.org or call us at 925-455-5118. We look forward to having you join the family!

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LARPD Recognizes Three Long Time Volunteers

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District recently honored three people who have been donating their time for 20 years to the district. They were honored at the Volunteer Appreciation event held on Aug. 7.

Livermore residents Jesse Meadows, Joan Dickinson and Olga Shearer are all volunteers in the Senior Services department of LARPD. They have been helping the staff and the public since 1988 as Senior Services volunteers, they have also been ambassadors for the department by spreading the word about LARPD's services.

Jesse Meadows began volunteering with the Senior Services department on January 19, 1988. He is a retiree from Lawrence

Livermore National Laboratory, also with a background as a certified financial planner. Meadows has worked one-on-one with nearly 1,000 senior citizens to help them navigate through financial planning, taxes, Medicare, health insurance, prescription coverage and more. The counseling he provides has made a difference for many seniors in the community. He is also credited with bringing the department into the computer age by assisting with data entry and training staff members on computer applications. Meadows has logged 2,556 volunteer hours during his time as a volunteer.

Joan Dickinson has been volunteering for LARPD since January 26, 1988. Dickinson, who

also used to work at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, as well as Las Positas College, has helped with numerous computer projects for the department. She has performed data entry along with designing fliers for various programs. Dickinson puts together the Senior Services "Prime Time" newsletter, which comes out five times a year. Dickinson has put in 2,279 hours as a volunteer.

Olga Shearer got her start as a volunteer with LARPD on February 1, 1988. She has spent many hours keeping the department's Rolodex up-to-date on its comprehensive information and referrals. Even with upgrades in technology, Senior Services staff still keeps the Rolodex

handy because of the information it contains. In March 2006, Shearer joined the volunteers in the center's lending library, where she sorts, color codes and organizes the paperback books donated to Senior Services. Shearer has contributed 2,431 volunteer hours.

"These volunteers are invaluable to the Senior Services Center office operations," said Maureen Gandara-Swinbank, Senior Services Supervisor. "We could not have met the needs of the seniors and their families without the help of these volunteers. We also would not have had the ability to retrieve information for grants without their dedication."

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Tree Removal Dates

Arborists with the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, the City of Livermore and Pleasanton-based HORT Science Inc. have agreed that some trees at Carnegie Park should be removed. The trees are in decline, showing significant signs of distress.

These eight trees are located along the Third Street side of the park.

Removal of five of the silver maple trees at Carnegie Park in Livermore is scheduled for the weekend of Sept. 5 and 6. The remaining three will be removed the weekend of Sept. 12 and 13.

Notices have been posted on the trees prior to removal. LARPD is planning a farewell recognition of the trees at the Livermore Farmers' Market, which is held at Carnegie Park. The date will be announced. The District plans to replace the trees in the future after negotiations are completed on a Master Property Agreement with the City. Following this agreement, LARPD can then work to approve a Master Plan for Carnegie Park.

"The removal option is not one that we favor, but due to the safety issues for the public and especially those at the Farmers' Market, the removal is necessary," said Jim Brandenburg, LARPD Senior Park Supervisor.

ValleyCare Board

ValleyCare Health System Board of Directors named one new Board member and reappointed two others at its recent Annual Meeting.

Marty Inderbitzen, a long-time Tri-Valley resident who previously served on the ValleyCare Board from 1985-1996, including two terms as chairman, was formally seated at the ValleyCare Annual Meeting the end of July.

Inderbitzen presently co-manages the entitlement processing and development of the Dublin Ranch Project. An attorney since 1976, he and three other attorneys formed a law firm in Pleasanton in the late 1980s. He is also a founding member of the Tri-Valley Business Council, which was formed to support major businesses of the Tri-Valley.

As a former member of the Board of Directors of Pleasanton Housing Group, Inc., he was responsible for the design and construction of 200 affordable housing units for seniors. During his previous tenure on the ValleyCare Board of Directors, ValleyCare Health System expanded from a single, 110-bed facility in Livermore to a 177-bed, two-campus medical center.

Two current Board members were also re-seated at the Annual Meeting. Deborah McKeehan and Tom Rose were both appointed to serve second terms.

Reception for Outgoing Manager

The Dublin City Council would like to invite the public to an ice cream social to recognize Richard Ambrose for his 26 years as city manager for the city. Ambrose is resigning effective Sept. 1, 2008.

The event will be held from 4 to 6:30 p.m. on Wed., Aug. 27 in the Regional Meeting Room at Dublin Civic Center, 100 Civic Plaza.

Solar Powered

In the past eight weeks, 29 homeowners in Livermore and Pleasanton have installed solar electric systems through REC Solar. In June the company launched a special community program to encourage residents of the community to invest in renewable energy by offering deep discounts on solar electric systems. In fact, demand for the REC Solar program has been so strong, with over 160 kW already sold, that REC Solar has decided to extend the program until September 15, 2008 in order to assist Livermore and Pleasanton homeowners who wish to take advantage of the soon-to-expire Federal Tax Credit.

REC Solar is offering a discount of \$600 per kilowatt to residents in Livermore and Pleasanton with the following zip codes - 94550, 94568, 94588, 94551, and 94556. Certain restrictions apply to the discount. The community solar program now runs through September 15, 2008.

For more information on discounts available to Livermore and Pleasanton home and busi-

ness owners, please contact Jacob Averbuck at javerbuck@recsolar or call 1-888-OK-SOLAR (888-657-6527).

New Home Sales Sluggish

The pace of sales at California new-home communities remained sluggish in June, following a trend of deterioration in year-over-year sales declines that began in May, the California Building Industry Association reported last week.

The monthly CBIA/Hanley Wood Market Intelligence (HWMI) New Home Sales and Pricing Report showed that new-home sales in June were 58 percent below June 2007. The drop represents a worsening in the trend of year-over-year decline, which had deteriorated to 51 percent last month after coming in at 44 percent in April. During June, 2,712 homes and condominiums were sold in the subdivisions tracked by Costa Mesa-based HWMI, compared to 6,436 in June 2007. During the month, sales of single-family homes dropped by 54 percent, while sales of townhomes and "plexes" - duplexes, triplexes, etc. - were down 38 percent and sales of condominiums were down by nearly 75 percent.

Non-seasonally adjusted total new-home sales in June were 12 percent lower than levels seen in May, whereas the same month-to-month change a year ago was a positive 2 percent. The median price of homes sold compared to last month was 4 percent lower at \$365,000.

Jonathan Dienhart, Director of Published Research for HWMI, notes the latest trend of decline means the rest of 2008 will likely be a struggle.

Dienhart also notes the health of the broader economy will play a part in recovery. "There are many uncertainties surrounding the health of the national economy," he said. "If we can avoid a recession over the next year, the housing market will have a better chance of recovering within 12-24 months, but at this point such a prediction would be a bit optimistic."

New Oversight Manager

Alice C. Williams, the National Nuclear Security Administration's (NNSA's) associate administrator for infrastructure and environment, has been named the new Livermore Site Office manager, effective November 1, 2008. The site office provides federal oversight over Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC, which manages the National Nuclear Security Administration's (NNSA's) Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

"Alice has served in the federal government for twenty years and has tackled challenging issues both in the field, and here at headquarters," said NNSA Administrator Thomas D'Agostino.

Williams received a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from Montana State University and a Master of Engineering degree in chemical engineering from the University of Idaho.

Williams replaces Camille Yuan-Soo Hoo, who has served as the site office manager since December 2002. She will become a senior advisor leading a series of financial and contract management studies critical to interagency partnerships and initiatives in support of Complex Transformation, NNSA's vision for a smaller, safer, more secure and less expensive nuclear weapons complex.

Corrections

In a story about Suzanne Hughes, an 80-year-old Livermore resident who became a citizen recently, some information about her two grandsons was switched. The correct information is that Justin Pilkington, who lives in Livermore, is a corporal in the Marine Corps reserves. He has been to Iraq four times. His brother, Casey Pilkington, is a Marine Corps sergeant. He will be going on his second tour of Iraq this month. The men's mother is Kathy Hughes, Suzanne's daughter. Suzanne Hughes also has a son, Alan Gerbaud, of Grass Valley. He and his wife, Chris, also attended the ceremony in San Francisco, as did ten of Suzanne's friends.

A story mentioning Jeff Bowser, who filed as a candidate for Pleasanton school board, said he once had been a substitute teacher at Village High school in Pleasanton. He was on the regular faculty there. He was with the district for six years.

SRMC Offers Diabetes Management Program

San Ramon Regional Medical Center's new Diabetes Management Program provides counseling and education for people with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes.

Jennifer Barnes, RN, WOCN, and Barbara Reis, RD, CDE, Certified Diabetes Educator, emphasize the importance of integrating the major components of diabetes care into one's lifestyle. Family members are encouraged to participate in all educational sessions offered.

Services assist in self-management skills that promote blood glucose control, including: meal planning, exercise, stress management, medication management, insulin education, blood glucose monitoring, pre-

vention and treatment of potential complications, and problem solving.

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EDITORIAL

Mountain Route Preserved

The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) has signed a new contract with Mines Road's Jean Leasure to continue her unique route.

Driving an old Jeep Cherokee, Leasure delivers mail on Tuesdays and Fridays to the Mines Road outback, a vast mountainous area encompassing four counties: Alameda, Santa Clara, Stanislaus and San Joaquin.

USPS has decided that for environmental reasons, the vehicles in its fleet must be no older than five years. This includes contract vehicles like the one Leasure owns.

Living on a fixed income, the 68-year-old widow has been unable to find a newer vehicle she can afford. It appeared she'd have to give up the route. USPS, however, gave her a reprieve and rewrote the contract. It still says she must acquire a newer vehicle that meets the environmental goal, but no deadline is mentioned. She simply has to continue making an effort on the matter.

The new contract was signed July 1.

We're always hearing about the "bureaucratic" soul of agencies like USPS. However, here we have them bending a new rule to preserve a very special service. It shows the U.S. Postal Service has a heart.

ALCOHOL

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events that LARPD had previously been unable to book because the calendar was full.

The Robert Livermore Community Center, Veterans Memorial Hall, Ravenswood Historic Site and The Barn are all rented regularly for private events. During a 12-month period, 35 of these rentals were youth-oriented where the guest of honor was younger than 21. Out of these 35 events, about 90 percent served alcohol. At the 30 events serving alcohol, 80 percent had problems ranging from underage drinking and noise disturbances to acts of violence and property destruction. These incidents have escalated.

Out of 24 events, six had problems that were so serious that LARPD withheld all of the renters' deposit. The staff report stated that forfeiture of the deposit was not enough deterrent to prevent personal injury or property damage.

District staff surveyed 17 Bay Area agencies that rent facilities for private events. Six of those do not allow alcohol; those who

did were looking to restrict it in one way or another.

In other action, the Board of Directors approved a project at Holdener Park for a stream enhancement, with work scheduled to begin Sept. 8. All costs will be covered by the Chevron Pipe Line Company as part of a mitigation agreement. The project will improve existing conditions in the stream channel by adding to the native plant community. There will also be modification and stabilization of the stream bank to reduce erosion. The stream enhancement will focus on a low-flow channel, flood plain terraces and reducing bank slopes. Native vegetation will be planted to improve habitat and erosion control.

A five year monitoring plan is part of the mitigation to ensure that it meets specific performance criteria of restoration. If it doesn't, there could be new plantings or an assessment as to what is going wrong.

The board was told there would be little impact on park users during the work.

HIGHWAY 84

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The Pigeon Pass accident rate over many years has been higher than the average throughout the state for similar stretches of road, according to CalTrans.

The state project will link up to the widening of Highway 84 from Ruby Hill Drive north to Jack London Road in Livermore. The widening project won't begin until summer 2011, said Dao.

CalTrans is going through the final approval process for Highway 84 now. Then there will be a design period for about two-and-one-half years. After that, the project will go to bid. Dao didn't

offer an estimate about when construction would finish.

The Highway 84 widening will use \$96 million of voter-approved Measure B transportation funding. ACTIA is the agency that allocates the Measure B money to transportation projects in the county. The Measure B money will join \$31 million in other funds. Some \$10 million of that amount will come from the Tri-Valley Transportation Development Fund, to which developers contribute when they build in the Tri-Valley. The remaining \$21 million will come from state and federal funding.

GREEN JOBS

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Dutch students there were able to converse with him in English about U.S. politics.

"We have a cultural bias toward innovation. We can make it a reality. We can lead the world into sustainability. That's my message," said McNerney.

Jose Millan, a vice chancellor in the state community college office, said that there already are 40 community colleges that offer green courses or environmentally sensitive programs. They include such areas as landscaping, alternative energy, management, construction, and hazardous waste management.

Joel Kinnamon, chancellor of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, told the conference that it's important for Tri-Valley governments, educators and businesses to make a commitment themselves to environmental stewardship.

Kinnamon later told the Independent that the community "expects us to make a significant commitment to become carbon-neutral, and provide solar structures, wind power and alternative fuel for our institutions."

Kinnamon continued, "Institutions are models of behavior. Furthermore, our initiatives create a demand that will create additional jobs and industries," said Kinnamon.

Kinnamon noted that many of today's students "want to make a difference, a better place." He cited the presidential campaign of Barack Obama as an example of tapping into the interests of

young people. "The Obama figured out some way to tap into that fire. If the community could create a way to tap into that fire, and inspire young people to become involved it would make a difference," said Kinnamon. "We have a responsibility to lead in that."

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initiative; Cook-Kallio and Thorne voted to place a council sponsored measure on the ballot, Measure QQ.

McGovern had requested that the council consider extending the deadline. She said the arguments were made available on Monday. In preparing for the council session and meeting other obligations leaves little time to write the rebuttal to the argument against Measure PP, McGovern stated.

The council had voted to require rebuttal arguments be submitted by 5 p.m. Fri., Aug. 22. City Attorney Michael Roush told the council at Tuesday's meeting that election code allows for a deadline of 5 p.m. Mon., Aug. 25.

Cook-Kallio declared, "I would like to see the original deadline adhered to. The longer I have to work on it, the less time I have to spend on other things."

Sullivan commented, "You talk about an open public process. If this is an example, I wonder what we're in for (with future discussions)."

Houston Calls Demonstration 'An Insult'

By Ron McNicoll

Assemblyman Guy Houston (R-San Ramon) said that a Livermore demonstration that tried to depict him as inaccessible to community groups concerned about the state budget "was an insult."

Some 30 or 40 people concerned about the state budget's impact on delivery of health services and education conducted a short march to Houston's district main office at 1636 Chestnut St. in Livermore last Friday. Among those at the rally were two Livermore school board members, Anne White and Bill Morrison. White said that both she and Morrison are Republicans who want to ensure the best level of funding for all schools.

The coalition's leader, Jessica Rothaar, who works for Health Access in Oakland, knocked on the Houston office door, but no one answered. The knock came during the traditional noon to 1 p.m. lunch hour. However, the lone staff aide at the office would not have been there or out to lunch, said Houston press aide Kimberly Cox, who works in the Sacramento office, because the aide was attending the second day of a two-day conference, said Cox.

Houston said on Monday that he normally doesn't schedule regular office hours in Livermore on Fridays, but meets with constituents all over the district. However, with the Legislature's special session, he has been in Sacramento on Fridays trying to pass a state budget.

Houston said that the Al-Costa Budget Coalition, representing non-profit service groups in

Alameda and Contra Costa counties, made no effort to set up a meeting. "It's insulting that they would not tell the truth (about why Houston was not at his Livermore office last Friday). Houston said the coalition representatives "sent no e-mails to our office, and had no contacts with the office. This is a splinter group, made up in the last several months. We are not ducking anyone. I'm in Sacramento most of the time. If they want to see me, they can come up here."

Houston said he met in July with similar groups in his office in Sacramento. In April, he attended a luncheon in Oakland at a regional center with a disabilities council.

Rothaar acknowledged formation of the new coalition this year from one that had a broader geographical base in the 15th Assembly District. However, Rothaar said the coalition had no face-to-face meetings with Houston. "I don't know what group he thinks he talked to, but it wasn't ours," she said.

The coalition is made up of labor, interfaith groups and child-care groups. Rothaar claimed that the group has sent requests to Houston to which he never responded. Rothaar did acknowledge she received a written letter in July from Houston. He was answering the question as to whether he is open to new revenues for the state budget. She said that Houston said he doesn't like to see cuts that hurt people's lives or health. However, he wanted budget reform before passing a budget. "In July, I was rather hopeful. It (the letter) made me believe that he was a little

more responsive," she said.

COALITION SOFTENS STAND ON CUTS

Rothaar said it was important for her group to let Houston know that it has softened its stance somewhat on the budget. The coalition would be willing to have significant social services cuts, as long as Republicans went along with some relatively small tax rises.

The timing Friday was important, because the Assembly was to vote on the budget on Sunday afternoon. The Assembly did have the vote Sunday. It was favored on a vote 45 to 30. However, 54 votes were needed, because the Legislature has a two-thirds majority passage rule on budgets. The vote was along party lines, with Houston joining his fellow Republicans in voting "no." Only one Democrat abstained on the bill.

Houston said, "I'm glad we finally held a budget vote. The way it works here (in Sacramento) is that we have a vote and then people become really serious about passing a budget. I wish we had done it two months ago." Houston said that he voted against the Democratic budget proposal because it wasn't a true compromise. "They didn't ask what we want," he said. He was not willing to approve \$6.8 billion in more taxes, including a 1 percent sales tax boost, something that Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, also a Republican, had proposed.

Houston said he wants to see two things in the budget. One is a cap on the budget, which would increase it annually by only the cost of living increase. The other

condition would be creation of a rainy-day fund fed by tax money that would be coming in above the annual inflationary increase. He does not favor sending any of those funds back to taxpayers. Houston said that the budgets are so big in California, and the year-to-year situations have been in such flux, that any revenue wind-fall must be kept in order to provide stability.

Livermore school board member White became involved in the demonstration through her membership with the California School Board Association. White has been in touch with health services members of the coalition, especially the services affecting families.

White said that the state would be "penny wise and pound foolish" if it makes significant cuts in health care services. In programs funded by Medi-Cal, home care health workers could lose their jobs. Further, some of their clients would go into nursing homes, where the state would have to pay much higher costs to care for them. "I don't think we want to live in a state that treats needy people that way," said White.

With the budget still on the shelf, Houston has introduced a bill that would turn on the revenue spigot again for non-profits, so they don't have to front money that would be coming to them anyway, he said Monday. The money would be based on the groups' allotments in last year's budget. It's a new bill, and Houston wasn't able to say how the prospects for passage in the Assembly might look.

Prominent Republican War Vet Endorses McNerney

The immediate past president of the state Veterans of Foreign Wars has endorsed Rep. Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton) for reelection. Dave Norris, a decorated Vietnam veteran from Tracy and member of VFW Post 52 in Stockton, announced his endorsement last week.

Norris also served as a national chaplain of the VFW in 2003, and two terms as California chaplain. He has served on a variety of state and national VFW committees.

Appearing at a press conference Aug. 13 in Manteca with McNerney, Norris stated, "There is no stronger supporter of our veterans than Jerry McNerney.

His dedication comes from a deep sense of doing what is right."

"I am proud to stand with him today, as I know he will continue his good work to honor, protect, and defend those that stood and sacrificed so much for each of us. Service to our veterans knows no political party," said Norris.

Norris is a Republican, but feels that it's important to endorse the strongest candidate on veterans' issues, said a press release from McNerney's office.

McNerney said that he was "honored to receive Dave's endorsement. Dave's been a fighter for veterans his whole life and is committed to making sure our

veterans receive the benefits they earned through their service and sacrifice." McNerney added, "Together we'll continue the fight for expanded veterans' services in our region and better treatment of veterans nationwide."

Also lending their support to McNerney at the press conference last week were Pleasanton veterans Eugene Cota, Bill Evans, and David Hamm. In addition, McNerney is supported by Tino Adame, commander of an American Legion post in Stockton, and Tom Liggett, former commander of a Manteca American Legion post.

SIX VIE FOR PLEASANTON SCHOOL BOARD

Stephen Page, who filed on Aug. 13, the last day of the filing period, became the sixth and final candidate for three seats on the Pleasanton school board.

In addition to Page, the candidates are incumbent Chris Grant, Jamie Hintzke, Valerie Arkin, Prasad Rallapalli, and Jeff Bowser.

The last day of filing for the BART board was also Aug. 13. No new candidates stepped forward. The contestants are Linda Jeffrey Sailors of Livermore and John McPartland of Castro Valley.

SCHOOLS

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were not ready to take the test in eighth grade, and may have more difficulty with math. This is generally true in virtually all school districts.

Miller also said that the Hispanic/Spanish speaking students have scored below Caucasian students. The district will continue to focus on results for those students.

One of the dramatic increases in achievement in the district was at Marilyn Avenue School, which has a relatively high population of low-income and Spanish speaking students. "Marilyn Avenue has shown tremendous gains, especially in the second,

third and fourth grades," said Miller. She attributed it to teachers who have "worked hard, and been very focused in targeting individual students' needs."

PLEASANTON CONTINUES TO CLIMB

In Pleasanton, the middle schools had an increase in the number of students scoring proficient or advanced in English Language Arts (ELA), said a press release from the district. Science in the elementary schools grew overall by 9 percent. History-social science in grades 8, 10, and 11 has shown an increase.

A look at specific grade results

shows an apparent payoff for the district's efforts in shifting Algebra I to eighth grade. The district tested 996 eighth-graders in Algebra I. Some 37 percent were advanced, 36 percent proficient, and 19 percent basic. Only 7 percent scored below proficient, and 1 percent far below proficient.

By contrast, the Pleasanton ninth graders, with 464 taking the Algebra I test, had 4 percent advanced, 31 percent proficient, and 33 percent basic. Some 26 percent were below basic, and 7 percent far below basic. District public information officer Myla Grasso said the ninth graders were not ready in eighth grade

for the Algebra I test, and have more difficulty with it.

In looking at the district's performance as a whole, superintendent John Casey said, "Our staff has worked hard to provide students with the skills and knowledge they need to address the rigorous California state standards. As a district, we look carefully at data to determine where we are missing the mark. We collaborate to identify best practices, and we maintain close communication with students and parents to identify successes and challenges."

The complete test results may be found at the state department of education's web page, which is at www.cde.ca.gov.

DECISION

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An Illinois-based tax consultant called MTS went on a search for the first California retail location for Owens & Minor. MTS worked out an agreement with Fillmore in which the city keeps 15 cents on the tax dollar. The remainder is rebated to MTS, which then keeps its fee, and gives the remainder to Owens & Minor.

Owens & Minor claimed that by designation an office in Fillmore, where sales people congregate for meetings before they go out into their territories to sell hospital goods, they had established the sole sales tax collection point the company. Previously, Livermore shared a big portion of the firm's sales in California, because it was designated as one of the locations serving in lieu of a true sales point, though it was merely a warehouse and shipping point.

In an effort to prevent such situations in the future, Assemblywoman Loni Hancock is sponsoring a bill, AB 697, which would make it illegal for a city to sign an agreement in which companies relocate their point of sales in exchange for rebating sales tax to the companies or their representatives.

Barton said that the bill is moving through the process. It is currently on hold, along with other legislation, pending an approval of the state budget. Barton said the bill is headed for the Senate next.

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SHORT NOTES

Kids' Reading Clubs

The Pleasanton Public Library invites students to join either the 4th-5th or 6th-8th grade book clubs, which begin meeting each month from 7 to 8 p.m. starting this September at the library.

Hosted by Booklegger Ashley Haddad, returning for a second season after last year's successful pilot, the clubs feature snacks and lively conversation around a range of high appeal (or maybe not!) titles. In conjunction with the city's adult "Big Read" program featuring the 1920's classic *The Great Gatsby*, the 4-5 book club will start with Gail Carson Levine's *Dave at Night*, while the 6-8 club will begin with *The Black Duck* by Janet Taylor Lisle. Copies of each book will be distributed at registration.

Both clubs meet on Wednesday evenings: the 4-5 club on the second Wednesday of each month, the 6-8 club on the third. First meetings will be Wed., September 10 for the 4-5 club, and Wed., September 17 for the 6-8 club.

Sign-ups, which begin Monday, August 18 at the Children's Desk, are on a first-come-first-served basis, with space limited to 18 participants per club. For more information, or to learn about additional library activities and events, visit the library website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/library/programs-and-events.html, or call the Children's Desk at (925) 931-3400 extension 8.

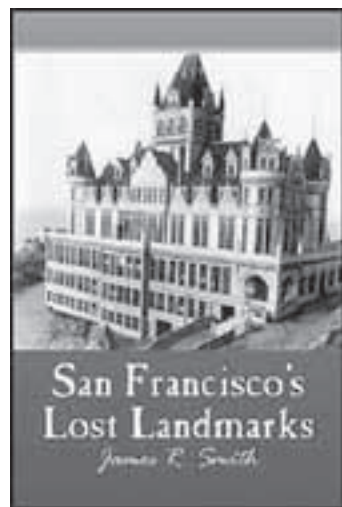
Walk in the Creek

Sploosh!!! is the theme of the Sun., Aug. 24 program presented by Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff.

Meet Ranger Dawn Soles at 10 a.m. at the nature area entrance to Sycamore Grove Park for a refreshing walk in the creek, searching for the creatures that live in and around the Arroyo del Valle. Wear clothes and shoes that can get wet; closed toed shoes are recommended. Hats, sunscreen and water are also suggested.

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.

SF Lost Landmarks



A slideshow by the author of "Art Deco Landmarks of San Francisco," James R. Smith, will be presented at the Pleasanton Library on Sun., Aug. 24 at 2 p.m.

According to Smith, people who recall San Francisco's prior days believe that it just isn't the same... and they're right. San Francisco will always remain one of the world's great cities, but yesterday's San Francisco, with its personalized style and charm, had no rival.

San Francisco's Lost Landmarks is not just a list of places, facts, and dates, but a pictorial history that shows why San Francisco has been a legendary travel destination and one of the world's premier places to live and work for more than one hundred and fifty years. It not only tells of the lost landmarks, but also dishes up the flavor of what it was like to experience these past treasures.

Towne Center Books will sell San

Francisco's Lost Landmarks at the event.

All library programs are free and open to the public.

For more information, please call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.

New 'Smiles' Book

Former Livermore resident Joan Sisson has published a new book, "Smiles." The 102-page illustrated book is a collection of short stories and musings. At least three of the stories have Livermore connections.

Joan and her husband, Dave, lived in Livermore from 1969 to 2004. He is a chemist retired from LLNL. Their children, Mark and Rebecca (Becky) graduated from Livermore High School in 1977 and 1978 respectively.

This is Joan's seventh book. She has written stories for teens; two books for young children; and compiled her father's autobiography.

"Smiles" is designed as "short reads while waiting." It is available from Stoneyle Press, 523 Main St., Stevensville, MT 59870. For more information, email jndsisson@msn.com or go to www.Xlibris.com.

Tax Preparation Class

Register now for a class that could save time and money if you prepare your own taxes. Las Positas College is offering Principles of Federal Income Taxes, BUSN 9950, meeting 7-10 p.m. Wednesday nights, beginning Aug. 20. Check the LPC Fall Schedule of Classes or the college website at www.laspositascollege.edu for more information.

As a student, you will use popular tax preparation software and learn:

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- Why income taxes are withheld from a paycheck
- The federal tax law and how it affects you

Instructor Bob D'Elena explains that students will have extensive practice with the tax preparation software, so they are ready to file their returns when they finish the class.

For more information about the class, contact D'Elena at rdelena@laspositascollege.edu.

Children's Fair Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the 2008 Children's Fair, organized by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District. This year's fair is on Saturday, Sept. 6 and Sunday, Sept. 7 at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore.

The fair will include performances, safety information, entertainment, crafts, carnival games, food booths, "Make It and Take It" crafts and more. Volunteers are needed to work the carnival games and the inflatable jump houses.

The Children's Fair runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with volunteers needed from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Volunteers can sign up for two-and-a-half-hour shifts or longer. For more information or to sign up, contact Volunteer Coordinator Katrina Hole at 925-373-5748 or khole@larpd.dst.ca.us. Volunteers are asked to sign up by Friday, Aug. 29. For more information on the Children's Fair, visit www.larpd.dst.ca.us.

Assistance with Claims

Free homeowner and renter claim assistance is offered at three sites through the Homeowner and Renter Assistance Program. The state run program provides a once-a-year payment to qualified homeowners and renters.

To qualify, applicants must be either age 62 or older, or blind or disabled as of Dec. 31, 2007, and with a maximum total 2007 household income of \$44,096. Applicants must also be U.S. citizens or qualified aliens.

Homeowners must have owned and occupied a home in California on Dec. 31, 2007. Renters must have lived in a qualified rented residence in California for one or more months in 2007 and

paid \$50 or more per month for rent. The amount of assistance ranges from \$20 to \$472 for homeowners and from \$15 to \$347 for renters, depending on 2007 incomes.

Assistance in filing claims is available from trained volunteers by appointment until mid-October 2008 at the following locations and times:

Livermore Senior Services at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore, on Thursdays, 1 to 4 p.m., 373-5760.

Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton, on first and third Mondays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 931-5365.

Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin, Monday afternoons, 556-4511.

To schedule appointments and for further information, call the numbers given. All claimants should bring 2007 income records. Renters need their 2007 landlord's name, address and phone number. Homeowners should bring 2007-2008 property tax bills. First time claimants should also bring proof of age or disability. Repeat claimants should bring a copy of last year's claim.

Firehouse Arts Fundraiser

Pleasanton photographer Sue Evans is sponsoring the sale of special Pleasanton recycle grocery bags to raise money for the Firehouse Arts Project. She is a member of ABWA Express to Success, a women's business network. The bag is forest green with taupe

colored ink. It has the Pleasanton Arch along with, "Paper or Plastic? No thanks, I have my own" on it. There are no company logos on it.

Evans wants to encourage people to stop using paper and plastic and also to support the arts. All profits will be donated to the Firehouse Arts Project. They are currently available at The Berry Patch on West Angela St, Pleasanton or directly through Evans for bulk orders.

The bags sell for \$4.99 each or 5 for \$20.00. Retailers wishing to offer them may also contact her. She may be reached at SueEvansPhotography@comcast.net or 925-989-4113.

Rotary Grants Available

The Rotarian Foundation of Livermore is now accepting applications for the 2008 - 2009 annual grants program. The grant filing period closes September 30, with interviews for award finalists scheduled for November. Awards will be announced in December, and funded in January 2009. Applications and guidelines can be downloaded from the Foundation website at www.rotarianfoundationlivermore.org.

The Rotarian Foundation of Livermore is a non-profit organization created to provide funds for community service projects benefiting the Livermore Valley. With a focus on youth, the Foundation supports projects that have the greatest impact per dollar

spent by helping exciting new programs, supporting proven ideas and developing strong institutions and community resources.

A board of directors composed of members of two Livermore Rotary clubs (Livermore Rotary Club and Livermore Valley Rotary Club) governs the Foundation, which was formed in 1987. The Foundation has granted over \$400,000 for more than 40 projects. Beneficiaries have included United 4 Life, Community Children's Health Access Program, Disabled Persons Pool Lift for the Las Positas College Aquatic Center, Livermore Hot Meals Program, Operation School Bell, ValleyCare Health System - Fitness Celebration, Dictionaries for Young Scholars, LVJUSD Electronics Laboratory Upgrade Phase I, Community-Based English Tutoring, Tri Valley Youth Court and Opera a la Carte.

Shepherd's Gate Help

Livermore Martial Arts Academy, school owners, Erick and Divina Bonifacio, are inviting everyone in town to participate in a charity drive to benefit Shepherd's Gate during Community Service Month in August. Shepherd's Gate is an organization that assists battered and homeless women and children by providing clothing and shelter.

Livermore Martial Arts Academy will be accepting charitable donations of women and children's clothing on behalf of Shepherd's Gate on Satur-

day, August 30 from 8am -10 am. "We are proud to help such a worthy charity that affects the lives of so many," Divina Bonifacio remarked. "It is a great time to clean out your closets and garages, teach your children about the importance of giving to others, and benefit others in need"

Livermore Martial Arts Academy utilizes the physical skills they teach as a vehicle to work with children on strengthening their character. For example, for August, the students of Livermore Martial Arts Academy will be focusing on the word, Generosity. Everyone will focus on understanding generosity and fostering an attitude of giving and sharing with others.

The Academy is located at 4070 East Ave., Livermore; information, call 497-6448.

Teen Volunteers

High school volunteers are needed for new Tri Valley Youth Court (TVYC) to serve as advocates, jurors and court clerks. TVYC meets the first Tuesday evening of each month at the Gale/Schenone courthouse in Pleasanton from 5:30 - 7:45 pm. For more information, visit our website at www.trivalleyyouthcourt.com or call Tonya at (925) 337-7175.

Wente Participates in 'Winehaven'

This weekend, Wente Vineyards will join San Francisco's Outside Lands Music & Arts Festival as a part of "Winehaven," a VIP food and fine wine experience featuring California wineries and artisan food purveyors. Fifth Generation Winemaker and musician Karl Wente will be on hand to discuss his family's passion for connecting music with wine, their sustainable Farming for the Future programs, and the winery's 125th anniversary.

Following Outside Lands, Wente Vineyards will launch its online campaign for Vintage II of "Discover the Wine, Discover the Music." Designed to introduce wine and music lovers to breaking new artists from a mix of popular musical genres, Vintage II follows the 2007 inaugural launch of the winery's music download and wine pairing initiative.

Outside Lands Music & Arts Festival will feature more than 60 music artists, including headliners Radiohead, Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, and Jack Johnson. For more information on the festival, and to purchase VIP tickets, visit www.sfoutsidelands.com

Nostalgia Day Car Show Set

The 19th Annual "Nostalgia Day Car Show," sponsored by the Altamont Cruisers in Downtown Livermore, will be held Sun., Sept. 28. It is the club's major fund-raising event.

To date, the Altamont Cruisers have gifted over \$200,000 to local charitable organizations with a special focus on the Tri-Valley youth programs. This has been made possible from the "Nostalgia Day" registration fees, sponsor donations and proceeds from the event's numerous prize drawings.

The day features over 700 restored classics, continuous DJ music, prize drawings, vendors of car products and arts and crafts, and a parade of all award winning vehicles down First Street.

Activities are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. First to Fourth Street between L Street and Livermore Avenue.

For information, call 925-461-2020, or visit website at www.altamontcruisers.org

Vine Plans Mamma Mia Sing-Along

There will be a special Mamma Mia! showing at the Vine Cinema to benefit the California Independent Film Festival. The 2:30 showing on Sunday 8/24 is a sing-along to all the great ABBA songs in the film. Two dollars from each ticket sold to this showing will be donated to the film festival. The Vine Cinema is located on First St. in Livermore.

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Q Do you have any details on Waste Management's contest to help our community learn about waste reduction? *Luana*

A Sure! Waste Management and KTVU Channel 2 recently announced a new reality-based TV show and contest airing this fall on Channel 2—**The Zero Waste Challenge**. It will feature fun ways to generate less waste at home.

TV contestants must register by September 7: To sign up, complete an entry form at a local Cold Stone Creamery or online at ktvu.com/wastechallenge (at the top of screen, press "Click to Enter"). The contest is open to Alameda County WM customers in Livermore, Albany, Castro Valley, Emeryville, Hayward, Newark and Oakland. Entrants will receive a free reusable Zero Waste Challenge bag while supplies last.

WM and KTVU will select four families to play a zero waste game from October 3 to November 5. The families will compete to reduce their overall waste and carbon footprint. KTVU's "Mornings on 2" will televise challenge results. The family that improves the most will win a trip to San Diego on Southwest Airlines, a two-night hotel stay, car rental, and Sea World passes. All four families will receive a Sony HD-Camcorder. Everyone can play along at home by visiting ktvu.com/wastechallenge and pressing "Play at Home." This section of KTVU's website also provides links to innovative ways to reduce, reuse, recycle and compost—which will help everyone work toward zero waste.

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Requests for Proposals (RFP) from
The Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority
for

Local Business Contract Equity Program Supportive Services Contracts for
the procurement of:

1. Professional Services Contracts (RFP 08-05)

2. Construction Contracts (RFP 08-06)

The Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) is seeking proposals from firms with expertise in contract equity programs to assist the Authority in implementing and refining of its Local/Small/Very Small Local Business Enterprise (LBCE) Program.

Important Dates and Information:

- Request for Proposals Release Date: **August 8, 2008**
- Pre-Proposal Conferences
 - o RFP 08-05: **August 21, 2008 at 10 AM**
 - o RFP 08-06: **August 21, 2008 at 11 AM**
- Bid Due Date: **September 4, 2008 at 2 PM (RFP 08-05)**
September 11, 2008 at 2 PM (RFP 08-06)
- All questions regarding these RFP's must be submitted in writing to ACTIA on or before : **August 20, 2008 at 12 PM**
- All meetings and submissions will take place at ACTIA offices:
1333 Broadway, Suite 300, Oakland, CA 94612

Proposals are subject to the ACTIA Local Business Contract Equity Program. The ACTIA goal for professional services is 70% for Local Business Enterprise and 30% for Small Local Business Enterprise. For information on the Program's Requirements and Forms, refer to the ACTIA website. Any contract to be awarded as a result of this Notice will be awarded without discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation or national origin.

All RFP documents are on ACTIA's website and may also be obtained at the ACTIA office located at 1333 Broadway, Suite 300, Oakland, CA 94612 or by contacting Arun Goel at (510) 893-3347.

*** Fact sheets listing the general work descriptions for these contracts are available on the ACTIA website (www.actia2022.com) and in the ACTIA offices.**

SPORTS NOTES



Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club (BUSC) U17 racked up three shutouts in qualifying play, they moved on to take the title with a 3 to 1 victory over the Bay Oaks Gold in the Summer Classic Tournament hosted by Ballistic United. Ballistic defeated Bullard FC Blue 6 to 0; Bay Oaks Scicluna 2 to 0; and Walnut Creek Azzuri 1 to 0 in the qualifying round.

Youth Soccer

The Livermore Elite U-12 Clash won four games last weekend in route to winning the D1 Tracy Summer Classic Tournament.

The tournament was in a round robin format, but Sunday afternoon's match between Livermore and the Manteca Rangers was effectively a championship game when the two unbeaten teams met in the final round.

Even with the wind in their faces, Livermore dominated the first half from the start. Ryan Chaney hit the post with a shot in the first minute, but luck was on Manteca's side as they turned away every wave of attack from the Clash. Thines looked grim early in the second half when a Manteca shot bounced towards an open net, but luck turned towards Livermore as arcing Jeremy Stanley cleared the ball from the line. Tony Jimenez finally broke the tie with a rocket from his left foot in the 34th minute that beat the stretching Manteca keeper. The Clash clamped down in the final minutes to hold onto the 1-0 win and the tournament championship.

The Clash won its earlier three games by a combined 11-4 margin, beating Tracy United Quakes, Placer United Prestige 97 and league rival Bay Oaks International. Ryan Rulley tallied six goals and David Adams added three of his own. Bailey Bartlett and Mike Brooks each scored a goal. Alec Foster had two assists to lead the playmaking.

Tony Jimenez controlled the Livermore midfield all weekend with his ball possession skills. Backup goalkeeper Erick Salgado, forced into the nets by an injury to Livermore's lead keeper, was steady between the posts, allowing only one goal in his time there. Tanner Sandy excelled at stopper, winning balls both in the air and on the ground.

The Pleasanton Rage under-17 AC team played well throughout the Davis Shout-Out youth soccer tournament, but had trouble scoring goals, finishing 0-2-1 over the weekend.

In their first game, the Rage fell 1-0 to the Heritage Strikers, then dropped a 2-0 final against the ACC Mavericks in their second game on Saturday.

Sunday afternoon, the Rage was able to find the back of the net when Breahna Berry scored, but they fell to a 1-1 final against the Santa Rosa United Fire.

Pleasanton Rage 18U Division 2 U19 tied for first in pool play in Davis, with 2 wins and 1 loss. They did not move on to championship round due to goal differential in the tie breaker.

On Saturday they won their first game 2-0 against Alameda Fury with Katelyn Golik and Jill Blandino scoring the goals. Rage lost their second game 2-0 against the California Cougars. In their 3rd game against the undefeated team, they beat Santa Clara on a goal by Megan Davidson. Megan Leon in goal and the defensive played pitching 2 shutouts.

The Livermore Shock, Division 1, U15 Girls soccer team takes 2nd place in the Gold Division of the prestigious Mustang Stampede Tournament.

The injury plagued Livermore Shock U15 Girls fought hard all weekend to pull out a 2nd place finish. After calming a ferocious California Cougar team on Saturday by beating them 2-1, the Shock fell to the same Cougar team on Sunday afternoon during the championship game, 0-2.

In their first game on Friday evening, the Shock battled a highly technical Union FC 93 goal team. With no score for most of the game, forward Jenna Lillie was able to break past a defender late in the second half. With the goal keeper charging, Lillie sent the ball over the keeper and into the net, securing a 1-0 Shock victory.

Shock couldn't put things together on Saturday morning against the Legends G93 Black, losing 1-4. However, in their second game on Saturday against the California Cougars, Shock played well, putting two goals in the net. After a no score first half, forward Tatyana Martinez headed a well crossed ball from teammate Racquel Hamblen between the goal posts and fully over the goal line for the first score. Minutes later in the second half, forward Lauren Kershner settled the ball 35 yards out, broke past the Cougar defense, made a great move and got past the keeper. With the Cougar defenders still chasing, Kershner kicked in the turbot and controlled the ball straight into the goal for Shock's second goal. With just 5 minutes left to play, a Cougar attacker was fouled in the Shock penalty area and the Cougars were able to get their only goal on a PK.

With the highest points in their bracket, Shock moved on to the semifinal match on Sunday morning against Sonoma County Alliance. Shock scored early in the first half when Lauren Kershner received the ball in front of the Sonoma goal and made a quick turning shot to the far left post and into the net. Shock controlled most of the game but Sonoma was able to score late in the second half to tie the game 1-1. After the end of regulation, the two teams began the first of two 10 minute halves with a golden goal rule. Just two minutes into the first 10 minute half, midfielder Racquel Hamblen intercepted the ball and drove past four Sonoma players and slammed a shot from inside the 18, high into the back of the net for the golden goal win.

Shock advanced to the championship game on Sunday afternoon against the Cali-

fornia Cougars. With only one sub, the injury riddled Shock couldn't get the ball into the net and had to settle for 2nd place, falling 0-2 to the Cougars.

Strong defensive play by goal keeper Hannah Boger, fullbacks Sabrina DeHoyos, Nicole Gasior, Julie Lopez, and Haley Landry. Intense play and determination by midfielders Angel Gosse, Brianna Hylton, Kylie Hill, and forwards Ashlyn Conlin, Alicia McKinney, and Kailey Moser.

The Livermore Elite U12 Pumas had an outstanding debut at the CVYSL Magic Cup III soccer tournament in San Jose. Of the four games played, they won three and tied one and brought home the 1st place prize for the tournament. This is the team's first year together and the first games played of the season.

On Saturday, Game 1 was a 2 to 0 win over the CV Gunners. Game 2 was a win against Almaden Cosmos with a score of 1-0. On Sunday, Game 3 was tie with the Pleasanton Ballistics United, 2-2. Game 4 was a 1 to 0 victory over the Santa Cruz Sharks.

Pumas players Jose Chavarria-Ramirez, J.T. Brisco, Zach Turner and Peter Lalor provided all the offense. Rafael Alvarez, Daniel Garcia, Jake Martinez, Dylan Edwards, Danny Santacruz, and Raul Hernandez secured the midfield. A solid defense by Spencer Saing, Dominic Carlson, Christian Arana and Anthony Aguilar posted three shut-outs. Connor Salazar and Spencer Hickerson had outstanding saves in the goal to help the Pumas win their first Championship.

Youth Baseball

The One U12 travel baseball team entered the Summer Finish tournament at the Big League Field of Dreams, the final tune-up before their trip to Cooperstown. One opened up with the Saratoga Hornets and jumped out early and kept the pressure on to build the lead. Strong pitching performances came from Ethan Glenn, JD Clark, Ryan Allet and Adam Kimmel who held the Hornets to 2 runs. To secure the victory the bats were hot and some heads up offense took the sting out of the Hornets. The offense came from Jared Hamm, Alex Zwingle, Andrew Taylor, Alex Chan and Ben Case.

Next up for One was the Backyard Boyz, a team made up of players from all over Northern California. The Boyz jumped out early and slowly added to their lead throughout the game to win 6-1. One ended up with a 4 seed based on games won, runs scored and allowed.

Arriving at the park as the sun was coming up, One got ready for their 7:30 am game with the Brentwood Boyz. The first few innings saw the lead go back and forth, until One brought in Evan Anderson to keep the Boyz off the base paths and allow One to build on their lead and win the game. With their victory One was faced with the Backyard Boyz again for their next game. The Boyz jumped out early, adding runs for the win. One ended up in 3rd place with the bronze in the tournament and looks forward to their trip to Cooperstown, NY this weekend.

Seahawks in Action

Pacific Swimming sent two all-star teams out this past week and came home with impressive results. In the North America Challenge Cup, Canada, Pacific, and Southern California snagged the majority of the points with Canada taking first with 5,227 points, Southern California second with 4,596 points, and Pacific a close third with 4,182 points. Team Mexico followed with 1,841 points.

At Western Zones in Gresham, Oregon, the competition was between Pacific, Pacific Northwest, and host Oregon. The meet came down to the final relays, with Pacific Northwest, with 1,070 points, just edging out Pacific with 1,061. Oregon was a close third with 1,014.

The Pleasanton Seahawks were one of only five teams in Pacific Swimming to send eight or more swimmers to these All-Star Teams. Nick Silverthorn, Marissa Brown, Andrew Seitz and Tory Houston were invited to the North American Challenge Cup. Maxime Rooney, Rachel Knowles, Natalie Wong and Brianna Neumayr were invited to Western Zones.

Jon Pallesen was on the staff of the NACC Team, as the Head Coach & 15-16 Girls Coach, and Gary Knowles was on the staff of the WZ Team as the Team Coordinator. All three of Nick Silverthorn's Relays at the NACC (200 FR, 400 FR & 400 MR) were New Pacific Swimming Records.

Tennis Tournament

Jaimeson Cortez of Livermore won the Deer Valley Tennis Tournament Boys 16 Singles Challenger on August 17.

Thirteen-year-old Cortez defeated Antioch's John S. Edwards 6-1, 6-2; Antioch's Dominic A. Suarez 7-5, 6-4; and Carmichael's Jordan F. Smith 6-2, 6-1.

Cortez, an incoming freshman at Granada High School, plays at the Ruby Hill Golf and Tennis Club.

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 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 fundamentals.

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

Squads compete in the highly competitive Diablo Valley Youth Football Conference (DYYFC). 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 Prado Dr. Information website: www.eteamz.com/lyfc or email lyfc@enbox.com/lyfc.

The league is currently accepting applications for both football and cheer coaches for the upcoming season.

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 September 6-7. All high school players and their parents are invited to spend a weekend with 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" Claproot. This event is being held at the Foothill High School Varsity field. Space is limited. The first 40 players and parents who sign-up will be invited to a special private session with Coach Robert "Skip" Claproot 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 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.

Morgan Territory Run

Dog Days of Summer Trail Run is set for August 30.

The 3.7 mile course is 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.

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 EB Trail Runners, or contact Stuart Smith, 998-0734 or stuart.smith@ebtrailrunners.com.

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 two weekends on the field training including two special weekends with Coach Robert "Skip" Claproot. 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.

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Baseball Tryouts

Fall Baseball tryouts for 18U and 14U teams, Sunday, August 24 at Diablo Vista baseball field, 1000 Tassajara Ranch Dr., Danville. 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.col45s.net.

Stompers Fall Tryouts

After a 4th place finish in the 2007 14U ASA Western Nationals and competing at the 2008 ASA Nationals in Midland, TX, the 16U Valley Stompers are having open tryouts for all positions for the 2008 Fall season. Dates are Saturday, August 23 and Sunday, August 24 from 10:00am to 2:00pm (P/C until 3:00pm) at Monte Vista High School, 3131 Stone Valley Rd. Danville, CA. Plan on arriving 15 early to warm up and complete registration paperwork. Please preregister by contacting us via e-mail (gostompers@yahoo.com), phone John (510) 715-8285, or check the website at www.gostompers.com.

Hats Off America

The 12th Hats Off America Red T-Shirt 10K Run/5K Run or Walk will be held on Saturday, September 6, beginning at 10 a.m. at Sycamore Valley Park, 2101 Holbrook Drive, Danville, rain or shine. Entry fee is \$35 per person. There is no entry fee for volunteers. All runners and volunteers will receive a red t-shirt, and lunch donated by El Balazo Restaurant.

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All Hats Off America's fundraising efforts are directed to providing assistance to women with multiple children, currently Rachelle Arroyave, mother of three, 3-1/2, 7 and 11. Rachelle's husband USMC Staff Sgt. Jimmy Arroyave died on April 15, 2004 during his second deployment to the Middle East. He was involved in a non-combat related vehicle accident near Ar Ramadi, Iraq. At the time of his death the Arroyaves had two young daughters, Vanessa, 6-1/2 and Natalia, 2-1/2 and Rachelle was two months pregnant with Jimmy who was born in Nov 15, 2004.

For information or to register or volunteer, contact Sparky George at (925) 855-1950 or thebearflagrunner@yahoo.com. The site includes links to other organizations that support our troops. Hats Off America is a nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization.

Scholarship Run

The 13th annual Back to School Scholarship Run will be held Saturday, September 20, at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park, 2500 Stanley Blvd., Pleasanton. This end-of-the-summer run is sponsored by the Northern California Association of Sales & Marketing Companies and Diamond Foods.

The Scholarship Run raises funds for college scholarships that are offered to children of parents who work in the California food industry.

The Back to School Scholarship Run features three races, with courses running through the park and the park's trails: 10K Run, 5K Run & Walk, and a Children's Mile. The fun 10K Race and 5K Walk & Run courses are made up of small rolling-hill trails that run throughout the scenic Shadow Cliffs Regional Park. The Children's Mile course is laid out through a portion of the park's lawn area.

Each participant will receive a commemorative T-shirt, refreshments, snacks, entry into a huge prize raffle, and the first 400 registered entrants will be guaranteed to receive the famous Back to School Scholarship Run's Monster Goodie Bag.

Entry fees for either the 10K Run or 5K Walk/Run are \$25.00 pre-registered, \$30.00 race-day registration. The Children's Mile Run is \$7.00 pre-registered, and \$10.00 race-day registration. Check-in and race-day registration will open at 7:00 a.m., with both 10K and 5K events will start at 8:30 a.m. The Children's Mile will begin around 9:30 a.m. The post-race awards, raffle, and prize giveaway ceremony is scheduled to start around 10:00 a.m.

For more Back to School Scholarship Run information and/or an application, call On Your Mark Race Management at 209-795-

7832, or visit their Web site at www.onyourmarkevents.com.

Tracy Ranger

Tracy Ranger 9U baseball team will be hosting open practices starting this week. Players who are hard working and looking for a highly qualified coaching staff and interested in taking the game to the next level please contact us at 209-221-2246 or fidesign@pacbell.net.

Bowling News

Glen Thompson, after 10 years at Granada Bowl, finally rolled a perfect "300" game in Wednesday night's Championship Trios League sponsored by Gene's Pro Shop.



Three athletes from Livermore participated in the 2008 USA High Performance Volleyball Championships in mid-July in Tuscon, AZ. Devon Shaver, (above left) a setter and incoming junior at Granada High School, has been the starting setter for the 2008 USA Youth Championship High School Performance Youth Team for two years in a row. Her team finished 5th in the International Youth Division. In addition, Devon's 2008 club team, NorCal 16-1, won first place in the Junior Olympics National Division. She was named to the All Tournament Team for the 16's national division. Casey Plonczak is an incoming junior from Livermore High School, who will be attending Granada in the fall as a setter. This is Casey's second year to be chosen to compete with the High Performance Junior Boys' Championship Team. He was the starting setter. Lydia Smith (above, right) is an incoming sophomore at Granada. This was her first year, playing as the youngest member on the Girls' Junior USA Championship Team. The team placed 2nd in the bronze division. Lydia played as back-up setter/left-side hitter and defense specialist with the team.

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Who: Players 10-14 years of age as of 5/1/2009.

When: Fall program begins Saturday, September 13, 2008. The fall program will be held both Saturday & Sunday for 10 weeks! The fall program will conclude Sunday, November 16, 2008. Includes 2 special weekends with Coach "Skip" Claproot!

Where: All training sessions will be held Saturday in Livermore and Sunday in Pleasanton at Foothill High School.

Cost: \$500 (two payments of \$250)

Space is limited - All registrations must be received by September 5, 2008

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BULLETIN BOARD

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Hawaiian Luau, Livermore Pleasanton Elks #2117, Hawaiian Luau, Sat., Aug. 23, 6 p.m. at the lodge, 940 Larspur Dr., Livermore. Tickets are \$20. Dancing and live entertainment. Prepaid reservations only. No tickets at door. 455-8829.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., Aug. 23, 25 miles Walnut Creek, Martinez, Pleasant Hill, Concord, meet 9 a.m. at Heather Farm Park, Randy Huey, 518-8439. Sun., Aug. 24, 20 or 40 miles, club's 37th birthday, Bonnie and Bob will lead the ride, 10 a.m. at the Powers' home, Dublin, Bob and Bonnie Powers, 828-5299. Wed., Aug. 27, 36 miles Lucas Valley Road to Nicasio, past the reservoir and to the Cheese Factory, meet 10 a.m. in parking lot at Safeway, Barbara Wood, 707-745-6353. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Service news: Air Force Airman Jonathan D. Counts has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Jim Counts of Livermore. Counts is a 2007 graduate of Granada High School, Livermore. **Brandon D. Alt** graduated from United States Marine Corps basic training in San Diego CA August 15, 2008. 3rd Battalion, India Company, Platoon 3213. He received a meritorious promotion to private first class. He served as squad leader and received the highest score (289) in his platoon on the physical fitness test. He attended Amador Valley High School from 2004 through 2007 and graduated from high school in Alpine, Utah in 2008. He is the son of Gary Alt of Pleasanton.

Livermore Library Board of Trustees, meets 7 p.m. Thurs., Aug. 28 at the Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. An agenda will be posted at the library 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Pancake Breakfast, Foothill High School Marching Band, fund-raising, Labor Day, Sept. 1, 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the school multipurpose room. Adults - \$7, children under 10 - \$4. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit, and coffee and juice. Tickets available at the door, 50/50 raffle, 925-200-2209.

Adult Beginner Piano Class presented by Community Education at Las Positas College. Explore every type of music while learning how to read notes, timing and key signatures, and unravel the mysteries of those strange markings that result in the sounds you love! Experienced teacher in an intimate, supportive group. Fee: \$69.00 (Not for College Credit). Please contact 925-424-1467 for more information or register online at www.laspositascollege.edu/communitied.

Student news: Hammad Hammad of Livermore graduated from Georgetown University in May. Hammad earned a bachelor's degree from the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service. Hammad attended Livermore High School.

Toddler Time At Kinderkirk Nursery School, parent participation introduction to the preschool environment for children aged 21 to 30 months in September. The program will provide a lap sit circle time, an art and exploration table, a manipulative/puzzletable, the library and classroom animals and plenty of free time to become comfortable with the building, the staff and a simple routine. Each class meeting children will be given a different art activity, some simple and fun lap songs and finger plays, and a selection of building toys. Classes meet Fridays 12:30 to 2 p.m., parents will attend with children. Kinderkirk Nursery School, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore, 455-0793 or contact Susan at

443-6722 or henhomo@sbcglobal.net.

Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group, meets Tues., Aug. 26, 10 a.m. at Heritage Estates Retirement Community second floor conference room, 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. All are welcome. Information, Lorene Stack, 447-6158, or Ann Laye, 443-4098.

Brain Matters, brains are vital organs that deserve the same attention to care and maintenance as our hearts. Engaging in active learning will help maintain brain health. This new weekly program combines lectures and interactive workshops dedicated to improving brain health & function. Learn about the proper care and feeding of the brain with Brain Matters beginning Friday, September 5, and every Friday from 10am until 11:30am. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. \$1.50 Residents/\$2 Nonresidents.

Blood and Oil, a film that documents how oil has been at the core of American foreign policy for over 60 years, will be shown on Saturday, August 30th, at 7:00 PM, at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. This non-partisan event is open to the public, free/\$3.00 donations accepted. wheelchair accessible, & refreshments are served. Meet & greet begins at 6:30 PM, while a short discussion follows the film. For more information, call 925-462-3459.

3rd Annual Poker Night and Wine Tasting fundraiser Saturday, September 13th at 5:00 p.m. at Centennial Hall, 22292 Foothill Blvd., Hayward. Benefit for Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL). \$25 donation for Wine Tasting/ Auction and \$50 donation for Poker Tournament. Beginners welcome! Prizes and auction items, as well as food and wines from local wineries! All proceeds directly support services that assist low-income people with disabilities and frail seniors to achieve greater self-sufficiency. Call (510) 881-5743 or visit www.cril-online.org for more information, to RSVP or to make a donation. CRIL, a

501(c)3 nonprofit agency, has been providing resources, advocacy and support services to Alameda County residents with disabilities since 1979.

26th Annual Hope Hospice Community Training Course for volunteers, nurses, social workers, therapists, and other caring professionals. Sept. 8-Oct. 27, Mondays, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Fee \$75 general, or \$120 for 20 CEUs. \$60 refund for volunteers after three months of service. Good News Family Fellowship (next door to Hope Hospice), 6500 Dublin Blvd., Suite D, Dublin. Topics include hospice philosophy and care, nursing in hospice, cultural and religious diversity - panel, children's bereavement - panel, adult bereavement - panel, role of social worker in hospice care. (925) 829-8770

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 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-YOGA.

Assisted Living Seminar - August 21st at 7:00 pm, 850 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Come experience this educational and informational 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.

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA, Film museum and dinner. August 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.

Ravenswood Historic Site, operated by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District. Ravenswood, is a restored Victorian country estate. The public is invited to join

free tours noon to 4 p.m. the second and fourth Sundays of each month except December, with the last tour starting about 3:15 p.m. Also available on tour days are a gift shop featuring unique Victorian gift items and the Ravenswood Progress League's Tankhouse Tea Room. Special events each year include the Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social on the second Sunday in August and Victorian Yuletide the second Sunday in December. Ravenswood is located at 2647 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Upcoming tour date Aug. 24. For more information, call 925-443-0238 or visit the LARPD Web site at www.larpd.dst.ca.us.

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.

RELIGION
Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton. Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m., worship at 10:30 a.m. (nursery for both Sunday school and worship); children's church (age 3-12) at 11:15 a.m.; women's Bible study, Wed. at 10 a.m. Prayer 6 p.m. first and third Monday of each month. Call about church programs 846-8650.

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 mporter@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 925-560-3800.

Tri-Valley Unity Church hosts guest speaker Dr. Richard Southern for a three-part series on "The Spiritual Practice of Welcoming." 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 Bible Study, the Women's Community Bible Study will offer a non-denominational, 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 Informational Coffee to be held at Centerpointe Presbyterian Church on Aug. 21 from 10am to 11am.

Fremont Church of Christ, 2008 California Labor Day meeting at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore, a series of Gospel Teaching on "Making Cornerstones of our Children." Friday, Aug. 29, 7:30 p.m.; Sat. Aug. 30, 10 a.m. morning for young men; Sat., Aug. 30, 7:30 p.m.; and Sun., Aug. 31 services 10:30 a.m. 7:30; Sunday there will be singing starting at 6:30 p.m. with final speakers at 7:30. Visitors encouraged and welcome; 510 715-3822.

VeggieTales, God Made You Special, Thurs., Sept. 18, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Cornerstone Fellowship, 348 N. Canyons Pkwy., Livermore. \$15 advance, \$20 at the door. Program of singing, dancing and a whole lot of silliness. Information, 447-3465.

Benefit for Alzheimer's Association Set

"Another Man's Treasure" Sale will combine with a carnival at the Parkview Assisted Living facility in Pleasanton this Sat., Aug. 23 starting at 10 a.m. The two events will raise funds for the Alzheimer's Association.

The Alzheimer's Association is a voluntary health organization. "This event is significant to the staff at The Parkview as we are touched by seniors in our memory care area diagnosed with this disease," explains Teresa Allen resident care coordinator at the Parkview who is also directing the fund-raisers.

As members of the public enter the facility, there is a "Change for Change" jug filled with donations for the Association. Set by the jug are purple ribbons to wear for those who contribute.

For the sale, staff, residents and their family members will be donating new and gently used items.

The carnival will be held in the main courtyard. Treats will be prepared on one side and games set up on the other. There will be face painting, ring toss, bowling, bake walk and many more.

A spaghetti dinner and raffle are being planned for Sept. 26 at 4 p.m. to raise funds for the same association.

The Parkview is located at 100 Valley Ave., Pleasanton. For more information, call 481-3042.

Pleasanton Holds Bicycle Helmet Event

The Pleasanton Police Department will be hosting a bicycle helmet event on Sat., Aug. 23. The event will run from 9 a.m. to noon in the Amador Theater parking lot, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton.

Free helmets will be distributed to children, ages 5 to 18 years, while supplies last. Each helmet will be properly fitted by a member of the police department. Bicycle safety information will also be provided. Quantities of helmets are limited.

For any questions regarding this event, please contact the Pleasanton Police Department Community Service Officer Teresa Meyer at 931-5237.

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.


LEADERSHIP LIVERMORE

Creating Tomorrows Leaders...

Leadership Livermore is a nine month (September-May) program of the Livermore Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the City of Livermore. The class, which is held one day each month, brings approximately 25 participants together to get a behind the scenes look at the community & to build relationships with other leaders.

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OBITUARIES

Manuel Henry Enos

Manuel Enos, 90, passed away in Roseburg, Oregon on August 6, 2008. Manuel was born in Livermore, CA on September 16, 1917 to Mary and Manuel Enos. Manuel's parents died during the Great Influenza epidemic when Manuel was 13 months old. His grandparents, Lucy and Joe Cardoza, raised him along with their ten children.

Manuel always wanted to be a baseball pitcher, but instead dabbled in prize fighting and at the age of 14 left home to join Jim Eskew's Wild West Show in Waverly, NY. In 1939, Manuel joined the Cowboys Turtle Association, the forerunner of the PRCA.

Manuel was proud of the fact that he placed in every major rodeo in the country and that he usually entered four events. He also was proud of the fact that he eventually rode every horse that had succeeded in bucking him off. Even the famous bucking horse War Paint failed to buck him off in one of their three meetings on the circuit.

Manuel was a stuntman and extra in many western movies, which included Red River, "One Way West," "Western Union," and others. He dined with Babe Ruth and Jack Dempsey and worked with Slim Pickens and Ben Johnson. He met Clark Gable, Jim Thorpe, Roy Rogers and Gene Autry. He had no musical training, but was blessed with a beautiful singing voice. He sang at night clubs with Bob Nolan and The Sons of the Pioneers and sang at Madison Square Garden when a cowboy died during the rodeo.

Manuel retired from professional rodeo in July 1972. He then went to work for the Roseburg Lumber Co. hauling wood clips from Dillard, Oregon to Coos Bay twice a day until he retired. After retirement, Manuel attended many rodeo events and served as a judge, a grand marshal or ambassador.

He is survived by his won Michel and daughter-in-law who live in Alexandria, Virginia; step-daughter Lainey Prather, Phoenix, AZ, stepson Russ Pickney, Bonanza, OR, his Aunt Ida Taylor of Livermore, his companion Joyce Abdill, and numerous cousins in California.

A memorial service was held on Roseburg, Oregon on August 10, 2008.

Jewell Lorraine Johnson

Livermore resident Jewell Lorraine Johnson passed away peacefully at her home at the age of 89 on August 13, 2008. Her family was by her side.

She was born Feb. 28, 1919. Jewell's passion was antiques. She shared ownership of JJ's Antiques in Livermore with her daughter Betty Jo Cook. She also loved doing crossword puzzles and crocheting.

Jewell was preceded in death by her husband Benton Richard Johnson. She is survived by her daughter Betty Jo Cook of Livermore, her son Richard Benton Johnson of Arizona and by her granddaughter Denise Cook of Livermore.

At the family's request there will be no services. Burial will be in Blythe, CA at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorial donations in Jewell's name can be made to Hope Hospice 6500 Dublin Blvd. Suite 100. CA 94568.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Savanna Ellen Harabadian

Savanna Lorraine Johnson passed away on July 3, 2008, in her beloved city of Ashland,

home of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival (OSF) where she spent many happy years attending and contributing to festival programs. She grew up in Ruston, LA and was named for her paternal grandmother Savanna (Fuller) Williams, daughter of Alf Fuller, one of the last surviving Civil War veterans. She was preceded in death by her beloved husbands Howard Jaeger (1955) and Perry Harabadian (1997); parents Ella Mae (Shivers) and Henry Grady Williams; sister DeLane Paul and brother Dow Oren Williams.

When Savanna and Perry discovered the OSF in the 1960's they became lifelong Shakespeare enthusiasts and counted festival founders Angus and Gertrude Bowmer as dear friends. Prior to moving to Ashland Savanna lived in Livermore, CA for many years raising her family and working for the school district and as a nurse for the Veterans' Hospital.

She enjoyed playing bridge with a wide range of friends and was a member of the Great Books club. She loved sewing and needlework and her home contained many items of great personal connection each with a meaningful story. She had a sense of style that was reflected in her home décor and fashion accessories. She and Perry enjoyed traveling and did so with a variety of friends.

She will be remembered with affection by her survivors: son Keith Jaeger (Elke), daughter DeAnna Littler (Ted), and grandchildren Jeffrey (Amy) and Brianna Jaeger all of Los Angeles; sister Betty Crowley (Patrick) of San Francisco; nieces Beverly Norleen (Craig) and Lauren Jaeger; grandnephews William and Joel Jaeger.

For information about services contact Beverly Norleen (831) 429-9173.

Sister M. Martha Perez, O.P.

Sister Mary Martha Perez, born in 1910, died peacefully at Our Lady Of Lourdes Convent in San Rafael, California on August 15, 2008 (the Feast of the Assumption) after a lengthy illness.

Sister Martha is survived by her sister, Toni Tindel, several nieces and nephews and her Dominican Sisters of San Rafael.

Sister Martha asked that her funeral services be private. Burial will be in St. Dominic's Cemetery in Benicia, California.

Memorial contributions may be made to Dominican Sisters of San Rafael, 1520 Grand Avenue, San Rafael, CA 94901.

Charles Lee Farrell

Charles Lee Farrell died August 12, 2008.

He was born August 15, 1927 in Wewoka, Oklahoma, only son of the late Flossie and James Farrell of Modesto, CA. He moved to Oakland in 1941; in 1944, he married his high school sweetheart Gerry Lasley Farrell. They had two sons Charles Lee Farrell, Jr. of Carson City, Nevada and John Robert Farrell of Livermore, CA.

"Charlie" retired from the Lawrence Livermore National Lab in 1984 after a 28 year career. He started as a machinist and after five years transferred to mechanical technician. He then worked in support of the Department of Chemistry and retired as a scientist associate. After retirement, he moved to Mi Wuk Village, then Sonora and then back to Livermore in 2002.

He is survived by his wife Gerry, his two sons, daughters-in-law Robbie N. Farrell and Cindi Farrell, granddaughter Cassandra N. Farrell Sulzer, and Jorel Sulzer and Charlie's dog Sammy.

Graveside services were held August 19 in Hughson, CA.

Edward Delmar Mullikin

Pleasanton resident Edward Delmar Mullikin passed away peacefully at home, April 16, 2008. He was 79 years old.

He was born July 1, 1929. Edward was in the Merchant Marines and served in the army during the Korean War. Ed was a true family man who enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. He loved fishing, golfing, bowling, and telling good jokes.

He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Emeline, son, Edward Mullikin, daughter-in-law Denise, daughter, Esther Swyers, son-in-law Sam Swyers, and 4 1/2 beautiful grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Hope Hospice 6500 Dublin Blvd., Suite 100 Dublin, Ca. 94568. A celebration of life will be held Sat. August 23 at 1:30 pm.

Information, Chapel of the Chimes 510-471-3363

John DaCosta Meyer, Jr.

Livermore resident John DaCosta Meyer, Jr. died peace-

fully August 8, 2008 after a brief illness. He was born April 28, 1929 in Pittsburgh, PA to John DaCosta Meyer and Margaret Spraggon, John D Meyer grew up in Edgewood, PA. He attended the University of CO in Boulder, where he studied Physics until he joined the US Navy during the Korean War. After the war he returned to Boulder, where he completed a Bachelors degree in Physics, and met Barbara Lewis. They were married in 1956, and celebrated their 50th anniversary in 2006.

John and Bobbie lived briefly in Los Angeles before moving to Palo Alto in 1957, where John was hired as a Microwave Engineer by Lockheed Missiles and Space. John spent his entire career with Lockheed, retiring in 1996. For many years, he managed a satellite test facility in Pleasanton.

John and Bobbie have two sons, Stuart and Brian, whom they raised in Danville, CA. In 1978 they moved to Livermore, where they have lived for 30 years.

John's love of planes and flying began with building model airplanes as a child and grew as a Navy pilot, flying F6Fs and F9Fs in the Korean War and S2F's in the Navel Reserve squadron VS-872, retiring as a Captain in 1989. He built a Long-EZ that took its first flight in January 2008, and was active in the Livermore Experimental Aircraft Association, #663 where he composed the chapter newsletter for over 20 years.

John was an expert skier before there were chairlifts, a dedicated runner before jogging was popular, an enthusiastic tennis player before metal rackets, and an avid bicyclist before spandex.

He is survived by his wife Barbara Lewis Meyer of Livermore and children Stuart D. Meyer of Ashland, OR and Brian A. Meyer of Greenwich, CT. He was a playful grandfather to Christopher, Tyler and Jamie Meyer and Kathryn and Derek Reynolds. He is also survived by two sisters, Lucile Hutchins of Bothell, WA, and Jean White of Springfield, TN and a brother, George William Meyer of Elk River, MN. He was preceded in death by a sister, Elisabeth Trowbridge Meyer.

The family will hold a celebration of his life in September.

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Director Lynne Elizondo (left) watches as actors Chris Chapman (center) playing Gus and Kristie Malone (right) as Claudia rehearse the interview that shakes the foundations of Gus's marriage. They are performing in, "Honour," Role Players Ensemble Theatre's 'black box' production.

Role Players Open Season with 'Honours'

Role Players Ensemble presents the Tony award-winning drama Honour, by Australian playwright Joanna Murray-Smith as its first Black Box production of the 2008/ 2009 season. It will play at 8pm on Saturdays, September 6 and 13, and at 3pm on Sundays, September 7 and 14.

This play, about a middle aged man and his wife of 32 years, his much younger lover, and his 20-something daughter, treats an all-too-common story in a very uncommon way. The play's title is Honour (English spelling) while the character Honor is the wife who finds her life turned upside down by her husband's decision to leave her for a younger woman. How she and her daughter react, and what happens to her husband's new relationship is seen from all four characters' perspective with unusual honesty and complexity. The play was successfully produced during Berkeley Rep's 2005 season. In this new Black Box production, directed by Lynne Elizondo, the audience will see an adult drama about adult relationships.

"Honour is a perceptive look at the dissolution of a marriage and the way this event affects the lives of the characters. It does not provide easy answers" said Elizondo. "The Black Box format gives us the freedom to focus on the characters and the dialog without distraction."

Elizondo was recently seen in RPE's Black Box production of Talking With... She has directed Jake's Women, Enter Laughing (Shellie nomination), Prisoners of Love (an original piece by Joel Roster) and David Mamet's Sexual Perversity in Chicago in Walnut Creek. She has also acted in multiple recent productions.

The production features Chris Chapman as Gus (the husband) Barbara Halperin-Jacobs as Honor (the wife), Kristie Malone as Claudia (the lover) and Ashley Rae Pittson as Sophie (the daughter).

RPE Black Box productions are presented in the Danville Town Meeting Hall at 201 Front Street Danville, with limited sets and production values. This allows RPE to present challenging plays like Pinter's Betrayal, and Michael Frayn's Copenhagen to regional audiences at accessible ticket prices.

Seating will be limited to ensure good sightlines and reservations can be made by leaving a message at (925) 820-1278. Tickets are \$10 available at the door only.

Dublin Looking for Young Filmmakers

Dublin's New Talent Film Festival will screen films Wed., Sept. 3 at 6 p.m. and Sat., Sept. 13 at 10 a.m. in the sunroom at Frankie Johnny & Luigi's Restaurant, 11891 Dublin Blvd.; (no-host dinner at 6 films at 7 pm).

There is a \$20 entry fee for the restaurant showing. A second no-fee showing will be at the Dublin Public Library Sat. Sept. 13 10:00 a.m.

The program is hosted by the Dublin award-winning film maker Morgan King Jr. and the Dublin Public Library

Films to be screened have been written, filmed, produced, acted and edited by young filmmakers ages 12 to 18. The maximum length is 10 minutes.

Drop-off boxes for DVDs are located at the front desk of the Dublin Library and the front counter at Frankie Johnny & Luigi's.

For more information regarding criteria and entire requirements go to DublinTalent.com or Arcbound.com, or email morgan@arcbound.com.

Morgan, who just graduated from Venture School in San Ramon where he taught a class on film making and editing, will premier his newest film, "Smoking Sword." A trailer for that film may be viewed at YouTube.com, subject "Smoking Sword." Morgan will also be teaching a film-making class for young Try-valley film makers, details to be announced.

The film festival is the first program in what is hoped to eventually be a Dublin Performing Arts High School.

Glass Artist Shows Work at Studio 7

Studio 7 Fine Arts will host a special, one-day exhibit of glass vases by Murano Glass Maestro, Afro Celotto.

The event will be held on Sunday, August 24 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Studio 7 located at 400 Main Street in downtown Pleasanton.

"This is the first time works of the Murano Glass Maestro have come in the Tri-Valley," said Jaime Dowell owner of Studio 7 Fine Arts. "He is internationally famous in the art of glass blowing and produces some of the world's most beautiful glass. His work is widely collected and represented by many of the most prestigious glass art galleries in the world."

Afro Celotto started working with glass when he was only 14 years old, apprenticing with the legendary Lino Tagliapietra one of the greatest living glass masters. For many years previously, Afro worked within the old tradition where great glass masters executed the designs of others. In this new century, he has moved beyond excellence in execution and now finally feels free to devote his attention and focus to his own artistic expression and unique works.

Dowell says 30 Murano vases will be on display and available for sale. To make it an "All-Italian" experience, Studio 7 will serve complimentary wine and antipasto.

Those wishing to attend should call to make reservations at (925) 846-4322. 25-846-4322

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Bankhead Season Opens with Ballet Performance

The critically acclaimed ballet company, American Ballet Theatre II, will open the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center's 2008-09 Season of LVPAC Presents attractions at Bankhead Theater on Sunday, September 21st at 2pm.

Through ABT II, the American Ballet Theatre brings the stars of the future to the stage. The New York Times has hailed ABT II's "rare purity and youthful charm" in its classical dancing.

ABT II is a small classical company of thirteen young dancers of outstanding potential. Now in its thirteenth season, ABT II prepares these dancers to enter American Ballet Theatre and provides opportunities for the emergence of new and established choreographers and composers. Through national performances, lecture-demonstrations and academic residencies, The dancers (ages 16-19) are hand-

picked from around the world by the artistic staff of American Ballet Theatre. ABT II dancers train in the program for one or two years before joining American Ballet Theatre's main Company or other leading national and international professional companies.

The company's varied repertoire mirrors the traditions of American Ballet Theatre, and, while it is firmly rooted in classical ballet, also features contemporary choreography. Performances often showcase premieres by new and established choreographers, as well as previously existing works from the company's repertory.

Under the leadership of ABT Artistic Director Kevin McKenzie and ABT II Director Wes Chapman, the company participates in an extensive schedule of daily classes, rehearsals and performances. To supplement daily ballet technique class,



Dancers perform in Livermore.

The dancers study character, modern, pilates and yoga. ABT II dancers enhance their experience through national and international performances, cultural exchanges, large-scale residencies, and by working closely with reputable choreographers. The New York Times calls

ABT II dancers "Well-trained and willing. They perform with an appealing blend of freshness and individual presence," while The Newark Star-Ledger says, "The American Ballet Theatre ABT II delights audiences with its youthful vigor and panache. These dancers are firecrackers!"

The next performance in the 2008-09 LVPAC Presents season will be the Grammy Award winning song stylist Ricki Lee Jones on Wednesday, October 1st at 8pm.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in Downtown Livermore. It is operated by the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center. The ticket office is open Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 6:00 p.m. Tickets for ABT II range from \$30 to \$45 for adults, and \$12 for students 17 and under. To purchase tickets call 925-373-6800, or visit the website at www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

Live Music at the Livermore Valley Plaza, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. each Friday. Sponsored by: Roundhouse Grill, Simply Fondue, Robek's Juice, Star Anise, Firehouse Bistro and Books, 6-21, Maroon Bear, The Bankhead Theater and Movida. Livermore Valley Plaza is located in front of the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore.

Cuda Ridge Wines, vintage tasting at the winery on Saturday, August 23 and Sunday, August 24 from 12:00 to 4:00 each day. Taste Cuda Ridge Wines, and a special "Futures Tasting." Live music both days: Saturday - Steven Gary, folk singer and songwriter; Sunday - California Honeydrops, authentic roots and blues ensemble. Food pairing with Melo's, crafts, and more. Vintage cars will be on display including "The Cuda." Event is free and no RSVP required. Cuda Ridge Winery is located at 7878 Cedar Mountain Road. For information, or to schedule a tasting, call 510-304-0914. www.CudaRidgeWines.com.

Diablo Light Opera Company, Gloria Trombley directs, "Will Rogers Follies," 8 p.m. Aug. 29, 30, Sept. 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 26, 27; 2 p.m. Sept. 7, 13, 14, 21, 27. \$34-\$41. Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. 943-7479, www.leshercenter.org.

Vineyard Nights Live: Fri., Aug. 22. Spiral Jazz, a fusion of styles and sounds from the 60's to today. Live music on the patio. Restaurant opens 6 p.m., music 7-10 p.m., \$15pp minimum. Indoor seating available. For more information contact Garre Winery, 7986 Tesla Rd, Livermore, 371-8200. www.garrewinery.com

Annual Piano Recital, Saturday, September 6, 7:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Av-

enue, Livermore. Co-sponsored by the Alameda County East Branch of the Music Teachers' Association of California and Asbury. MTAC Young Artist Guild member Ian Counts of Rancho Palos Verdes, a freshman at Stanford, will perform Beethoven, Rzewski and Gershwin. No charge for admission; refreshments served. Further information: (925) 443-2514.

Bocce Ball & Italian Dinner Night Wednesday, August 27, Italian buffet 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 Master 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 5:30 p.m.. Garre Winery, 7986 Tesla Rd., Livermore. Reservations required. 371-8200. www.garrewinery.com.

August and September Concerts in the Park, Fridays, 7-8:30 p.m., Lions Wayside Park, First & Neal Streets, Pleasanton, presented by the Pleasanton Downtown Association. Please, no plastic tarps or rocks to hold down blankets. August 22 - Magic Moments with "oldies" and a new 50's legends review. August 29 - Pladdog 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, Saturday 7 p.m. ("doors" open at 6 p.m.) 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 avail-

able 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.

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 p.m. There are eight male and four female principal roles, plus small ensemble parts. An audition monologue is requested but not required. Rehearsals will be on Monday through Thursday nights and performances are November 14 through 21. (925) 424-1166 or email kross@laspositascollege.edu.

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.

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 purchase Red Skye's 2004 Syrah at syriously ridiculous 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.

La Familia Peña-Govea, Latin Music, Sun., Aug. 24, 2 p.m. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Free admission. Musicians Miguel Govea and Susan Peña are joined by their daughters, Rene and Cecilia performing a wide-range of traditional and original Mexican, Tex-Mex and Colombian music. Information, call Joyce Nevins, 373-5505. Friends of Livermore Library program.

Outdoor Movie Night, Dublin's Emerald Glen Park, Aug. 29, dusk. "Ghost Busters." Free.

143rd Scottish Highland Games and Gathering, Aug. 30, 31, Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton. Bagpipe bands, sports competitions, dancing, animals, historic re-enactments, and more. Presented by the Caledonian Club of San Francisco,

tickets: adult 1-day \$18; adult 2-day \$25; senior and youth (8-16) \$12; under 8 free. Advance sale tickets until August 1 at www.caledonian.org.

Firehouse Fling, sponsored by the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation: An Old Fashioned Family Fun Day on September 14, near the site of the new Firehouse Arts Center at Wayside Park in downtown Pleasanton. The event will feature fun for the whole family including carnival games, pony rides, hula hoop and pie eating contests, sack races, a bake walk, petting zoo, arts and crafts and live entertainment. A BBQ lunch and other goodies will also be available. Activities will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Firehouse Arts Center Capital Campaign to support development of the center. Volunteers to assist with the Firehouse Fling are welcomed. For more info visit www.pleasantonartsfoundation.org or call 925.846.1007.

Auditions for male roles Valley Dance Theatre's full-length production of Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker*, to be performed at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore, Calif. on December 13-21, 2008. Auditions for boys, ages 6-12, will take place on Saturday, September 13, 2008 at 12:30 p.m. at the Valley Dance Theatre studio, 2247 Second Street, Suite B, in Livermore, Calif. No previous experience is required. Auditions for men, with ballet experience, will take place on Monday, September 15, 2008 at 8:00 p.m., also at the Valley Dance Theatre studio. More information about auditions is available by calling Director Betsy Hausburg at 925-243-0925

Cantabella Children's Chorus (CCC) has openings in its 3-level Training Choirs for singers in K-5th grades. Quality choral instruction with excellent teacher/student ratio. Rehearsals once a week on Tuesdays in Livermore, and on Wednesdays in Pleasanton, starting the week of Sept. 1. Auditions for a limited number of openings in the older performing choirs for 5th graders thru high school can also be scheduled by calling 925-292-2663. Please visit our website at www.cantabella.org for more registration information.



Emergence 1.

Merit Award for Livermore Artist

Livermore artist Thomasin Dewhurst has received international recognition for her oil painting "Emergence 1." She was awarded a Merit Award in the 2008 ArtKudos International juried exhibition.

The exhibition received approximately 490 entries from around the world. There were 116 artists selected by the juror, Pang-Chieh Hsu, a recipient of the prestigious Joan Mitchell Foundation Fellowship and an instructor at Armstrong Atlantic State University. Seven artists out of the 490 entries were chosen to receive awards and prizes.

Dewhurst is a figurative and portrait artist who has won nu-

merous awards and exhibited widely throughout her career. She has a B.A.F.A. (with distinction) and a M.A.F.A. (cum laude). She has been the recipient of a finalist award in the Artist's Magazine competition in 2006 and 2007. Her work is currently represented by the prestigious Hodnett Fine Art Gallery in Vancouver B.C., where, this month, she will be included in the international exhibition, "South Africans Abroad," through Sept. 19. She also is represented by galleries in the United Kingdom and South Africa, and is a juried member of the Portrait Society of Canada.

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BOTTLE SHOCK (PG) 13: DLP	1:00	4:00	7:00	9:35	
DEATH RACE (R) DLP	1:50	4:35	7:15	9:50	
HOUSE BUNNY (PG) 13: DLP	1:25	4:15	6:55	9:25	
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 413540

The following person (s) doing business as: The Hole Event, 4696 Amy Court, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):

Katrina M. Hole, 1350 Spring Valley Common, Livermore Ca 94551

This business is conducted by: an Individual Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Katrina Hole

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 22, 2008. Expires July 22, 2013.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 413303

The following person (s) doing business as: Green Sky Solar, Inc., 1046 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):

Green Sky Solar, Inc., 1143

Canton Ave., Livermore Ca 94550

This business is conducted by: a Corporation

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on July 10, 2008.

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Kyle L. Prusso

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 413815-413816

The following person (s) doing business as: 1) Touch And Release Massage Therapy, 2) LMS Consulting, 1640 4th Street, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Linda Maureen Sanches

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 414065

The following person (s) doing business as: Bella Beauty Bar, 264 South R Street, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Annalee Fay

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The following person (s) doing business as: Jennie's Photos, 2057 Lawson Cir, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Jennifer Lee McGregor

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 414065

The following person (s) doing business as: Annalee Fay, 264 South R Street, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Annalee Fay

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 413885

The following person (s) doing business as: Compassionate Carriers, 3833 East Ave., Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Garrett Torres

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MARGITTA E. MCGUIRE Case No. VP08401980

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: MARGITTA E. MCGUIRE aka MARGITTA ELSO MCGUIRE A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: PATRICK MCGUIRE, MATTHEW MCGUIRE & MARK MCGUIRE in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that PATRICK MCGUIRE, MATTHEW MCGUIRE & MARK MCGUIRE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate.

The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action). The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: **SEPTEMBER 22, 2008 AT 1:30PM IN Dept. 707 AT SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA 5672 STONERIDGE DR. PLEASANTON CA 94588 GALESCHEON HALL OF JUSTICE**

IN YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail the court a copy of the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code sections 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four

months from the hearing date noticed above. **YOU MAY EXAMINE** the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a **Request for Special Notice** (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner: Patricia A. Leong 3180 Crow Canyon Pl #250 San Ramon, Ca 94583 925 830-0684 The Independent Legal No. 2362. Publish August 14, 21, 28, September 4, 2008.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 413650

The following person (s) doing business as: 6 Twenty1, 2321 1st Street, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):

Signature of Registrant: /s:/William K. Jess

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REAL ESTATE NEWS AND NOTICES

Tax Break for First-Time Homebuyers

By Cher Wollard

The federal housing bill signed into law by President Bush on July 30 has a little something for everybody – and about 7500 "some-thing" for certain fortunate homebuyers.

Titled the Housing and Economic Recovery Act, the bipartisan bill focuses on relief for subprime homeowners and lenders.

However, it also contains a provision giving eligible first-time homebuyers a tax benefit that amounts to an interest-free loan of thousands of dollars.

That benefit – officially a tax credit or refund, with repayment over 15 years – is intended to stimulate housing demand and to provide a cushion for buyers in the first two years of homeownership, thus helping to ensure their success.

"Anytime you get money back after purchasing a home – that's a good thing!" said Jeff Rudloff, a Realtor at Alain Pinel Realty, Livermore.

This provision is similar to a program authorized in 1975 when there was an even greater abundance of available housing than today.

The National Association of Realtors estimates that 20 percent of homebuyers are purchasing their first homes. So this tax advantage is an added incentive for them.

And the movement of first-time homebuyers into the market – typically at the lower price points – allows sellers to move up to larger homes.

For Jane, who has been a renter all her life, this tax benefit will effectively put an additional \$312 in her paycheck every month to help offset the mortgage on the cute duet she is buying. This is because she can decrease her tax withholding for the next 24 months, and begin taking advantage of the credit right away.

This offset, along with the usual tax deduction for mortgage interest, means her mortgage will effectively equal about what she is currently paying in rent.

"I'm excited to finally own my own home," she said.

She knows the advantage is temporary – her withholding will need to adjust upward after that two-year period and she will have to begin repaying the credit. But this gives her time to adjust to life as a homeowner.

How does the benefit work?

Qualified homebuyers like Jane may claim a tax credit of 10 percent of the purchase price of their new home, up to a maximum of \$7,500, meaning it will be deducted from the total amount owed to the IRS. If they owe less than the credit they are entitled to, they receive a refund.

For example, if your tax liability before the credit is \$6,000, of which \$5,000 has been withheld, then without the credit you would owe the IRS \$1,000 on April 15. If you are entitled to the \$7,500 buyer tax credit, you would instead receive a refund of \$6,500 (\$7,500 minus the \$1,000 you owe).

You would then repay this credit at the rate of \$500 per year beginning two years after you received it, through a surcharge on your income taxes.

If you sell the house before the credit is totally repaid, you would pay the remaining amount the profit on the sale. (In the unlikely event your profit is insufficient to cover the debt, the remaining payback would be forgiven.)

In order to be eligible, certain guidelines apply:

- You must be a first-time homebuyer. As defined by federal guidelines, a first-time homebuyer is anyone who has not owned a principal residence in the past three years. If you are married, neither you nor your spouse may have owned a home during this time.

- You can, however, own a vacation house or investment property.
- The property must be your primary residence. It can be either new construction or a resale home.

- In order to receive the full tax benefit, your adjusted gross income must be no more than \$75,000 per year for a single person or \$150,000 per year for a married couple. If you make more than that amount, up to \$95,000 for single people and \$170,000 for married couples, you are entitled to a partial credit.

You may not be eligible for this tax benefit if you purchase your home through certain subsidized programs.

- You must close on the purchase of your home between April 9, 2008 and July 1, 2009. This aspect of the law is designed to motivate buyers who are on the fence or waiting to see what the market will do, to act now. You can claim the tax benefit on either your 2008 or 2009 return, regardless of which year you buy the property.

- You must be a citizen or a legal resident of the United States.

Rudloff says that this tax benefit only adds to a climate that is already ideal for anyone seeking to purchase a home.

"It's a wonderful time to buy: Prices are low, FHA guidelines have opened up, there's plenty of inventory," he said. "This won't last. The cycle will turn around. And when it does, buyers will come busting through the gate and the inventory is really going to start decreasing."

For now, though, the federal government has given folks one more reason to become homebuyers.

Cher Wollard is a local Realtor.

Housing Prices Down for Now

Fueled by waves of foreclosures resulting in sharp price reductions throughout California, housing affordability increased in most markets throughout the state during the second quarter of 2008, but affordability in California remains a serious long-term issue, the California Building Industry Association said Tuesday.

The quarterly National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo Housing Opportunity Index found that homes were more affordable in 25 of the state's 28 metro areas included in the report, but because home prices have fallen throughout most of the nation, California still has more metro areas scoring the lowest in affordability than any other state. In addition, underlying demographic trends point to rising prices in the future once the large supply of foreclosed homes is sold, meaning today's relatively high affordability levels are likely to be a short-lived phenomenon after the market correction is completed.

Robert Rivinius, CBIA's President and CEO, said the rising affordability rates in most areas is welcome news for prospective homebuyers looking to purchase a home in the near future.

"On a statewide basis, the HOI found that a median-income family could have afforded 36.8 percent of the new and existing homes that were sold during the second quarter, up from 31 percent in the first quarter," Rivinius said. "This is a great time for first-time homebuyers to get out there and start shopping around because affordability at these levels will not last long."

During the second quarter of 2008, six of the 10 least-affordable metro areas in the nation were located in California, as were 11 of the bottom 20. However, for the first time since the NAHB/Wells Fargo housing opportunity index began tracking housing affordability in 1991, the least affordable metro area was not located in California. New York City took over as the least affordable market in the nation with just 11.4 percent of the homes sold affordable to a median income family, down from 12.5 percent in the first quarter.

San Francisco, San Mateo and Marin counties took the lead as California's least-affordable metro area, and second in the nation (13.8 percent), followed by San Luis Obispo County (14.7 percent), Los Angeles County (14.8 percent) and Miami-Dade County in Florida (17.7 percent).

The Sacramento region was California's most affordable market for the second quarter in a row with 55.7 percent affordability, up from 49.7 percent in the first quarter. Stanislaus and Merced counties were the second and third most-affordable markets in California with 49.3 percent and 48.6 percent affordability, respectively.

Nationwide, 55 percent of new and existing homes sold in the second quarter were affordable to families earning the national median income, up from 53.8 percent in the first quarter. Canton-Massillon, Ohio, became the nation's most-affordable housing market with an affordability ranking of 96.7 percent, followed by Springfield, Ohio, with a ranking of 93.9 percent.

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Goodguys Show Off Hot Rods, Custom Cars

The Goodguys 22nd West Coast Nationals hot rod & custom car show takes over the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton August 22nd, 23rd & 24th, turning the site into a "Disneyland on Wheels!" This is the largest automotive event in the entire Western United States.

Event includes a giant car



Eric Reid Hartsuyker

Eagle Court Of Honor Set

Eric Reid Hartsuyker, 18, senior from Foothill High School and Lifeguard at Pleasanton Aquatic Center, received his Eagle Scout award, the highest rank in Boy Scouts, in April 2008. He will be honored and recognized for his accomplishments at Valley Community Church in Pleasanton on August 24 at 2 p.m.

In the first grade, Eric started Cub Scouts with Pack 916. He earned the Arrow of Light as he transitioned into Boy Scouts, where he completed 21 merit badges, 11 required for Eagle Scout rank. Eric held many leadership positions while involved in scouts including attending Brown Sea Leadership Training Camp. After a brief hiatus from scouting, Eric returned to scouting and joined Troop 941 with the goal of completing his Eagle Scout.

For his Eagle project, six redwood benches were created and installed outside the administrative offices at Hart Middle School. Eric planned, designed, acquired funding, donations and materials, as well as managed the volunteers for the construction of the benches. Eric chose this project because he wanted to give back to the local school and community.

Eric's schooling in Pleasanton started at Lydiksen Elementary School, where he attended first through fifth grade and played soccer, baseball, and swimming. He then attended Hart Middle School for three years where he was a member of the jazz band and symphony orchestra, a star swimmer, and a member of the track team for all three years. He completed his education at Foothill High School where he was on the swim team, water polo team, music club, and various other activities. Eric graduated in June 2008. He will be attending UC Santa Barbara this fall majoring in mathematics, with a minor in physics, and the goal of obtaining his teaching credentials.

show, an automotive swap meet, a vendor exhibit midway, celebrity appearances by Discovery Channel star Chip Foose as well as NHRA Funny Car racer Ron Capps, a model engine exhibit, arts & crafts fair, live entertainment and a host of other automotive themed activities.

The West Coast Nationals is the fourteenth of twenty-four annual hot rod and custom car events promoted and produced by the Goodguys Rod & Custom Association. Goodguys events are held from New York to San Diego, from Seattle to Florida and many points in between. They celebrate the American car culture like nothing else. Lil' deuce coupes, hot rod roadsters, lead-sled 50's Mercury customs, '55-'57 Chevy's and other timeless beauties.

As many as 3,000 1957 and earlier cars and trucks are expected. An automotive parts swap meet will join a special "cars for sale corral" where automotive treasure hunters can seek out hard to find parts and buy and/or sell the car of their dreams. For those who prefer their hot cars on a smaller scale, as in miniature version, model car giant Revell-Monogram will sponsor a model car show, complete with a "Make and Take" program where youngsters can build a model at the event and take it home with them. The Bay Area Engine Modeler Association will stage a special miniature engine exhibit showcasing their scale engines - all of which run on gasoline!

Chip Foose - the designer, car builder and star of Discovery Channel's hit television show "Overhaulin'" will be on hand throughout the weekend to hand-pick the Chip Foose Pro's Pick awards. The Pro's Picks are special awards hand crafted by their namesake to honor the top ten

cars at the event. Goodguys will also crown the 2008 "America's Most Beautiful Street Rod" that will go to the most beautiful 1949 or earlier street rod on the grounds. Special awards like the "Low Lid" will go to the hot rod or custom car with the lowest roof. The "Homebuilt Heaven" pick, sponsored by Timberland/Pro apparel goes to a rod or custom that was completely built and fabricated by the owner in his or her own garage.

The "Homebuilt Heaven" area is for hot rodder's who built their cars in their own garage. The "Good Wood" corral is exclusive to Woodies and the "Young Guys" is for hot rodders 25 years old and younger. The special parking areas take place Saturday, August 23rd from 8am to 2pm.

Event hours are Friday and Saturday 8am to 5pm and Sunday 8am to 3pm. General admission is \$17. Kids 7-12 \$6. Kids 6 and under are free. For additional event information, contact the Goodguys Rod & Custom Association at (925) 838-9876 or visit www.good-guys.com

Business News

Livermore Dealership Steps up to the Plate

The Ford dealership in Dublin recently closed its doors. It had been a fixture in the Dublin area for many years.

There was a concern among local residents as to where they were going to have their warranty work, maintenance, and purchase needs fulfilled.

Another Ford dealership is within easy driving distance. Livermore Ford/Lincoln/Mercury is located at 2266 Kitty Hawk Rd. in Livermore. Customers can take the Airway Blvd. exit off 580 and simply follow the frontage road to the facility. Directions can be found at www.livermoreautogroup.com or call for directions at 925-294-7700.

Many of the service and sales personnel from the Ford dealership in Dublin have relocated to Livermore Ford/Lincoln/Mercury.

In addition, more than 180 vehicles from Dublin's inventory have been transferred to Livermore, making them one of the Bay Area's largest

dealerships in terms of selection. The service and parts departments have added additional personnel and have extended their hours to accommodate the needs of the new customers.

The commercial/fleet business department has always been

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CHAMPION

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dogs as soon as they leave the country. So I made a promise to her that I would not forget."

Romania's street dog crisis began during the Communist regime of Nicolai Ceausescu, when farmers were forced to move from their villages into Communist bloc housing in cities. Cats and dogs were not allowed in the public housing, so many were abandoned. Communism ended in Romania nearly 20 years ago, in 1989. However, the population of the street dogs grew out of control.

Before her trip to Romania, Nancy says she was a hands-off animal supporter, sending money to organizations that champion her beliefs. Packing up and moving halfway around the world wasn't feasible—Nancy and Rory own Baughman's Western Wear in Livermore and Christesen's in Pleasanton. Instead, she began looking for others who shared her passion for helping the Romanian street dogs and found Dana Costin, who runs Rolda, a rescue operation organization in Galatzi, Romania.

In Romania at the time, the outlook for street dogs was pretty bleak. Spay/neuter programs were virtually nonexistent, while the government condoned mass killings of street dogs. In 2001, then-mayor of Bucharest Traian Basescu (who is now Romania's president), ordered that all street dogs be killed, which resulted in the deaths of hundreds of thousands of dogs. So-called animal shelters in Romania, says Janes, are inhumane places where dogs live in conditions that are typically worse than the streets.

Janes founded Romanian Animal Rescue (RAR) and began working with Rolda on a catch/neuter/release program, which she says is the most effective way to control the street dog population. "It's very important that the dogs be returned to their territory after being spayed or neutered, because they'll maintain their territory and keep the un-neutered dogs from moving in," she explains. "If you kill the dogs, more will come in to take their place. Those dogs will continue having puppies."

In the past four years, Janes says they've observed a significant change in Galatzi. "The dog population is down. As a result the human/dog interactions have changed," she adds. "With fewer dogs, they are better tolerated."

It typically takes five years for a catch/neuter/release program to effect a substantial change. About 80% of the dogs need to be spayed or neutered. The program needs to move in concentric rings from the city center out.

RAR sends veterinarians from the United States to Romania once or twice a year to train local vets and perform free spay/neuter operations and other surgeries. RAR recently bought a van to turn into a mobile vet clinic, which will be run by a U.S.-trained Romanian vet.

RAR brings Romanians animal supporters to the United States to train with highly successful organizations such as Tony LaRussa's Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF), Guide Dogs for the Blind, and the Marin Humane Society. Janes also brings Romanian puppies home with her—an action that she admits is not without controversy.

"These animals have no chance in Romania. They'll be poisoned, clubbed, or killed by other dogs," she says. Janes has questioned whether it is ethical to bring the dogs into American shelters, which are already full of dogs in need of homes. She says her conscious would not let her abandon the animals to a certain death. Recently she rescued 16 puppies from a Romanian village where a mayor offered cash rewards for every street dog killed (ears were used to prove the kill).

Janes is extremely proud that Bucharest has now adopted a catch/neuter/release policy for dealing with street dogs, which replaces the old practice of killing street dogs. "I think RAR can take a lot of credit for that," she says. "We're an outside entity that has been putting a lot of positive pressure on the government and reminding them that the world is watching."

She also recently attended a rally protesting the killing of animals in front of the People's Palace in Bucharest and spoke

to the Romanian Parliament. These two events, says Nancy, indicate big changes in Romania where animal rights activism is still outside the mainstream.

RAR also runs a "Compassion is Cool" campaign to educate schoolchildren and Romanian citizens on the importance of animal care and welfare. RAR provides Romanian organizations, shelters, and vets with surgical instruments, suture materials, and anti-parasite medications.

Janes stresses that she only provides direct support to organizations she trusts and has a personal relationship with, because there is a lot of corruption in animal welfare in Romania. Basescu's dog killing campaign set off an international scandal in animal welfare circles, because actress Bridget Bardot had donated \$150,000 to the Romanian government for sterilization and adoption programs that were never implemented.

Animal welfare advocates are often questioned about putting resources towards animals rather than people. Janes believes that helping the Romanian dogs will benefit Romanian society overall. She says that caring for animals will bring new jobs into Romania, such as vets, vet techs, animal control police, human educators, and even retail pet store workers. RAR is funding a scholarship to train a Romanian student as a veterinarian, who would then work for RAR.

RAR is holding a fund-raiser on Sept. 14 from 5-30-7:30 pm at the Oasis Grille and Wine Lounge on 780 Main Street in Pleasanton. Admission, which is \$15 in advance and \$35 at the door, includes wine tasting and appetizers. Raffle and auction prizes include vacations, hotel stays, golf, art, wine, gift certificates, and gift baskets.

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