

Art, Community, & Education



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

LAVTA Using \$3 Million In Stimulus Funds

Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA), the agency that operates the Wheels bus service, is among local agencies benefitting from the federal stimulus package.

The agency received \$3 million for three budget categories. The stimulus money is designed to create jobs or save them by putting federal money into capital improvement projects at the local level.

LAVTA's grant application was approved in mid-June. The agency has been drawing money from it for the past two months, said executive director Paul Matsuoka.

Close to \$1.7 million will be used for preventive maintenance on the buses to keep them running longer. The funds will also prevent the lay-off of a couple of mechanics, so it will meet stimulus intentions, said Matsuoka. However, the money won't enable hiring back two mechanics, and two general utility workers who were laid off as the consequence of state budget cutbacks.

Some \$300,000 will go to dial-a-ride senior paratransit. That will help defray the agency's costs elsewhere. However, it won't lead to restoration of any general service cuts.

Some \$1 million of the grant will cover 15 small projects, which were lumped together under the heading of rehabilitation projects. One example is a sum to pay for LAVTA's damage to an asphalt pad at the airport. Wheels buses were parked there. Now the airport wants to use the pad as a helipad, said Matsuoka.

Another project was conversion of LAVTA headquarters lighting to more efficient fluorescent lights than those already in use. It will save energy, and therefore, cost.

There is a possibility that more stimulus money will be available for transit in the future. If other transit agencies across the country failed to meet deadlines for implementation plans, the money would go back into the pot, and be open to new applications, said Matsuoka.

Animal Adoption Faire Scheduled

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue will hold an animal adoption faire Sun., August 30 from noon to 3 p.m. at the East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Dr., Dublin.

Those adopting animals will receive free items. For dogs: three private training classes with a professional dog training, valued at over \$180; bed, collar and lease; and a bag of Science Diet dog food. For cats, toys, a blanket and a bed.

For more information, call Sue at 408-202-6708.

More Cuts Loom for Livermore Schools

By Patricia Koning

As lawmakers have revised and tweaked the state budget, public schools find themselves working with an ever-changing set of budget assumptions. One thing has remained constant: the budget cuts are not finished. In Livermore, the district estimates that the budget cuts at \$10.5 million overall.

"It's been another strange and challenging budget year," said Susan Kinder, executive director of fiscal services for the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School

District. She presented a report on the current budget outlook at the Tuesday, August 18 Board of Education meeting.

Kinder described the current budget as a 17-month budget, which began in the fall of 2008 with the original 2008/09 budget. That budget was obsolete by November, revised in February, and amended again last month because of bills passed by the California legislature. Many changes have been made to school funds. However, the net result has always been less

money than before. The most significant change in the July version is an across-the-board cut of \$250 per Average Daily Attendance (ADA).

"This has never been done since I've been around," said Kinder. "The idea is to hit everyone equally. We don't know yet if this is a one time thing or ongoing."

The severity of the cuts is seen acutely in the Revenue Limit per ADA—the amount of money schools receive per student. ADA for the 2007/08 school year

was \$5,778. Back in June 2008, the multi-year projection put Livermore's ADA in 2010/11 at \$6,250. "We were really dreaming then," commented Kinder.

That number now stands at \$4,949 in the July 2009 budget, a decrease of \$829 per ADA or about \$10.5 million overall. The State is also planning to defer apportionments from the 2009/10 fiscal year into 2010/11. School districts receive their State funding in monthly apportionments. In the past, school districts receive about 6-8% of

their funding each month, with a greater percentage in August, September, and February, totaling 100% by June.

This year, those apportionments are being deferred repeatedly. The July apportionment will be paid in December, August in October, and November in January. The February and April apportionments are being deferred to July and August, into the 2010/11 fiscal year. This means that in the 2009/10 fiscal year, districts will only receive 82% (See LIVERMORE, page 4)



Fourth and fifth grade students of Terri Quesinberry at Walnut Grove Elementary School in Pleasanton drew seating assignments the first day of school. Kate Cole is in the process of drawing her assignment.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

School Opening Delayed

Mold Found at Hearst
By Ron McNicoll

Classes were canceled on the first day of school at Hearst Elementary School in Pleasanton on Tuesday, because of the discovery of mold in a classroom in the C building.

The mold was found prior to opening day by a teacher, when she moved a bookcase in her classroom. A technological survey of the room showed the air was clear. However, an investigation of an adjacent room showed mold presence in test results that came to the district at 9:30 p.m. Monday.

Over the weekend, the district acted on protocols concerning mold and authorized testing of all eight classrooms in C building. The results for all were not to be known until late Tuesday.

As a precaution, plans were made to conduct all eight classes, starting on Wednesday, in other Hearst classrooms, and at vacant classrooms at the adjacent Pleasanton Middle School.

District officials were working busily on Tuesday to assess the situation in as much detail as possible. They said they would send word out to parents on Tuesday night about where their children should show up for classes on Wednesday.

It was not known how long it would take to correct the mold problem in the one classroom, or determine results and carry out treatment, if any were needed for any of the other Building C classrooms.

The district established the mold protocols approximately (See MOLD, page 3)

Neighbors Object to Ice Rink Location

Residents of old town in Pleasanton let the city council know they were not happy with a decision to move an ice skating rink to Delucchi Park.

Old town includes homes along First and Second Streets. Delucchi Park is located on First Street, a block from Main Street.

When first approved by the council, the skating rink was to

have been located in the library parking lot. Staff moved it to the park without input from either neighbors or the council.

The decision to move the ice to the park was based on the fact that it is closer to the center of downtown, adjacent to restrooms and has more public parking available in the old railroad corridor.

After hearing from three near-

by homeowners, the city council agreed to agendize the matter. Prior to the council hearing, on Sept. 1, city staff will meet with neighbors to determine if operational changes could be made to the proposed ice rink that would make it more acceptable to neighbors.

At last week's council meeting, neighbors complained about increased traffic, noise and park-

ing problems related to operation of the ice rink

Chris Bourg, who lives on Second Street, a block away from the park, pointed out, "This ice rink would be open seven days a week. Our neighborhood is already impacted by Farmers Market, Friday's concerts in the park, First Wednesday the convalescent hospital, Thursday night (See ICE RINK, page 3)

Zone 7 Employees Feel Left Out on Separation Policy

By Ron McNicoll

Zone 7 Water Agency's ongoing transition to be fully independent from Alameda County government has hit a snag with some employees.

Close to a dozen employees appeared at the board meeting Aug. 19 to address the board about what they said is a rush toward separation without obtaining sufficient employee feedback.

Athena Watson, an associate civil engineer, said that although management did conduct several brown bag lunch meetings about the separation, notification to many employees was poor. Key questions that she asked at the meetings were met with vague answers, or no answers at all.

"All management did was read a summary, and a list of 24 statements. There was no time for questions," said Watson.

There were no details about losing civil service commission jurisdiction, which now is provided by the county, she added. One of the employee unions, Local 21, is in negotiations with

the county now.

There was a 95-page report on the separation. However, Watson said she asked three times for a copy, and received it two days before the brown-bag session.

Other employees didn't even know about the brown bag meetings, she said. Watson said that since then, 19 employees approached her who said that there are questions they would ask, if they had the chance. They brought the total up to 30 employees at the Zone 7 headquarters building. The figure is one-half of the 60 who work at that site.

Workers at other Zone 7 sites are also interested in getting answers, she said. "They are feeling lost, and disenfranchised," said Watson.

Watson said the meeting with employees should be on work time. She asked whether there is any implementation plan.

CIVIL SERVICE IS KEY
Alfonso Yasonia, who attended with other water plant operators, said that the whole (See ZONE 7, page 4)

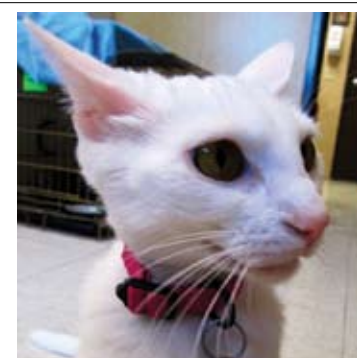


A groundbreaking was held Tuesday to signal the start of renovations planned for the Bothwell Park in Livermore. Construction is slated to begin Monday, Aug. 31. Timeline is about six months, allowing for possible delays due to inclement weather as the seasons change. The work will include clearing and excavation of existing facilities and grounds, planting turf, trees and shrubs, and constructing new picnic and player areas, and two bocce courts. The park is adjacent to the Bothwell Arts Center, in an area bounded by 7th and 8th Streets, G and H Streets. Pictured trying out their bocce skills are (from left) Rose Lyons, Al Alviso, Tom McGaughlin, LARPD Board member David Furst (with shovel), Ray Devany, Daric Cunial, and LARPD Board member Steve Goodman.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Minerva is a young cat with snow-white fur and piercing green eyes. She loves people but could live without other cats around. To visit with Minerva, visit Valley Humane Society's Kitty City at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Open Tues-Sat from 11AM to 5PM. Call 925-426-8656 for more info. It's not too late to enter your pet into the Furry Faces Calendar Contest! Visit the web site www.valleyhumane.org to learn how.

Guitar Player Live! to Showcase Foldable Guitar

One of the two presenting sponsors of Guitar Player LIVE!, a celebration of guitars, music, and gear at the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center on September 11 - 13, is Voyage-Air Guitar, based in Livermore. Harman International-Digitech has also signed on as a presenting sponsor of this three-day festival with additional sponsorship provided by Mesa Boogie, Taylor Guitars, D'Addario, Planet Waves, GBase, Line 6, Sennheiser, Washburn, Randall and Gallien Kruger.

Voyage-Air Guitar builds and sells the world's first and only full-size acoustic and electric instruments that fold in half. According to Jeff Cohen, CEO of Voyage-Air, "Our belief is that every player should be able to take his or her guitar wherever their music takes them. We also believe that traveling with a guitar shouldn't be an obstacle or require someone to down grade their instrument just to be able to carry it with them."

Voyage-Air's unique folding guitar was featured last week on ABC's new reality television show, "Shark Tank." The product will be on display at Guitar Player Live!, along with the latest in guitars, pedals, amps and accessories. Product-endorsement stars will do demos throughout the event.

The weekend celebration includes free live performances on four outdoor stages in downtown Livermore, performances in the Bankhead Theater, free artist clinics, and cult and classic guitar films at the Vine Cinema. During the evening several local live music taverns and restaurants will also host local band performances and guitar virtuosos. Another highlight will be an exhibition of Bill Owens' photographs commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Altamont Raceway Free Concert.

Guitar Player LIVE! begins Friday evening, September 11, at the Bankhead Theater with Shrapnel Records Guitar Night. The Shrapnel Record label is at the forefront of the neo-classical electric guitar and shred movements, and the first label to bring renowned guitarists to world attention. Friday night's performance features internationally known guitarists Richie Kotzen, Michael Lee Firkins, and Chris Duarte, with band members Stu Hamm (bass sideman to Joe Satriani), and Jeremy Colson (drummer for Steve Vai).

On Saturday evening, September 12, ten finalists will battle for the international title of "Guitar Superstar." These finalists will perform onstage in front of a live audience and a panel of world-famous guitar stars that includes Elliot Easton (The Cars), Jennifer Batten (guitarist for Michael Jackson, Jeff Beck), Steve Lukather (Toto), and Greg Hampton, (producer of Alice Cooper, Ronnie Wood, Lita Ford). Host of this year's big event is Brendon Small, (co-creator of Adult's Swim's *Metalocalypse* animated series).



Schedule:
• Shrapnel Records Guitar Night Friday, September 11 at 8 p.m.

• Guitar Player's Guitar Superstar Competition Finals Saturday, September 12 at 8 p.m.

• Triple Threat Guitar - Featuring Laurence Juber, Jennifer Batten, Vicki Genfan Sunday, September 13 at 3 p.m.

For packages, call the box office at 925-373-6800.

Scots Guards to March into Pleasanton

The famous Pipes & Drums - 1st Battalion Scots Guards usually seen parading at Buckingham Palace, will be in Pleasanton on September 5 and 6 to take part in the 144th edition of the world's largest Scottish Highland Gathering & Games at the Alameda County Fairgrounds.

The band was created in 1642 when King Charles I commissioned the Marquis of Argyll to raise a regiment of personal guards in Scotland. It continues today, steeped in history, as both a pipe band and as highly trained soldiers.

These soldier-musicians will share the limelight both days during the Massed Bands Closing Ceremonies in front of the grandstands with the 45-piece U.S. Marine Band San Diego. Both bands will perform individually, then together in one of the world's only integrated performances by military bands from Scotland and America.

Also performing will be 28 competition pipe bands from the U.S. and Canada marching, roughly 800 pipers and drummers.

The military and competition bands are but one of the many

facets of these storied Games.

The 35th U.S. Invitational Heavy Events Championship, plus the World Celtic Hammer Championship, brings the strongest and best athletes in the world in the professional division, including 2008 World Champion Sean Betz of Omaha, NE, seven-time World Champ Ryan Vierra of Stevenson, CA and All American Champion Harrison Bailey III of Easton, PA. British Champion Scott Rider, who missed last year because of appendicitis, will make his first appearance at Pleasanton.

The Western U.S. Highland Dancing Championship brings together competitors in five age groups.

Six stages of continuous musical entertainment, from traditional to heart-pounding Celtic Rock, will be featured. Among the groups are Tempest, Wicked Tinker and Molly's Revenge in the Celtic rock venue with the harmony of the Browne Sister and Golden Bough among the traditionalists. Also featured is Scotland's Isla St. Clair. Other stages present Scottish country dancing, fiddlers and harpers.

Living History takes visitors

back in time with Mary Queen of Scots and her entourage. The fierce highland warriors, the Roman Legions occupying forces and the invading Vikings will also be on hand.

The Birds of Prey, with over 25 hawks, falcons, owls and other flying predators, will be presented by their handlers. The sheepdog trials showcases the abilities of the dog and its handler herding sheep. The big and stately Clydesdale horses are a marked contrast to the miniature highland cattle.

The Children's Glen is always popular for the wee ones. And for the adults, there is the whisky tasting venue and seminars on

the finer points of the single malt spirits.

Five-A-Side soccer, Rugby and the ancient Scottish sport of Shinty add to the agenda. On display are a number of British motor cars.

The gates open both days at 9 a.m. Following the 6:30 p.m. closure Saturday the Red Lion Pub will host a Ceilidh (Scottish party) with open microphone and a barbecue dinner.

One day adult admission is \$17, 2-day is \$25. Single day youth 8-16, seniors 65-plus and handicapped are \$10. Under 8 is free, as is the military when showing an active duty ID.

ValleyCare Children's Fair

Join ValleyCare Health System for a FREE kids day. Meet ValleyCare pediatricians and learn more about what ValleyCare offers. Kids will participate in fun-filled, hands-on learning activities.

Saturday, August 29th 11AM-4PM

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(corner of W. Las Positas and Stoneridge)
Pleasanton

For more information, call 1-800-719-9111 or visit www.valleycare.com

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- ★ Health and Fitness Information and Screenings
- ★ Fun Activities including a bounce house, face painting, balloon artists and more
- ★ Giveaways and more!

Lessons from... National Drowning Prevention Month

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

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



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

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

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

* Statistics from the Drowning Prevention Foundation

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Pleasanton Construction

The City of Pleasanton's Engineering division reports that construction activities are scheduled beginning August 24 through the early part of November as city workers replace water mains and various related structures in order to improve water services and decrease maintenance costs.

During this period, parking restrictions and traffic related delays may be experienced from time to time. Construction will begin on East Angela Street between Whiting Street and Las Lomas Drive in August. Crews will then move across town to work on Commerce Drive and along Commerce Circle, where water services may be shut down during evening and weekend hours in order to minimize disruption to businesses located in the area.

For more information, please call (925) 931-5661.

LARPD Board Meeting

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District's Board of Directors meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2009, was canceled.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2009. Meetings are held at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore.

For more information, visit www.larpd.dst.ca.us or call 925-373-5700.

Pleasanton Ridge Survey

The East Bay Regional Park District has begun the process of developing a Land Use Plan for Pleasanton Ridge Park, a 7,352-acre park located in Alameda County along the western perimeter of the City of Pleasanton. This long-range planning process for the entire park will result in the recommendations for managing and conserving resources, and identifying future recreation uses and service facilities.

A park use survey has been developed to ascertain the public interest in this park resource. Pick up a copy of the survey at the City of Pleasanton's Parks and Community Services Department, located at 200 Old Bernal Avenue (modular building).

The survey is designed for current users, and for those who might like to use the park in the future. Responses will remain totally confidential.

Burglary Suspects Arrested

Pleasanton Police arrested two suspects for burglary on Monday. The two, one 18 years old the other 19 years old, are from San Jose. They were booked at Santa Rita Jail.

The police received a 911 call from a 16-year old female reporting that an Hispanic adult male was in her home on Calle Ricardo. The teenager, who was in the home with her 13 year old sister, reported that the man had knocked at the front door. When the girls did not answer, he went into the backyard where he was able to enter the home through an open window. Once the suspect was in the house, he was confronted by the teens. He left through the same window.

The teen, who had called police, reported seeing another male sitting in a car parked in front of the home. She was able to provide a description of both males as well as the vehicle.

When officers arrived on the scene, they arrested the male who was in the car. They used two K-9 units to search for the second suspect. He was found in a storage shed in the backyard of a neighboring residence.

DUI Crackdown

Dublin Police Services will be conducting a DUI/drivers license checkpoint, partnering with thousands of other law enforcement units. The checkpoint will be set up on Sat., Sept. 5.

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

"Statewide, DUI deaths fell 9 percent in 2008. Credit for the drop goes to law enforcement, state and local agencies, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, and other safety advocates," said Christopher Murphy, Director of the California Office of Traffic Safety.

Lt. Casey Quinn, Operations Lieutenant at Dublin Police Services, stated, "Drunk driving is simply not worth the risk. Not only do you risk killing yourself or someone else, but the trauma and financial costs of a crash or an arrest for impaired driving is significant."

He added that violators will face jail time, the loss of their drivers licenses, higher insurance rates, attorney fees, time away from work, and dozens of other expenses.

For more information, visit www.StopImpairedDriving.org or www.californiaavoid.org.

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ICE RINK

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Movies in the Park and, eventually, the unknown impact of the new Firehouse Arts Center."

Bourg added, "I'm not against the idea. I just oppose having it at Delucchi Park."

Also voicing objections were residents Neil Nostrand and Jack Bras. They weren't happy that they had not been consulted.

Nostrand commented, "We have been overwhelmed and run over by special events, all for the downtown. Basically, we are providing the parking and absorbing the noise. Our Old Town neighborhood is unique to anything else in the city and a major asset for Pleasanton."

Nostrand also felt that decisions were being made to the benefit of the downtown, without consideration of the impact on nearby residents. "I think there needs to be a better balance."

The location and planned operation of the ice rink are in the most recent activities guide pub-

lished by the city. It notes, "This outdoor wonderland is being provided through a partnership between the City of Pleasanton and the San Jose Sharks." According to the guide, the 60' x 100' ice rink will be located in Delucchi Park. It will operate Nov. 19, 2009 to Jan. 10, 2010. As proposed, skating would be available on a daily basis. Proposed are group ice skating lessons, corporate events and other activities held in conjunction with the facility.

The ice rink is to be installed and operated by San Jose Arena Management, a subsidiary of the San Jose Sharks.

City Manager Nelson Fialho said that the goal of having the ice rink was to provide a healthy, fun, safe activity, while stimulating the downtown.

Councilmember Matt Sullivan commented, "At a minimum, we should hold a public meeting so we and the neighbors can learn

more about the project."

Councilmember Cheryl Cook-Kallio suggested that staff could work with neighbors. Any issues that couldn't be addressed at that level, could come back to the council.

Fialho noted there is a time factor, with the holidays just around the corner. He said that staff would work out the issues and prepare a PUD for the council. Staff would also analyze other locations in the city.

MOLD

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10 years ago, when mold was discovered at Walnut Grove elementary school. Then, water had been left running late in summer, before school started. The resulting soaking of rugs and walls allowed the mold to grow.

Classes were held in what turned out to be an affected classroom for a few weeks. When many children reported cold symptoms, their parents strongly urged the district to check the air. When mold was found, the children were moved to other areas of the school, such as the library.

One family sued the district, claiming their daughter's serious illness was the result of inhaling the mold. The district contended that the parents did not have adequate proof. The case was settled.

ENROLLMENT RISES SLIGHTLY

Schools opened in Pleasanton on Tuesday with an estimated 14,880 students, after adjusting for students who likely are not

there, but whose families failed to tell the district that they changed districts. That compares to a total of 14,829 at the close of the school year in May.

This year, there are 6187 elementary school, an identical number to the figure at the last school year's close. Middle school enrollment dropped by 83 from 3608 to 3525, and high school numbers rose by 134 from 5034 to 5168.

The overall stability in enrollment between the two years will mean that the district won't be required to hire new teachers beyond the positions for which it already has budgeted, said district senior director pupil services Kevin Johnson.

The changes in middle school and high school enrollment don't reflect any trends, said Johnson. "One of the things we are proud of is that we have pretty steady enrollment. There is no dramatic decline or growth. It's steady growth, which enables us to keep a solid program very consistent," he said.



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EDITORIALS

Haven Loses Key Funding

Tri-Valley Haven, haven for victims of domestic violence, is itself in desperate need.

The Governor's recent line item veto fell hard on the Haven and other such agencies throughout the state, eliminating the state health department's domestic violence program. The Haven will have to eliminate a large number of beds, as well as some of its non-emergency programs.

Among other services, Tri-Valley Haven is the region's only rape crisis center and the only shelter in the area that accepts single fathers with children. Its everyday work is centered around empowering victims to take control of their lives and achieve independence from their abusers.

It's tragic that at a time when the need for these services is greater than ever, the public sector is less and less able to provide support. The Haven now has to turn to the community for help.

The Haven is currently making plans for its annual fund-raising Panama Red Block Party, slated October 3 in downtown Livermore. They seek sponsors, vendors and volunteers. Call Christine, (925) 667-2707.

A recent statement by Livermore Police Chief Steve Sweeney explains why Tri-Valley Haven is invaluable.

"I've always found the Haven to be a tremendous resource for our community," the chief said. "Having the ability to call upon the Haven's advocates in these crisis situations at a moments notice brings much needed reassurance and refuge to innocent victims and greatly assists the police in its pursuit of justice."

Affordable Housing Defended

The Pleasanton City Council in an unanimous vote has upheld the Planning Commission's denial of a proposed condo conversion of the Vineyard Villa Mobile Home Park.

The 208-unit park provides rental housing at present and the renters want to keep it that way. A survey of them was done; 118 of the 139 respondents opposed the conversion.

Terms of the conversion would have permitted renters who didn't want to become owners to stay and continue paying rent. Approval of the conversion, however, would have set in motion a process that would have ultimately squeezed out all or most of the rental spaces at Vineyard Villa.

It would have been a major loss for the community's stock of affordable housing. City staff advocated for the conversion, but the council stood by the Planning Commission decision. Pleasanton City Council, bravo!

The Independent Recommends:
10th Congressional District: John Garamendi

Congressional Candidates Raising Funds

Four candidates for the 10th Congressional District seat reported raising over \$300,000 in the latest Federal Election Commission filings. Three are Democrats - Joan Buchanan, Mark DeSaulnier and John Garamendi; and one is a Republican - David Harmer.

Voters will go to the polls Sept. 1 in a special election to choose a successor to former Rep. Ellen Tauscher (D-Alamo). There are fourteen candidates.

Tauscher was confirmed as Undersecretary of State for Arms Control and International Security by the Senate and resigned from Congress.

If one candidate among the 14 on the ballot obtains 50 percent of the vote plus one, he or she will be elected outright.

Otherwise, the top vote-getter in each of the five parties on the ballot will face off in an election Nov. 3. If that happens, the unopposed candidates from the three minor parties -- American Independent, Green and Peace and Freedom -- will be on the ballot again.

In the race for funds, Buchanan reports the most money collected, \$594,538. However, \$500,000 of that total are loans from the candidate to her campaign.

John Garamendi has received \$517,368 in donations, including \$446,968 from individuals and \$70,400 from political action committees. DeSaulnier came in third with \$395,480. He raised nearly \$200,000 in the period,

nearly doubling in six weeks what he raised the first three months of the campaign. He raised the majority of his money from donors in the district.

Another Democrat, Anthony Woods has topped the \$200,000 mark with \$214,231 in donations. Of that total, \$206,465 is from individuals and \$5240 from political action committees. He has loaned his campaign \$2400.

Republican David Harmer lists \$424,731 in donations. He has received \$389,971 from individuals and \$21,000 from political action committees. He has loaned his campaign \$16,641.

Other candidates reporting donations were Democrat Adriel Hampton, \$24,444; Republican Mark Loos, \$120; Republican David Peterson, \$36; and Independent Gino Vangundy, \$2678.

ENDORSEMENTS

Republican David Harmer, Candidate has been endorsed by former San Ramon mayor, Dave Hudson.

The National Organization for Women (NOW) has endorsed Mark DeSaulnier for Congress. NOW joins a list of organizations in support of DeSaulnier for Congress, including the California League of Conservation Voters, the Sierra Club, and Peace Action West.

Gary Clift has been endorsed by the 9/12 candidates for embracing their 9 principles and 12 values articulated by Glenn Beck's 9/12 project.

Pleasanton Schools Allocate Fund-Drive Money

By Ron McNicoll

Pleasanton school trustees have allocated more than \$460,000 in new money for reading specialists, counselors, and class-size reduction. The fund came from a two-month community-wide voluntary fund-raising effort by two foundations that have been assisting the district for many years.

Meeting Aug. 18, trustees also heard staff say that the STAR test results showed the ongoing gap in academic achievement between African-Americans and Hispanics on the one hand, and Caucasians and Asians on the other.

The board also talked about the possibility of adding one or more students to the school board, in order to have another channel to hear what students think about some district matters.

In designating the uses for the fund-raising proceeds, the board unanimously followed the recommendations of Superintendent John Casey and administrative staff. The two fund-raising organizations polled their boards, and found agreement with Casey's recommendations.

Approximately \$90,000 raised by Pleasanton Schools Educational Enrichment (PSEE) will add 10 sections of strings and 10 band classes at the elementary level.

The remaining \$370,000, which was raised mainly by Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE), will be split between hiring reading specialists and counselors. There will be 2.5 full-time equivalent positions (FTE's) added for reading specialist. That will bring the category back to one reading specialist per school, which was the number before the board authorized layoffs in spring.

Not enough money was raised to fund class-size reduction fully. That would have required \$450,000 for just one grade level. However, class sizes will be smaller for teachers, while the reading specialists are working with students.

Elementary schools' counseling staffs will gain a districtwide total of 1.5 FTE, bringing it back to last school year's level of one

per school. There will also be 0.6 FTE added for the high schools, which will help students with college placements and scholarships.

GRADE SCHOOL CRISES RISE

Approximately \$30,000 of the money will go to outside counseling. The district is finding more need for such counselors. Mike Kuhfal, principal at Hearst Elementary School, said that in 2007-08, school officials called the police for help with one distraught student, who exhibited potential suicidal behavior. During the 2008-09 school year, there were 12 such incidents involving elementary school students.

Kuhfal said that last year, his school made four referrals to county mental health. Having an elementary counselor available helps deal with various kinds of emotionally needy students, said Kuhfal. One at Hearst was a third-grader who felt hurt about the break-up of her parents' marriage. The counselor was able to help her back to a good emotional position.

Some children have been diagnosed with autism and other communication problems. Counselors are there to help them, said Kuhfal. He added that "having a counselor every other day helps. The question in our mind is, 'What would be missed, if we didn't have that?'"

Board president Chris Grant said, "Mike Kuhfal's statistics show the changes at our school sites. This is a critical area."

BOARD HEARS ABOUT ETHNIC ISSUES

In reviewing the STAR test results for the district, Casey pointed out that the gap on tests still exists with two ethnic groups: Hispanics and African-Americans. This has been a statewide phenomenon for years, he said. It was something that also was noted in a press release last week by state superintendent of public instruction Jack O'Connell.

There was a silver lining in the district, in that all of the students in the Spanish-English academy at the high school level passed the high school exit exam. Also 64 percent of Hispanic students were proficient or above in math.

Sullivan to Continue to Ask Council to Discuss War Issues

Pleasanton Councilmember Matt Sullivan asked fellow councilmembers to hold a public discussion and to take a stand on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

His request was in response to the continued appearance at each council session of Fred Norman and Cathy Dowding. Norman asks the council to take a position on the wars, either for or against. Dowding reads the names of those who were killed in action since the last council meeting.

Sullivan stated that Norman and Dowding have come to every council meeting for two years. The least he could do was to ask the council to hold the discussion the two have requested. He indicated that he would ask the council at each meeting to agendize the issues raised by Norman and Dowding.

The suggestion of having the council take a stand was rejected by Jerry Thorne, Cindy McGovern and Cheryl Cook-Kallio. Mayor Jennifer Hosterman was in favor of the idea. "I believe it is part and parcel of supporting our community," said Hosterman.

Cook-Kallio said she was offended by statements made about the council's lack of response to the request to take a stand. She says she believes they portray her as not caring and of being in

support of the war. "I don't. I am disturbed that someone questions my support of democracy." She added, "I don't think we should institutionalize such issues at a council level. On a personal level, we can work to end the war. A resolution produces no result. I don't think a piece of paper does anything."

McGovern said that she represented the entire city. "People have members of their families fighting." She felt they should have the council's support. In addition, McGovern said she didn't have enough information about the situation to make a decision. "I have never met anyone who thinks war is a great thing. I can't second guess President Obama," she continued.

Thorne pointed out that there is no one who supports the military more than he does. He too did not appreciate being characterized as uncaring, because he did not want to discuss the issues as a council.

Sullivan said he believes the majority of Pleasanton residents oppose the war. "We can oppose the war and still support the troops. You may not think a resolution is not worth more than a piece of paper. I do."

Cook-Kallio said she didn't discount what Dowding and Norman had to say. "They bring the discussion to the council at each meeting."

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of their total funding.

"It's kind of an IOU," explained Kinder. "We have to watch our cash very carefully." The District can obtain a Tax Revenue Anticipation Note (TRAN) to cover any shortfall, but doing so would incur additional expense.

The good news for Livermore, added Kinder, is that fiscally speaking the District is not quite in hot water—but it is getting warm. "We should be okay in 2009/10 because we have a 4% reserve. We are still in positive certification," she said. "In 2010/11 we planned to cut \$5 million more from the budget. That may not be enough."

Trustee Bill Dunlop estimated that between the cuts to ADA,

"When I was superintendent in the Pajaro school district, if we had 64 percent of Hispanic kids (proficient in math), we would have had a big party," said Casey.

"Our folks (on faculty) are achieving big results. However, are our Hispanic and African-American students able to gain as much from our system as we would like them to gain? We are not there yet. So we have to figure out how to have all of our students gain equally from our great organization," said Casey.

Assistant Superintendent Cindy Galbo said that the results show there is "not a consistent upward trend (from year to year). She noted that in 7th grade, African Americans dropped in math from 64 in 2008 to 38 in 2009. Hispanic students fell from 51 to 43 percent.

Hispanic students did score 79 percent in English Language Arts (ELA) in 7th grade, which Galbo called a good number, but still lower than Caucasians. However, in 9th grade, the ELA number went down to 62 percent, and in 11th grade, it went to 54 percent. "It is not the trend we want," said Galbo.

Casey said that many Hispanic families are more transient than Caucasian families, who start their children in kindergarten, and go all the way through high school. By the time many Hispanic children are in Pleasanton, they have been in previous schools for five or six months at a time, and may be in Pleasanton only that long, too.

"We don't use that as an excuse. What can we do to affect the reality of those kids' lives? Our task is to make a connection with those students," said Casey. The district established an equity committee, to ensure that instruction is accessible to all students equally. Focusing on minority achievement is a good example of what the equity committee wants, he said.

"If their lives are transient,

ZONE 7

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issue is the civil service commission. "We don't trust HR and upper administration," he said. "If you want to know what goes on, interview employees one on one," he told the board.

Allan Dahlquist, a union shop steward and water plant operator, said there were no meetings with staff at the agency's Parkside, Del Valle treatment plant or demineralization facilities sites, although "all had interested personnel." He said that people who attended felt that things "were glossed over. The intention seemed to be to have people not show up. I get calls expressing anger and resentment. They ask how they can get (the 95-page) report."

General manager Jill Duerig responded that because of awareness of employees' concerns, she pulled the item from the board agenda for the Aug. 19 meeting. She sent e-mails to represented units of employees. Local 21 "said they would be happy to meet with us."

Director Sandy Figuers said he was under the impression that employees were accusing management of ramming the thing through. "However, the board talked about the topic at its last two meetings. Dahlquist responded, 'It looks different from our end than from your end.'"

Greci said that the last thing the board wants to do is to force the policy change on employees. "We'll try to find the reasons for your feelings, so we understand what this is all about. Don't be afraid. Communication is important. We respect you. My concern is for staff on this transition. It won't happen, if it hurts the job, if you don't like your job. We are not elite individuals off-limits to you. We'll address these concerns."

Assistant general manager Tom Hughes told the Independent on Monday that management was in a Catch-22 situation on communicating the changes with employees. State labor law forbids management from talking directly to employees about potential changes in working conditions.

The law is clear that the communication must be through unions for represented employees. He has approached all four Zone 7 unions. Two have responded so far that they would like to talk about the report.

Further, although separation would mean losing the county civil service commission, there would still be civil service rules

do we need to provide more academies in summer, on weekends, and after school? We want them to pick up the same level of knowledge as all other students, no matter what they bring us, in terms of family, transiency and poverty," said Casey.

Later in the meeting, trustee Jamie Hintzke said that the district should also make sure that minority children are being identified as thoroughly as others for special education classes.

STUDENTS FOR SCHOOL BOARD?

Hintzke at an earlier meeting brought up the topic of having high school students serve on the school board in a non-voting capacity. She said at the meeting Aug. 18 that there is a group that trains students to serve on boards, and that would be a must, if Pleasanton decides to add students to the board.

Trustees explored the whole idea, with the general sense that a full-time member or members would have a time commitment so large, it would take them away from their studies, although the service would be an important learning experience in itself. Also, many of the board's routine items are irrelevant to the lives of students.

Trustee Jim Ott offered an alternative. The district could create a liaison position with high school leadership classes. When a specific issue pertaining to students arises, the board would ask those leaders to get a sounding of campus opinion.

Trustee Valerie Arkin said that the whole topic should continue to be discussed by the board in the future. Trustee Pat Kernan said he is "totally open" to student participation. "We need to see what the kids' ideas of what a role would be," including Ott's idea.

Kernan said that the high schools could have their debate teams appear at the board, and "convince us about it. They have some bright kids on it."

to be followed by Zone 7 management. It is required by law.

Management had to wait until the report, which was written by an outside consultant, was sent to the board before it could talk to the unions, said Hughes. Also, there was concern that if many employees downloaded the report from Zone 7's intranet, the agency's office "would run out of paper." However, management did offer employees a chance to obtain hard copies. Hughes said that three employees requested and obtained them.

Also, employees were given a slide presentation in April as a progress report while the consultant was doing the study.

The board's administration committee was scheduled to devote one hour to the 95-page report at its meeting Aug. 25.

FEES TO BE PAID AT 2006 LEVEL

On another item, the board voted 6-0 to allow 10 homeowners near the Vasco Road landfill to pay their water connection fees to Zone 7 at rates that they would have paid in 2006.

They had shallow wells. The expansion of the landfill interfered with their water quality. They agreed to hook up to the Zone 7 water line. However, the line was not available in 2006, so Zone 7 sold them water that was hauled in by truck.

Each homeowner will pay one-half of the fee. The landfill operators will pay the other one-half, as worked out in an agreement through the county.

Figuers abstained from the vote. He said he had concerns about whether it could jeopardize the special financing arrangement on which the agency can draw for future financing. The board turned down a request last month from developers to postpone collection of water connection fees until the place in the development process where building permits are approved.

Figuers said that this rollback of fees for 10 homes could be a red flag to the bank, too. However, attorney Amy Naamani said that this is a different situation. Instead of asking postponement to pay fees, the Vasco Road residents want to pay their fees in a timely way.

Assistant general manager Kurt Arends said that the agreement signed with the county caps development on the water line to those 10 homes, so that the line won't induce growth.

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**Vote Sept. 1
Mary McMahan
Livermore**

It's me again, the election nag. On September 1 there will be a special election for U.S. Congress. Of the fourteen candidates running only one will be elected. If you are not voting by mail be sure to check your polling place's location. Many familiar ones have been moved. Try MapQuest!

On the plus side, it is a tribute to Marshall Kamena, John Marchand and Doug Horner that they are re-elected unopposed.

**Health Care
Kathy Coyle
Livermore**

As a Canadian-born US citizen, I am stunned by the bashing of the Canadian health care system. In 1984 Canada passed the Canada Health Act, assuring every Canadian access to health care. The provinces had already implemented their own universal plans. Some provinces deliver better than others. However imperfect, ask Canadians to trade their system for ours and you won't have many takers.

Regarding inhumane treatment of Canada's elderly, when my father was 84, he needed and received emergency cardiovascular surgery. Nobody suggested his life was not worth saving because of his age. Can anyone actually believe Canadians would tolerate the opponents' claims? That is insulting!

Millions of Americans are denied coverage, procedures and treatment, insured or not. People with insurance forego treatments because they can't pay the deductibles, afford the patient share, or worry about using up their lifetime "cap".

We need insurance that is affordable and portable, including a Public Option. This is the only path to true health care reform.

Insurance companies need to spend less money denying claims and more money providing services. We need to even the health insurance playing field so we are all free to move about the country.

Opponents of reform believe they can scare us away from the changes we know we need. Let's disagree on facts not fiction.

Don't confuse the quality of care available with access to it. The U.S. has the best medical care available in the world; we just can't deliver it to our own people.

**Vote for Buchanan
Barbara and
Joe Carlson
Livermore**

Thank you for printing the candidate's statements in your newspaper before each election. I was surprised though that many of the candidates were not familiar with LLNL and did not know about NIF. Perhaps your paper could devote a weekly article about LLNL and other large employers in the Livermore Valley.

Also, after reading our ballot materials, reading your newspaper and discussing issues with friends and family, my husband and I have decided to vote for Joan Buchanan. Joan Buchanan understands economics and can identify good and bad business practices. Buchanan also understands that in order for any health care plan to be successful and cost effective it needs to focus on good health/illness prevention (which is not nearly as expensive as acute care/emergency care.)

Thank you again for consistently printing the candidate views before each election.

**Health Care
Michael Grossman
Pleasanton**

My 11th District Congressman, Jerry McNerney is on the VA Committee. In a 7/26/09 article printed by Bay Area News Group, Jessica Bernstein-Wax, the VA accused VA Palo Alto Health Care System (VAPAHCS) of blinding seven (7) Veterans. One getting treatment since 2005. Doctors identified another 87 Veterans at high risk of losing their sight. The cause was im-

proper care and failure to follow VA policy.

When the first Veteran went blind there should have been an investigation to prevent the other six (6) from going blind. VAPAHCS Director Freeman and Congressman McNerney allowed a 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th 6th and 7th Veteran to be blinded.

When I helped elect Congressman McNerney I brought to his attention that VAPAHCS was violating Federal Laws and its own Policies.

My repeated requests to have an outside investigation of VAPAHCS to Congressman McNerney have been fruitless. If he had an outside investigation of VAPAHCS when he was first appointed to the VA Committee, he may have stopped seven (7) Veterans from going blind.

If I were Congressman McNerney I would be visiting each blinded Veteran and his/her family to express my apology, my sympathy, and tell them what I am doing in the VA committee to prevent future occurrences. I would also ask what I and Congress can do to assist them in their future well being.

If Congressman McNerney, his VA Committee, and Congress cannot hold VA officials accountable for violations of laws and policies, how can they expect to have a National Health Care system that works?

**Congressional Vote
Violet Moore
Livermore**

The Independent's endorsement of John Garamendi among three "solid liberals" to succeed Ellen Tauscher in the 10th Congressional District election omitted some facts. First, Tauscher recommended California Senator Mark DeSaulnier to fill the vacancy. Next, if any of these three Democrats mentioned wins, whether Lt. Governor Garamendi, Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan or Senator Mark DeSaulnier, another special election will be needed to fill that political vacancy. Help the California financial crisis. Mention the names of the non-politicians, including Republicans, who might have a new approach to our country's problems. If 10th District voters choose one of the others, it might not cure our problems, but it will save the cost of more special

elections.

(Editor's note: The Sept. 1 vote is not separated by parties. A special election in Nov. 3 would be required only if no candidate receives 50 percent + one of the votes. The special election would include the top vote getter from each party.)

**Haggerty Thanked
Linda McKeever
Executive Director
Open Heart Kitchen**

Open Heart Kitchen kindly thanks Supervisor Haggerty: for the 5th year, Supervisor Haggerty purchased pigs at the Alameda County Fair Auction and turned around and donated the meat to homeless shelters in his district.

Knowing homeless shelters and soup kitchen's need all the help they can get right now, Supervisor Haggerty purchased 2,610lbs of pork at the auction, and personally delivered the meat to Open Heart Kitchen and Abode Services in Fremont. With this kind donation Open Heart Kitchen will be able to serve healthy nutritious meals to those most in need here in the Tri-Valley area.

Open Heart Kitchen offers the only free hot meal service of its kind in Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore. Thanks to kind generous donations from our community. Open Heart Kitchen will continue to provide a safety net against hunger.

Again, our heartfelt thanks to Supervisor Haggerty.

**Health Care Perspective
Mary Beth Aeff
Livermore**

Publisher, journalist; Former chairman, Regional Advisory Group Regional Medical Program, SW Region

We need to get some perspective on this engineered confusion injected into the health care reform issue. First, the fear and hatred are not coming from the majority. The majority is committed to reform that severely limits private insurance and definitely wants a public option. Poll after poll has shown that. Legislators have responded to the concerns laid before them by cooler heads, using real examples of suffering imposed on the population by the current, for profit system.

Second, economists note that it is not in the financial interest of a profit motivated company to pay out money for claims. There is no legal net that can bind them to their promises and trying to

enforce such a net is prohibitive. We try it time after time and always fail. The engineered fear mongering is coming from just such economic interests. As my father used to say, "Look for whose ox is being gored."

Third, most legislators are not Barney Frank (D-MA), who cut his teeth on fierce partisan debate. Frank can respond with equal ferocity. He loves the battle. A less confrontational legislator

will retreat from the hatred being slung around in favor of a cooler approach. The best way to influence your legislator is to inform yourself on the issue and write or telephone the legislative office with relevant questions and specific suggestions. Better yet, participate in the election process and get to know the individual you are voting for. After all, you are government.

**Workshop on New
Recycling Program Set**

The City of Pleasanton and Pleasanton Garbage Service (PGS) will co-host a free informational workshop about Pleasanton's new recycling program on Saturday, August 29. The workshop will take place at 11:00 a.m. at the Veteran's Memorial Building located at 301 Main Street in downtown Pleasanton.

The workshop will run from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The new recycling program, which is scheduled to get underway during the first trash pick-up in October 2009.

The brief agenda includes a short overview of the program, a Q and A session, and a display of the trash, green and new recycling carts that will be used in the program, along with the materials that should be placed in each bin.

The new three-cart trash and curbside recycling program coming will replace the existing recycling program using blue bags.

Pleasanton residents currently put both trash and recyclables into one collection cart, and recyclable material is sorted from trash at the Material Recovery Facility operated by Pleasanton Garbage Service. Residents will put trash and recyclables into separate collection carts.

Each household will receive a new 96-gallon recycling cart for glass and plastic bottles, steel or tin cans, jars, cardboard, aluminum containers or foil, and paper. The new program also gives customers the choice of a 35-gallon or a 96-gallon trash cart to collect waste that is not recyclable or green. The new collection carts and important information about the new recycling program will be delivered to residents prior to the start of the program. The existing green waste carts will remain in use as part of the new program.

For more information about the August 29 workshop, please call (925) 931-5001.

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New Restaurant/Nightclub Planned Near Bankhead

An application for a nightclub to operate in conjunction with a restaurant at 2300 First St. will be reviewed by the Livermore planning commission Sept. 1.

The currently vacant location housed the Round House restaurant, which succeeded Fire and Ice. It is on the block in front of the Bankhead Theater, near the walkway to the theater.

Applicant John Mederos was


not available for comment. However, Paul Spence, principal city staff planner for Livermore's downtown, said that the owners plan to serve lunch and dinner seven days a week. There would be a late menu of lighter fare, and also outdoor dining.

The restaurant will have a liquor license, as did the previous restaurants. The restaurant would stay open until 2 a.m. Music

would be offered, either live or with a DJ, from Wednesday through Saturday.

The closest residential street is McLeod. Spence said that the restaurant would be subject to the city's noise ordinance. Planning staff is reviewing the conditional use permit.

The Planning Commission meets at 7 p.m. in the city council chambers.




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Babe Ruth team poses for a team portrait prior to heading to the World Series competition in Murray, Utah.

Tri-Valley Babe Ruth Off to Good Start in World Series

Sixteen star players from the Tri-Valley are competing in the Babe Ruth World Series held in Murray, Utah. The Tri-Valley Babe Ruth (TVBR) 13's won their district, state and regional championships to become the Pacific Southwest Regional Champions, now considered one of the top ten teams of 13-year-old players in the nation.

The team won its opening round World Series game, defeating McComb, MS by an 11 to 1 score. Tri-Valley scored nine runs in the second inning. On Monday, Tri-Valley defeated Taylorsville, Utah, 13 to 4 followed by a 5 to 3 victory over Harris Township, Indiana on

Tuesday. Other action took place after The Independent's deadline. Tri-Valley was scheduled to play Leominster, MA on Wed. at 11:30 a.m.

To reach the World Series, the team first won the District tournament. TVBR went 3-1 defeating teams from Castro Valley and Hayward. The second round was the State tournament held in Alameda. TVBR went 4-0, defeating teams from Eureka, Oakland, Novato and Alameda and earning the title of Northern California Champion. The third round was the Pacific Southwest Regional tournament held in Eureka. TVBR went 4-0 earning the title of Regional Champion over

teams representing Guam, Hawaii, California, Utah, Arizona and Nevada.

The Championship games in Utah will be played in the 3,000 seat Ken Price Ballpark from August 22-29. The first round of the tournament (known as 'pool play') has each team participating in four games. At the end of pool play on August 26, the four bottom teams will go home and the remaining six will move on to the single elimination format on August 27. Semi-finals are scheduled on August 28 and the final championship game between the last two teams will be held on August 29.

The 2009 TVBR 13-Year Old

All Star Team includes: Paul Pluschke - Manager, Pleasanton, Ron Anderson - Coach, Pleasanton; Mike Piscotty - Coach, Pleasanton; Players: Nick Allman, San Ramon; Ryan Anderson, Pleasanton; Jake Dronkers, Pleasanton; Vince Fernandez, Livermore; Kyle Franco, Livermore; David Gomez, Livermore; Logan Hobson, Dublin; Daniel Jackson, Pleasanton; Jack Moroney, Pleasanton; Sam Nathan, Pleasanton; Jacob Payne, Livermore; Austin Piscotty, Pleasanton; Bradley Pluschke, Pleasanton; Noah Robbins, Livermore; Casey Soltis, Livermore; and Josh Sprugasci, Livermore.



Livermore Elite Crush Girls U10 Silver pictured are (top row) Coach Paul Giamona, Rieley Davies, Meghan Giamona, Tori Borgna, Claire Abele, Claire Anderson, Madison Krueger, Asst. Coach Tracy Karter; (bottom row) Andrea Sommer, Madison McCallister, Samantha Dukes, Kira Karter, and Isabella



Holding their championship trophies are members of the Pleasanton Ballistic United U19 Select team. The U19 squad won the Benicia Old Capital Championship, recording 3 wins, no losses and one tie. For details, see Sports Notes Pleasanton Ballistic.



The Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club (BUSC) U13 Div III Select team competed in the Santa Barbara Summer Classic (Division I) tournament over the weekend and posted a record of 1 win, 1 tie and 1 loss to claim "Consolation" honors. It was the first tournament of the year for the team, pictured showing off their medals.

Livermore Youth Soccer

Livermore Youth Soccer League results from last week

Division 4 (Recreation)
Girls Under-14: Bolts 2, Rage 3; Offense: Sarah Amorin, Leah Becker, Jessica Kendro (Rage); Anna Murphy, Alicia Craft, Casey Schindler (Bolts); Defense: Katie Adams, Maya Barnum, Yesenia Sanchez (Rage); Emily Eijansantos, Sarah Murphy, Dorothy Richards (Bolts); Goals/Assists: Alicia Craft, Anna Murphy (Bolts); Leah Becker (3G) (Rage).
Girls Under-12: Bulldogs 4, Mighty Tigers 3; Offense: Kelly Perreault, Jenna

Remund, Sophie Ueland (Bulldogs); Arianah Nave, Kirsten Floyd, Brianna Ruloma (Mighty Tigers); Defense: Heather O'Brien, Katie Reddick, Helen Moody (Bulldogs); Courtney O'Shaughnessy, Marcella Fuentes, Summer Hasset (Mighty Tigers).
Girls Under-10: Goal Getters 3, Shockwaves 0; Offense: Cleo Brickwedel, Krissy Keller (Goal Getters); Jenna Camargo, Maya Pilon (Shockwaves); Defense: Katie Marcell, Ashley Geary (Goal Getters); Britney Ortiz, Kaitlyn Stow (Shockwaves); Goals/Assists: Cleo Brickwedel (G), Krissy Keller (2G, A),

Katie Marcell (A), Ashley Geary (A) (Goal Getters).

Cougars 8, E-Goals 4: In this first game of the season, both teams started a bit tentative, but quickly found their rhythm and played well. The E-Goals led 3-2 at half time, but 3 quick goals by the Cougars to start the second half caught the E-Goals off-guard. Overall, a good first outing for both teams. Offense: Emma Zika, Nitzia Gonzales & Amelia, Sobrepena (Cougars); Taylor Sullivan, Bella Vitale, Mariah Ortiz (E-Goals); Defense: Julia Cable, April Kennedy, Chelsea Warner (Cougars); Alexis Salazar, Raegan Demo,

Marley Lake (E-Goals); Goals/Assists: Nitzia Gonzalez (4G), Emma Zika (2G), Julia Cable (G), Amelia Sobrepena (G) (Cougars); Taylor Sullivan (2G), Raegan Demo (G), Alexis Sullivan (G), Bella Vitale (A) (E-Goals).

Girls Under-9: Firecrackers 2, The Crew 0; Offense: Megan Brooking, Grace Leary, Emily March (Firecrackers); Jodi Bryant, Abigail Andrews, Alyssa McCollum (Crew); Defense: Jamison Gray, Hanna Sevilla, Grace Greeniger (Firecrackers); Olivia Armstrong, Brianna Radliff (G), Karen Bryant (Crew); Goals/Assists: Hanna Sevilla (G), Jamison Gray (G) (Firecrackers).

Panthers 3, Dominators 0: Offense: Megan Mossinger (G), Allison Sprugasci (G), Lindsey Phillips (G) (Panthers); Emily Rogers (Dominators); Defense: Sierra Bettencourt (Panthers); Rachel Brock (Dominators).

The Blast 2, Thunderbolts 1: Both teams battled the heat to play a great game. The rookie goalies from both teams played solid defense as each stopped seven shots. Offense: Lauren Farrauto, Cassidy Bates, Jessica Bailey (Blast); Abby Hoobig, Kyra Munker, Cassandra Aguilar (Thunderbolts); Defense: Kylie Girargelli (GK), Petyon Fields, Chloe Stanford (Blast); Destiny Arriola, Sierra Wysock, Rachel Myers (Thunderbolts); Goals/Assists: Lauren Farrauto (G), Cassidy Bates (G), Chloe Stanford (A), Jessica Bailey (A) (Blast); Abby Hoobig (G) (Thunderbolts).

Girls Under-8: Team #3 vs Tigers; Offense: Mia Mendoza, Meghan Kennedy, Hannah Kavanaugh (Team #3); Myah Bullis, Rachelle Stone, Melissa Dooley, Adriana Harker (Tigers); Defense: Alexis Joiner, Sierra Graham, Katelyn Figueroa (Team #3); Megan Melis, Olivia Labarbera, Jessica Carlson, Delaney Richards, Lindsey Warren (Tigers)

Dixie Chicks vs Cool Cats: Offense: Jillian Collom, Megan Garka, Emily White, (Dixie Chicks); Jessica Warren, Justynne Thomas, Madison Goard (Cool Cats); Defense: Alexa Harvey (Dixie Chicks); Victoria Mascari (Cool Cats)

Fireflies vs Red Hots: Offense: Essabella Grajeda, Sarah Carlson, Leila Ganz (Fireflies); Lexi Borgna, Lilly Ackerman, Jordan Briggs (Red Hots); Defense: Alivia Ganz, Dawn Powell, Kaley Leyva (Fireflies); Joanne Flores, Isabella La Rosa, Natalie Gonzalez (Red Hots)

The Big Kickers vs Livermore Stingers: The Livermore Stingers played a very aggressive game and maintained good control of the ball. The Big Kick-

ers played very hard and had some good shots on goal. Offense: Madeline Hanson, Paula Leigh (Big Kickers); Kayla Lewis, Skylar Vinson (Stingers); Defense: Hannah Kurian (GK) (Big Kickers); Jackie Parker (GK)

Girls Under-7: Kick'n Caterpillars vs Pink Butterflies; Offense: Brooke Schaible, Arianna Salcedo, Gracie Ackerman (Caterpillars); Ainsley Gibbs, Rebecca George, Sarah Adams (Butterflies)

Rockstars vs Soccer Stars: Offense: Marin Freeland (Rockstars); Erin Schrader (Soccer Stars); Defense: Jennifer Costa (Rockstars); Celeste Summers (Soccer Stars)

Go Girls! vs Tinkerbells: Offense: Haiden Arruda, Emily Silva, Elsa Friedmann, Klarissa Cuenca, Sabrina Coghlan (Go Girls!); Gwen Finkbeiner, Rachel Huff, Marcie Kumamoto, Carly Ryan (Tinkerbells); Defense: Payton King, Anna Leary, Wyatt Nostrand (Go Girls!); Lydia Vance, Skyler Koch, Madison Noltensmeier, Isabel Aluzzi (Tinkerbells)

Pink Lightning vs Blue Moons: Great passing between Kayla Galo and Alana Cox. Delaney Cummins and Julia Passanante put up a good defense (Pink Lightning). The Blue Moons put in some great legwork, but were no match for the Pink Lightning's teamwork, which picked up in the second half.

Girls Under-5: Firecrackers vs Pink Ladybugs; Offense: Kaitlyn Aguilar, Mia Marks, Zoe Franks (Firecrackers); Jade Castillo, Amelia Hernandez, Kassandra Hill (Ladybugs); Defense: Evelyn LeDesma, Natalie Allum, Yasell Smith (Firecrackers); Ava Lewis, Ella Ferrick, Hailey-Ann Stubbles (Ladybugs)

Butterflies vs Soccer Girls: The game was very exciting as both teams battled from the start to finish. The Soccer Girls played hard throughout the game; Offense: Brooklyn Passama, Faith Byington, Janay Meissner, Kassadee Dyson (Butterflies); Catalina Carlson, Jalen Bets, Madison Foster, Vidhi Amin (Soccer Girls); Defense: Katie Levine, Megan Crutchley, Paige Fowler, Ruby McCormick, Jayden Morton (Butterflies); Janessa Arretche, Kayla Sausen, Meagan Sausen, Samantha Carte (Soccer Girls)

Boys Under-14: Fuego 4, Clash 1; Tied 1-1 after 30 minutes, Fuego pulled away with 3 unanswered goals to win 4-1. Offense: Pancho Reyes, Carlos Hernandez, Makena Harmon (Fuego); Jacob Kerling, Austin Roeder, Brandon Cory (Clash); Defense: Peter Cable, Austin Gibbs, Makena Harmon (Fuego); Antonee Perryman, Thom Earle, Kevin Sweeney (Clash); Goals/Assists: Pancho Reyes (2G), Carlos Hernandez (G), Luis Orozco (G) (Fuego); Jacob Kerling (G), Austin Roeder (A) (Clash)

Boys Under-12: Fireballs 4, Dynamite 6; Offense: Spencer Kramm, Nicholas Brown, Isaac Orozco-Hernandez (Fireballs); Rodrigo Diaz-Perez, Julian Guerrero Zavala, Santos Miguel Flores (Dynamite); Defense: Justin Pettis, Ethan Epperly, Taylor Williamson (Fireballs); Gino Stoneham, Anthony Schultz, Austin Weller (Dynamite)

Red Bulls 3, Earthquakes 3: Even though the Earthquakes played the entire game with only 10 players on the field with no subs, they were able to hold the lead until the final seconds of the game. The Red Bulls came back from a 3-0 deficit to tie it up in the last seconds of the game. Goals/Assists: Jacob Wortham (2G) Red Bulls; Daniel Burns (3G), Austin Curtis (A) Earthquakes. Great defense by Ben Gill (GK) and fullback Gerardo Tornero kept the Red Bulls in the game. Addison McLaggan (GK) played a great game with several key blocks. In a well played close

match, the Earthquakes scored early and held the lead until the final minutes of the game when the Red Bulls scored 3 unanswered goals to tie the game up.

Boys Under-10: Terminators 7, Net Busters 4; Jack Perry made some outstanding saves for the Net Busters and so did Geno Murphy of the Terminators. Both offenses played tough and both defenses made multiple defensive plays to help their teams. Offense: Ernesto Torres, Ethan Compton, Juan Acosta, Sam Jeppson (Terminators); Jack Perry, Raul Rubio, Victor Quintero, Nick Tivey (Net Busters); Defense: Geno Murphy, Anthony Ostrander, Christian Morneo (Terminators); Han Nelson, Wil Hanson, Ryan Nostrand (Net Busters); Goals/Assists: Ernesto Torres, Juan Acosta, Sam Jeppson, Ethan Compton (Terminators); Jack Perry (4G) (Net Busters)

Boys Under-9: Gladiators 5, Trailblazers 0; Offense: Logan Greenough, Noah Wiesner, Adam Murphy, Tucker Lyons (Gladiators); Trey Beede, Ty Bothwell-Mitlisky, Josef Campos (Trailblazers). Defense: Daniel Tolentino, Maxime Tamagno (Gladiators); Aidan Epperly, Alex Frazier, Nathan Frazier (Trailblazers); Goals/Assists: Logan Greenough, Noah Wiesner, Adam Murphy, Tucker Lyons

Jaguars 2, Strikers 1: Offense: Kevin Burklin, Oscar Prado, Derek Eijansantos (Jaguars); Cameron Schrader, Kevin Lee, Jason Wigginton (Strikers); Defense: Xavier Hernandez, Jarrett Jorgenson, Cameron Stephenson (Jaguars); Nathaniel Kamm, Duncan Maloney, Isaac Tufts (Strikers); Goals/Assists: Goals for Oscar Prado and Kevin Burklin (Jaguars); Cameron Schrader (G) (Strikers)

Boys Under-8: Clone Troopers vs Tiger Sharks; Offense: Drake Small, Griffin Lawrence, Ryan Juric (Troopers); Thomas Cowles, Gabe Emfinger (Sharks); Defense: Logan Dickey, Shahmir Lodhi, Ivan Ceballos-Amador (Troopers); Gabe Hazen, Shlor Bansal (Sharks)

Vipers vs Sonic: Offense: Brett Oelrich, Patrick Connolly (Vipers); Sean Pascual, Quintine Ays (Sonic); Defense: Jacob Lord (Vipers); Evan Sire (Sonic)

Autobots vs Knight Warriors: The Autobots and Knight Warriors battled a close game with each team showcasing lightning fast speed, fancy footwork, and several shots on goal in this opening game. The Autobots and Knight Warriors both landed goals, and both teams made impressive defensive plays. Offense: Jeffrey Fairbanks, Carson Mohler, Kevin Colliity, Matthew Hagan (Autobots); Anthony Casillas, Jacob Dennett, Jake Hutchinson, Zachary Saal, Joshua Spencer (Warriors); Defense: Benjamin Morrisroe, Michael Gauch, Anthony Guerra, Riley Hargraves (Autobots); Benjamin Tiedemann, Nicholas Quach, Brandon Umeki, Ty Wetzel

Boys Under-7: King Cobras vs Dragons; Offense: Drake Devine, Alejandro Echeverria, Wesley Short (Cobras); Justin Ison, Ethan Voelker, Trent Wagner (Dragons); Defense: Caleb Chance, Landon Paden, Wilson Schwegler (Cobras); Bo Le, Jacob Scott, Max Thorpe (Dragons)

Boys Under-6: Earthquakes vs Sharks; Offense: Ricky Martinez, Brian Perez, Devin Mordick (Earthquakes); Jack Mullen, Robert Seymore; Jack Mullen, Robert Seymore, Julian Quigley (Sharks); Defense: Andrew Berg (Earthquakes); Peyton Hendricks (Sharks)

Sharks vs The Force: The Sharks and The Force played with great determination and team work. Goals were struck by both teams, including scoring in his first game ever, Ivan Vaca. The Force runs deep in Andrew Bates, who in his first soccer game contributed several goals. Offense: Luke Harrach, Mario Valdez, Mikey Duperly, Ivan Vaca; Garrett Robb, Andrew Bates, Tybalt Anderson; Defense: Charlie Latkowski, Daniel Rochin; Keith Perreault, Carl Meyers, Will Taggart

Boys Under-5: Lightning vs Ghost Riders; Offense: Zachary Parodi, Conner



The Livermore Elite Storm U13 Bronze brought home 1st place in the San Rafael Mission Bell Classic held on August 15 and 16. Players pictured are (back row, left to right) Amanda Montano, Molly Farro, Anna Neitzel, Ellen Kiser, Gabby Parker, Dana Anex and Rachel Esser; (front row) Molly Stoltz, Damera Dodd, Jacey Luzzi, Alyssa Campbell, Gabby Enzmann, Samantha Sobers and Danielle Dufek. Also pictured are Coach Bob Montano (right) and Assistant Coach Phil Parker (left). Not pictured was Summer Nugen.

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Hardesty (Lightning); Ricardino Alvarez, Kevin Vegas (Ghost Riders); Defense: Travis Silva, Calvin Fletcher (Lightning); Cameron Winters, Eddie Topete (Ghost Riders)

Pleasanton Rage

Pleasanton Rage Orange Division 1 U10 lost 3 to 1 to Fremont. A Fremont team member dribbled toward the goal on a break-away, once she entered the penalty box she wound up and took a shot sending the ball over Tami Kwong. Tami jumped up tapping the ball with her navy blue goalie gloves, but she didn't plan that the ball would cascade off her gloves and roll behind her towards the goal. As the ball rolled to the goal it was inches away from the net, Tami turned around and dove for the ball saving a goal. Top Offensive Players: Lilly Ryan, Kathryn Lee, Audrey Goodman, Molly Murphy. Top Defensive Players: Tami Kwong, Megan Franciskovich, Madison Baxter.

Rage lost to Dublin 2 to 1. Nicole Riordan dribbled all the way up to the mid-line, Nicole passed the ball to Audrey Goodman and she wasted no time and put the ball in the net. Top Offensive Players: Taylor Noval, Nicole Riordan, Tami Kwong, Audrey Goodman; Top Defensive Players: Amaya Wilson, Danielle Williams, Madison Baxter, Megan Franciskovich

Rage Division 1 U11 battled to a 2 to 2 tie with Castro Valley. Taylor Noval (Rage goalie) was up to the task when a Castro Valley player took a hard shot at the far post; grabbing the ball in mid-air and got ready for a punt. Taylor punted the ball sending it up to the half way line where Lilly Ryan was ready. Lilly trapped the ball then faced forward. Kathryn Lee stepped into the picture, Kathryn took a touch then a shot sending the ball over the goalies head then into the goal for the Rage. Top Offensive Players: Tami Kwong, Audrey Goodman, Kathryn Lee, Taylor Noval, Lillian Ryan; Top Defensive Players: Danielle Williams, Amaya Wilson, Delaney Bammer,

Pleasanton Ballistic

The Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club (BUSC) U13 Div III Select team competed in the Santa Barbara Summer Classic (Division I) tournament

over the weekend and posted a record of 1 win, 1 tie and 1 loss to claim "Consolation" honors. It was the first Division I tournament the BUSC (Division III) boys participated in this summer representing the Ballistic United Club with three outstanding matches.

Overall the boys produced more offensive opportunities with 33 shots on goal compared to their opponents 27. They matched their opponents total goals for the tournament with 3 apiece, while having several opportunities to score go ahead goals in two of the games. Goals were scored by Brian Kinnee, Pierre Marie and Dylan Tuell with assists by Mason Picone, Brian Kinnee and Mathew Teng & Andrew Griehshammer sharing one assist. The offensive attack was supported through outstanding play by Roberto Beard, Jared Siegel, Lucas Warzyniak and Bradley Pilkington. The transition zones were controlled by aggressive mid fielders Chris Goldhawk, Ryan Vicencio and Reed Marques being the first line of defense and successfully slowing or reversing the opponents attack. Chris Klahr and Matt Teng anchored the final line of defense and successfully killed on coming attacks, clearing the ball back up field initiating another BUSC offensive attack. Keeper duties were shared by Sammy Hanson and Andrew Griehshammer who combined for 13 saves an only allowed 3 goals in tournament play. In the final game, Hanson stopped a point blank shot on goal by the opposing attacker to maintain a first half shutout.

The BUSC U16 Select went 2-0-1 in pool play to reach the consolation round in the Benicia Old Capitol Classic.

Game one was a 5-1 victory over the Alameda Islanders. It was too much Brandon Cohen, who scored a hat trick. He was assisted by Abe Barreras in the first half, stole a pass to score unassisted, then took a quick free kick from Miguel Nino to complete his scoring spree. Nino also scored after a tremendous attack where Randy Copeman heel-flicked a ball to escape two defenders. He sent Nick Bayley racing down the left side, and his cross found Nino for the finish. The final goal came on a strong Tyler Mende rush down the right side. He drew the defense to him, and found Cam Baker snickering at the back post for the final goal.

Game two was a tale of two halves

vs. the West Valley Lightning. Ballistic was on their heels most of the game in the first half, being bailed out time and again by GK Lukas Moses, who was player of the game. He made save after save on the relentless WV attack, including a PK. Aiding his effort was Chandler Bullock, who had a fantastic weekend at outside and center back. In the second half, Ballistic was the aggressor but couldn't find the game winner.

Game three was a wild 3-2 victory over Sonoma United FC. Ballistic jumped out to a quick lead when Jared Shofi made a corner run and made a perfect cross to Cohen, who one-touched a drop to Jake Lorentz. His laser shot running on was unstoppable, and the Select took the early lead. After Sonoma tied it, Barreras crossed to Hunter Meurrens, whose left footer found net for the halftime lead. Sonoma scored early in the second half to tie it, but the Select were not done. On a free kick, Lorentz laid a drop back to Meurrens, who again connected. A final frenzied push by Sonoma caused Moses to punch one over the net in the final minute. Frank Morley and Yashar Benham logged heavy minutes in the back to hold off the strong Sonoma forwards.

In the consolation game vs. the Windsor Wolves, Mende made a brilliant right side run and found Cohen running free through the middle. He found him in stride and despite a collision with the GK, put it away for the early lead. Moses had to make two point-blank stops to keep the lead, but couldn't prevent the game tying goal on a PK. Eric Brooks was doing strong work to keep the Wolves' forwards from doing any more damage. However, in the second half, a quick run down the right side right after the kickoff gave Windsor a shot from in close and it was finished for the eventual 2-1 final.

The Select (4-2-2) will now prepare for league play beginning in September.

Ballistic United U19 Select won the Benicia Old Capitol Championship. Led by Alex Caravan's 3 goals and keeper Niko Lecco's outstanding play both in goal and on the field, Ballistic United U19 Select



The Pleasanton BUSC U10 took 1st place in the Newark Classic-August 22-23. BUSC, coached by Todd Higley, won the semi-final game in PK's to move onto the Championship Game. BUSC defeated the Bay Oaks Roadrunners 3-2 to take first place and receive their medals. Players are Nick Mann, Nico Lemoine, Mark Molz, Joe Geasa, Ian Slominski, Tommy Kramer, Christian Neves, Neal Inchauspe, Octavio Morales, Mario Anaya, Jose Chavez, and Owen Varela.

completed an impressive turnaround to win the Old Capital Classic with a record of 3 wins, no losses, and one tie.

Game one against rival Mustang Roma FC ended in a 1-1 draw. Mustang scored the first goal when Ballistic failed to clear out a penalty kick rebound following a save by Keeper Niko Lecco. Ballistic quickly got the equalizer when Caravan took Jared Chinn's pass, dribbled past the keeper and finished a left footed shot. Bal-

listic had the better play creating numerous scoring chances but was unable to break the deadlock.

In game two against Anderson United Niko Lecco, playing as a striker netted the first goal on a smart play. Following a foul just outside the penalty area, Lecco quickly set the ball down and sent a free kick to the upper corner—punishing Anderson for being slow to organize. Alex Caravan and Lecco both added goals for the 3-0 final

score. Keeper Josh Cho had an excellent game making several acrobatic saves to earn the clean sheet.

Game 3 saw Ballistic matched against Rohnert Park Sporting. Ballistic got off to a fast start creating numerous scoring chances that rattled the Sporting goal but did not find the back of the net. Late in the first half Sporting dragged down a Pleasanton player in the penalty box. **(continued on page 8)**

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SPORTS NOTES

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Captain Tyler Copeman's calmly slotted home the penalty kick putting Ballistic up 1-0. In the second half Ballistic played an excellent possession game keeping the ball on the Sporting side of the field. Josh Cho found winger Johnny Ramirez at the back post for a beautiful header. Goals were also scored by Bryan Hu and Jaymi Van Dam. The game ended 4-1 Ballistic as Sporting was able to put one into the net in the closing minutes.

The Championship matched Ballistic against the Grass Valley Vipers. The half ended in a frustrating 0-0 score as Ballistic controlled much of the play and created numerous scoring opportunities but poor finishing. Finally, Brandon Lee's corner kick found Alex Caravan who smashed home a dramatic header for the first (and winning) goal of the game. Brodie Roberts followed with a shot from 20 yards high to the far post that found side netting. Troy Stetson finished the scoring for a 3-0 final.

The overall results were a true "team victory" with 8 players scoring goals and contributions from the entire roster. Cory Beck, Bryan Bui, Jason Teague, and Bryan Hu held down the flanks defensively and contributed to numerous attacks. Bui's play was particularly tenacious. Steven Gilbert and Tyler (T-Cope) Copeman anchored the central defense and sprung numerous counter attacks with their precision passing. In the mid-field, Captain Brandon Lee's organization and ability to switch the point of attack had a major impact on all games. Lee was supported by excellent play from Jason Scott, Brodie Roberts, Albert Lin, Jamie Van Dam, and Jared Chinn. Up top Ramirez, Caravan, Stetson, and Cho gave the opposing defenders all they could handle.

Livermore Elite

Livermore Elite Crush Girls U10 Silver brought home the 2nd place trophy in the 2009 Soccer By The Bay Tournament held Aug. 22-23.

Crush defeated DeAnza Force Black 2 to 0. Crush offense dominated the Force territory for most of the game. The game began with a great diving save by Crush goalie Claire Abele. During the first half, there was confusion at the Force goal area, with the ball deflected out to Tori Borgna who blasted the ball into the left corner for a goal, leaving it 1-0 at the half. In the second half, Madison McCallister had a great throw in to Samantha Dukes; Sam took the ball solo dribbling past the Force defense for a beautiful shot into the net past the goalie. Goalie for the Force, Abril Kint, did an exceptional job allowing only 2 goals of 25 shots. Top Players: Andrea Sommer, Samantha Dukes, Isabella Barbero, Goalie-Claire Abele

Crush 5, Peninsula Hurricanes 0: While the Crush offense was on fire, the Crush defense was tough too, allowing only 4 shots on goal for the entire game. Goals scored were as follows: Samantha Dukes with the ball on a breakaway waited for her shot, pulled the goalie out of position and scored. Next, following multiple shots by Crush offense deflected by the Hurricanes goalie, Meghan Giamona was in position and went one-on-one with the goalie and shot to the right corner for a goal leaving it 0-2 at the half. Second half-Within seconds after kick off, Andrea Sommer gets the ball to Kira Karter in the middle of the Hurricanes defense, with 3 defenders on, Kira battled for the ball, and shot past all 3 for a score. The next goal was a beautiful play with Sam Duke passing up to Reiley Davies, who got the assist with a shot up to Meghan G. for another goal. Within seconds following kick-off from the prior goal, Meghan (with an assist) found Kira K. who again scored with a shot to the right corner net. Top Players: Reiley Davies, Meghan Giamona, Tori Borgna, Madison McCallister, Madison Krueger.

Crush 4, Palo Alto White Lightning 1: These two teams came in separated by one point in the tournament, knowing that whomever won this game would advance to the finals. Crush offense kept the ball in Lightning territory for most of the first half, yet the Lightning were able to score first. Following kick off after the score, the ball went to Isabella Barbero who took the ball solo up the left side with a beautiful shot to the left corner to tie up the game before halftime. On kick off to start the second half, Samantha Dukes got the ball to Reiley Davies, Reiley found Isabella B. who took the ball solo up the left side with a score to the left corner goal. Then, following a throw in by Madison McCallister to Isabella B., Bella took the ball up the left side passing to Kira K. with Kira making the goal in the right net. The final goal was a beautiful pass by Meghan Giamona up to Kira K., Kira dribbling up the center with an amazing shot placed just out of the goalies reach. Top Players: Isabella Barbero, Kira Karter, Meghan Giamona, Madison Krueger, Tori Borgna

Crush 1, Juventus Blast 2: During a very evenly matched first half with few shots on goal by either team, Samantha Dukes got the ball from the Crush defensive territory and took the ball up from 1/2 field alone, past 2 Juventus defenders and past the goalies dive to score into the right corner net, leaving it 1-0 at the half. Midway into the second half, following confusion in the Crush in the goal area, Juventus was able to score on a direct kick. Both teams battled back and forth during the remaining minutes, then seconds before the whistle, Juventus was able to score the game winning goal against Crush. This game was a hard fought battle for both teams, with the entire Crush team. Goalie Claire Abele did a fantastic job as keeper for all four games. Top Players: Samantha Dukes, Reiley Davies, Claire Anderson, Madison McCallister

Fall Baseball Signups

Tigers Baseball/Livermore Pony Baseball is now accepting player registrations for the fall 2009 baseball program. The Tigers Baseball program is open to all players ages 11-14 who are interested in training and playing baseball this fall. The Tigers fall ball program runs September thru mid-November. Players who are interested should visit the Tigers website for registration forms and details. Tigers Baseball is a non-profit baseball training program that works in cooperation with well know collegiate coaches and professional players to teach dedicated young players who wish to play baseball at a higher level. The Tigers Baseball mission is to provide an opportunity for young players to develop and learn the sport of baseball from some of the finest teachers

in our area. For more details about the Tigers Baseball program go to <http://www.rteamsite.com/baseball/tigersbaseball>

Adult Sports

The City of Pleasanton's Department of Parks and Community Services offers a full range of sports programs for adults in the fall. To register online, please visit www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/recreation. For more information, please call Marty Bell at (925) 931-3439.

Adult Basketball: The 2009 Fall Adult Basketball program gets underway on September 9 and 10 and features eight weeks of play plus playoffs. Team registration information is currently available at the Tennis and Community Park, 5801 Valley Avenue. League fees and rosters are due at the time of registration and the team fee is \$500 for the season. Adults (18+) can also sign up as a Free Agent Player on the 2009 Fall Adult Basketball league program that begins on September 9. The cost to play per individual is \$65. Basketball games are held at the Pleasanton Middle School gym on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Adult Volleyball: The 2009 Fall Adult Volleyball program begins on September 14 and includes eight weeks of play plus playoffs. Team registration information is currently available at the Tennis and Community Park, 5801 Valley Avenue or online at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/parks.html. Coed leagues will also be offered. League fees and rosters are due at the time of registration and the team fee is \$300 for the season. Volleyball games are held at the Pleasanton Middle School gym on Mondays from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Open Water Swim Group

A new open water swim group is starting up this season at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park in Pleasanton. Membership in this nonprofit group is open to all qualified individuals. We will have day and evening swim times. The lake temperature can reach upwards of 75 degrees during the warmest months. If interested, or to sign up, you can check our website at shadowcliffsorcas.com. For further information you can contact Al DeGraw at (510) 414-7928 or John Bower at (925) 294-9050.

Baseball Tryouts

New Revolution Baseball is hosting tryouts for their 11U - 16U fall tournament teams August 30th at Max Baer Park in Livermore.

Details: Max Baer Park Field 2, 1310 Murdell Lane, Livermore, Sunday, August 23, 30; 11U & 12U: 9:15 a.m. registration, 9:30am-12:15pm tryout; 13U & 14U: 12:15 p.m. registration, 12:30pm-3:00pm tryout; 15U & 16U: 3:15 p.m. registration, 3:30pm-6:00pm tryout.

Preregistration is at www.newrevolutionbaseball.com/tryout_request.html. For more information email olmo.baseball@comcast.net, call 925-548-2732 or visit www.newrevolutionbaseball.com.

Bowling News

Jeff Cote bowled a 155 over average series with games of 278-243-186 for a 707 final series in the Getaway Fours league at Granada Bowl in Livermore.

Trent Hull, in the Sunday Family Affair league with a 141 average, bowled a 229 game and a 565 series (142 over). Geoff Smyth rolled a 256 game, Katrina Billington was 4 over average with a 171 game, Tom Clifton 60 over average for a 177 game and Steve Whitmore a 202 game. In the Getaway Fours league Scott Hart bowled a 207 game. In the Championship Trios, Steve Mason shot a 4 game 910 series (130 over series) and Ken DiBattista a 277 game. Mel Helbacka rolled a 232 game, Rich Bagueo 222 and Phyllis Hill a 178 game in Donnas Mixers. Lindsay Cadle, with a 188 average, rolled 232-207-245 for a 684 series, Craig Truscott rolled 99 over average for a 262 game, Pat Puccinelli bowled 62 over for a 233 game in the Practice Strikes & Spires league.

Senior bowler Norm Taasevigen rolled a 237 game in the Sirs & Sirettes league, Bill Nawrock & Patty Uhlich each rolled a 213 game. Shirley Davis went 67 over for a 210 game and Chuck Edeal 59 over for a 208 game. Dick Greene recorded a 206 game in the Friday Primetimers league.

Youth Bowler Thomas Thourin bowled 71 pins over average for a 194 game. Eric Smyth turned in a 257 game.

Beginner Lacrosse Clinic

Livermore Phantom Lacrosse will be hosting a lacrosse clinic for new players on Saturday, Sept 12, 11AM to 1:30PM at Robertson Park. The clinic will introduce the fundamentals of the game of lacrosse to boys and girls ages 8 to 14. The program includes instruction on passing, catching, cradling, shooting and dodging and is an excellent introduction into the fast moving and ever growing game of lacrosse. Demonstrations will be given by local coaches, high school and college players, and maybe a surprise guest. Cost for the clinic is \$50 which includes quality lacrosse stick, ball, club t-shirt, and instruction. For updated information and registration info on this event and our 2010 season, please visit www.phantomlacrosse.org or contact Bob Mezeul at 925-425-9901.

Hats Off Walk/Run

The 16th Hats Off America Red T-Shirt 10K Run/5K run or walk will be held on Saturday, September 12, 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.

Meet the Gold Star Family, the Arroyaves. Hats Off America will give the Arroyave family a check for \$3,000, bringing the total given to the family by Hats Off America to \$20,100. See their story at www.hatsoffamerica.us.

All Hats Off America's fundraising efforts are directed to providing assistance to women with children, currently Rachelle Arroyave, mother of three, 4-1/2, 8 and 12. Rachelle's husband USMC Staff Sgt. Jimmy Arroyave died on April 15, 2004 during his second deployment to the Middle East. He died near Ar Ramadi, Iraq. Jimmy had served in the Marine Corps for over 10-1/2 years and had planned on being a career Marine.

For information, 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.

Fitness Challenge

On Saturday Sept. 12, Fitness Together Ruby Hill will be hosting a fitness challenge for both men and women fitness enthusiasts and elite athletes alike. STREND (strength & endurance) is a National Fitness Federation that holds several events throughout the year, based on body weight to strength ratio of each participant.

Matt Bogdanowicz, world record holder in several fitness categories and elite athlete competitor at age 40, will be present to challenge local law enforcement, and military personal with 5 weighted disciplines followed by a 3 mile run. A formula will be used to determine the top 3 finishers in each category.

Matt is the Fitness Director at Safetyway Corp. in Pleasanton and frequently competes in elite master's track. (www.SpeedEndurance.com). He holds two World Records in most completed pull ups for 30 minutes and 60 seconds. He in fact broke the 60 second speed pull up record here at his studio last October completing an amazing 46. His record for 30 minutes is a mind boggling 432, he will one day attempt to break the world record for 60 minutes by being the first person ever to complete 800 pull ups. Matt's world records are recognized by both Genius Book of World records and the Official Book of Strength & Fitness Records.

More info can be found at www.strend.com

Anyone interested in competing or just checking it out, contact Rich at Fitness Together Ruby Hill at 461-6379 or www.ftrubyhill.com

Ironhead Indoor Lacrosse

Teams are now forming for boys and girls indoor lacrosse at Cabernet Sports in Livermore. Inaugural season begins at the end of Sept. with a game-only format over eight Sundays. Cost is \$145 per player. Singles and teams welcome.

Girls and boys grades 4 through 12 are welcome (previous experience required). Visit www.ironheadlacrosse.com or call Bob Mezeul at 925-989-4553.

Valley Stompers Tryouts

The Valley Stompers 18U, an "A" level, traveling fastpitch softball organization is holding tryouts for the fall season. The team is looking for talented young ladies who want to take their game to the next level. Tryouts are on August 29, 10:00am - 1:00pm

All tryouts held at San Ramon Valley High School, Varsity Field, 501 Danville Blvd, Danville. If there are questions, please email bill_miller1@comcast.net.

Cold .45 Tryouts

Tryouts for Colt .45s 14U team will be held on September 12th and September 13th, 9-11am at Jobl Field in Concord, all 7th and 8th grade players welcome. Additionally, 16s and 18s teams for fall ball are forming now, all high school players welcome. Contact Coach Max Valencia for more information at (925) 639-9034 or maxvbaseball@hotmail.com.

Swim Clinic

The Livermore Aquacowboys swim club is hosting the Mutual of Omaha breakout swim clinic on Sun., Sept. 20.

The clinic will learn four strokes and understand how the body, mind and heart affect swimming. Gold medalist Aaron Peirsol and Josh Davis will be featured.

The clinic will be held at the Livermore Valley Tennis Club, 2000 Arroyo Rd., Livermore from 1 to 5 p.m. The cost is \$100; spectator pass available for \$10. Limited to first 90 swimmers.

Information call Emily Horst at 443-7700.

Roller Hockey

Valley Roller Hockey in Livermore will be starting the Fall session in mid September. No equipment needed except skates. All kinds of loaner protective hockey gear will be available for those who do not own any. No experience needed to play this sport. Age groups include Mites ages 6 and under, Squirts-ages 7-10, Pee Wees 11-14.

League fees are \$135 and lasts 9 weeks with players coming twice a week for practices and games. Travel teams also available. Signups continue through September. For more info call Beau at 925-443-1500 or check out www.valleyrollerhockey.net

Tea Up for Teens

"Tea Up For Teens," a benefit golf tournament for Tri-Valley Young Life is set for Mon., Oct. 19 at Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton.

Registration and driving range are open 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. There will be a BBQ lunch provided by Carl's Jr. from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. followed by a shotgun start scramble format at 12:30.

The golf play will be followed by a dinner and auction at around 5:30 p.m.

For more information or to register, visit www.ylgolf.org

Hikes, Events Planned on Mount Diablo

Save Mount Diablo upcoming hikes and events on and around Mount Diablo are designed to raise public awareness, appreciation, and support to preserve natural lands on and around the mountain.

Events and hikes:

Star Mine Under the Stars (East Bay Regional Park District), Sunday August 30, 2009, 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm, Leader: Naturalist "Outdoor Ed" 510-544-2768, ewillis@ebparks.org. Meet: MP#43 Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve - Frederickson Lane, off Lone Tree Way/Golf Course Rd., just before the turn to Contra Loma Regional Park. Hike Star Mine Trail and explore Prospect Tunnel in the park's remote east end. Carpool to the group camp site to begin our journey. Parking limited to eight vehicles. Registration Required: 1-888-EBPARKS option 2, 3 course #22061

Moonlight on the Mountain (Save Mount Diablo). Save Mount Diablo will host its seventh annual "Moonlight on the Mountain" on Saturday, September 13, 2008. This special, one-of-a-kind event for 500 guests includes drinks and hors d'oeuvres, silent and live auction, elegant sit-down dinner, and live music. "Moonlight on the Mountain" takes place outdoors on a flat plateau next to the dramatic rock formations of China Wall, with a spectacular view of undeveloped rolling hills and the summit of Mount Diablo—all under the light of the rising moon. Tickets available through the Save Mount Diablo Office at 925-974-3535. Advanced RSVP Required.

Save Lime Ridge's Peak Hike (Save Mount Diablo), Saturday

Aug. 22, 2009, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM Leaders: Troy Bristol, Land Conservation Assoc. and George Philips. Save Mount Diablo Intern. Ohlone Trail to Blue Oak Trail to Lime Ridge Trail to Paraiso Trail to Ohlone Trail. Distance: 4.25 mile loop. Elevation Gain: 675'. Time: 2.5-3.5 hours. Bring water, layers, sunscreen and a snack. No dogs are allowed in this section of Lime Ridge. www.savemountdiablo.org

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Mount Diablo Challenge (Save Mount Diablo), The Mount Diablo Challenge is a 10.8 mile timed bike ride, starting at Athenian School in Danville and climbing up Southgate Road 3,249 feet to the summit of Mount Diablo. 1,000 cycling



The Eighth annual HomeAid Northern California Trap Shoot, held at the Livermore-Pleasanton Rod & Gun Club, is targeting \$150,000 as this year's fundraising goal. Funds raised are used help HomeAid build shelters for the transitionally homeless throughout the greater Bay Area.

Trap Shoot to Benefit HomeAid Northern California

HomeAid Northern California is targeting a lofty fundraising goal of \$150,000 when its Eighth Annual Trap Shoot takes place on Thursday, Sept 17, from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Livermore-Pleasanton Rod & Gun Club.

The event is largely supported by the Northern California home-building industry.

Julie O'Connor, Executive Director for HomeAid said, "We hope to achieve our goal of \$150,000 for 2009, which will be used to support our organization and our extensive shelter development program in the Bay Area."

Since the inaugural HomeAid Trap Shoot in 2002, HomeAid has raised more than \$1 million to help fund the construction of shelters for the transitionally homeless throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. These shelters are located in Livermore, Antioch, Hayward, Novato, Santa Rosa, Fairfield (under construction) and San Jose

Activities for the Trap Shoot will include team competition as well as trophies for best male and female marksmen. All participants can enjoy a delicious barbecued lunch, entertainment and a post-event party from 3 to 6 p.m.

"Originally, we wanted to

develop an event format that was somewhat out of the ordinary and there were already many golf fundraisers during the year," continued O'Connor. "From the very beginning, the response was tremendous and now everyone looks forward to the event every year."

In addition to the shooting competition, attendees can enter a raffle for premium prizes such as flat screen TVs and upscale gas barbecues. A silent auction is also part of the fun. Participants can bid on such items as spa packages, vacation trips, sporting equipment, memorabilia and more.

Cost for entrants is \$200 each or \$1,000 per five-person team. All skill level entrants are welcome, from beginners to sharpshooters. Non-shooter tickets are available for \$50. The event is limited to a total of 550 attendees so interested participants are encouraged to register now.

For additional information about the Eighth Annual HomeAid Northern California Trap Shoot, visit www.homeaidnc.org or forward inquiries to Wendi Zubillaga. wz@petersendean.com. Registrations can be mailed HomeAid, 200 Porter Drive, Suite 230, San Ramon, CA 94583 or faxed to (925) 820-7296.

enthusiasts compete and prizes are awarded for several categories in a ceremony at the summit with food and beverages for all. All proceeds benefit Save Mount Diablo's land conservation efforts. Registration cost is \$55.00. To register please visit www.savemountdiablo.org or www.active.com. No day of event registration.

End of Summer Hike (East Bay Regional Park District), Sunday, September 20, 2009 8 am - 12 pm. Leader: Naturalist "Outdoor Ed" 510-544-2768, ewillis@ebparks.org. Meet: MP #73 - Morgan Territory Regional Preserve - Main Parking Lot, on Morgan Territory Rd., 9.4 miles south of Marsh Creek Rd., 10.7 miles north of 1-580N. Livermore exit. Explore the backcountry woods, chaparral, and gracious grasslands of this high-altitude park. Approx. 6 miles, with moderate ups and downs. Registration Required: 1-888-EBPARKS option 2, 3 course #22543. www.ebparks.org

Oil Canyon Odyssey (East Bay Regional Park District), Sunday, October 18, 2009/ 8 am - 12 pm. Leader: Naturalist "Outdoor Ed" 510-544-2768, ewillis@ebparks.org. Meeting: MP #43 Contra Loma/Black Diamond Mines - Frederickson Lane, off Lone Tree Way/Golf Course Rd., just before the turn to Contra

Loma. Secluded valleys, serene vistas, and tales of "black gold" beckon us to Black Diamond Mines' remote east end. Convoy to Star Mine group camp to begin this rugged 5-mile hike. Registration Required: 1-888-EBPARKS option 2, 3 course #22537. www.ebparks.org

Flaming Ecology (East Bay Regional Park District), Sunday, October 25, 2009/ 9 am -11:30 am. Leader: Naturalist "Outdoor Ed" 510-544-2768, ewillis@ebparks.org. Drop-in, no registration. Meeting: MP #42 Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve - Somersville Townsite, end of Somersville Rd., south of Antioch. Learn about this "hot" issue and its effects as we hike 2 moderate miles of Manhattan Canyon and Chaparral Loop. Fee: \$5 parking. www.ebparks.org

Save Mount Diablo's Trail Adventure: Get Dirty on Diablo. Sunday, November 8, 9am. The Save Mount Diablo Trail Adventure presented by Chevron offers a Half-Marathon, 10K Run, and Family Hike beginning at Castle Rock Park in Walnut Creek, climbing the fire roads up the slopes of Mount Diablo and finishing at Castle Rock. The event includes pre and post race entertainment by a live band and lunch for all participants. Registration \$35 before Oct. 28. Late registration and day of registration \$40. www.savemountdiablo.org for details and

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SHORT NOTES

Annual Applefest

Applefest 2009 will be held Sat., Aug. 29 starting at 2 p.m. at Ravenswood Historic Site.

Explore and taste your way through the antique apple orchard. Taste forgotten varieties such as Pink Pearl, Honey Sweet, Nickajack, Court-Pendu Plat and many more of the unique apples popular in Victorian times. Those in attendance can also learn about the evolution of apples in the wild and their roles in American history. Prepare for fun with cider-making, apple eating and playing some old-time games. There will

also be an opportunity to tour the buildings of the historic estate with a Ravenswood docent. This program is good for all ages.

Ravenswood is located at 2647 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. There is a \$4 per vehicle parking fee. A \$2 donation is requested to help support the programs. Participants may call 925-960-2400 for more information.

Music Class

Senior Services for the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District has a new offering for anyone who loves music or could

use a bit more music in their lives. A new class, "Making Time for Music," will present music-making fun.

This class is appropriate for varying levels of music familiarity.

Music therapist Jennifer Geiger will lead this class, offered from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 13 to Nov. 17. The cost is \$63. The class will be held at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. For more information, call 925-373-5760.

Parent Education Classes

Amador Valley Adult and Community Education offers a variety of parent education classes.

The include the following: 1-23 Magic--a Discipline Program that Really Works; Become a Proactive Parent; Baby Sign Language; Parenting Your Aging Parent; Raising Your Spirited Child; Understanding Autism; Young Children and the 40 Assets@; The Parent Project@--Changing Destructive Adolescent Behavior; Is Your Child Safe in Cyber

Space?; Family Dynamics and Self-Esteem; Financial Planning for Families with Special Needs Children; Co-Parenting; Cool School Moves; Building the 40 Assets@; and The "Strong-Willed" Child.

Information on all adult education classes is available online at www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/adulted. For questions or to request a brochure, call 925-426-4280.

Middle East Conference

An author, a radio and television personality, and the head of a Middle East Studies Center will

be among the contributors to the Global Knowledge Conference on Afghan and Iranian Diaspora Cultures and Communities in the Bay Area Oct. 22-24 at the California State University, East Bay campus in Hayward.

Fatemeh Keshavarz, author of "Jasmine and Stars: Reading More Than 'Lolita' in Tehran," a book recently discussed on National Public Radio; Farid Younos, host of a Noor television program and a CSUEB lecturer; and Alam Payind, director of the

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OBITUARIES

James Wilson Dolan Sr.

James Wilson Dolan Sr. was a man of great humor, honor, and family. He spent his life making friends wherever he went and looking for opportunities to share his gift of laughter. Never a stranger did he meet. His family was his joy. He was born on June 7, 1922 in Alameda, California to Dr. Paul E. and Veronica Concannon Dolan.

Jim graduated from Livermore High School and attended Santa Clara University for two years. To honor his country he enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he served for three years during WWI.

In 1945 he married Jean Adleman, whom he referred to often as a "saint" for her kindness for others. They were wed at St. Michael's Church in Livermore, California. They raised five children, a daughter and four sons. During that time Jim worked at his family's winery, Concannon Vineyard, the Lawrence Livermore Radiation Laboratory, and the Livermore Parks and Recreation Dept.

Jim was an active father. His children learned to help and care for others by watching their dad. Together they enjoyed scouting, hunting, and other outdoor adventures. He served as a Boy Scout Master for twelve years. He also loved his involvement with the Livermore Rodeo, established in 1918 by his uncle, Joseph Concannon. He was a Rodeo Director for twelve years.

Though he loved his family roots in Livermore, he brought his family to Montana in 1970 to raise cattle in various locations across the state. They ranched on three different ranches in MT from 1970 to 1980. After selling the Sheridan ranch they retired in Bozeman where Jim worked part-time for the U.S. Forest Service and was the "enforcer" as a parking lot attendant in downtown Bozeman. His employers loved his grand sense of humor and his pride in his work.

Jim was an avid member of Resurrection Parish and a 30 year member of the Knights of Columbus, first in Whitehall and later in Bozeman, and was Grand Knight in both lodges. He was also a 50 year member of the American Legion.

Jim is survived by his wife of 64 years, Jean, and children; Ruth Ann (Charlie) Todd of San Jose, California; Jim (Corrine) of Belgrade; Mike (Janis) of Ennis; Pat (Diane) of Three Forks; and Tim (Pam) of Belgrade; 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Jim passed away on August 13, 2009 at the Gallatin Rest Home in Bozeman, MT. Times of joy and laughter with him will be remembered with great affection. Much appreciation to all the staff at Gallatin Rest Home for their care and love they gave to dad and all of us as a family.

In memory of Jim a rosary was said August 18 at Dahl's Funeral Home 300 Highland Blvd., Bozeman. A memorial service to celebrate Jim's life was held on August 19 at Resurrection Parish 1725 S 11th Ave., Bozeman. Donations may be given in Jim's name to Gallatin Rest Home 1221 W. Durston Rd., Bozeman or Bozeman Deaconess Hospice 915 Highland Blvd., Bozeman.

William J. Bettencourt

William J. Bettencourt was born 88 years ago in Livermore, on August 6, 1921. He passed away August 19, 2009 in Auburn, CA. He was married to his beloved wife Dorothy for 63 years. He is survived by daughter Martha Overman (James), sons William Jr. (Yukari) and Gerald, granddaughters Molly, Hanae and Alice, grandson Adam, great-grandson Wyatt, step-granddaughters Patricia, Lorell, and Terrell, and sister Helen Dickinson of Livermore, CA. He was preceded in death by parents John G. and Ellen G. Bettencourt, twin brother Robert, and brothers Peter, Paul and Henry.

Bill spent his working years in

the Livermore area ranching and operating heavy earth moving equipment for California Rock & Gravel in Livermore and Lone Star in Tracy. He was a member of Operating Engineers No. 3 since 1951, retired in 1982 and moved to Meadow Vista and then Auburn. Called Beech by his siblings and cousins, Bill will be missed by all his family, especially his beloved grandchildren, and friends who loved his integrity, sense of humor, and his ability to tell a good story about his rural boyhood and his ranching days.

A Mass of the Resurrection will be held at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 458 Maple St., Livermore, on Thursday, August 27, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. Burial will immediately follow at St. Michael's Cemetery, 2885 East Ave., Livermore.

Lina "Rita" Malara

Livermore resident Rita Malara, age 80, passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 15, 2009. She was the second child of eight Ridolfi's, born January 16, 1929. She preferred the nickname Rita, but was known to most of us as "Zia." She and her husband Oreste Malara were married 54 years. He preceded her in death, on December 8, 2008. Rita and Oreste (Zio) came to America from Italy in 1971 and helped raise her sister's children Rita, Rosetta, Giancarlo and Mauro DePalma, as well as Rosetta's children; Arick and Jenny Jones.

Graciously she welcomed friends and family into her home with open arms. Rita gave and cared unselfishly to the ones she loved. She enjoyed gardening, crocheting, knitting, sewing and cooking. Rita loved spending time with her husband and extended family which includes the DePalmas, Ridolfis, Malaras, Torres, Pattersons and Jones. Rita was loved by everyone; she will be extremely missed by us all.

Ego sum pulvis cinis et nihil. Mass of the Resurrection was held on August 25 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Livermore, burial followed at St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Livermore.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Theodore H. Gatanis

Theodore H. Gatanis age 87 of Pennsville, NJ died Saturday August 22, 2009 at the Memorial Hospital of Salem County. Ted

was born in Salem and was the son of the late Harry and Mary Manning Gatanis. He was a longtime Pennsville resident.

Ted was employed as a chemical operator for the DuPont Chambers Works, Deepwater where he retired following 40 years. Ted was a WWII Marine Corps Veteran, member of the Penns Grove Masonic Lodge No. 54, and an avid antique tool collector and built many homes in Pennsville.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years Helen Gatanis, sons, Theodore H. "Ted" Gatanis, Jr. and his wife Olga of Livermore, CA and Gary Gatanis and his wife Janis of Toledo, OH, brothers, Nicholas Gatanis of Tampa, FL, Paul Foster of NY, Robert Gatanis of Aiken, SC, and Richard Gatanis of Carney's Point, sisters, Florence Blyer, and Katherine James of Pennsville, Dorothy Badgely of Ocala, FL, and Mary McAllister of Ormond Beach, FL, Grandchildren, Rebecca Gatanis, Teddy Gatanis, Alexandra May Gatanis, and Rachel Helen Gatanis, and 1 great granddaughter, Alethea Thais. He was predeceased by brothers, Thomas and Harry Gatanis and sister Rose Jarrett.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. on Thursday Aug 27th at the Laughrey Funeral Home, Pennsville, NJ. Burial will be at the Salem County Veterans Cemetery, Pilesgrove, NJ.

In lieu of flowers please make memorial contributions to the Salem County Veterans Cemetery Association c/o The Bank, Salem-Woodstown Rd. Salem, NJ 08079.

Carl W. "Bill" Carlson

A resident of Pleasanton for 44 years, passed away on August 21, 2009, due to complications from an infection. He was 87 years old.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Billie and Andy Jensen, grandsons Russell and Tyler, stepdaughter Diane, her sons and "Ginger," the bird dog who was named after his mother-in-law.

Bill was born in the Sacramento area on November 15, 1921, and was raised with 7 sisters and one brother during the great depression. His rural life gave him good sensibilities, a good work ethic, and a good sense of humor. He enjoyed miss-pronouncing words as a form of witty banter. He served in WWII, then worked all of his life in the automotive industry

rebuilding transmissions, until he had a mild heart attack at the age of 84.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 48 years, Polly in 2002.

Bill was a social guy in the industry, who liked to fish, and hang out with the guys. He was a big fan of NASCAR and other motor sports. He was easy going and liked to tell jokes. He will be missed by his extended family and friends.

No services or memorials will be held at Bill's request.

Lyle Walter Keene

Livermore resident Lyle Walter Keene passed away at his home August 19, 2009 at the age of 84. His wife Bernice and daughters; Peggy and Kathy, and son-in-law Gordon were by his side.

He was born in Las Vegas, NM on April 25, 1925 to Clarence and Mildred Keene. He and his dad, mom and sister, Phyllis, lived in Las Vegas until the mid-40's when the family moved to CA.

During his youth, Lyle loved to fish and hunt with his buddies and father. During the summers he would spend time and work at his grandparents cabin up the Gallians Canyon.

He attended and graduated from Las Vegas High School where he was on the basketball team and participated in the high jump on the track team. Lyle enlisted in the Navy and served as a Beachmaster Radioman for invasion during WW II. He was on several ships in the Pacific but was never assigned to one particular ship because of his job. He was on several island battles during the war, the most memorable one being Okinawa. He was discharged in 1946 and returned to CA as his family had moved to Livermore.

He met his first wife Betty at a dance. They were married in August 1947. With the GI bill, he had the house built that still is the family home. Lyle worked for the Oakland Tribune as a paper man and distributor. Then in 1957 he became an insurance agent for Met Life in Hayward. For several years he was the Assistant Manager for the office but went back to being an agent so he could be home with the family. He retired in 1983. After retirement he worked for Knodt's Flowers in Livermore delivering flowers for about five years and then worked part time during the busy times for the shop.

Lyle belonged to the Foresters, VFW Post # 7265, and SIRS.

He was also a pseudo member of Dania Hall (for poker playing purposes) Lyle enjoyed fishing, hunting, golf, woodworking, and gardening. Fishing was his favorite and everyone says that he was the best. Family vacations were always centered around fishing. Lyle tied his own flies for a period of time. Lyle enjoyed hunting too. As a youngster, he and his dad would hunt deer and birds. Lyle was a very good bowler and was a member of several teams until his back forced him to give up bowling and he started playing golf. He played with SIRS (Seniors in Retirement) and enjoyed the tournaments around the area.

Lyle had a green thumb. Some may remember the Clarence's house on College and the beautiful flower gardens around the house and patio. Lyle had the best mums in town. There are the tomatoes! Two plants every year and the whole neighborhood and family had tomatoes. This year the count is 262 and counting. Lyle loved working with wood. He would go to the wineries in the valley and collect the corks. He would make trivets for the corks and then give them back to the wineries. He also polished rocks. He and Bernice would find rocks on their hikes in the hills when they were volunteers for the East Bay Regional Parks or on their trips to the coast.

Lyle is preceded in death by his first wife, Betty. They were married for 40 years. Lyle and Bernice were married in 1990, and with this marriage another daughter and 2 sons were added to the family. Now there are also 5 grandchildren. Lyle is survived by his wife Bernice, (they have been married for 19 years), his sister Phyllis (Jim), daughters; Peggy (Ron) and Kathy (Gordon), grandson Ray (Rebecca), granddaughter Stephanie, stepdaughter Karen (Bill), stepsons Steve (Melissa) and David (Teri), step-granddaughter Serena, step-grandsons Kyle, Alex, Justin, and Shane, and great grandchildren Cameron, Emmalie, Tyler, Zachary, Dylan, Alex, and Jake. He is also survived by nieces Sherrill (Louis) and Lynne (Ed) and very special cousins, Diane and Shirley.

A Celebration of Life was

held August 26 in Livermore. Preceding the celebration a private burial took place at St. Michael's Cemetery.

Donations can be made to Hope Hospice 6500 Dublin Blvd. Ste 100, Dublin, CA 94568 or to a charity of choice.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Edwin G. Meyer

After a valiant battle with Lung cancer, Livermore resident Edwin G. Meyer passed away at home on August 19, 2009. He was surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Flushing, NY, on Sept. 21, 1933, he is the son of Felix & Loretta Meyer. After serving in Korea, in the Military (Army), he led a rich and rewarding life. He flew as a captain at age 34 for Western Airlines that later merged with Delta. After a 20 year airline career, he retired and became a well respected business person and community activist. He was proud to be instrumental in saving the Springtown Golf Course.

He will be remembered for his sense of patriotism and for his strength and determination to make this world a better place.

Edwin leaves behind a family who loved him: his wife, Camille, son, Jeffrey (Denise), daughters, Keri (Dolores of L.A) and Tracy (Cameron) of San Diego. He is also survived by his six beautiful grandchildren: Cynthia, Alexes, Brandi, Britney, David and Tyler. He will be greatly missed by all of his family and friends. His generosity, integrity, bravery and wisdom were an inspiration to his family. His memory will forever be with us, in our hearts.

A Memorial Service will be held August 28, at 3 p.m. at Callaghan Mortuary 3833 East Ave. Livermore, followed by a Celebration at our home in Livermore.

The family wishes to express its gratitude to Hope Hospice for the loving and special care.

To honor Edwin's memory, donations may be made to Hope Hospice 6500 Dublin Blvd. Ste. 100, Dublin, CA. 94568



Ask Kathleen

Kathleen Minser
Waste Reduction Specialist offers advice about the 4R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rot (Compost)

Q) We just moved to Livermore and have more possessions than will fit in our new home. We also have lots of cardboard boxes and a huge pile to give away or throw away. Do we have to make a trip to the dump?

Jeff

A) WM offers programs to keep unnecessary waste out of landfills. For non-waxed, flattened, corrugated cardboard boxes, place a little at a time in your recycling cart for weekly pick up. Schedule a FREE Special Clean up (3 per year) for "stuff" you want to throw away that is non-hazardous, non-reusable or recyclable. Visit www.stopwaste.org to request an Alameda County Recycling Guide.

Have a garage sale and meet your neighbors!

Q) Periodically, I see signs posted advertising special e-Waste and Recycling events around town. Is there a way to know ahead of time about these types of events?

Linda

A) Maybe this will help. If readers of my column are having an event and were to inform me, I would be more than happy to advertise the information, for FREE, in my column. Hopefully residents and businesses reading this will take me up on it. I feel these kinds of events are important in our community and if I can help get the word out, I will do what I can.

Archway Recycling contacted me. Visit their website at www.archwayrecycling.com or call 866-346-0861. They are located at 3575 B First St. Livermore (behind Livermore Casino) Hours: 9am-4pm

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Middle East Studies Center at Ohio State University, are among those who will contribute to an understanding of Afghan and Iranian diaspora 30 years after the Iranian Revolution and the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

Other key participants will be Rona Popal, executive director of the Afghan Coalition; Parvin Ahmadi, assistant superintendent of the Fremont Unified School District; Nushi Safinya, director of Studies for International and Multilingual Students at St. Mary's College, and Vida Samian, dean of the CSU Fresno College of Arts and Humanities.

The conference will lead off with a reception, art exhibition, short documentary and discussion from 5-7 p.m. Oct. 22 in the Biella Room of the University Library, 25800 Carlos Bee Blvd. Yuko Kurahashi of the School of Theatre and Dance at Kent State University will present her short documentary on the making of "Beyond the Mirror," a theatrical performance by the Bond Street Theatre of New York and the Emile Theatre of Kabul, and a discussion will follow.

The conference opening plenary at 3 p.m. Oct. 23 in the Music Building 1055 will bring together Younos and Safinya on "Framing the Afghan and Iranian Diasporas," with Diedre Badejo, dean of the CSUEB College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences, moderating.

Najia Karim will set the stage for dinner and a short Iranian

dance performance by reading Afghan poetry. Later, CSUEB President Mohammad Qayoumi will introduce Payind's keynote address.

The conference will resume on Oct. 24 with the plenary, "1979 - 30 Years Hence," two parallel sessions on "Community Research in the Local Afghan Diaspora" and "Social Activism in Iranian Diaspora," Personal and Immigration Narratives by such persons as Abubakr Asadulla, M.D., of the CSUEB Student Health Center, and Sahar Haghghat, a CSUEB graduate student; a roundtable discussion on "New Directions in Afghan and Iranian Scholarship" and a closing plenary.

The conference is cosponsored by the Afghan Coalition, the California State University, Fresno College of Arts and Humanities, Zale Video and Film, and the Balkh Bakery and Deli in Fremont. It culminates a year-long focus on the nations of Afghanistan and Iran - as they mark the 30th anniversary of the Iranian Revolution and the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan - through a variety of programs and presentations held in various Bay Area locations in concert with a consortium comprised of the San Francisco Asian Art Museum; the University of California, Berkeley; and San Jose State University.

Pre-registration is being taken at \$35 per person on a space available basis through Oct. 15. To register, send your name, address, phone number, e-mail

address and a check for \$35 per person, payable to CSUEB CLASS, to: Global Knowledge Conference, CLASS, MB1501, CSUEB, 25800 Carlos Bee Blvd., Hayward, CA 94542. Space available, registration at the door will be \$50 per person.

Conference information is at: http://class.csueastbay.edu/Global_Knowledge.php

Harvest Festival

The Alameda County Community Food Bank (ACCFB) is one of many local Food Banks that has implemented strategies to help deal with the heavy influx. As a result the ACCFB has partnered with the Pleasanton Harvest Festival, happening September 11-13 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, to help spread the word about their mission. The goal of the ACCFB is to alleviate hunger by providing nutritious food and nutrition education to people in need, educating the public, and promoting public policies that address hunger and its root causes.

Those who donate to the ACCFB, anyone who brings in non-perishable or canned food donations to the Pleasanton Harvest Festival will receive a discount coupon for admission.

According to ACCFB spokesperson Brian Higgins, the demand for food has increased exponentially in the past year. "We've seen demand for food skyrocket 37 percent in the past 12 months (July 1 2008- June 30, 2009) - and there's no end in

sight," said Higgins. "In July, the 24-year-old Food Bank set an all-time monthly record for requests - all of which were fulfilled - on its Emergency Food Helpline. To deal with the surge, we've doubled our budget of USDA-purchased food, such as meats, cheese, canned vegetables, rice and beans."

"Pleasanton has a track record of stepping up to the plate in times of crisis. For instance, Pleasanton letter carriers doubled their collection of food this year, leading the way for the entire county," said Higgins. "The Pleasanton Harvest Festival celebrates the abundance of the harvest. Abundance, by its very definition, should flow - in this case to those who merely seek sustenance. And that's exactly what partnering with the Harvest Festival accomplishes."

For over 37 years, the Harvest Festival's unique shopping and entertainment atmosphere has continued to enamor customers of all ages and walks of life. Shoppers can browse and select from thousands of unique, handmade items, including jewelry, photographs, pottery, accessories, specialty foods and more!

The Harvest Festival will be held Sept. 11-13: Friday, 10 to 6; Sat. 10 to 6 and Sun. 10 to 5. Tickets are adults: \$9, seniors (62+): \$7, youth (13-17): \$4, groups (10 or more): \$5 kids 12 and Under: Free. Ticket valid for re-entry all 3 days at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton.

For additional information, please call 415-447-3205 or visit www.harvestfestival.com; For more information, or to donate to the ACCFB's virtual food drive, please visit www.accfb.org

Walk for Education

The American Swim Academy is hosting the 2009 Walk for Education to benefit the Livermore Valley Education Foundation. The walk takes place at Granada High School in Livermore on Saturday, September 26 from 11am until 2pm. Students from every Livermore Valley school along with their friends and families are invited to participate in the walk, and the school that generates the most walkers will win \$500.

"With the State in our current budget crisis, our schools need support now more than ever," said Rochelle Pepmeier, Director of American Swim Academy's Livermore location. "Teachers have been laid off, school funding has been cut and ultimately it's our children who suffer the consequences."

Registration is open to the public by downloading a registration form at www.american-swimacademy.com/LVEF. The entry fee is just \$2 and each walker who participates will receive a t-shirt and lunch. There will also be a Family Fun Festival during the walk with live entertainment, DJ music, family friendly booths and more. "The event will be fun for the entire family and a great way to come together for the community, Pepmeier said. "We

are hoping this walk is a step in the right direction toward a brighter future for our children," she added.

For more information about the 2009 Walk for Education, please visit the website at www.americanswimacademy.com.

Dublin Leadership

Those who would like to prepare yourself to take a more active role in the community are invited to apply to be part of the 2009 City of Dublin 101 (formerly known as the Dublin Leadership Academy). City of Dublin 101 is an 11-week program held on nine Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and one Saturday field trip, culminating in a graduation event. The City of Dublin 101 academy begins on September 12, 2009.

The goal of City of Dublin 101, which is sponsored by the City of Dublin, is to inform the program's participants about City services, the issues (present and future) facing the community, and to encourage community involvement at all levels. The program will include presentations on topics such as public safety, local government, and community services.

Class size will be limited to the first 20 candidates (applicants must live or work in Dublin). For an application, please contact Chris Foss, Assistant City Manager at 925-833-6650 or download an application from the City's website at www.ci.dublin.ca.us.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 427306

The following person(s) doing business as: Mindful Movements, 441 Swan Dr., Livermore CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Nicolee Molin Handlin, 441 Swan Dr., 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/ Nicolee Molin Handlin
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 427289

The following person(s) doing business as: Easy To Be Green, 1763 DeLeon Way, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Therese Sherwin, 1763 DeLeon Way, Livermore Ca 94550

This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on July 22, 2009.

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Therese Sherwin
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 427260

The following person(s) doing business as: LAI & Associates, 3300 Powell Street, Ste 109, Emeryville Ca 94608 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Pamela Y. Li, 355 Calle La Montana, Moraga Ca 94556

This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on July 15, 2009.

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Pamela Y. Li
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 427494

The following person(s) doing business as: Gamma Salon, 739 Main Street Ste H., Pleasanton Ca 94566 is hereby registered by the following

owner(s): Armen A. Gasparian, 11 Brookline Drive, Novato Ca 94949

This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on July 29, 2009.

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Armen A. Gasparian
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 426784-426785

The following person(s) doing business as: 1)Altamont Strategies, 2)Division of Altamont Solutions, Inc., 4637 Chabot Drive, Suite 102, Pleasanton Ca 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Altamont Solutions, Inc., 4637 Chabot Drive #102, Pleasanton Ca 94588

This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on May 1, 2009.

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Judy B. Lloyd
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 427413

The following person(s) doing business as: Pems Totes & More, 7950 Kemper Ct., Pleasanton Ca 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Mary Jo Evans, 7950 Kemper Ct., Pleasanton Ca 94588

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/ Mary Jo Evans
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 427421

The following person(s) doing business as: Formations Designs, 3421 Cornerstone Ct. #205, Pleasanton Ca 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Georgia Quinlan, 3421 Cornerstone Ct. #205, Pleasanton Ca 94566

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/ Georgia Quinlan
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 427553

The following person(s) doing business as: Hands On Earth Friendly Carpet Cleaning, 2259 Camino Brazos, Pleasanton Ca 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Edwin Purselle, 2259 Camino Brazos, Pleasanton Ca 94566

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/ Edwin Purselle
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 427093

The following person(s) doing business as: Corporos, 822 So. M Street, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jane P. Bearinger, 822 So. M Street, Livermore Ca 94550

This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on March 1, 2009.

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Jane P. Bearinger
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 427961-427963

The following person(s) doing business as: 1) The Bidness Group, 2)LonelyGrower.com, 3)TheLonelyGrower.com, 3903 Silver Oaks Way, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kris Marmoll, 663 Everglades Lane, Livermore Ca 94550

This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on July 23, 2009.

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Kris Marmoll
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 427820

The following person(s) doing business as: Affordable Hot Tubs Now, 3557 A First Street, Livermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Pacific Machinery Corp. Inc., 3557 A First Street, Livermore Ca 94551

This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on April 29, 2009.

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Joseph Borges, Jr.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 23, 2009. Expires July 23, 2014.

ing, 565 Tawny Drive, Pleasanton Ca 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kevin Lowell Stephens Coon, 565 Tawny Drive, Pleasanton Ca 94566

This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on August 7, 2009.

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Kevin Lowell Stephens Coon
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 10, 2009. Expires August 10, 2014.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 427492

The following person(s) doing business as: American Cab of Tri-Valley, 440 Boulder Ct. #C100, Pleasanton Ca 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Wahidullah Aslami, 1609 Bermuda Ln., Manteca Ca 95337

This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on July 29, 2009.

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Wahidullah Aslami
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 427285

The following person(s) doing business as: Surkiss Entertainment, 663 Everglades Lane, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kris Marmoll, 663 Everglades Lane, Livermore Ca 94550

This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on July 23, 2009.

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Kris Marmoll
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 427613

The following person(s) doing business as: Erin Lang Photography, 161 Bellington Common #3, Livermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Erin Lang, 161 Bellington Common #3, 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/ Erin Lang
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 03, 2009. Expires August 03, 2014.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 428231

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Changes in Closing Procedures

By Cher Wollard
 Two significant housing bills passed by Congress last year have gone into effect recently and are expected to produce widespread effects.
 The Home Ownership and Equity Protection Act (HOEPA) and the Housing and Economic Recovery Act (HERA) were designed to provide more transparency in home lending and prevent the kind of deceptive lending practices that contributed to the subprime meltdown.
 HERA includes the Mortgage Disclosure Improvement Act. This measure ensures borrowers are informed about the conditions of their home loan before they sign on the dotted line. HERA went into effect July 30 and applies to both refinances and home purchase loans.
 The likely results: increased consumer awareness, more paperwork and longer delays.
 "The positives are that the client is going to see a lot of documentation upfront. They will know the terms of the loan before they get into it," said Rick Benitez of RPM Mortgage in Livermore. "But mark my words, we will see delays."
 Benitez, who has been in the mortgage business about 15 years, is a branch partner and Certified Mortgage Advisor (CMA).
 "You still have to send disclosures out within three days of when the application is taken," he said. "That hasn't changed, but not everyone was following the three-day law. Now it is being enforced and audited."
 The new regulations also require:
 • The lender must send mortgage disclosures to the borrower within three days of an application being taken. The borrower must receive accurate disclosures at least seven days before close of escrow.
 • The borrower cannot pay any fees (except for a credit report fee) until the initial disclosures have been sent and received. This means lenders cannot order appraisals, for example, until at least four days after the disclosures have been mailed to the borrower. Given recent changes in appraisal regulations, this could result in further delays.
 • The borrower must be provided with a copy of the appraisal at least three days prior closing, unless he or she has waived that right.
 • An increase or decrease of more than .125 percent (one-eighth of a percent) in the Annual Percentage Rate (APR) means the lender will be required to issue revised disclosures. A new seven-day waiting period begins from the date new disclosures are received by the borrower.
 Disclosures are considered "received" three business days after mailing. A few lenders are e-mailing disclosures, which shortens timeframes, but most use regular mail.
 "Consumers will see things upfront and have plenty of time to review before they commit to anything," Benitez noted. "It really is upholding the law that was already in place that hasn't been policed."
 Changes and delays affect many real estate transactions.
 For example, interest rates may change before the loan officer "locks" them. A buyer may decide to change the type of loan sought, for example providing a greater or lesser downpayment.
 The loan originally sought may no longer be available, or the borrower may not qualify for it.
 The appraisal may come in under the contract price, causing buyer and seller to renegotiate price and terms.
 Inspections may reveal the need for costly repairs, again leading to renegotiations.
 Such changes would trigger the requirement for new disclosures, drawing out the timetable for finalizing the purchase or refinance.
 "You cannot have a client sign the final loan documents until seven business days after final disclosures have been sent," Benitez noted.
 "By the end of this month you are going to start seeing delays."
 Agents for both buyers and sellers work hard to meet the timelines agreed to in purchase contracts, but sometimes unforeseen events cause delays.
 Asset managers, who handle bank-owned and short sale property for banks, are notoriously adamant that buyers meet deadlines, regardless of circumstances.
 "These asset managers are going to need to understand that flexibility is needed with closing dates," Benitez said. "The next few months, as this goes into effect, you'll see some deals blow up because people can't meet the deadlines."
 A good loan officer will prepare his or her clients for increased paperwork and longer timelines.
 Borrowers who have procured mortgages in the past may be surprised by the changes. Even little things like having to pay for appraisals upfront, instead of billing them through escrow, may be unexpected.
 "I tell my clients be prepared to provide paperwork several times and be prepared to sign disclosures several times," Benitez said.
 It will be more important than ever for borrowers and lenders to return paperwork to the loan officer promptly to avoid delays.
 Timelines may be reduced a little when loans are secured through regional banks or mortgage companies with their own banking operations in which loans are made in-house. Disclosures can be presented to borrowers at the time the application is taken, for example.
 Even so, rush loans are probably a thing of the past.
 And then there is the new appraisal disclosure law, which has presented its own set of setbacks and delays.
 The consumer is entitled to receive a copy of the appraisal at least three days before close of escrow. If a second appraisal is needed for any reason, there is another three-day wait, although borrowers can waive that right.
 Many in government believe lack of consumer information is the basis of the housing crisis. If so, more disclosures issued sooner should help avoid future problems.
 Benitez is not convinced.
 "I think the fact that mortgage lending guidelines have tightened will be more significant," he said. "Since the housing collapse, 70 percent of loan officers have left the business. Many of these were the very ones who did not take their clients' best interest to heart."
 "These are very interesting times. Mortgage values have overcorrected. Mortgage lending practices have overcorrected too."
 "There are a lot of changes now."

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



Record setting Buick Opal GT.

Livermore Muffler Is The temporary home To a Bonneville Flats Record Breaking Car

By Patricia Koning

After 20 years of racing, John Paxson couldn't bear the thought of tearing up his trusty Buick Opal GT to make required safety modifications. So he bought the car from his friend and mechanic Bill Ward.

This orange Opal isn't just any racecar—she broke five records at the Bonneville Salt Flats Speedway and brought three drivers into the 200 MPH club. "This car has been good to me, no crashes, so it seemed right to preserve it rather than tear it apart," says Paxson.

While he's waiting for a spot in the Wally Parks NHRA Motorsports Museum in Los Angeles, the car is on display at Livermore Muffler at 3829 First Street. Listed on the back of the car are the Bonneville records she broke: class D/MS in 1988 with 222.965 MPH; AA/MS in 1989 with 243.338; C/MS in 1991 with 207.748; A/MS in 1992 with 231.779; and B/MS in 1995 with 232.183.

The Bonneville Salt Flats Speedway is a section of the huge salt flat in northwestern

Utah. A remnant of the ancient Lake Bonneville, the densely packed salt—up to six feet in some areas—is extremely flat, making it an ideal surface for car, motorcycle, and bicycle racing.

The area's racing potential was first identified in 1896 by a scout for a bike race course from San Francisco to New York. In 1914, Teddy Tezloff set an unofficial automobile speed record of 141 MPH in a Blitzen Benz. By mid-century the Bonneville Salt Flats had become the standard course for world land speed records.

Paxson hit the Opal's top speed—256 MPH—in her first year. When a new car races at Bonneville, the car must first pass inspections and then drive on the 3-mile short course. If the car exceeds 175 MPH, the driver can then move onto the 5-mile course (which is actually 8 miles, including the deceleration section).

On the long course, there are three timed miles. To set a record, the car must drive the same timed mile in both directions within one hour; the final time is the average of those two times. To set the



Photos - Doug Jorgensen

John Paxson sits in the driver's seat of the Opal GT.

1989 record, Paxson drove 256 MPH with the wind at his back and then about 230 MPH in the other direction.

"Driving 256 miles per hour at Bonneville is exciting," he says. "There is nothing around you, just the mile markers. Over 240 MPH the car gets a little light and wants to float off the ground. You don't even steer at that speed. It's the mechanic and designer of the car that gets you to that level."

Before he began racing at Bonneville, Paxson had a long career in drag racing. "I got involved in aerospace in the 1970's. We put a rocket engine in the dragster," he recalls. "We could go 300 MPH on a quarter mile. That's a little more exciting, especially with guard rails and poles flying by."

As might be expected, the rocket dragsters were eventually outlawed. Drag racing was tough on his family too, as it involves

constant racing all over the country. "When I settled down into Bonneville, I was only racing three times a year," he says. "I even got a regular job representing an automobile parts warranty company."

The infrequent racing at Bonneville keeps it exciting. "Sometimes almost a year goes by without driving or seeing the car, so it's a fun experience every time," he adds.

In a few weeks he'll be racing a new car—a 1979 El Camino—at Bonneville's World of Speed event. Paxson and Ward are hoping to get the car up to 200 MPH, something that's never been done with an El Camino at Bonneville.

Another goal is to get his son Chris into the 200 MPH club. Paxson says that once they get the car onto the long course, he'll get it up to 200 MPH and then let Chris have a turn to get into that exclusive club and set the record.

Livermore Adult Education Taking Registration for Fall

Livermore Adult Education Fall registration has started. Classes include the following:

Foreign Language; Conversational Spanish (9/21), Beginning German (9/17), Continuing Beginning (9/22), Intermediate German (9/23), Conversational Russian (9/14), Beginning American Sign Language (9/15).

Computer; Beginning Workplace Computer Training (9/22, days), QuickBooks Pro 2006 (9/14), Beginning Photoshop Elements (11/9), Selling on eBay and Craigslist (9/17), MS Word 2003 (9/16), MS Excel 2003 (9/29), PivotTables/PivotCharts (12/8), MS Word 2007 (9/28), MS Excel 2007 (9/23).

Career Technical Education; Discover Healthcare-Free Information (8/27), Pharmacy Technician (9/8), Clinical Medical Assistant (9/12), Phlebotomy (9/12), Medical Biller (1/23), Orthopedic Technician (3/13), Notary Public (10/17), Notary Public On-Line, Career Exploration (9/15), Career Assistance (9/15), How to Ace the Interview (10/1), Utilizing LinkedIn in your Job Search (9/24).

Parenting Family and Consumer Awareness; Brain Gym (9/22), Cool School Moves (9/29), Teaching Empathy in Children (10/6), Effective Discipline with Pre-Teens (10/13), Power Struggles with your Pre-Schooler (10/27), Parent Project (10/20), Family to Family-Mental Health Issues (8/26), Navigating the College Application Maze (9/14), Beginning Knitting (9/15), Intermediate Knitting (9/15), Beginning Crocheting (9/17), Sewing (9/21), CPR (9/14), First Aid (9/21), Basic Life Support (9/28), Yoga (9/14, 9/16, 9/19), Core Fitness (9/17), Therapeutic Massage for Couples (9/24), Accupressure (10/22), Feng Shui (9/16), Meditation (9/22), Weight Watchers (Wed/Sat).

Art; Watercolors (9/14), Drawing and Mixed Media (9/15), Colored Pencils (9/16), Drawing Faces (9/17), Watercolor (10/1), Just Drawing (9/14, evening), Mosaic Magic (9/15).

Community Interest; Throwing a Dinner Party 101 (10/5), Voice Overs (10/19), Birdwatching (10/7), Beginning Folk Guitar (9/23), Dog Training (9/1), Dog Training Intermediate (9/16), Dog Care and Grooming (11/7), Dog and Cat CPR and First Aid (10/15), Creative Writing (9/15), Memoir Writing (9/28), Going Green (10/1), Women's Learn to Golf (9/17).

Finance; Success with Money and Spending (10/6), Estate Planning (9/29), Long Term Care (9/16), Retirement Accounts (10/20), Stock Market (9/21), Retirement Planning (9/17), English Second Language (ESL, 9/8), Citizenship (9/12), Adult Diploma (9/15), GED Preparation Class (9/15), SAT/PSAT Prep. Class (9/2).

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Art, Community, & Education



Pictured (from left) are Livermore Police Chief Steve Sweeney, retired Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department Chief and School Board Member, Stuart Gary and Keith Cariveau.

Livermore Rotary Helps Marilyn Avenue Kick off the New School Year

By Patricia Koning

Hours before any parents or children were due to arrive at the annual Marilyn Avenue Back to School BBQ, a couple dozen members of the Livermore Rotary Club were getting a head start on grilling the approximately 1,200 hot dogs that would be served that night.

“Good thing we’ve got the police chief and retired fire chief in case anything goes wrong,” joked Dave Norlin, who organized the event for Rotary.

The hot dogs were secondary to the real purpose of the event—to get parents and children to the school so they can pick up paperwork and meet their teachers and classmates. The event started about 15 years ago, when

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Pictured are (top photo) the new tasting room; (lower left photo, back row) John Concannon, 4th generation vintner; Jim Concannon, 3rd generation vintner and Helen Concannon; (front) Anna Marie, Kyle, Shannon, Eric and Mary standing near the plaque, and (the lower right photo) Jim Concannon and Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena.

Concannon Vineyard Tasting Room Re-dedicated

Fifty one years ago, the Native Sons of the Golden West dedicated a plaque designating Concannon Vineyard as an historical landmark in recognition of the winery's efforts to preserve history.

Last Wednesday, the Native Sons re-enacted that ceremony to commemorate the opening of the renovated tasting room at Concannon.

The reopening of the renovated tasting room marks one of the final stages of a 10-year, \$30-million revitalization initiative called "The Next 125 Years" designed to enhance quality in the vineyards and winery.

Jim Concannon, third generation vintner, stated, "As we begin our 126th harvest, we are honored that local, state and community leaders representing organizations that were part of the original decree joined us today to renew my grandfather James Concannon's vision of a world-class estate winery in Livermore."

He introduced family members spanning three generations and noted that Emil Ciguluti, son of the original mason who installed the plaque over 50 years ago was also in attendance.

Livermore historian Gary Drummond stated, "Leading the trend to preserve the past while reinvesting in the future, I am pleased to recognize the Concannon's continued commitment and to mark its historic significance to Livermore and the state."

Concannon observed, "We've always strived to be a destination

site in the Livermore appellation. My grandfather recognized that we have the soils and climate to produce outstanding wines; for example, we were the first to release a varietal designated Petite Sirah and have been producing remarkable wines for over 125 years."

The inscription on the plaque reads as follows: Here, in 1883, James Concannon founded the Concannon Vineyard. The quality it achieved in Sacramental and commercial wines helped establish Livermore Valley as one of America's select wine growing districts. Grape cuttings from this vineyard were introduced to Mexico between 1889 and 1904 for the improvement of its commercial viticulture.

On hand for that first ceremony were such notables as Alameda County District Attorney Earl Warren, who went on to become the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

In attendance last Wednesday were three generations of the Concannon family, Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena, and Chris Grey, representing Supervisor Scott Haggerty.

The City of Livermore and Alameda County both presented proclamations to the Concannon family in recognition of their leadership in the community and wine industry over the past 126 years.

The ceremony conducted by the Native Sons involves mixing sand, cement and water to create a mortar that represents the past, present and future of California.

"The mortar will harden into history and glorify it."

The remodeled tasting room has been enlarged, nearly doubling its capacity. There is a new patio that includes an outdoor fountain created from historic Livermore stamped brick.

The tasting room restoration is a mix of historic and contemporary resources. Redwood staves from large vintage redwood casks previously used for wine aging have been reclaimed for the new Concannon Vineyard tasting bar and used as wood panel accents throughout the tasting room. Granite countertops, slate floors and halogen lighting complete the interior. The stamped tin ceiling of the tasting room is a nod to the Concannon family's Irish roots. On the exterior, century-old cedar planks were taken from the old tasting room ceiling and refurbished for this purpose.

Opening soon will be a wine library and a second tasting room that will be a wine lounge.

The tasting room is open from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. seven days a week. The winery is at 4590 Tesla Road in Livermore. Wines exclusive to the tasting room are available to taste and purchase including Concannon Reserve, Heritage and Gatekeeper wines.



Annual Harvest Wine Celebration Scheduled

Annual Harvest Wine Celebration, Sept. 6 and 7, has features.

Livermore Valley Wine Growers Association is hosting the event from noon to 5 p.m. each day.

There will be 20 wineries pouring wine at the Harvest Village (Located at Robertson Park) on Sunday and Monday. In addition to the wineries, there will be live music, arts and crafts vendors, food vendors, adult fun and more.

There will be over 20 wineries pouring wine at their winery location. Each of these wineries will host music, arts and craft vendors, food vendors, and more. Complimentary shuttle buses will take guests between each of these wineries on Sunday only.

Guests will be able to vote for their favorite celebration experience via text message during the event.

The Raiderettes will be at the Harvest Village from 2 to 4 p.m. on Mon., Sept. 7.

The Wild Vine will host a ping pong tournament both days.

Purchase tickets early and receive a huge discount - \$50 versus \$75 at the event. Tickets are available on-line at www.LVwine.org and at all participating Livermore Valley wineries, the Wine Steward in Pleasanton, First Street Wine Company in Livermore and all PW Markets stores.

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Tyler Sussman

Didgeridoo Workshop Set

Health, Vibrational Awareness and the Didgeridoo is the title of a workshop to be presented by Tyler Sussman of the Didge Project.

He will be at the Pleasanton Library on Sept. 4 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Sussman contends that listening to the didgeridoo and feeling its powerful vibrations can facilitate deep meditation and enhance energy flow. He will play the didgeridoo and discuss how vibrations can affect the human body and be used to rejuvenate and heal. The discussion will be followed by a group didgeridoo meditation. For more information visit didgeproject.com.

Sussman, musician, composer, producer, and sound healer, is a native of the San Francisco bay area. While attending the University of California, Santa Barbara, Tyler studied psychology in addition to music. Tyler has studied western music with Dann Zinn, Joe Bonfiglio, Mark Turner, Bob Sheppard, and Oliver Lake. In addition, he has studied sound healing with Judith Steves, Allan Shockley, and Jonah Kai. Tyler's interest in music from around the world has prompted him to fuse his influences into a sound that is accessible as well as stimulating to a wide audience. Notably, Tyler has played with Chick Corea, Eric Harland, and Irvin Mayfield's New Orleans Jazz Orchestra. Tyler currently resides in Brooklyn, NY where he teaches, records, and performs on saxophone, clarinet, flute, and didgeridoo.

This program was funded by a grant from Fit for Life, an initiative of Libraries for the Future and Metropolitan Life.

The program is free and open to all. No registration required. For more information regarding the program call Penny Johnson at 931-3405.

Photo -
Richard Cash
Tempest will perform at the annual Games. Pictured are Damien Gonzalez, Adolfo Largo, Michael Mullen, Lief Sorby and James Crocker.



Entertainment Big Part of Annual Scottish Games in Pleasanton

For fans of Celtic music, the place to be is the "hot spot" of the genre, the 144th Scottish Highland Gathering & Games, held on September 5 and 6 in Pleasanton at the Alameda County Fairgrounds.

The Pleasanton Games feature six stages of continuous music.

Headlining the Celtic rock portion will be Tempest. The Oakland based group performs internationally and has been the mainstay of the Pleasanton games since they moved to the Alameda County Fairgrounds in 1994, missing only a single year. Tempest delivers high-energy folk rock, fusing Scottish ballads, Irish reels, and Norwegian influences on the Argyle Stage.

Also appearing on the Argyle Stage for the first time is the group "1916". Their style is somewhere between folk rock and Celtic, with featured bagpiper Robbie Byrne calling their music "progression of new ideas - a Celtic evolutionary sound".

Wicked Tinkers, with a bent on the Tribal Celtic movement, bring vitality and humor to stages across America. They will be joined on the Strathclyde Stage by

the popular Molly's Revenge, who specialize in music from Scotland, Ireland and England, plus their own compositions.

Branching into the more traditional aspect of Celtic music are the Browne Sisters with George Cavanaugh. The three sister. Harmony and enriched vocals are the hallmark of the sisters and cousin George adds his rich voice and original guitar style to the traditional and modern Gaelic songs, Scottish and Irish selections, as well as original material.

Sharing the Edinburgh Stage will be Isla St. Clair, featuring traditional Scottish vocals. St. Clair has made the trip from Scotland to perform in Pleasanton for several years and is well known in Britain as a television personality and has performed for Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace.

The Glen Stage hosts the trio Golden Bough with music rooted in traditional Celtic music of Scotland and Ireland, as well as Wales, Cornwall, the Isle of Man, French Brittany and Spanish Galicia. Mandolin, violin and harp are but three of the instruments played by these fine musicians.

Returning after a couple of

years of hiatus, also on the Glen Stage, is Edinburgh's Ed Miller. His repertoire covers the whole spectrum of Scottish folk music, from ancient to modern.

Rotating between the Red Lion Pub and Whisky Tasting Stages will be Jo Anne Gilmartin, Peter Daldry and Neil O'Neill. All three are Scotland-born with roots now in America, and all three entertain the audience with their own specialty of voice and guitar.

All entertainment is free of charge to games patrons. Each stage begins on the hour from 10:00 a.m. with 45-minute rotating sets both days. The final sets are from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

In addition to the entertainment stages, the Jordanhill and St. Andrews stages present singing, dancing, fiddling and harping throughout both days of the games from 10:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

The gates to the fairgrounds are open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday evening hosts a Ceilidh (Scottish party) from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. in the Red Lion Pub. The open microphone party, with a variety of entertainers, is free. The BBQ dinner is extra.

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WINE COUNTRY

By Harry Stoll

Come, let us Riesling together And get Gewürztraminer too



In the middle of the most recent century I was stationed in Germany and often drove over to the coils of the Mosel River with its stone bridges, and vineyards and small towns perched on the steep banks. At a house with a “Wein” sign, the family winemaker would go down cellar and bring back a tall brown bottle.

When I opened it at home, I thought, “JP4”—the jet fuel we whiffed on the flight line—but as

I drank and got the bit of sweetness and the nice tang on the tongue, I thought, “But I like it.” What I liked was a prized quality known as “petrol.” (Does that ugh you? How about barnyard, old leather, or tobacco?)

In an attempt to refuel the past, I tried rieslings from the four Livermore Valley wineries that make it. There’s an ocean of difference between California and German rieslings. Westover winemaker/owner Bill Smyth told me German rieslings have about 9% alcohol, ... “compared to our 11-12% range. German wines have a strong petrol flavor (in a positive way) and California wines much less. German styles tend to have a greater acidity which is why you can see 10, 20 or more year old bottles aging away with grace and style to be enjoyed much later than California styles.”

Fenestra winemaker Brent Amos says although the preponderance of Fenestra Riesling is for those who want a fruity, slightly sweet wine, the winery does age a few cases in their library program for club members who appreciate the petrol character. The last one offered was 10 years old and at a wine club dinner they poured a 20-year-old.

Wente winemaker Karl Wente says the sweetness is related to when the grapes are picked. He likes the petrol quality, but says that it’s a hard sell to American wine drinkers.

Now, to the Gewürz. Westover is the only winery in the valley making it. Smyth points out that Gewürz is German for spicy and that there is a debate about whether the grapes originated in Tramin in Germany or Termino in Italy. Either way, says Smyth, “Gewürztraminer offers the most

fragrant and spicy nose and taste of any wine.”

Riesling grows in cool climates and doesn’t like to be aged in oak so are predominately stainless steel fermented. Open your mind and open a tall brown bottle of Riesling or Gewürz. About food: light fare such as chicken with fruit. It’s a good bet for Thanksgiving, to pair with the mild turkey breast, candied yams, cranberries, and the spice of the turkey dressing.

2007 Wente Riesling Monterey County Arroyo Seco (\$11.95). This sweetheart has 19% Gewürztraminer and 2% orange muscat blended in for balance. Sliced fresh apples with a dusting of nutmeg, honeysuckle, and lychee, nose in. It’s sweet yet crisp with its mouthful of red apples. Rolls around the mouth and leaves a tang on the tongue.

2007 Chouinard White Riesling Monterey County (\$13). Catch peaches, apricots, and lychee on its breath. Sweetness and acid balance in your mouth. This new release is the same experience as the 2005 that won gold and silver at the El Dorado and Orange county fairs respectably. Carolyn Chouinard lists it as a dessert wine but George says it’s a switch hitter.

2008 Fenestra White Riesling Monterey County Arroyo Seco (\$13). This recently-released charmer has a nose of papaya mama and allspice, crisp, clean flavors, and leaves something to remember it by. Try with Thai, mullagatawny, sushi, fresh fruit, or cheese

2005 Westover White Riesling San Luis Obispo County Shandon Hills Vineyard (\$18). Taste of bosc pears peeled and poached. The winery’s notes say, “Slightly sweet.” That’s perhaps an understatement, but it was sweet on Waldorf-type salad with pears and lychee nuts, dressed with goat’s milk mango yogurt.

2006 Westover Gewürztraminer Central Coast (\$18). This classic Gewürz has the sassiest and fragrant aroma and taste. One of those, “Best wine I ever tasted,” wines. An appealing sweetness that, as with all the Germans, needs an orientation tour with Asian foods, which pair well because of the sweetness. (Some marketers say the spiciness. Oh, well.) Carries its ümlaut with pride.

All we are saying is give these a chance.



Rafael Manriquez and Ingrid Rubis

Concert of Latin American Music

Latin American musicians Rafael Manriquez and Ingrid Rubis will perform at the Pleasanton Library on Sun., Sept. 6 from 2 to 3 p.m.

Manriquez and Rubis specialize in Latin American music from the past and the present. They sing and play guitar, charango, quena and zampoñas (from Bolivia), cuatro (from Venezuela), cajón (from Peru) and bombo (from Argentina) as well as many other folk instruments. Residents of Berkeley, California, they have been performing together for over 4 years. They present an extensive repertoire of popular and folk songs from all over Latin America, including many original compositions.

Latin American musicians, a singer, guitarist and composer from Chile, has been a leading exponent of Latin American song in the Bay Area for over 30 years. He has recorded 10 CDs and has toured the Americas and Europe. Originally from Santiago, Chile, Rafael brings us the gift of both his exquisite voice and remarkable skill on Latin American string instruments, ranging from the guitar to the charango to the cuatro and tiple. Rafael is a passionate and well-loved composer and performer. Through his music, he reveals the richness of Latin folk rhythms influenced by the Spanish, Native American and African cultures. His lyrics reflect the struggles and hopes of the people of this continent. He has performed throughout the Americas and Europe.

Rubis hails from Minnesota, and is an accomplished pianist and singer. She also plays many traditional instruments such as the Venezuelan cuatro, bolivian quena, peruvian cajón, congas, maracas, etc. She has toured USA, Argentina and Chile.

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

The program is free and open to all. No registration required. Contact Penny Johnson, 925/931-3405, for more information about the library program.

Summer Ends with Final 1st Wednesday Party

Summer and our Street Parties are coming to an end in Pleasanton. The final First Wednesday Party of the year in downtown will “Celebrate Pleasanton!” from 6-9 p.m. on September 2 in the downtown.

D-Lucca is the featured band. Additional live music can be found at the North and South ends of Main Street. Ride the “Gyro-Ride” at the corner of Main and Angela.

Beer, including selections from Anheuser Busch, Trumer Pils and micro-brews from the Main Street Brewery will be on tap. Wines from Elliston and Fenestra will also be available. Purchase drink scripts for \$5 from the volunteer booth. Ticket sales end at 8:30 p.m. and alcohol stops flowing at 8:45 p.m.

Main Street will be closed from St. John Street to Old Bernal Avenue from 4:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. West Angela from Main to First Street will also be closed from 4:30 to 10 p.m. There will be plenty of off-Main Street parking available.



Dennis Esslinger, the President of the Board of Directors for the Orange County Wine Society recently visited Livermore Valley's Deer Ridge Vineyards to formally present three awards won by the winery at the 2009 Orange County Fair Commercial Wine Competition. Deer Ridge's estate grown 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon received a Gold Award and Best of Show for Red Varietals in the medium price range. The wine also was selected for the 4-Star Gold Award, given to only 26 of the 3,089 wines entered. The Deer Ridge estate grown Chardonnay, Private Reserve was awarded a bronze medal. "We are proud of this recognition of the quality of grapes grown and wines crafted in the Livermore Valley from our estate vineyards. Our vineyard was established in the year 2000 on the same site that Charles Wetmore used to produce gold medal wines for the 1889 International Wine Competition in Paris—the original 'Bottleshock' wine competition" said Carl Lyle, winemaker and owner of Deer Ridge Vineyards. Pictured are (left) Dennis Esslinger, president of the board of directors for the Orange County Wine Society presenting the 2009 Orange County Fair Commercial Wine Competition awards to Carl Lyle, winemaker and owner of Deer Ridge Vineyards in Livermore. They toasted with the winning wine, Deer Ridge's estate grown 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon. Wines are available at the winery's tasting room, 1828 Wetmore Road in Livermore, Friday through Sunday 11-5, and at premier California wine shops. For more information, please visit www.DeerRidgeVineyards.com

Tickets for Annual Pleasanton Ghost Walk Go on Sale

Meet downtown Pleasanton "ghosts" at the "Ghost Walk of Downtown Pleasanton" and hear the tales they have to tell.

In downtown Pleasanton, many of the businesses are allegedly haunted by ghosts of the past. Why are they here? What do they do? And, more important, will they follow you home?

Ghost Walks, led by museum docents to 18 downtown Pleasanton sites, will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, October 23 and Friday, October 30; and from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, October 24. Walks begin every 30 minutes. Each tour is two hours long.

Costumed guides will tell all of the stories about the hauntings from the psychics, business owners, and Ghost Trackers.

Ghosts who have "lingered" in Pleasanton will "speak" at various establishments.

Tickets for the Ghost Walk, presented by the Museum On Main Street, will go on sale September 1 at the museum, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton, near the Arch. Reservations are requested. Costumes are encouraged.

The museum will take emails and phone numbers before September 1 and will email information when tickets are available for purchase.

Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$13 for children 12 and under. After September 1, checks, cash and bank cards are accepted with phone or walk-in reservations.

Museum hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. For information contact (925) 462-2766 or office@museumonmain.org or visit www.museumonmain.org.

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ART & ENTERTAINMENT

ART EXHIBITS

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

The Arts Forum of the Commonwealth Club of California will present works by photographer Bill Owens. They will be displayed through September 10. Admission is free to Club member; \$15 to the public and \$7 students. The Club is located at 595 Market Street (next to Montgomery BART Station).

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

The Wild Vine, Lela Witherspoon is the featured artist for August. Lela's art is about dualities; the barriers or edges between things. It's about breaking those implied barriers, reflected in both sharp lines, as well as ripples or swirls that blend the lines together. The Wild Vine is located at 2187 First St., Livermore.

An art exhibition, "Good Earth," featuring abstract paintings by Alan Mazzetti and landscape photography by Brad Perks will be on display at Deer Ridge Vineyards through October 11. The work will be open for viewing Friday through Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. An artists' reception and book signing will be held Sun., Sept. 27 from 2 to 4 p.m. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public. Deer Ridge Vineyards, 1828 Wetmore Road, Livermore. 1-866-561-0838.

WINERY EVENTS

American Heart Association fund-raiser, Thursday, Aug. 27, 5-8 p.m. at Little Valley Winery, 739 Main St., Pleasanton. Great music, good food and award winning wines. Donation of \$20 will help fight our nation's #1 & #3 Killers Heart Disease & Stroke. Complimentary wine tasting & appetizers. Music by Patty & Abigail. Two raffle tickets for a chance to win gift basket and other prizes. Donation is tax deductible.

Summer Mini Concert featuring Top Secret Band, Saturday August 29, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Crooked Vine/Stony Ridge. Repertoire that consist of songs from the 50's to the current top 40's. Food and Wine for purchase with Crooked Vine's "Gotta Lovett BBQ." 4948 Tesla Road, Livermore. (925) 449-0458

Crooked Vine/Stony Ridge, Wine Down Friday, September 11, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Crooked Vine/Stony Ridge Live music by "The Hurricane Band." Performing the best in the Blues Classic and Contemporary Rock. Wine for purchase by glass or bottle. Food available for purchase from Crooked Vine's "Gotta Lovett BBQ." 4948 Tesla Road, Livermore. (925) 449-0458.

Harvest Tour & Tasting Event: Wente Vineyards, behind the scenes look at how estate grown wines are produced; Chef Arthur Wall creates a daily changing menu to highlight produced from the restaurants organic garden. Dates: Sept. 19 and 26, 10 a.m., noon, 2 and 4 p.m. Reservations for the specially offered event are required, and tour space is limited. Reservations can be made by calling 925-456-2305 ext. 4. The tour and tasting is offered at \$20 to the public and \$15 to wine club members. The event will take place at the Wente Vineyards Estate Winery and Tasting Room, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore.

La Luna Fridays at Murrieta's Well, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the Friday closest to the month's full moon. Spanish-inspired tapas and Murrieta's Well wines served on the terrace. Each La Luna Friday features a different live musical performance, with Steel Drummer Paul Snagg performing on September 4th, and an unannounced top-secret band performing on October 2nd. Tickets are \$55 for the general public and \$45 for Silver Spur club members, and reservations are required. Tapas and wine are offered from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., with wine sales by the bottle available until 8:45 p.m., and music until 9 p.m. For reservations, directions or more information, please call (925) 456-2395 or visit www.murrietawell.com. Murrieta's Well is located at 3005 Mines Road in Livermore Valley.

Summer Mini Concert featuring: Red House All Stars, Saturday, September 26, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Food and wine available for purchase. 4948 Tesla Road, Livermore. (925) 449-0458

MUSIC/CONCERTS

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

Concerts in the Park, Pleasanton Downtown Association, The concerts are at Lions Wayside Park, corner of First and Neal Streets. Concerts are 7 to 8:30 p.m. D-Lucca, August 28. Public Eye, Sept. 4. For more information, visit www.pleasantondowntown.net.

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

Raphael Manriquez, Sept. 6, 2 p.m. Pleasanton Library, Latin American musician and composer performs his original music. He plays Latin American string instruments - guitar, charango, cuatro and tiple. No admission charge. 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

Guitar Player Live, Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center Presents. Sept. 11-13. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 925-373-6800, www.bankheadtheater.org.

The Glenn Miller Orchestra, opens third season at the Grand Theatre Center for the Art, Friday, September 11, at 7:00 p.m. 715 Central Avenue, on the corner

of Central and Seventh Street, in historic downtown Tracy. The Glenn Miller Orchestra performs many of the original Miller arrangements of the Swing Era of the '30s and '40s, as well as modern selections, in the big-band style. Tickets are \$25 and \$35, with Grand Box Seats available for an additional \$15.00 and Parterre Seating for an additional \$5.00. They may be purchased on-line at www.atthegrand.org, by phone at (209) 831-6TKT (6858) or in person at the Leona Darr Willis Box Office.

Annual Piano Recital, Saturday, September 12, 7:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. Annual recital co-sponsored by the Alameda County East Branch of the Music Teachers' Association of California and Asbury. MTAC Young Artist Guild member Sarah Chang will perform music of Bach, Mozart, Chopin, Liadov and Shostakovich. No charge for admission; refreshments served. Further information: (925) 443-2514

George Winston, Sat., Sept. 19, 8 p.m. Pleasanton Civic Arts Presents program. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Tickets at <http://civicartstickets.org> or (925) 931-3444.

Chanticleer, an orchestra of voices, Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center Presents. Sept. 20. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 925-373-6800, www.bankheadtheater.org.

Pacific Chamber Symphony concert, Thurs., Sept. 24, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 925-373-6800, www.bankheadtheater.org.

Alexander String Quartet with June Oh, piano, Sept. 26, 8 p.m. Del Valle Fine Arts concert. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 925-373-6800, www.bankheadtheater.org.

Sunol Jazz Café, 11986 Main Street, Sunol (925) 862-2800: Organic local farm produce sold Tuesdays and Sundays. Ballroom dancing with Dixie Sounds 2nd and 4th Tuesdays; ballroom dancing with Big Band Sound 1st and 3rd Tuesdays (\$5 suggested donation for band); dinner buffet available. Downtown Blues Band plays Aug. 28. Sunday brunch and Jazz Music - full breakfast fare / made-to-order omelets and BBQ.

ON THE STAGE

Funny Girl, Diablo Theater Company, staged concert version of the 1964 Broadway musical. 8 p.m. Aug. 27, 28, 29; 2 p.m. Aug. 29. Leshner Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. (\$21-\$44). 943-7469, www.lesherartscenter.org, www.dloc.org.

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

On the Town, Leonard Bernstein musical about three sailors on shore leave. Diablo Theatre Company (formerly Diablo Light Opera Company). Performances 8 p.m. Sept. 11, 12, 17, 18, 19; 2 p.m. Sept. 13, 19, 20, 26, 27. (\$29-\$42). Leshner Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. 943-7469. www.lesherartscenter.org.

Manon, Opera San Jose, eight performances of work by French composer Jules Massenet. Sept. 12-27, California Theatre,

345 South First St., San Jose. In French with English supertitles. \$51-\$91. 408-437-4450 or www.operasj.org.

Wait Until Dark, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre Studio Theatre production. Sept. 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, Oct. 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11. 1048 Serpentine Lane, Suite 309, Pleasanton. Fri. and Sat. 8 p.m. Sun. 2 p.m. Ticket information 462-2121 or www.trivalleyrep.com.

Sullivan and Gilbert, a play with music by Ken Ludwig, Sept. 25-Oct. 11; Thurs., Fri. and Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. The Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 North Third Street, Hayward. Tickets adults \$25, seniors \$22, students \$15. www.dmtonline.org

COMEDY

Comedy Sportz!, the improv comedy team that breaks all the rules, coming to Ohlone College on Friday, September 11. Two teams compete for laughs and points as they make up scenes, songs, and spoofs right on the spot. The audience votes for the winners while a referee calls the fouls. Comedy Sportz has traveled all over the world, and now comes to the Smith Center at Ohlone College with a spectacular one-night performance. Get your tickets now at www.smithcenterpresents.com or call the box office at 510-659-6031.

DANCE

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

Sunol Jazz Café, 11986 Main Street, Sunol (925) 862-2800: Organic local farm produce sold Tuesdays and Sundays. Ballroom dancing with Dixie Sounds 2nd and 4th Tuesdays; ballroom dancing with Big Band Sound 1st and 3rd Tuesdays (\$5 suggested donation for band); dinner buffet available. Downtown Blues Band plays Aug. 28. Sunday brunch and Jazz Music - full breakfast fare / made-to-order omelets and BBQ.

AUDITIONS/VOLUNTEERS

Livermore Valley Opera (LVO) is hosting a volunteer sign up event at the Bothwell Art Center, located at 2466 8th Street, on Sunday, August 30, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Light tea will be served, with finger sandwiches, cookies and a selection of teas. Experienced volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and introduce interested persons to the local opera company. LVO is now recruiting volunteers for the fall production of *Pagliacci* & *Cavalleria Rusticana*. RSVP Teri Tith 337-5056.

Volunteers are needed to help out at the annual Harvest Wine Celebration, Sept. 6 and 7. Volunteer perks include 2 free tickets for the event on the day you do not work, free t-shirt, lunch while working and an invitation to the thank you party hosted by the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association in October. Interested adults over 21 should call the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association at 925/447-9463 or email volunteer@LVwine.org.

The Valley Concert Choral will hold auditions for the 2009-2010 concert season by appointment on Monday, September 14 and 21, at the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore. The church is located at the corner of 4th and L Streets. The Choral is seeking experienced singers with sight-reading skills who enjoy singing exciting and challenging music. The Choral performs a wide variety of music ranging from classical to contemporary, to folk to jazz. To schedule an appointment, call (925) 462-4205. The 2009-2010 concert season highlights include the music of Gilbert and Sullivan, Saint-Saens' *Oratorio de Noel* (Christmas Oratorio), Mozart's *Requiem* at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore, and an entire performance of folk songs from around the world. More information about the Valley Concert Choral is available at www.valleyconcertchorale.org or by calling the general information line at (925) 866-4003.

Young People's Symphony Orchestra (YPSO) holds auditions for new members September 1 and 3 for the 2009-2010 season. Auditions are held at Crowden Music Center, Rose St. at Sacramento St. in Berkeley, 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., by appointment. Candidates should prepare a scale and a solo, and will be asked to sight-read standard repertoire which is provided at the audition. Founded in Berkeley in 1935, YPSO is the oldest youth orchestra in California and the second oldest in the nation. The orchestra is comprised of 94 youth ages 11-22 who come from 28 Bay Area cities in five counties. Music Director /Conductor David Ramadanoff, who is celebrating his 21st season, leads a coaching faculty of distinguished professional musicians and music educators. Rehearsals are Mondays, 6:00-9:30 p.m., September through June, at Crowden Music Center. The season will end with a June tour to Alaska. For an appointment, visit www.ypsomusic.net, email ypsomusic@yahoo.com.

Auditions, Forever Plaid: Plaid Tidings, Sept. 2 and 3, 7 p.m. The Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 North Third Street, Hayward. Come prepared to sing a favorite holiday song from the 1950s or 60s. Bring music scored for piano. An accompanist will be provided Performance Dates: November 19 to December 6, 2009

Competition for Young Musicians. Livermore-Amador Symphony Association is taking applications; open to instrumentalists and vocalists who reside or attend school in Livermore, Sunol, Pleasanton, Dublin, or San Ramon. Students are eligible through grade 12. If not enrolled in high school, the maximum age is 17. All instruments will be considered. The purpose of the competition is to select two young musicians who will perform as soloists with the symphony on Feb. 13, 2010. Each winner/soloist will be awarded \$250. The application deadline is Oct. 4, 2009. Completed applications must be accompanied by a \$5 fee and a cassette tape or CD for preliminary screening. Application forms and additional information may be obtained from the symphony's website, www.livamsymph.org or by calling the competition committee at 447-1947.

California State University, East Bay Department of Theatre and Dance will hold open auditions for all 2009-10 shows.

Most auditions will be held Wednesday, Sept. 30 in the University Theatre, on the northeast side of the Hayward campus, 25800 Carlos Bee Blvd. Dance auditions will begin at 6 p.m.; actor auditions at 7:30 p.m. Callbacks will be at 6 p.m. Oct. 1 in the University Theatre for "Ring the Bells for Change," 7 p.m. Oct. 1 in the University Theatre for "The Iago Syndrome," and 6 p.m. Oct. 6 in P.E. 140 for "Wayward." For the winter musical, "Chicago," singers and actors will audition Oct. 8 from 6-7:30 p.m. and Oct. 10 from 10 a.m.-noon, and dancers will audition Oct. 8 at 7:45 p.m. and Oct. 13 at 7 p.m., all in the University Theatre. Callbacks will be several days later. Performance Fusion auditions will be held in winter quarter; watch the Callboard for announcements. The Theatre and Dance Department performance schedule is at http://class.csueastbay.edu/theatre/Future_Performances.php. For updates, call 510-885-3118 weekday mornings, or check the backstage bulletin board.

MOVIES

The Wizard of Oz, classic movie to be shown Sunday, September 13, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. at the Grand Theatre Center for the Arts, 715 Central Avenue, Tracy. Audiences are invited to follow the yellow brick road as Dorothy, the Cowardly Lion, Tin Man, Scarecrow and Toto avoid the Wicked Witch and flying monkeys to reach the Emerald City. Tickets are 25 cents. They may be purchased in person on Sunday, September 13, 2009, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Leona Darr Willis Box Office. For more information, call (209) 831-6TKT (6858).

Outdoor Movie Night, Shadow Cliffs Regional Park. Sat., Sept. 26, 7 p.m. showing "Back to the Future." Free. Bring warm clothes, flashlight and a blanket or chair to sit on. Purchase snacks or bring own. No pets. 510-530-8241 or www.ebparks.org.

CHORAL

Harmony Fusion Chorus, Pleasanton Civic Arts Presents, Sept. 26, 7:30 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Tickets at <http://civicartstickets.org> or (925) 931-3444.

MISCELLANEOUS

Albert Rothman, *A Brooklyn Odyssey: Travails and Joys of a Boy's Early Life*, local author. Sept. 2, 7 p.m. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Free. www.ci.livermore.ca.us

Scottish Games and Gathering, hosted by the San Francisco Caledonian Club, Sept. 5 and 6, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton. Tickets and information www.caledonian.org.

Harvest Wine Celebration, showcases 43 wineries, new this year Harvest Village at Robertson Park. Sept. 6 and 7. Noon to 5 p.m. Tickets www.lvwine.org.

First Annual Book Fair, hosted by Happy Fish Swim School in Livermore, Saturday and Sunday, September 12 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Books and gifts for children and adults. Book Fair by Imagination Books Inc. All proceeds benefit the Livermore Valley Education Foundation. 2780 Constitution Drive, Livermore. (925) 447-3474 www.swimhappyfish.com

Keith Arlen Lack performs Saturday, September 12, at 8:00 p.m. Tracy Theater, 715 Central Avenue, Street, Tracy. Keith Arlen Lack will perform his Cabinet of Curiosities, a journey of magic including mind reading, telekinetic power, slight of hand, the supernatural and heart-pounding feats of endurance. Tickets are \$10 and \$15, with Grand Box Seats available for an additional \$15 and Parterre Seating for an additional \$5. They may be purchased online at www.atthegrand.org, by phone at (209) 831-6TKT (6858) or in person at the Leona Darr Willis Box Office.

Nostalgia Day Car Show, 20th car show staged by Altamont Cruisers, Sept. 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in downtown Livermore. Muscle cars, street rods, custom and classic cars on display. Fund-raiser for local organizations that promote the Tri-Valley youth, help strengthen their families and help keep kids off drugs. Free admission. Food booths and vendors of every type on hand. Information at altamontcruisers.org

History Lecture, presented by Pleasanton Museum on Main Ed Kinney Lecture Series, Thurs., Sept. 17, 7 p.m. "Lights, Camera, Action," the film industry in Pleasanton and Niles talk by D. Kiehn. Lynnewood Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton. \$10 nonmembers, \$5 museum members. Reservations suggested. 462-2766.

Fiddlers' Jam, Sat., Sept. 19, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the main street of Fiddletown. Free event. Day includes fiddle music, food, craft vendors and a fiddlers' contest with cash prizes. Free shuttle. Directions or information, go to www.fiddletownca.org.

Day on the Glen, Emerald Glen Park, Dublin, Sept. 19 and 20. Carnival rides, jump houses, magicians, clowns, and animals. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. (925) 556-4500.

Children's Fair, Sept. 19 and 20, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Free admission. Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, 373-5700.

Quilting in the Garden, Sept. 26 and 27, Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore. Quilts, local artists as well as featured artist Laura Wasilowski. Classes begin on Thursday. 447-0280.

Wedding Faire Experience, Sun., Sept. 27, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. \$6 in advance, \$9 at the door. www.LivermoreDowntown.com. 373-1795.

ENTRIES - PHOTO

Alameda Creek Watershed Photo Contest is taking entries. The contest is open to all amateur and professional photographers. The Council is looking for photos taken of creeks, lakes and wetlands found in the Alameda Creek Watershed. Winning photos will be highlighted on the webpage and displayed at the Council meeting in October. Submit photos online via Flickr at www.flickr.com/groups/alamedacreekwatershedcouncil/. Visit www.acrcd.org/WatershedCouncil for more details and to view the complete rules and regulations. Deadline for submission is October 1, 2009

Local author Albert Rothman will speak about his book *A Brooklyn Odyssey: Travails and Joys of a Boy's Early Life* at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, at 7pm on Wednesday, September 2. There is no charge for this event.

"Brooklyn is a place of many lands and a boy may have many childhoods there." So begins the tale of Albert Rothman, writer, poet, chemical engineer and child of the Great Depression. Albert spent his formative years in several of Brooklyn's neighborhoods, playing the traditional street games that city boys have invented over the years, discovering the pleasure of books and the public library, riding his bicycle all over Brooklyn and learning the freedom and joy of outdoor spaces from the rooftop of his apartment house. Yet, beset by illness, loneliness, bullies, anti-Semitism, and his own confusion, he felt like a stranger in every neighborhood and school.

In *A Brooklyn Odyssey*, Rothman weaves a multi-colored tapestry of life in a time and place unknown to many of us - the life of a small boy in an extended family in a large city, decades ago. Yet

the story is familiar to us all in his recounting of the confusing and mysterious world that is childhood.

The Friends of the Livermore

Library have underwritten this program as part of the Friends Authors and Arts Series. For additional events, check the library's website at www.livermore.lib.ca.us.

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A show called "The Small Exhibit" will be on display during the month of September at the Berry Patch in downtown Pleasanton. A reception to meet with the artists will be held September 5th Saturday 5-9 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The show features a variety of styles from abstracts to landscapes in oil, acrylic, watercolor, photography or mixed media in sizes 5x5, 8x8, 10x10 and 12x12. For More information e-mail PoetryOnCanvas@mac.com or check or Google Poetry On Canvas Pleasanton. The photo is of Golden Oak by Sally Haig now showing at the Berry Patch Pleasanton.

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Pictured (lower right photo) are Jerry Severin; Charlotte Severin; and Don Nolte, who helped set up the tables. In the photo to the right, families are getting ready to enjoy the food.

MARYLIN AVENUE

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the principal of Marylin approached Rotary looking for ideas on how to better engage the school's community.

"This is a multiracial, working class neighborhood," said Bill Nebo, president of the Livermore Rotary Club. "It was very difficult to bring parents and teachers together because everyone was just too busy. The school was struggling. It didn't need another top down program. It needed a way to better connect with the parents and integrate with the city."

The Back to School BBQ is simple in concept—by providing dinner in the evening, Rotary made it easy and enticing for parents to attend orientation. Nebo, whose two children attended Marylin, calls it one of Livermore Rotary's best programs.

"This is about Rotary getting behind an underperforming school and fully engaging the families to create a better experience. What started as a social experiment has turned into a tradition," said Livermore School Board member and Rotarian Stu Gary, who cooked hot dogs for the BBQ. "This school community has done amazing things."

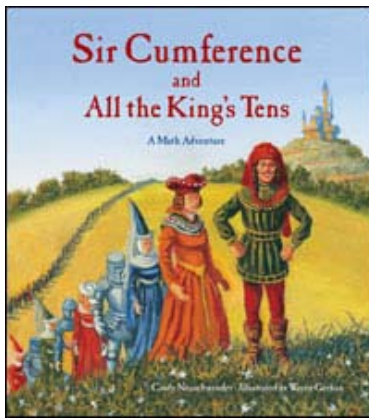
Instead of looking for their names on a class list posted on a wall, the students find their grade-level table, at which their teachers are sitting. "The students tell us their names and we check our lists and will say, 'oh you are in my class,'" explained second grade teacher Kerry Barger. "Then we give our students a sticker for the class, so they can look for other students with the same sticker."

Danielle Macki, another second grade teacher, said she enjoys meeting her students ahead of time and making a personal connection. "It takes away some of the stress of the first day of school," she added. "I also love seeing my past students because they've always grown at least a foot during the summer."

Information tables were set up around the school for Livermore BELIEVES, a free afterschool program, the Rincon Library, Boy and Girl Scouts, and the Livermore School District's food services program.

"Rotary has been very good to Marylin. They are very gracious and generous at the barbeque—they greet and serve so our families feel like they are going out to dinner," said Marylin principal Jeff Keller. "They care about our students and our school."





Latest Sir Cumference Book Published

A new book for children, written by Pleasanton resident Cindy Neuschwander, has been released.

Sir Cumference and All the King's Tens is the latest in the Sir Cumference math adventure series. The books introduce math concepts using clarity and humor. In this book, Sir Cumference and Lady Di need to figure out a quick way to count all the guests who show up to their surprise party for King Arthur.

Neuschwander has taught at both the high school and elementary levels for over 20 years. She became a mathematics education specialist, seeking ways to make math interest and comprehensible to students. This led to her first book, Sir Cumference and the First Round Table, which she wrote while in England.

The book is published by Charlesbridge, www.charlesbridge.com.

TVAR to Host Animal Adoption Faire

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue will hold an animal adoption faire Sun., August 30 from noon to 3 p.m. at the East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Dr., Dublin.

Those adopting animals will receive free items. For dogs: three private training classes with a professional dog training, valued at over \$180; bed, collar and lease; and a bag of Science Diet dog food. For cats, toys, a blanket and a bed.

For more information, call Sue at 408-202-6708.

Axis Plans Three Teen Focused Programs

Axis Community Health will host three teen-focused programs this fall; the *Young Voices for Recovery Essay Contest*, a *Teen Males Anger Management Series* and *The Parent Project* program.

Entries are now being accepted for Axis' second annual *Young Voices in Recovery Essay Contest* in an effort to recognize teens for their achievements in seeking drug and alcohol treatment services and to celebrate their successes.

Contestants between 13 and 19 years of age are invited to submit essays of 250-500 words that describe "What impact long-term recovery has had your life, either through your own experiences or that of a person close to you?" Entries are due October 2, 2009 and winners will receive one first place prize of \$500, a second place prize of \$150 and a third place prize of

\$50 to be used as scholarships to further their education.

Contest information is available by contacting Amie Sousa at asousa@axishealth.org. Contestants may pick an application at Axis Behavioral Health, 6666 Owens Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588 or may call 925-201-6201 to request one by mail.

The *Teen Males Anger Management* series will meet on ten consecutive Monday afternoons from 4:00-5:15 p.m. September 21-November 30, 2009, except for November 23 during the Thanksgiving break. All sessions will take place at Axis Behavioral Health, 6666 Owens Drive in Pleasanton.

The Teen Males Anger Management series is open to young men 13-18 years of age *who are enrolled in high school*. The series is

designed to help teens address conflicts constructively and includes education and group counseling designed to help participants feel in control, handle anger positively, improve relationships, resolve conflicts and reduce stress.

The fee for the series is \$300. A \$150 deposit is due before September 21, 2009. Scholarships for low income youth may be available upon request. Interviews with the participants and their parents must be scheduled with counselor Amanda Goletto during the week of September 14-17, 2009. Ms. Goletto may be contacted at (925) 201-6213 or agoletto@axishealth.org.

The Parent Project, a 12-week program, is open to all Tri-Valley parents who wish to improve their relationships with their teen-

age children. Meetings will be held at Valley High School, 6901 York Drive, in Dublin, beginning Wednesday, September 23, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Sessions will meet on consecutive Wednesdays from 6:00-9:00 p.m. through November 25, 2009.

The Parent Project gives parents an opportunity to learn hands-on tools to help support their teens in making positive choices. The goal is to assist parents in helping their teens improve school attendance and performance, avoid alcohol and other drug use, have a happier family life and stay safe.

Cost for The Parent Project is \$150 per person or \$200 per couple. Payment plans are available. For more information or to register, contact Amie Sousa at (925) 201-6201.

Pleasanton Adult Ed. Offers Course in 'Fearless Creating'

"Fearless Creating," a course about the stages of creativity, is again being offered through Amador Valley Adult Education. The course is taught by artists and creativity coaches, Tricia Leonard and Kim Pace.

According to the instructors, "We present information on the stages of creativity, how to overcome blocks, how to show or sell your work, and more. We believe that everyone has the need and desire to create and so many are stifled in their efforts in their creative area. We give our class time to discuss and share, do a variety of exercises, and enjoy the process

of creation!"

Leonard became interested in teaching the class through her creativity studies with Eric Maisel. "A few years ago I took a course in Creativity Coaching from Eric. From the study of the stages and processes of creating, I moved forward in my work and have won many awards and have had paintings accepted in international and national shows. Last spring, I joined with Kim Pace, a fellow artist and life coach, to offer a course in creativity through Adult Education. The class is designed for anyone interested in creating in any of the arts...music, drama,

dance, writing, and the visual arts. The principals of creativity apply to all of the arts. The course is based on the work of Eric Maisel, Julia Cameron and several other experts in the area of creativity."

Students from last year's class have many positive comments to make about the course.

Bjorn Andersson says, "After taking 'Fearless Creating', I was able to start marketing my woodworking projects and have had success in selling my work". Sharon Svitak shares, "Fearless Creating did a world of good for my advancement. I am hard at work on my book Letters to Ethan:

a Memoir and I have had several short works published for pay." Other class attendees have focused their energy on creating in painting and photography.

Interested adults can sign up for the course on line at: www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/EducationalServices/AdultEducation

Fearless Creating meets on Thursday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 starting September 10th. The cost for the nine week course is \$85 for Pleasanton residents, although non-residents are also welcome. It's a cost-effective way to enhance your creative journey!

Library to Offer Series on Diabetes Management

The Pleasanton Public Library will offer a free series on Diabetes Management this fall, beginning with an introductory meeting on Monday, September 14. Regular weekly classes will then be held each Monday between October 12 and November 16. All classes will be held in the meeting room of the Pleasanton Public Library from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

The program will be conducted by Marisa Castaldini, MS, RD, CDE from the Alameda County Public Health Diabetes Program.

The seven-week class will focus on managing diabetes or pre-diabetes and is best suited for adults with Type 2 diabetes or pre-diabetes. The class will be limited to 15 people in order to make it as interactive as possible and subsequent classes are planned in Pleasanton in the coming months.

The program curriculum explains what diabetes is, how to monitor blood sugar, healthy eating, diabetes medications, and benefits of exercise and stress management, and how to prevent the

complications of diabetes to live a long and healthy life. Because the class is taught by a registered dietician and certified diabetes educator, participants will learn how to adjust their diet to enjoy the foods they love.

Students will take measurements that will be monitored over the duration of the three-month class to determine its impact. The class evaluation also includes quality of life, considered another indication of success for the program.

The Department of Health and Human Services reports that 23.6 million people, or 7.8% of the population, have diabetes in the United States. Diabetes can lead to serious complications such as blindness, kidney damage, cardiovascular disease, and lower limb amputations. Those diagnosed with diabetes can lower the occurrence of complications by controlling blood glucose, blood pressure, and blood lipids.

For more information, call (510) 383-5185.

BULLETIN BOARD

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

Livermore Lions Club, 85th Charter Anniversary, Sat., Sept. 12, Poppy Ride Golf Course, 4280 Greenville Rd., Livermore. No host bar 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m., program 8 p.m. Dinner/door prize ticket \$45 each, lion and spouse \$80. Reservations contact Gary, LivermoreLionsClub@comcast.net.

Continuing Education Course for CPAs and attorneys, Fundamentals of Financial Calculations. Fri., Aug. 28, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Available as a live webinar; 8 Live, Group study CPE credits for CPAs; 7 live, group study CLE credits for attorneys. Registration fee \$54.99. Email Thomas McDevitt, thomas.mcdevitt@ceworkshops.com to obtain additional information or to register.

Dublin Senior Center Ride Match Program. Share a ride with a senior. The DSC Ride Match Program aims to facilitate carpooling as an alternative means of transportation. It provides seniors with a means to get to the senior center and back home. The Senior Center Staff will maintain a list of interested drivers and riders. Participants of the program will be able to access the service and find drivers and/or riders with similar transportation needs. Individuals will be responsible for working out their own arrangements for the carpool. Please call (925) 556-4511, e-mail: seniorctr@ci.dublin.ca.us or pick up a form at the Dublin Senior Center. This program will begin on September 1.

Las Positas Classes: Beginning Sewing-Introduction to Machine Sewing, Saturdays, Sept. 19-Oct. 10, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Fee \$79. Sewing-Gifts and Projects, Saturdays, Oct. 17-Nov. 7, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Fee \$79. Beginning drawing, Saturdays, Sept. 19-Oct. 10, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fee \$139. Landscape drawing, Saturdays, Oct. 17-Nov. 7, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fee \$99. For more information contact comed@laspositascollege.edu, or 925-424-1467. Las Positas College Community Education, Livermore.

Tri-Valley Holistic Moms Network meets Sept. 21. Will Joel Friedman, who specializes in Presence-centered psychotherapy, will be the guest speaker. He will address relationship issues, anxiety, depression and traumas through cognitive, systems, and mind-body approaches like EMDR. Meetings at Living Vine Fellowship, 4100 First St., Pleasanton. This meeting is free for members, as well as for first time visitors to Tri-Valley HMN. For further information, please visit www.holisticmoms.org or e-mail Tri-ValleyHMN@hotmail.com

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA, general meeting Tues., Sept. 1, 1:30 p.m. Dublin Library.

Bingo, Christensen Middle School PTA, Sat., Aug. 29, The Bingo Ranch, 3070 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Doors open 4 p.m., games start at 6:30. Games pay either \$175, \$250 or \$500. All players receive free Treasure Hunt and Tic Tac Game card with buy-in. 25 players will receive a coupon for \$10 in free pull tabs. Three hot balls for this session. Complimentary coffee, tea and homemade baked goods for all players. Call 606-7777 on game day for additional information.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Fri., Aug. 28, 25 miles Heather Farm to Oak Hill, meet 8:30 a.m. Heidi Fraser, 451-1430. Sat., Aug. 29, 54 miles Nicasio up Marshall Wall to Tomales, meet 9 a.m. Steve Whelan, 831-8258. Sat., Aug. 29, 25 miles Martinez to Benicia and Bridge Ceremony, meet 9 a.m. Heidi Fraser, 451-1430. Sun., Aug. 30, 20 miles Spokesmen 38th birthday ride, 40 miles, meet 10 a.m. Bob and Bonnie Powers, 828-5299 or Jim Duncan, 209-1369. Wed., Sept. 2, 30 miles Alameda Creek Trail, meet 9 a.m. at Coyote Regional Park, Elaine Nadeau, 577-6586. Club meeting Sept. 2, 7 p.m. Round Table Pizza, Dublin, pizza served at 6:30, non-members welcome to learn about club, www.valleyspokesmen.org. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Pleasanton VIP Travelers, Ride the ducks, Sept. 11, San Francisco, ride refurbished WWII amphibious landcraft, see SF from land and water, \$58 members, \$60 nonmembers. (925) 931-5370. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton

Rummage Sale, Iron Horse Mothers Club (IHMC) 3rd Annual IHMC Rummage Sale on Saturday, September 19 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Iron Horse Middle School. All proceeds will benefit the Family Emergency Shelter Coalition (FESCO). Sale is open to the public. Merchandise will include gently used clothes and gear for babies and kids, including: Sizes newborn through 6 (including name brands), strollers, swings, car seats, bouncers, high chairs and more, indoor and outdoor toys, and books, videos and games. For more information about FESCO, visit www.fescofamilyshelter.org.

Soroptimist International, meets noon Wed., Sept. 2 at Beeb's Café, 915 Club House Drive, Livermore. Guest speaker will be Pamela McDonald, topic is women at their best using integrative medicine. No registration required. Lunch is \$10 paid at the door. Arrive early. The program begins at 12:00 pm. For further information, contact Carol Beddome at 925-201-6068 or cbeddome@axishealth.org. The public is invited to attend.

Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club (LAVGC) meets on Thursday, September 10, at 7:00 pm at Alisal School, multipurpose room, 1454 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. This month's speaker is Patrice Hanlon, a garden manager at Heather Farms and garden columnist. The topic will be on spring annuals to plant in the fall. Visitors who enjoy gardening, digging in the dirt, and all things related to gardening are welcome to attend. Contact Lydia Roberts at (925) 373-9320 or visit our website, www.orgsites.com/ca/lavgc.

Masquerade \$5 Jewelry Sale, Valley-Care Health System Auxiliary fund-raiser, Masquerade is a jewelry company working only with hospitals selling stylish jewelry, scarves, sunglasses and purses at unbelievably only \$5 per item. Money raised provides new equipment for the hospital. Dates: LifeStyleRx, 1119 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore, Sept. 8, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sept. 9, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. ValleyCare Medical Center lobby, 5555 W. Las Positas Blvd., Pleasanton, "Around the Clock Sale" begins Thursday, September 10 and ends September 11 at 5 p.m. Community support is welcome.

Hawaiian Beach Party, Fri., Sept. 25 at the Veteran's Hall in downtown Pleasanton. Special guests will be the delegates from Tulancingo, Mexico. Authentic Hawaiian menu, dancing to the live music of Audio Jetz, no host bar. 7:30 p.m. to midnight. Hosted by the Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association. Everyone is invited. Tickets are \$35 per person. To purchase a ticket, call Frances Hewitt at 487-4748.

Success with Money and Spending, presented by Community Education at Las Positas College. Sat., Sept. 19, 9 a.m. to noon. Fee \$49. Contact 925-424-1467 for more information or register on-line at www.laspositascollege.edu/communityed

Pleasanton Senior Center to Expand Hours on Thursdays: Effective September 10, the Senior Center will be open Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Evening activities will include a fee-based Beginning Bridge program, a drop-in lecture series focused on health issues, special interest classes, Bunko, and even Nintendo Wii® sports. For more information or a schedule of programs, please contact the Pleasanton Senior Center at (925)931-5365. The Senior Center is located at 5353 Sunol Blvd. Pleasanton.

ValleyCare Children's Fair: Health and Fitness, Sat., Aug. 29, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. ValleyCare Medical Plaza, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Pleasanton. Includes information and screenings, fun activities including a bounce house, face painting, balloon artists and more; and giveaways. Meet pediatricians and learn more about ValleyCare. Free admission. Information: 1-800-719-9111 or visit www.valleycare.com

Livermore Library Board, meets Thurs., Aug. 27, 7 p.m. at the Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. An agenda will be posted at the library 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Walk for Education, American Swim Academy will host a Walk for Education at Granada High School on Saturday, September 26. All of the proceeds will go to the Livermore Valley Education Foundation. Along with the walk, there will be a Family Fun Festival with games, prizes, children's entertainment, a live DJ and more. The Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF) is dedicated to restoring and enhancing academic and extracurricular programs within the Livermore Valley Joint

Unified School District. Sponsorships are available, call (925) 373-7946. For information or go to LVEFWalk@AmericanSwimAcademy.com Federal Tax ID # 94-3136289

Panama Red Coffee, K St. Block Party is scheduled for Sat. Oct. 3rd 10am-2pm. Proceeds will benefit the Tri-Valley Haven. Author Sandra Kay will provide signed copies of her book, "eat, write & exercise," with 100% proceeds (for sales on this day) going to the Tri-Valley Haven. In addition, a percentage of proceeds from all sales moving forward will be donated.

Upcoming Real Estate Event. Are your property taxes too high this year? Do you feel your assessed property valuation is greater than the current actual market value? Real estate professionals are volunteering their time to help you determine if you may be eligible for a lower property tax assessment. Forms and information will be available so you may apply to the Alameda County Assessor's Office for relief. A Tax Assessment Reduction Workshop will be held on the following date and time: Our Savior Lutheran Ministries, 1385 South Livermore Avenue, Fireside Room (Room 106). Thursday, September 10 at 7:00 pm Bring assessment notice. There is no cost for this service.

Restorative Yoga Workshop at Cosmic Dog Yoga, August 29, 11:30 - 1:30. \$30. More info at www.cosmicdogyoga.com.

San Ramon Valley Newcomers Club invites new & established residents to its monthly luncheon on Thursday, Sept. 17 at Forbes Mill Restaurant, 200 Sycamore Valley RD. West, Danville. 11:30 to 2:00. The speaker will be local author, Mahbod Seraji. Cost depends on menu choice. Call Myrna, 560-0656 for info & reservations.

Hawaiian Luau, Livermore-Pleasanton Elks #2117, Sat., Aug. 29, 6 p.m. 940 Larkspur Dr., Livermore. Tickets paid by Aug. 25 are \$17, after that date \$20. No tickets at door, prepaid reservations only. 455-8829.

Save Mount Diablo will host its eighth annual "Moonlight on the Mountain" on Saturday, September 5. This special, one-of-a-kind event for 500 guests includes drinks and hors d'oeuvres, silent and live auction, elegant sit-down dinner, and live music. RSVP, call Nora, 947-3535

Bingo, every Sunday, Games 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. 18 \$250 pay-outs, 1 \$350 payout, & more! Bingo Ranch, 3070 Pacific Avenue, Livermore. 606-7777. Must be 18 years old to attend. Pacific Avenue, Livermore. 606-7777. Benefits LVCS / CCEF.

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

RELIGION

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Livermore, has services at 10 a.m. every Sunday and at 7:30 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month. Sunday School for students (ages 3-20) is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday. The church and reading room are located at Third and N Streets. The Reading Room, which is open to the public, features books, CDs and magazines for sale. For information, call (925) 447-2946.

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

Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton, Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m., Children's Church 11:15 a.m. Women's Bible study Wednesdays at 10 a.m. 846-8650.

Our Savior Lutheran Ministries, 1385 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. Sunday worship at 9 a.m.; Sunday School and Adult Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.; contemporary service 11 a.m. (Connected). For information, call 925-447-1246.

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

Calvary Chapel Livermore, Sunday Services 10:30 am and 6:00 p.m. 545 N. L Street Livermore. (925) 447-4357 - www.calvalylivermore.org.

Grief support, meetings 2nd and 4th Thursday, 7:30 p.m. August 27 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton.

Open to all, regardless of religious orientation. Call Mary at 846-5377 with questions.

Summer Prayer/Meditation Circle - 60 minutes of prayer, meditation, song, and sharing. Tues. evenings, 7-8 pm, Tri-Valley Unity Church, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Rm. 120, Dublin. (925) 829-2733.

Seventh-day Adventist Church, 243 Scott Street, Livermore. 925-447-5462, Pastor: John L. Bechtel. Saturday: Bible Study: 9:30 am / Worship Service: 10:50 am; Wednesday: Bible Study: 7:00 pm; Pot Luck 4th and 5th Sabbaths. www.livermoresda.org/

Relationship Workshop. Spiritual Growth Opportunities of Love Relationships. Facilitated by Scott Kalechstein, counselor, minister and recording artist. Explore all the aspects of relationships and is useful for anyone currently wanting, enjoying, or recuperating from a relationship. Suggested \$20 love offering. Sunday, Aug. 30, 11:30-1:30, at Tri-Valley Unity Church, 2260 Camino Ramon, San Ramon. 829-2733. www.scottsongs.com

Geneses will be the topic of study for the Community Bible Study Class in Pleasanton at Centerpointe Presbyterian Church. This CBS class is open to all women and offers a special children's program for ages 0-5 yrs. The class meets on Thursdays from 9:30-11:30 beginning 9/10/09. You can pre-register at Centerpointe Presbyterian Church, 3410 Cornerstone Court, Pleasanton, between 10:00AM-12:00 on August 20th. Call Kim about registra-

tion (925-209-0242) or go to kim.kaelher@gmail.com.

Relationships workshop. Spiritual Growth Opportunities of Love Relationships. Facilitated by Scott Kalechstein, counselor, minister and recording artist. This special workshop will explore all the aspects of relationships. Scott shares helpful tools, processes, stories, and even songs. Suggested \$20 love offering. Sunday, Aug. 30, 11:30-1:30, at Tri-Valley Unity Church, 2260 Camino Ramon, San Ramon. 829-2733. www.scottsongs.com.

Divorce Care, Valley Bible Church, 7106 Johnson Dr., Pleasanton. 13 week seminar and support group for people who are separated or divorced. Meetings Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m. \$25 for workbook and other materials. Pre-registration is required. Contact Mark Porter, 846-9693 or mporter@hotmail.com.

Rosh Hashanah celebration, Saturday, September 19, a kid-friendly (but not kid-centered) non-religious program of readings and music for the Jewish new year. Gather at 10:15, program begins at 10:30 a.m. at the Bothwell Center, 2466 8th St. in Livermore. Bring canned or boxed food for the Alameda County Food Bank and a lunch dish to share. Juice, apples and honey and honeycake for dessert provided. Free to members. \$10/adult (over 13) for non-members. E-mail reservations@Tri-ValleyCulturalJews.org or call 925-485-1049.

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