

Charter School Planning to Build Facilities

The Livermore Valley Charter School is negotiating to purchase 13.5 acres of property just south of Robertson Park.

The site is owned by the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, which had planned to build an elementary school there.

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District also covets the site and had been in negotiations with the district to purchase it.

According to the charter school's website, "After extensive work on a range of school facility

options and on the financial feasibility, timeline, and logistics of the Robertson Park site, the LCLC (Livermore Charter Learning Corporation) Board believes that this is the ideal location for a state-of-the-art facility that will house both LVCS (Livermore Valley Charter School) and LVCP (Livermore Valley Charter Prep) in a carefully separated, dual-use camptions."

Bill Batchelor, LCLC board president, explained, "To get what we want in the timeline we need, there was no other loca-

tion available." The idea is to build a facility that matches programs offered by the school.

The charter school had been facing financial difficulty. However, it has since recovered. Asked how the school would pay for the land, Batchelor said a preliminary arrangement has been made for financing. Bond financing through a statewide agency that issues bonds for charter schools would be used.

John Lawrence, LARPD assistant manager, said in an interview, "We've backed off, waiting for the talks between the school district

and the charter school to come to a resolution."

Lawrence noted that the charter school takes priority over the park district when it comes to being in line to purchase the land. "We'd still like to buy it. It would enhance Robertson Park and allow the district to provide more amenities for the public," added Lawrence.

Livermore Superintendent of Schools Brenda Miller agreed that the charter school takes priority. "There are certain entities that we are required to offer land to first," she declared.

The district paid \$6.1 million for the land. Miller said that the district is allowed to make a profit on the sale of the land. Since negotiations are held in closed session, no details on the price were available.

Neighbors of the 13.5 acre site aren't happy with the prospect of having the charter school build a K-12 school. They say they were aware of the potential for a school to be built there. However, they envisioned a neighborhood elementary school.

Of major concern is the traffic (See CHARTER, page 3)



Perhaps the most recognizable event in the 34th U.S. Invitational Heavy Events Championship is the ancient caber toss! Strength, agility and an excellent sense of balance are required to successfully throw the caber, especially the Pro Caber. The caber measures 21-feet in length with a weight of 130-lb.

Annual Games This Weekend

The distant haunting sounds of the highland bagpipe, matched to the stalwart rhythm of drums will be heard at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton Labor Day weekend.

However, before that happens, the "March Under the Arch" will be held this Friday, Aug. 29 down Main Street in Pleasanton. Beginning at 6:00 p.m. and running to 6:30, the event provides a preview of the 143rd Scottish Highland Gathering & Games that will be held at the county fairgrounds (See GAMES, page 6)

Wineries to Host Harvest Celebration

The members of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association will host the 27th Annual Harvest Wine Celebration on Sunday and Monday, August 31 and September 1 from noon to 5 p.m. each day.

The 27th Annual Livermore Valley Harvest Wine Celebration showcases 43 wineries, their wines and their unique personalities.

Each winery will offer complimentary wine tasting of at least 2 different varietals. In addition to entertainment, wine and food, there is an opportunity to shop at over 100 booths offering jewelry, pottery, glass art and more. Displays at the wineries will include history, fine art, and classic cars.

RODRIGUE MOLYNEAUX Inadvertently left out of the program were special events planned at Rodrigue Molyneaux, (See HARVEST, page 2)

125th Harvest for Wente Vineyards

Wente Family Estates' 125th harvest got underway Tues., August 26th at 4am. The crews harvested the 13-acre Block 30200 of Sauvignon Blanc in the family's Ruby Hill vineyard.

The Sauvignon Blanc harvest is a historic and notable one for the family. Today the Wentes own the vineyards that yielded the fruit for California's first "bottle shock," when a Cresta Blanca Sauternes won the Grand Prix at the 1889 Paris International Exposition.

While the 2008 winegrape growing season in Northern California was dramatic, with record frosts and fire, Wente Vineyards was fortunate. "In the Livermore Valley, the smoke cleared quickly and did not accumulate. The same weather patterns that bring the fog in from the bay also serve to clear the air of smoke, thus there was imperceptible impact from the smoke," said Karl Wente, Fifth Generation Winemaker.

"As for frost, I saw my first frost damage in Livermore in my 8 harvests here. That too was minimal, and the shoot tips grew through the frost and we have (See WENTE, page 2)



Former Livermore Superintendent Leo Croce was on hand at Croce School Monday for the first day of school. A new sign for the school was dedicated as part of the first day festivities.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

High School Gyms Could Be Put on Hold

By Ron McNicoll

The slowdown in homebuilding could push expansion of the Amador Valley and Foothill high school gyms two years or more beyond projected completion dates in 2010 and 2011, Pleasanton school district officials say.

In fact, the gym expansions may not even occur, if the work can't fit into the \$36 million overall cost estimated for a slew of high school building expansions. Part of the problem is making the

gym expansions fit that budget. It also has to do with timing. There appears to be only \$1 million to spare if all high school expansion projects were built. That doesn't leave much wiggle room, if costs go up significantly by the time all work gets done, superintendent John Casey told board members at their meeting Aug. 19.

Then, too, timing of revenue and projects is important, too. The district can obtain state career technical education (CTE)

grants worth \$6.6 million for some of the projects on its high school expansion and improvement list. However, the district must use its development fee money as matching funds to receive the CTE grants. The clock eventually runs out on the CTE grants, so it's important to do those projects first.

The board is faced with the choice of putting the gym expansion on hold, or finding other sources to finance the gym work. (See GYMS, page 3)

Las Positas College to Begin Work on New Arts Center

Las Positas College in Livermore will hold a groundbreaking ceremony for the College Center for the Arts on Thursday, September 4th at 11 a.m. at the site of the former soccer fields on the campus at 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore.

The 54,000 square foot theater will seat 500 with a 1,500 seat outdoor amphitheater. The theater stage will be 48 feet wide and 44 feet deep. An orchestra pit will be housed on a moveable platform which, when raised, will extend the stage an additional eight feet toward the audience, or may be used for additional theater seating.

"We are thrilled to be able to provide our students and the community with a state-of-the-art theater. Our faculty, staff and

students will be able to teach and learn in an environment that will allow understanding of all facets of a theater and apply that understanding to the arts in general," said DeRionne Pollard, Las Positas College President. "We are especially grateful to the voters of Alameda County for passing Measure B and providing funding for this new jewel of the Tri-Valley. This is their facility, too. We want them to come and enjoy the arts here at Las Positas College."

The \$35,093,000 construction contract was awarded to Overaa Construction of Richmond. Construction is expected to be complete by late spring of 2010, with the first classes to be held in fall 2010.

Livermore to Host Autism Conference

A special conference on autism for parents and professionals is slated for Thurs., Oct. 2 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

Exceptional Needs Network, a local nonprofit organization, is sponsoring "Awareness 2008." The conference will feature experts on early intervention, biomedical treatment options and what can be expected in the transition to adolescence for individuals on the autism spectrum.

Jim Ball, a nationally known

speaker and author of the book, "Early Intervention and Autism - Real Life Questions, Real Life Answers," will be the keynote speaker. He is a certified behavior analyst and director of clinical services for New York Families of Autistic Children.

Lynne Mielke, founder of Development Spectrum Clinic in Pleasanton, will speak on "Treating the Toxic Cascade: Biomedical Treatments for the Autism Spectrum Disorders." A (See AUTISM, page 4)

Ballot Measures, Stoneridge Dr. Among Pleasanton Issues

Election season got underway in Pleasanton with the candidates for mayor and city council facing off in the first election forum.

Pleasanton Gardens has been hosting the forum since 1994.

Each candidate read a prepared statement. They had been provided one set question prior to the forum. The remainder of the evening was spent answering questions from the audience. Issues raised included Measures QQ and PP, affordable housing, the Stoneridge Drive extension, and water.

Candidates for mayor are incumbent Jennifer Hosterman and Steve Brozosky; for city council, incumbents Cindy McGovern and Matt Sullivan and Howard Neely and Jerry Pentin.

The set question had to do with the preservation and expansion of housing for the underserved population, in particular low income senior housing. Pleasanton Gardens is a senior housing complex.

All of the candidates favored moving forward with plans to provide more units at Pleasanton Gardens and nearby Kottinger Place. However, issues with regard to density and height need to be worked out, they said.

Brozosky called providing affordable housing a big challenge since it requires significant

subsidies. He suggested that the council needs to approve smaller homes that would cost less. "I don't believe the council has approved a home smaller than 4500 square feet in the last year," he commented.

Brozosky said he favored the creation of partnerships with various groups such as Habitat for Humanity as a way to provide affordable housing.

Hosterman touted development plans coming to the council she said could provide affordable units. Several are in the Hacienda Business Park.

Hosterman continued, "It's not just about housing for seniors. It's about providing other services." She mentioned the expanded bus service from senior housing to various sites throughout the city.

Neely is a member of the task force working on plans to redevelop or renovate Kottinger Place and Pleasanton Gardens.

He pointed out that although there are many building sites left in the city, the eastside provides an opportunity for affordable housing. The city needs to take the offense and tell developers what it wants to happen out there, he said.

Pentin is also a member of the task force. He said that while it is important to have neighbors weigh in on plans for redeveloping the sites, it's a necessity to (See ELECTION, page 4)



Penny Johnson gets in the spirit of "The Great Gatsby" era as part of the Big Read.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Pleasanton Takes on 'The Great Gatsby' in the Big Read

Pleasanton Library presents The Big Read: The Great Gatsby with a variety of special events to celebrate reading and the book planned September 7 through October 25.

Residents are invited to read the book, see the movie and enjoy roaring twenties jazz, mystery dinners, theatrical productions, classic films, a speakeasy

tour, book discussions and a jazz age party.

The unofficial start is on Wed., Sept. 3 with "The Mystery of the Missing Bootleggers Shipment," as part of First Wednesday Party in the downtown. The event starts at 6 p.m. This is a clue hunt presented by mystery writer Penny Warner that will take participants on a search to

find the hidden Bootleggers' booty. Prizes!

The film "The Great Gatsby" will be shown at the Library on Thurs., Sept. 4 at 7 p.m. Candace Klaschus of Las Positas College hosts this screening of the Robert Redford/Mia Farrow Gatsby film.

F. Scott Fitzgerald's novel is a (See BIG READ, page 2)

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PET OF THE WEEK

Little "Cha Cha Cha" is a 7 year old Chihuahua mix looking for a quiet, mature home to relax and take it easy. He was found in the bushes of a local gas station, foraging for scraps of food. Now, he would just like to curl up in a warm lap. He's a little nervous in new situations, but with the proper care and lots of attention he's sure to dance his way into your heart! To tango with Cha Cha Cha, visit Valley Humane Society on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit the web site www.valleyhumane.org or call 925-426-8656 for more details.

SHORT NOTES

Mind Your Mind

A new program entitled, "Brain Matters," kicks off at the Pleasanton Senior Center on Fri., Sept. 5. The program will be from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The weekly program will combine lectures and interactive workshops dedicated to improving brain health and function.

S. Michael Pope, Alzheimer's Services of the East Bay, will describe "normal" versus "problem" memory loss and provide tips and techniques to maintain and develop the mind.

The session is on a drop-in basis at \$1.50 for residents and \$2 nonresidents.

The Senior Center is located at 5353 Sunol Blvd. For information, call 931-5365.

Less Traveled Areas

The Path Less Traveled is the topic of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff program on Sat., Aug. 30.

Meet Ranger Darren Segur at 10 a.m. at the Wetmore Road entrance to Sycamore Grove Park. Participants will explore some of the less traveled areas of the park and see things not visible from the pavement. This is a two to three mile leisurely hike on flat ground; good for ages 5 and up. Bring water,

and wear sturdy shoes.

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

Magic Show

On Friday, September 5th from 6pm to 9pm, PartyBees will co-sponsor "Shop and Sip" Girls Night Out at Savvy Seconds. While parents shop at Savvy Seconds, children can be dropped off at PartyBees to be entertained. Reservations are required and space is limited. The cost is \$20 per child and includes a pizza dinner.

Master magician Joseph Bradley will be entertaining the children at PartyBees. Joseph has performed for school groups and birthday parties.

For more information on PartyBees, go to www.partybees.com or call 925-249-9BEE (9233).

Habitat for Humanity

Dozens of East Bay real estate agents from Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage took time out from selling homes this month to build them for low-income working families in partnership with Habitat for Humanity.

The homes, known as Buena Vista Commons, were constructed at 626 Buena Vista Avenue in Alameda. Agents from the Pleasanton office will help build on August 31, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

This month's construction is part of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage's annual Habitat for Humanity Fund-raiser to help raise money and donate their time to build homes for needy families. The company's agents, managers and staff plan to help build 11 homes throughout the Bay Area this summer. Habitat for Humanity addresses the critical need for affordable housing by providing homeownership opportunities for families.

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage's annual fund-raiser will run through September 12. More than 4,000 agents will also be holding fund-raisers and selling raffle tickets in order to reach a goal of \$400,000 this year to fund the construction of additional Habitat for Humanity homes in 2009.

The agents will participate in building an eight unit development, of which four homes will be donated to Habitat for Humanity families. Over the past 10 years, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Northern California has raised \$1.75 million for Habitat for Humanity and helped build 65 homes

through 40,000 hours volunteer time.

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Pleasanton is located at 5980 Stoneridge Drive and can be reached at 925.847.2200.

Shot Clinic

Axis Community Health has scheduled its free summer immunization clinic for children on September 6, from 9:00-11:30 a.m. The clinics will take place at Axis' Pleasanton Clinic only located at 4361 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton.

Saturday Immunization clinics are open to all Tri-Valley families who are low income or uninsured, including those enrolled in Medi-Cal and Medi-Cal Managed Care. Parents should bring child's immunization records and information about family income and medical insurance. There is a fee for some immunizations.

Immunization appointments are also available at (925) 462-1755.

Wiggle Waggle Dog Wash

Valley Humane Society will host Wiggle Waggle Dog Wash on Sept. 6.

Drop by and let VHS volunteers run your dog through the wash and rinse cycle. The event will be from noon to 4PM at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. All dogs on leashes, please.

Call 925.426.8656 for more info or visit the VHS web site www.valleyhumane.org. Dog washes are free, with all donations greatly appreciated.

Competition for Young Musicians

Livermore-Amador Symphony Association will hold the 36th annual Competition for Young Musicians. The application deadline is Sun., Oct. 5.

The competition is open to instrumentalists and vocalists who reside or attend school in Livermore, Sunol, Pleasanton, Dublin or San Ramon. Students are eligible through grade 12. If not enrolled in high school, the maximum age is 17. All instruments will be considered. The purpose is to select two young musicians who will perform as soloists with the symphony on Feb. 14, 2009. Each winner/soloist will be awarded \$250.

Completed applications must be accompanied by a \$5 fee and a cassette tape, CD or DVD for preliminary screening. Application forms and additional information may be obtained from the symphony's website.

www.livsymph.org or by calling the competition coordinator at 447-1947.

Home Instruction

Vineyard Alternative Elementary/Middle School, a Livermore School District run independent study program for grades 1-8, is now accepting enrollment for the 2008-2009 school year.

This voluntary program is designed to assist parents who wish to instruct their children at home. The program provides, at no cost, educational materials that meet the district and state framework guidelines. Students and parents meet with teachers in Room 8 at the Ed Rundstrom Learning Center, 1401 Almond Ave., Livermore.

For more information, call (925)606-4720 or visit www.vineyarded.net

Alviso Adobe Volunteers

There are volunteer opportunities at the Alviso Adobe Community Park in Pleasanton.

At the seven-acre park, soon to open on Foothill Road, docents and volunteers will help visitors of all ages gain insight into the site's history and people. The historical events begin in 3420 BCE with the Hokan language family of Native Americans and continue to the days of the thriving Mexican ranchos, the time when tenant farmers tended the land, to the early and mid-twentieth century when the property was managed as a dairy.

Applications are available at Pleasanton's Museum On Main, 603 Main Street and the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue. Opportunities are ongoing.

Training Sessions will be conducted for all volunteers. The volunteer program is jointly managed by the City of Pleasanton and Pleasanton's Museum On Main Street. The museum is located at 603 Main Street.

Volunteer positions available are:
• Historically Attired Docents (Re-enactor) will supply his or her own

costume and can choose from the Rancho or Early Settler eras. Docents will lead tours throughout the park.

- Naturalist Docents to lead tours throughout the park.
- Garden Volunteers-Heirloom Section; Garden Volunteers-Ohlone Native Plant Section; Garden Volunteers-Mission Native Plant Section; and Garden Volunteers- Riparian Native Plant Section to help maintain the gardens.
- Historical Tools Volunteers should enjoy "unkering" with, preserving and working with old tools, with the possibility in the future to work on a small tractor used for gardening
- Display Production Volunteers will help with fabrication and installation of displays. Volunteers should enjoy working with and creating displays.
- Office Volunteers-Editor to read and edit park staff material before distribution.
- Office Volunteers-Interpretive Display will work on interpretive displays and with historical artifacts. From time to time volunteers might need to research history for displays.
- Office Volunteers-Supply, Inventory & Logistics will help with up-keep of inventory and with logistics.
- Office Volunteers-Grants & Outreach will help with grant writing and general outreach to the public. Shifts available on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (12:00 break).
- Junior Volunteers/Home School Student Volunteers/Grandparent and Parent Volunteers for a variety of volunteer activities including, but not limited to, carpenter, electrician, blacksmith/metal work and painting.
- Craft Area Volunteers

Volunteers are also needed for special events throughout the year. For more information and an application form, contact Heather H. Rizzoli, volunteer coordinator, Pleasanton's Museum On Main Street (925) 462-2766 or email volunteers@museumonmain.org or Eric Nicholas, City of Pleasanton naturalist, (925) 931-5351 and enicholas@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

BIG READ

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tragic love story, a mystery, and a social commentary on American life. It has been described as a profound indictment of class privilege in the Jazz Age and beyond. The novel explores the conflict between decency and self-indulgence. In the conclusion, the characters collide, leaving human wreckage in their wake.

The official Gatsby Kickoff will be an afternoon of Roaring Twenties entertainment on Sunday, September 7th at the library. Las Positas Dean of Art and Communications Philip Manwell will deliver the keynote presentation on F. Scott Fitzgerald at 2pm, with jazz band "Sara and Swingtime" playing at 1pm and continuing throughout the afternoon. There will be croquet games and refreshments on the library's front lawn.

Other special events include: A book discussion on Wed., Sept. 10 at Towne Center Books in Pleasanton starting at 7 p.m.

A Pleasanton Library Book Club reads "The Great Gatsby." Everyone is welcome to join Mary Baker, moderator, in this discussion on Mon., Sept. 22 at 7 p.m.

A Really Big, Big Read Book Discussion of "The Great Gatsby" will take place Sun., Oct. 5 at 2 p.m. at the library. Find out what other book groups thought about Gatsby in this inter-book club exchange. Catherine Eagan, a Gatsby specialist from Las Positas College, will lead the discussion.

A free dramatized version of "The Great Gatsby" will be presented by Calaveras Repertory Theater at the Pleasanton Library at 7pm on Saturday September 13.

The Pleasanton Downtown Association is hosting "Dollar Nights at the Movies" showing "Chicago," starring Renee Zellweger and Catherine Zeta-Jones on Friday, September 12 at 7pm, and "The Untouchables," starring Kevin Costner and Robert DeNiro on Wednesday evening, October 8 at 7pm, at the Pleasanton Veteran's Memorial Hall.

Only 200 tickets are available for each evening. Tickets will be available for purchase in advance for \$1 at Towne Center Books (555 Main Street) and the Pleasanton Downtown Association office (830 Main Street, Suite A - behind the Main St. Brewery).

Historian James Smith will lead a free guided tour of historic San Francisco speakeasies on

September 20; you must be 21 years old for this event, as we will be entering some modern-day gin joints. Limited registration.

Movie-makers of all talent levels are encouraged to film and edit an 8-minute or shorter video for the second annual 2-day Big Read Video Competition on the weekend of October 4th and 5th. Secret required elements will be announced at Towne Center Books on Friday, October 3 at 7pm. Turn in a finished DVD by Sunday at 7pm and be eligible for great prizes.

The Gibson Mystery Players offer up a dinner theater drama, this time with a Gatsby 1920's gangster theme, "Funeral for a Gangster," at the Pleasanton Hotel. Call the Pleasanton Hotel directly to make reservations.

The final event will feature Don Neely's Royal Society Jazz Sextet at a jazz age dance party on Saturday October 25th at the Veteran's Hall. Tickets are \$10, \$5 seniors and are available for purchase at the Pleasanton Library and Towne Center Books.

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest. For more information about The Big Read, see the National Endowment of the Arts website, www.neabigread.org. For more information about the programs in Pleasanton, call Penny Johnson at the Pleasanton Public Library, at 925/931-3405.

According to the National Endowment for the Arts website, The Great Gatsby may be the most popular classic in modern American fiction. The story of Jay Gatsby's desperate quest to win back his first love reverberates with themes at once characteristically American and universally human, among them the importance of honesty, the temptations of wealth, and the struggle to escape the past. Though The Great Gatsby runs to fewer than two hundred pages, there is no bigger read in American literature.

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts, in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and in cooperation with Arts Midwest. It is designed to revitalize the role of literary reading in American popular culture. The website notes, "A great book combines enlightenment with enchantment. It awakens our imagination and enlarges our humanity. It can even offer harrowing insights that somehow console and comfort us."

Last First Wednesday Party Celebrates Pleasanton

Even though the Pleasanton Downtown Association will be saying so long to summer at the final 1st Wednesday Street Party of the season, there are still lots of reasons to "Celebrate Pleasanton." The celebration will take place from 6-9 p.m. on September 3 downtown Pleasanton.

Magic Moments will provide live entertainment with their tribute to the legends, the sounds and memories of the live performance of "Rock and Roll" from the 50's. The group will play in the beer and wine garden at the Round Table Pizza parking lot. Beers from Anheuser-Busch, Trumer Pils and the Main St. Brewery in addition to great wines from members of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association will be available in the beer and wine garden.

The Pleasanton Library will

kick off this year's "Big Read," "The Great Gatsby." There will be a treasure hunt throughout downtown to "Find the Bootlegger Shipment." throughout downtown. There will also be some additional live music on the street for this event. Don't forget to pick up information from the Museum on Main and Parks and Community Services booths about the "Udder Event" promoting the opening of the new Alviso Adobe Community Park.

Main Street will be lined with vendor booths marketing and selling a diverse variety of products and services.

The event is hosted by the Pleasanton Downtown Association. For information go to www.pleasantondowntown.net or call 484-2199.

HARVEST

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located at 3053 Marina Ave., Livermore.

The winery, established in 2004, will be open for the first time during a Harvest Wine Celebration.

Nancy and Garry Rodrigue have planned a special tasting of the Chianti Late Harvest Primitivo, Primavera Rose (\$5).

Other wine available for tasting will be Cabernet Sauvignon 2005, and Barasa - Super Tuscan Blend

Visitors are invited to join winemaker Garry for a stroll in vineyard (on the hour). He will discuss how farming techniques affect wine quality.

Homemade fudge will be available. Entertainment will be provided by a guitar player/singer performing a variety of music from the 80s to present.

There will be a special display of maps and photos of Livermore wine country 100 years ago.

Arts and crafts available for purchase include Norwegian Folk Art on wood, Longaberger Baskets, and pottery; and jewelry.

For information, call 447-4280 or go to www.rodriguemolyneaux.com

TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets are \$50/2 day pass in advance (\$55 day of event), and \$45 for the Monday only ticket. There are no Sunday only tickets. Designated driver & kid ticket price is \$10, which includes entrance into the winery.



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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Mayors' Summit

The 2008 Tri-Valley Mayors' Summit will be held Sept. 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Bridges Golf Club, 9000 S. Gale Ridge Rd., San Ramon.

Mayors expected to attend are Candace Anderson, Danville; H. Abraham Wilson, San Ramon; Jennifer Hosterman, Pleasanton; Janet Lockhart, Dublin; and Marshall Kamena, Livermore.

This year's event is hosted by the San Ramon Chamber of Commerce. Among the topics expected to be addressed will be disaster preparedness, going green, regional control for transportation and housing, and other regional issues.

Lunch is \$35 for all chamber members and \$45 for non-members. For reservations, call 242-0600.

Implant First

Michael Lee, M.D. was the first cardiologist/electrophysiologist in Alameda County to implant the latest, high-tech, cardiac-resynchronization-therapy defibrillator (pacemaker/defibrillator) COGNISSM at ValleyCare Medical Center last week.

This new device is over thirty percent thinner than others on the market, and is the latest technological advancement in implantable devices used to treat heart failure.

"People with heart failure are at a significant risk of dying suddenly from abnormal heart rhythms. Defibrillators can significantly reduce that risk, improving heart function and decreasing symptoms," said Dr. Lee. "The new defibrillator by Boston Scientific offers significant improvements in regard to size, function, reliability, and battery longevity. In fact, it is the smallest, thinnest, longest lasting implantable defibrillator available in the world," he said.

"I am very proud that ValleyCare is able to provide this new technology," said Morgan Lin, M.D., the patient's primary cardiologist. "Our patient population is very technologically savvy, and we are pleased to offer this state-of-the-art product to our patients."

The patient who received the new device,

John Thompson of Pleasanton, has suffered from congestive heart failure for years and has already experienced an improvement in his overall symptoms. "I feel very fortunate to be one of the first people in the area to receive this device, which will significantly improve my quality of life as well as protect me from sudden cardiac death," he said. "I have much to live for and hope that all those who suffer from heart failure may have access to this therapy."

Solar Powered

Livermore Solar Electricity Group has selected two solar vendors to work with residents. They are Akeena Solar and REC Solar.

Akeena Solar and SunRun will present a solar power seminar Sept. 13 at 10 a.m. at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton.

For information visit the website at www.livermoresolarelectricitygroup.com.

Reception for Outgoing Manager

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

Mayor Janet Lockhart stated, "Rich Ambrose has been integral to the growth of our community over the past 26 years. I know that he has worked to make our community better. I would like to invite Dublin residents and businesses to come to the ice cream social to say 'thanks' for a job well done."

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

Correction

There were two errors in the story about Romania animal rescue in last week's independent. The correct website is www.romaniaanimalrescue.com. The cost of the advance purchase tickets to a fund-raiser in Pleasanton at the Oasis Grille on Sept. 14 (5:30 - 7:30) is \$25 each, not \$15.

CHARTER

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that could be generated. Since it won't be a neighborhood school, students will be arriving from all over the area. "There is definitely going to be a battle on this one," declared one neighbor.

Batchelor said there are plans to hold town hall meetings with neighbors of the site. "We want to alleviate their concerns." To help reduce traffic, Batchelor said there are plans to utilize an extensive bus service. The school would also work with LARPD to gain access to the site from Robertson Park Road.

Batchelor is also hopeful that the school would be able to work out a shared use agreement for fields at Robertson Park.

Tim Barry, LARPD general manager, said that the district has not been approached about the easement or the shared use ideas.

Currently, the charter school occupies Sonoma School. This fall enrollment will be at 885 students. Maximum capacity for the school is 932.

Batchelor said that the projections are for 1500 students at the new site.

In addition to the current K-8 classes, there would be high school classes. The goal is to launch the high school in 2009. The school has not yet had its application for a charter to operate a high school approved. The request was denied by the school

district. The charter school appealed the denial to the Alameda County Board of Education, which is expected to make a decision on the appeal soon.

The website notes that the offer to purchase the property by the charter school is contingent upon a number of factors, including final approval of financing, city approval, easements for access, final approval of the LVCP charter, and full support of "our community." Community is not defined.

Charter schools are public schools that are generally exempt from state laws governing school districts.

Chamber First to Go 'Carbon Neutral'

The Livermore Chamber of Commerce has become the first San Francisco Bay Area Chamber to enroll in a program that makes the business organization's office an officially "carbon neutral" workplace. The Chamber has attained this goal by participating in Pacific Gas and Electric Company's "ClimateSmart" program, coupled with a major commitment to upgrade the offices to the highest energy efficiency standards.

"The Livermore Chamber's demonstrated leadership on sustainability issues has taken their commitment to the next level with this action," said Tom Guarino, PG&E Public Affairs Manager for the Tri-Valley.

The Chamber's President/CEO, Dale Kaye, noted such a move was a natural for an organization that has facilitated so

much discussion and dialogue among Livermore Area businesses and residents when it comes to climate change, greening strategies and other opportunities." ClimateSmart makes quite a bit of sense for us," Kaye said. "The first strategy is for businesses to become energy efficient or, if possible, employ alternative energy sources. Ideally, we should become carbon neutral, which ClimateSmart allows us to do in a very economical way," she added.

The ClimateSmart(tm) program provides a voluntary option for Pacific Gas and Electric Company business and residential customers to reduce their impact on climate change. Upon enrolling a business in the program, PG&E will calculate the amount needed to make the greenhouse gas emissions associated with the organization's energy use "neu-

tral" and will add this amount to the monthly energy bill. An organization's monthly ClimateSmart amount will vary depending on actual energy use.

One hundred percent of the payment for the ClimateSmart program will go to directly funding new greenhouse gas emission reduction projects in California. PG&E will invest these funds in a range of projects, such as projects that capture methane gas from dairy farms and landfills and conserve and restore California's forests. The first projects in which PG&E has invested include the Garcia River forest in Mendocino County and the Lompico Headwaters in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

For more information about the ClimateSmart program, visit www.pge.com/climatesmart or call 1.800.PGE.5000 (800.743.5000)

GYMS

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Trustees made it clear that the gym expansions have a lower priority compared to doing the other projects, since leveraging the state funds is obviously the most helpful way to fund those projects.

However, trustees said they hope that eventually they can expand the gyms. Most of the money for gym expansion would come from the district's developer school impact fees. That is under budget, now that building has come close to a halt. The district received \$1 million in 2004-05, because 366 units were built. However, in the 2007-08 fiscal year, which closed at the end of June, only 41 units were built, generating only \$212,000. That downturn in housing resulted in a \$182,000 negative ending balance.

Much bigger deficits in the balance are projected for fiscal years out through June 2013. They reach as high as \$5 million in 2011-12, dropping to \$2.4 million the following year. Then they return to black ink with \$387,000 in 2013-14. An important point for the board was Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Sandra Lepley's cash flow projection predicting things getting better for building in 2009-10, with 73 units and \$284,000 in revenue. In the following year, recovery would rise to 126 units, which would bring in \$474,000.

However, three trustees said the district would be better off being pessimistic about how soon building starts will rise. They told Lepley to push the higher numbers back by two years.

Chris Grant, who does long range planning for Kaiser Permanente, said that it would be prudent to "creatively schedule some projects, and leave some for build-out."

Board president Jim Ott, who looks at the economy from his position as a credit union president, agreed with Grant about pushing the estimated building revival back two years. Ott said it is better to be cautious or pessimistic now about the timing of recovery, and then "be pleasantly surprised, and see the economy turn around. As much as we'd like to see the gyms, it may not be a reality for us. Perhaps down the road (it can be built)," said Ott.

Trustee Steve Brozosky, who served on the city council until two years ago, also has kept an eye on the economy's impact on city building. He agreed with Grant that pushing recovery back two years beyond next year is prudent. Brozosky suggested that Lepley return to the board with a cash flow projection that postponed the gyms for two years.

Casey said this week that Lepley will return Sept. 9 with a cash flow that shows no gym expansion in it. In that way, the board can see more clearly how funding could be arranged to build all of the other projects.

During the discussion, Casey said that even if high school enrollment were to start shrinking at the time of city build-out, it

would be so high that the entire student bodies at the high schools still won't be able to fit into the current gym space. He said the gyms are projects he definitely thinks is deserved, although it may have to wait.

SYCAMORE FUND COULD BE BACK-UP

One way to bail out any shortfall in the timing of expansion projects in any given year would be to spend or borrow money from the \$6.4 million Sycamore fund. The funds came to the district from sale of a Sycamore Road property that had been destined in the 1960s for a high school site on the south side.

Casey and trustees made it clear that any back-up funding, such as the Sycamore money, should be kept for shoring up the district's general fund, if that were challenged by an emergency. The general fund covers operating expenses such as materials and personnel salary.

Grant said, "One thing I want to protect is our general fund. It comes out of the classroom and the teachers. We can't take the risk."

The Sycamore fund money yields \$150,000 interest annually, split equally among the district's 15 schools. It pays for technology at the sites. However, in the past, trustees did borrow from it to pay a state debt related to early retirements in the district. The funds were paid back.

SELL THE NEAL SCHOOL SITE?

Trustee Pat Kernan asked about selling the Neal elementary school site on Vineyard Avenue to raise money. It was not a suggestion, but part of the process of seeing what could be put in the mix to pay for high school expansion.

Casey said that the district would have to receive \$6.5 million out of the Neal site just to break even on its expenditures so far on the site. The district spent about \$4.5 million on infrastructure for the site, and \$2 million to acquire the site. Out of the \$2 million for acquisition, approximately \$1 million would be sent back to the state, which had given matching funds.

However, there are other costs associated with the site, which were not discussed at the meeting. The district is involved in a lawsuit against Signature Properties over the Neal site. Neal school was to be built by Signature. The developer would turn the key over to the district, and be reimbursed for an estimated \$8.5 million. However, a revised outlook projected at least another \$5 million for inflation beyond the \$8.5 million.

The district contends that Signature promised to pick up the cost overrun. Signature said the original agreement was preliminary, and not final and binding, so the firm would be under no obligation for the \$5 million, if it were to build the school. A superior court judge agreed with Signature in a tentative ruling. Motions are now being heard, before the judge issues a final decision. If the final decision were to go against the district, it must decide whether to appeal. The lawsuit has cost the district \$2 million for court costs and at-

torneys fees over the past five years, Casey told the Independent.

If the district loses in court, and the judge awards attorney fees and court costs to Signature, the district may have to spend an additional \$2 million. There is also another \$500,000 that Signature said it spent on site studies and expects to be reimbursed by the district. As a result, the total potential cost that the district might have to cover from its building fund to pay suit costs, which could total \$2.5 million.

The potential financial drain from the lawsuit was not included in the cash flow analysis by Lepley. Casey said it was not included because the suit is not concluded. The district could also pay it out of the Sycamore fund, or borrow money, or consider using the general fund, which has a 5 percent reserve.

The state requires a 3 percent reserve. Pleasanton has kept it at 5 percent as extra insurance against emergencies.

HARD TO DETERMINE VALUE OF SITE NOW

If the Neal site were sold, the amount of income for the district would depend on the site zoning. Currently, it is zoned for a school. If rezoned for homes, the 11 acres would bring in some revenue, although probably with low density. It would be up to the city council to determine the school district's rezoning request for homes.

Lepley said that the city would like to see a park on the site. The school district, by law, would have to give public agencies the first opportunity to buy the property. Therefore, the city could have the first buyers' opportunity on the site. However, the law does not force the school

district to sell to a public agency.

BROZOSKY BRINGS UP TERM LIMITS

On another item, trustees looked at proposed revisions to various policies about the board's procedures. Brozosky suggested adding term limits to the list for review. He said that he has come across many residents who asked about it. When there are open seats, people seem more inclined to run for office, said Brozosky.

There are six candidates running for three seats on the school board this November. Brozosky and Kris Weaver are the two incumbents who are not running. (Weaver was absent from the meeting.) Two years ago, incumbents Kernan and Ott were the only two to file for their seats, so they were automatically appointed to the seats.

The board has discussed term

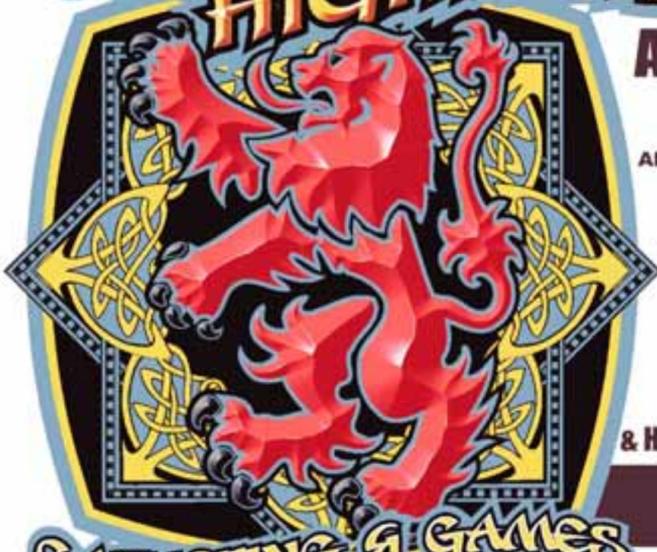
limits in the past. Trustees said they will add it to the list of potential policy changes.

Brozosky also suggested the board look at subsidizing ballot pamphlet statements for school board candidates. The cost now is approximately \$1000 to cover printing and language translations. He said that could climb to \$2000, with more language translations appearing on future ballots. The cost of the ballot statement might discourage potential candidates, because they would have to spend a significant amount out of their own pockets at the beginning of a campaign, said Brozosky.

Pleasanton city government subsidizes a share of a candidate's statement. He suggested that maybe the district could go in with the city in some form of cost arrangement.

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EDITORIAL

Pathway To Green Jobs

The Tri-Valley Business Council (TVBC) has launched a task force with the mission of creating in the local schools a career pathway leading to jobs in the emerging "green" sector.

The plan calls for a partnership involving educators, business people and public officials. Students would be directed toward green jobs, a career pathway that would begin in the high schools and continue through the community colleges and Cal State East Bay. The program would focus on the high-tech skills needed to develop alternative energy and reduce global warming.

Task force leaders say the Valley has the potential to be on the cutting edge of the new green industries. "We can lead the world into sustainability," said Congressman Jerry McNerney, who was the keynote speaker at the task force's kickoff two weeks ago.

The daylong event, held at Las Positas Community College, was chaired by Jim Caldwell. Caldwell owns Workforce Incubator, a nonprofit, and is the prime mover behind this project.

The next step will involve preparing a report by the next school year on how the area's high schools and colleges can develop the desired green-job pathway.

Joel Kinnamon, chancellor of the Chabot/Las Positas Community College District, said students want to make the world a better place.

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

With global warming throwing a grim shadow over the future, community leaders must indeed tap into that fire and create the skilled and inspired work force the times demand. Bravo, Business Council, bravo for undertaking this all-important mission.

AUTISM

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third speaker, Chantal Scile-Kira, is the author of the book "Autism Life Skills - From Communication and Safety to Independence and More - 10 Essential Abilities Your Child with Autism Needs and Deserves to Learn." Scile-Kira will address the older children with autism and what parents can expect during transitional teenage years.

A special roundtable discussion is also slated. It will feature representatives from the Regional Center of the East Bay and local school districts. Participants will have access to an array of vendors and organizations serving individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities.

"We are pleased to present our third conference on autism," said Susan Houghton, ENN board

member and conference coordinator. "One out of every 150 children is diagnosed with autism or a related disorder every year. Our speakers will offer new treatment and support ideas for both parents and professionals."

Continuing education unit credits are available to professionals attending the conference. Three organizations: the Board of Registered Nurses, the Board of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, and the American Psychological Association, will offer credits.

To register and obtain information, visit ENN's website at www.ennetwork.org. The cost of the conference is \$100 for parents and \$125 for professionals. Group discounts are available.

For more information about the autism conference, call 443-3396.

NRCS Taking Applications For Conservation Funding

Applications for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) are being accepted for funding in 2009 from now through October 31, 2008 at USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) offices throughout California, including Livermore.

Last year, all eligible applications were funded for Alameda County.

"This is a very important conservation program with huge potential to help our farming and ranching community in their stewardship of the land," says NRCS Soil Conservationist Morpheus Anima. "EQIP in Alameda County is an underutilized resource and we hope to reach out to more of our local producers and let them know that this program is available to help meet resource needs on their lands."

In fiscal year 2008, California NRCS partnered with farmers and ranchers on nearly \$54 million in conservation cost share contracts, setting a new record for the program in the state. Alameda County was allocated over \$300,000 of that year's funding. The contracts covered a broad spectrum of natural resource enhancements including grazing land management; increasing irrigation efficiency; integrated pest management; riparian pro-

tection and wildlife habitat, and more. Assistance can be in the form of structures and conservation "hardware" such as irrigation or livestock water developments, as well as incentive payments for proper management to achieve environmental benefits.

"Since the Farm Bill legislation is new, the program rules for this year are still being developed in Washington. However, we can accept applications any time and encourage folks to come in and talk with us now so we have time to develop a plan together that will meet their needs," says Anima.

The 2008 Farm Bill, passed on May 22, 2008, included several conservation programs administered by NRCS and the USDA's Farm Service Agency. Programs active in Alameda County include EQIP, as well as the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP), the Grasslands Reserve Program (GRP), and others. Many of the program details and procedures for Farm Bill programs will continue to be outlined in coming months as the program rules, written in Washington, D.C., become available for public comment.

Applications for EQIP are accepted year round. The October 31, 2008, date reflects the cut off for contracts to be funded during the 2009 fiscal year.

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move forward with the plan proposed by the task force.

Pentin said the most underserved population is the work force. Only about 20 percent of those who live in Pleasanton, work here, he said. He suggested there may come a time when employees perceive the lack of housing for workers as an issue. "I advocate coming together to work on affordable housing. It is the only way to move forward," he declared.

Sullivan said, "The only way to provide significant affordable housing is for the city to be proactive, to prioritize what will be built with the remaining units under the housing cap."

Hacienda Business Park is an opportunity for transit oriented development next to BART, Sullivan noted. It would be possible to provide the density to make units affordable. He advocated public-private partnerships as a way to build affordable housing.

McGovern suggested that the task force looking at Kottinger Place and Pleasanton Gardens had failed to ask seniors what they wanted. "For me to approve anything, it has to have input from those who will use it," she stated.

McGovern added that it is time that the entire Tri-Valley conducted a needs assessment for seniors. The last one was completed in 2003. "It is important to get together to address issues, such as adult day care," McGovern declared.

The candidates were evenly split on their support for the ridge protection measures on the November ballot.

Hosterman, Pentin and Neely favored the council sponsored Measure QQ. McGovern, Sullivan and Brozosky spoke in support of the citizens' initiative, Measure PP.

Hosterman said that she wished residents had worked with the council instead of against it by moving forward with an initiative. "I am committed to an open process that includes all stakeholders to develop a plan that provides protection for the ridgelands."

Neely said he is a private property advocate who believes Mea-

sure QQ better protects property rights.

Pentin noted the reason he supports Measure QQ is that it provides a process that is publicly vetted and involves all stakeholders.

Brozosky called Measure QQ an attempt on the part of the council to confuse the public.

Sullivan agreed, noting that the council's response to the citizens' initiative was to place a competing and confusing measure on the ballot. "Measure QQ provides no guarantee anything of substance will come out of the process," he said.

McGovern said she had two concerns. The council majority did not institute a moratorium until an ordinance could be developed. Nor did the majority agree to place any ordinance on the ballot for ratification. This means that three votes by a city council could change what comes out of the QQ process. "Measure PP cannot be changed by the council. It will provide voters with the satisfaction that they will have hillside protection."

The candidates were also split on the idea of extending Stoneridge Drive with Neely and Pentin in favor of moving ahead; Hosterman, Brozosky, Sullivan and McGovern opposed.

Those opposed said it was important for regional improvements to be completed before the road is extended to El Charro. They said to do so would create a parallel freeway through Pleasanton. In the meantime, the right-of-way would be retained. An emergency vehicle access would be provided.

Hosterman and Sullivan both said in response to Supervisor Scott Haggerty's offer to pay for the extension, "Give us the money. We will put it in the bank and collect interest. If we did decide to extend the road, the money will be there."

Pentin said extending the road was not a matter of "if," but "when." He felt it would be fiscally prudent to move forward now at a time when the county would pay for the extension.

Candidates were asked about using recycled water in the face

of the drought.

Brozosky called water the biggest crisis in the state. "We need to watch the growth of the state. We keep trying to expand when there is limited water."

Hosterman noted that the city is adding a water element to its general plan. The city and Zone 7 have already asked for a voluntary cutback in water use. In the future, the council will look at the tiered billing system as a way to encourage people to be more careful with water use.

Neely suggested encouraging the use of drip irrigation where possible.

Pentin said there is an opportunity to use recycled water on the city's golf course and the Bernal park. He called education the key to convincing people to cutback on water use.

Sullivan agreed that education is a key. He said that the new water element will include water policies for conservation.

McGovern described herself as an advocate for "purple pipes." (Recycled water is delivered in purple pipes.) She noted that the city's recycled water is being used, but in Tassajara Valley. She felt that Pleasanton did need to look at how it might use the water. McGovern also felt that policies that advocated drought resistance landscape and conservation would be part of the development approval process.

Hosterman is seeking her third term as mayor. Prior to being elected to mayor, she served two years on the city council. In her opening remarks she touted accomplishments of the city council including projects such as the Firehouse Arts Center, Veterans Building renovation, and construction of Alviso Adobe Park. She was proud of the addition of both a water element and an energy and environment element to the general plan.

"The council has been working hard to deliver your wishes. Our goal is to keep Pleasanton a place to live, work, raise a family and retire."

Brozosky served four years on the city council. He lost to Hosterman by 188 votes in the last mayoral contest. He is currently

serving out the term of the late Juanita Haugen on the school board.

Brozosky said he is running because he believes the council should encourage public participation, not fight citizens. He referred to the council measure on the November ballot as fighting the right of the public to petition its government.

McGovern served on the school board for many years before being elected to the council four years ago. She said her top priorities are preservation of open space, ridgelines and scenic views; monitoring the city's economic vitality while being fiscally prudent; and appreciating and encouraging citizen participation in the city's decision making process.

McGovern would like to see more bike lanes and pedestrian trails. She would work to fund the next phase of the Bernal Park.

Neely has served on both the housing commission and parks and recreation commission. He described himself as an affordable housing advocate, having worked for many years on the issue.

Pentin is a member of the parks and recreation commission and the trails ad hoc committee. He is also a member of the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation board and a member of the Bicycle Pedestrian Committee.

He mentioned helping to decrease traffic congestion, improving responses to the business community needs, protecting hillsides while making them accessible, and expanding trails as issues he would work on if elected. "I believe in public participation with all of the stakeholders working in a collaborative manner," he stated.

Sullivan said the goals he had when first elected four years ago are the same today. They are to enhance the quality of life, maintain the small town feel of Pleasanton, and bring people together to plan in a collaborative way.

"It is the council's job to encourage policies that encourage the public to bring energy and talent to the table in what I call community centered government," said Sullivan.

Pleasanton Launches Mandatory e-Filing Program

The City of Pleasanton mandatory campaign finance e-filing system is operational for the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Forms 460, 496, and 497.

The city council earlier this year voted to require candidates to e-file campaign finance statements in an effort to provide information to the public on a more timely basis.

Pleasanton joins the cities of Anaheim, Berkeley, Colton, Huntington Beach, Sacramento, Santa Barbara, San Diego, San Jose, San Francisco, Santa Clara, and Santa Monica in offering this technology to campaign filers. The Netfile system allows

candidates to enter committee financial information into a data based system to create their respective filings.

Netfile accommodates the download of campaign disclosure information from third-party software. If a candidate does not utilize third-party software, the campaign's financial information can be input directly into an on-line program to create the filing for on-line submittal. This information will be retained in the database so future filings can be completed quickly and easily.

The system has the following advantages for the filers: The system allows the filer to enter data

at any time; it automatically calculates all subtotals and totals, as well as year-to-date information based upon the entered data; it allows filers to create draft views of a statement to review before they e-file, and multiple draft statements can be created by a filer. In addition, once the draft statement is correct, one can e-file a draft statement and, upon validation by the system, the statement becomes a permanent record. There is no cost for the filer to use the system.

The public benefits from the new e-filing system because documents and data can be viewed over the Internet at any

time. Searches can be conducted on a variety of variables and information will be available 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

The wet signature paper original of the filing is still the official document of record and needs to be submitted on or before the filing deadline. Work is underway to eliminate the wet signature requirement. To access the new e-file system on the City of Pleasanton website, please visit <http://www.netfile.com/agency/cop/>. For more information, please contact the City Clerk's office by calling (925) 931-5027.

Republican Party Chair Sues County Over Filers

The chair of the Alameda County Republican Party Central Committee has sued county voter registrar Dave Macdonald for allegedly failing to follow state election law.

Paul Cummings filed the suit in Oakland late last month. He said it is his own personal civil lawsuit against Macdonald. Cummings's suit alleges that the registrar authorized 10 candidates for the county Republican central committee who did not meet the requirements for filing for the office in the June primary election. Seven of the 10 won seats on the 30-member committee.

One of the elected people, Walter Stanley III of Livermore,

told the Independent that he thought Cummings was trying to screen out a group that didn't agree ideologically with the

people who Cummings recruited for the committee election.

Although elected in June, the new committee members won't take their seats until December. Some of the candidates were from the conservative Constitutional Republicans, and others from the Minutemen. The Minutemen organized around the issue of illegal aliens coming into the United States. The suit received the attention of all 10 who ran, because they are named as defendants. Also, the cover of the lawsuit, intended for court use only, made it appear that Cummings was seeking \$25,000, because a box was checked on the cover, with that amount. The other box option was "more than \$25,000."

Cummings said that he welcomes all who want to work for the Republican party, and was not checking up on the ten can-

didates to screen them out. He was checking to see whether Macdonald is doing his job. He said that it is clear from the state election code, Section 8001, that the registrar's office must attach a certificate to the filing papers for county committee that indicates that the candidate has not been affiliated with any other qualified political party for the period specified.

The period is one year for people who were registered in another party, and three months for those who were registered non-partisan. Cummings contends that the registrar's office is failing to perform the required certification. He said that when he went to the registrar's office after the election, and asked about the certification requirement, he just got a blank look from one of Macdonald's top assistants.

As for Stanley's concern about the \$25,000, Cummings said that Stanley is misperceiving it. The two boxes are on the cover of a suit only for routing to the appropriate court. The checked boxes indicate whether the suit goes to what used to be called municipal court (under \$25,000) or superior court (more than \$25,000.) Cummings said that he could see where that would worry the ten named in the suit. However, state law requires their names there.

Cummings said that he really isn't looking for any money from them. On the contrary, he wants to encourage them to become active in Republican party campaigning, since that is what central committees are all about.

"Since the Republicans are the law and order party, we have to do our job. The registrar is not doing his job. That put us in an awkward unpleasant situation because of his action," said Cummings.

Cummings said that he brought the matter to the attention of the registrar's office at three different times after the election, although none of the conversations was with Macdonald then. Later Cummings met with Macdonald, who according to Cummings, said in effect, "So sue me." His words were "We respond only to a court order," Cummings stated.

Macdonald said that the suit is one of many that are filed against the office. Most are to clarify some point of election law or dispute something. It will be up to a judge to determine this one, he said.

Macdonald said that his staff does check to make certain that any filer for a party central committee is registered in that party. "In this case, I'm not sure off-hand, for each of those committee members." Macdonald said he couldn't comment on specifics, since the work is conducted by his staff.

He expressed confidence in his staff. "I think the office does a great job. This has been the most challenging election year. We've had three major elections in a 12-month period, the most since 1940," he said. "We have new requirements from the state, and security requirements on voting equipment. It has been an extraordinarily challenge. The staff continues to be pushed to the limit," said Macdonald.

CAMPAIGN NEWS

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce will host a Candidates Forum Breakfast on Wed., Sept. 17.

The mayoral and council candidates will speak to the issues and elements of the chamber's community vision, Pleasanton 2015. Brad Hirst will moderate.

The candidates for mayor are incumbent Jennifer Hosterman and Steve Brozosky; council candidates are incumbents Cindy

McGovern and Matt Sullivan and Jerry Pentin and Howard Neely.

The breakfast and program run from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. at Faz Restaurant, 5121 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton. This event is open to the community. Cost is \$20 per person. Please RSVP by Sept. 12 at 846-5858.

BUCHANAN ENDORSEMENTS
Assembly candidate Joan Buchanan has received the en-

dorsement of the Alameda Deputy Sheriff's Association and the California Professional Firefighters.

Buchanan is the Democratic candidate for the 15th Assembly District currently held by Republican Guy Houston. Houston is term limited out.

According to Association President Martin Neidoffer, through her career on the San Ramon Valley School Board, Joan has "demonstrated a real concern for the well being of the public." Martin added that she has "a unique ability to understand the needs of this diverse community and the skills to lead at the highest level."

SPORTS NOTES

Youth Soccer

The Livermore Elite Explosion U14 Division 1 Girls Soccer team traveled to Morgan Hill August 23-24 to compete in the Magic Cup. Four impressive wins resulted in a first place finish for the Explosion.

Livermore Explosion 2, MVLA Fusion 0. Brooke Rittmann's header past the keeper put the Explosion up 1-0 at the half. Elise Travis scored in the second half with a break-away past the Fusion defense. Livermore's defensive pressure led by Alexa Hubbs, Jazmin Ordonez, and Kylee Southwell kept the Fusion forwards at bay.

Livermore Explosion 7, Castro Valley Ravens 0. It was offensive domination for the Explosion in this match as 6 players found the back of the net. Mandi Alvarez scored twice and Sierra Cassels, Brooke Rittmann, Taylor Roach, Elise Travis and Ashlyn Smith each scored goals.

Livermore Explosion 1, Central Valley Revolution 0. Sierra Cassels crossed and Cassidy Peters fired it past the Revolution keeper to score one early for Livermore. Consistent passing and ball movement plus good defense was executed by midfielders Jessica Floyd, Danielle Lacombe and Ghoncheh Azadeh.

Livermore Explosion 2, Palo Alto Victory 1. In the championship game, Livermore did everything they needed to do. After several tough played matches in the past where the Explosion fell to the Victory by 1 goal, the Explosion was determined to put the streak to an end. Livermore scored two goals in the first half and overpowered the Victory. Elise Travis was wide open to punch in and score off a Brooke Rittmann assist. Livermore's second goal came off the foot of Audrey Walke who blasted the ball in the high left corner of the net giving the Palo Alto goalie no chance to save it. Explosion keeper Victoria Case was outstanding in the net denying the persistent Palo Alto offense from several scoring opportunities.

Explosion take 2 out of 3 at Soccer by the Bay On August 16-17, the Explosion played 3 good games at the Soccer by the Bay Tournament in Burlingame. The Explosion defeated the Juventus Firebrands 3-1 and Diablo FC 1-0 but fell 1-0 to Palo Alto Victory. Livermore's defense, anchored by Kylee Southwell, Jazmin Ordonez, Alexa Hubbs, Jessica Floyd and keeper Victoria Case proved once again to be a strong force against their opponents and Livermore's offense scored some impressive goals. In their match verse Juventus, Ashlyn Smith knocked one in over the keepers head and Yesica Morales sent a ball from mid-field that landed right in front of Raquel Hamblen who carried it to the net and scored. Shortly after Hamblen switched the ball and her perfect pass to the right was picked up by outside half Danielle Lacombe who shot it from the 18 and scored. In their game against Diablo FC, Livermore's lone goal came of the foot of Raquel Hamblen assisted by Yesica Morales.

Livermore Soccer

Livermore Youth Soccer League results from last week include the following:

LIVERMORE ELITE SOCCER - LIVERMORE ELITE RAMPAGE DIVISION-1 Gold U-10 Girls competed in the Redwood City Tournament of Champions Game 1: Livermore Elite Rampage 98 (0) vs. Tracy Crush (2). Rampage played a tough game and fought hard against the Tracy Crush. Unbelievable efforts were made by Ryan Murphy, Isabella Neads and Marissa Pletschette. Beautiful midfield passes were made by Bianca Stubler and Lauren Sandy. Rampage had an unbelievable goal tending by Alyssa Oki and Ashley Morton.

Game 2: Livermore Elite Rampage 98 (0) vs. SAYSO Gryphons 98 (3). Rampage defense worked hard as the Gryphons pressed. Strong defense from Jesse Espana and Hunter Vice helped Rampage tremendously. Rampage had fantastic midfield support from Adriana Sblendorio, Marissa Pletschette, and Alyssa Oki. Spectacular Goal tending came from Alyssa Oki as she made diving saves for Rampage.

Game 3: Livermore Elite Rampage 98 (0) vs. San Ramon United (1): In an evenly matched game, both teams fought hard. Lauren Sandy, Ryan Murphy, and Isabella Neads made many impressive runs but couldn't break through. Beautiful support and marking were done by Bianca Stubler, Adriana Sblendorio, Leslie Jimenez, and Ashley Morton. Rampage's defensive dynamic duo, Jesse Espana and Hunter Vice, kept the score down. Goal efforts by Ashley Morton, and Isabella Neads were once again, magnificent.

Livermore Xtreme Division-1 Silver U-10 Girls competed in the Devil Mountain Invitational Game 1: Livermore Xtreme (2) vs. Walnut Creek Pirates (4). Against the Walnut Creek Pirates, Cynthia Celeste scored the equalizer just before half time to tie the game at 1. Dani Kolling made numerous saves in goal throughout the match. In the second half, Olivia Schormann's volley off the far post led the Xtreme's comeback, which eventually fell short with the Xtreme falling 2 to 4.

Game 2: Livermore Xtreme (4) vs. Pleasanton Rage (0): Sunday's action kicked off with the Xtreme defeating the Pleasanton Rage 4 to 0. Marissa Pletschette got the scoring started with a nice cross into the box, which Jenna Sunnergren shot into the goal. Jenna assisted on the last two goals, feeding Amy Silva and rewarding Jesse Espana for her long runs down the right side.

Game 3: Livermore Xtreme (1) vs. Hayward Hurricanes (2): The Xtreme controlled possession for the majority of the last game with numerous shots on goal. Cynthia Celeste capped a three goal weekend in a very close 2 to 1 loss.

Livermore Elite Arsenal '94 Bronze U-14 Girls dominated in the Newark Referee Classic Aug. 16-17. Arsenal won all games and scored 22 goals for the tournament.

Game 1: Livermore Elite Arsenal '94 (5) vs. Central Marin Dragons (0): Strong defensive backs, led by Jennie Harmon, Holly Lamb, and Jessica Sanassarian kept the Dragons from scoring during the game. First half, Central Marin could not stop Gabi Macias as she scored two goals. One assisted by Kaela Moehnie and the other a perfect cross into the goal. Second half, Arsenal scored another 3 goals by Brianna Hill, Holly Lamb, and Kaley Olsen. Annette Ramirez providing strong defense prevented Dragons from moving the ball.

Game 2: Livermore Elite Arsenal '94 (6) vs. Rincon Valley Revolution (1) First half, Arsenal had control of the field. Strong play and ball control by Kira Torretto and Rachel Tabaracci kept the ball in Arsenal's control. Gabi Macias, Kaley Olsen, and Julie Walsh were able to each score a goal in the first half. Second half, Arsenal continued to dominate with our strong offense. Kaela Moehnie and Kira Torretto each scoring a goal with assists by Alyssa Ray and Julie Walsh. The 3rd goal came as Julie Walsh took a shot on goal. Revolution, attempting to block, pushed the ball into their own net. Revolution's only score came from a corner kick. After strong attempts by Arsenal to move the ball out of the goal box the only score was made against Arsenal.

Game 3: Livermore Elite Arsenal '94 (4) vs. Newark Knockouts (0) Both teams were ready to play hard. However, Arsenal taking the lead in the first half with Jaymie Lewis and Holly Lamb each scored a goal. Defensive backs, Jennie Harmon, Holly Lamb, and Jessica Sanassarian once again kept Newark from scoring distance. Strong offensive plays by Jenna Kadlec kept the defensive line up. Second half, Brianna Hill scored a goal with an assist from Kira Torretto, and Julie Walsh scored a goal with an assist from

Kaela Moehnie. Megan Thompson and Gabi Macias in control of the Arsenal offense, kept Newark's defense on guard. While Alyssa Ray (GK) prevented 2 shots on goal from scoring against Arsenal.

Championship, Game 4: Livermore Elite Arsenal '94 (7) vs. Newark Knockouts (0) Arsenal dominated the game with a 7-0 win. First Half, Arsenal came out ready to win. Scoring 5 goals in the first half alone. Brianna Hill had a perfect unassisted goal. Karley Luce had a strong offensive game with another perfect unassisted goal. Kaley Olsen played strong, scoring 2 goals, one assisted by Megan Thompson and the other off a foul on Jenni Smith. Kaela Moehnie, continuing to play tough, scored a goal with an assist by Kaley Olsen. Jenni Smith and Rachel Tabaracci had a great game playing tough against Newark helping to keep the ball under Arsenal's control. Second Half, Arsenal continued to dominate the game preventing any goals against Arsenal and scoring 2 more goals by Kaela Moehnie and Kaley Olsen with an assist from Jennie Harmon to top off the win.

Livermore Youth Soccer League Girls Division-4, Copper

U-6 Girls: The Wildcats vs. Butterfly Blasters; The Wildcats Offense: Serena Dolan, Sydney Mossinger; Defense: Abbey Licton. Butterfly Blasters Offense: Amanda Price, Brooke Schibell; Defense: Kendall Waugh

Wildcats vs. Firecracker Cuties: Wildcats Offense: Sarah Brock; Defense: Julia Passanante. Firecracker Cuties Offense: Erin Murphy; Defense: America Peralta. Both teams came ready to play with fierce game faces for the kick off of the 2008 season. Sarah Brock and Julia Passanante of the Wildcats showed great skill and determination in chasing down their opponents. Erin Murphy of the Firecracker Cuties kicked the first goal of the game. America Peralta, also of the Firecracker Cuties, scored with her swift footwork. Great game!

U-7 Girls: Wildcats vs. Goal Getters; Wildcats Offense: Madison Gourd, Christina Castaneda, Julia Castaneda; Defense: Hanna McDougall, Alexa Clatt, Arianna Racanelli. Goal Getters Offense: Audrey Curtis, Allison Azevedo, Bryn Murphy; Defense: Pascale Badders, Grace Hall, Nicole Geary

U-8 Girls: Mustangs vs. Blazing Stars; Mustangs Offense: Alexah Nava, Megan Mossinger, Ashley Yamaoto; Defense: Abby Andrews, Tiara Birdsong, Kamy Faro. Blazing Stars Offense: Isabella Quintana, Ashley Lamb, Hailey Hahlbeck; Defense: Rachel Myers, Kylie Muzzall, Kyra Munkner

The Rattlesnakes vs. The Crushers: Rattlesnakes Offense: Jordan Kennedy, Haley Holt, Cassidy Bates. The Crushers Offense: Grace Groeniger, Sophia Mylius, Chloe Stanford

Tigers vs. Fire Breathing Dolphins: Tigers Offense: Elise Fennigan, Kate Wallace; Defense: Angeliqe Marino, Ally Sprungasci. Dolphins Offense: Alexandria Christeson, Casey Sansoni; Defense: Olivia Claypool, Kylie Karter

Spirits vs. Wildcats: Spirit Offense: Brenda Gaspar, Talina Quezada, Noelle Rizzo; Defense: Kayla Jones, Aurora Gzelski, Emmerson Coberg. Wildcats Offense: Carly Schindler, Amber Thomas, Kalia Bartolotto; Defense: Sarah Wenzel, Josie Berg, Brigitte Meyer. A very energetic fast paced game kept the ball moving from 1 end of the field to the other. Lots of good passing and teamwork on both sides. Spirit had tons of speed from Mary, Brenda, Noelle, and Talina. Wildcats had tough defenders, including 3 very good goalkeepers!

Tigers vs. Tasmanian Devils: Defensive Players: Peyton Fields, Kaitlee Haskins, Madison Fomeris; Offensive Players: Caitlyn Quartaroli, Ashley Cole, Nicole Fairbanks. **U-9 Girls:** Shooting Stars (6) vs. Sparklers (0); Shooting Stars Offense: Amanda Zeck, Marley Lake, Andrea Sommer; Defense: Arianna Salcido, Julia Maitland-Rampage had an unbelievable goal tending by Alyssa Oki and Ashley Morton.

Game 2: Livermore Elite Rampage 98 (0) vs. Soccer Wizards (0) vs. Goal Getters (6): Soccer Wizards Offense: Kyla Tregear, Taylor Petersen; Defense: Kija Ourdoune, Sophia Sarkis. Goal Getters Offense: Katie Marcel, Clelia Oppari, Olivia Volponi; Defense: Olivia Curtis, Riley Shepard, Chloe Brickwedel; Goals & Assists: Amanda Czaplak. **Fireballs (3) vs. Soccer Rockers (6):** Fireballs Offense: Lindsay Gill, Ellie Duell, Audrey Redell; Defense: Gaby Alvarez, Erica Espinosa, Tyler Lee; Goals & Assists: Goals: Erica Espinosa (G), Lindsay Gill (2G), Tyler Lee (A). Soccer Rockers Offense: Tara Collier, Morgan Waugh, Sarah Passamante; Defense: Allyson Badger, Katie Hinds, Jamie Freitas (A); Goals & Assists: Tara Collier (2G), Morgan Waugh (G), Yesenia Diaz (G). The team was on fire today with the display of their terrific passing abilities! Defense by Gaby Alvarez (GK) was awesome and Lindsay Gill was able to make her second goal with a strong assist from Tyler Lee. Soccer Rockers: Tara Collier did an outstanding job on offense by scoring four goals. Morgan Waugh scored a goal with one assist. Allyson Badger played extremely well. Yesenia Diaz scored a goal with an assist by Jamie Freitas.

U-11 Girls Fierce Pandas (8) vs. The Force (1): Fierce Pandas Offense: Brianna Ruloma, Lilianna Montes; Defense: Sarah Persson, Alyssa Alvarez; Goals & Assists: Brianna (2), Shruthi (2), Madison (2), Taylor (1), Leah (1). The Force Offense: Amanda Stanford, Alexis Daldegan; Defense: Jessica Irwin, Mackenzie Schley

U-12 Girls Crushers (0) vs. Mighty Monkeys (2): Crushers Offense: Morgan Correia played outstanding midfielder Home Defense: Molly Morrisroe (GK) made 3 great saves. Mighty Monkeys Offense: Cassidy Herro (G), Michele Saunders (G) scored in the last half of the game; Defense: Gabrielle Cole and Carla Perez. Both teams played well. Despite several injuries, the Mighty Monkeys scored against the outstanding offense plays by the Crushers who fought hard without any substitute players.

U-14 Girls Storm (3) vs. The Pack (1): Storm Offense: Nicole Schneider, Shelby McNeil, Cayla Breiz; Defense: Mary Vigus, Victoria Parker, Katherine Braun. The Pack Offense: Christina Guillford, Tai Ball, Marijose Chacon; Defense: Cassandra Dukes, Charissa Roland, Lexi Herberth

Livermore Cyclones (0) vs. Lightning (1): Cyclones Offense: Hanna Barow, Kristen Palazo, Deena Maeleby; Defense: Jackie Meijer, Tiffanie Munoz, Kaitlin. Lightning Offense: Megan Smith, Charity Manning, Kristen Mork; Defense: Tatiana Jensen, Yasmeen Haider, Megan Cinquini; Goals & Assists: Megan Smith (G), Yasmeen Haider (A). Great game played by both teams. No score in the first half but many good attempts made by both teams. The only goal of the game was scored by Livermore Lightning 15 minutes before the end. The goal was scored by Megan Smith and assisted by Yasmeen Haider.

Boys Division-4, Copper

U-5 Boys Light Speed vs. KungFu Pandas: The Kung Fu Pandas mastered the art of soccer against Light Speed. And Light Speed lived up to their name on the field with their opponents, Kung Fu Pandas. All players showed great enthusiasm!

U-6 Boys Thunderbolts vs. Tigers: Thunderbolts Offense: Dillon Baxter, Kelly Galicia-Thomas; Defense: Danny Geissbuhler, Nicholas Gladden. Tigers Offense: Logan Bellini, Rahul Brar; Defense: Wyatt Jackson, Jason Tiedemann

Rockets vs. Lava Snakes: Rockets Offense: Connor Benson, Robert Butler, Aidan DeMello, Robert Mullineaux. Lava Snakes Offense: Matthew Anderson, Tate Ralph, Aiden Follis

U-7 Boys The Sharks vs. Ball Blasters: The Sharks Offense: Matthew Larson, Miles Rasumussen, Nathan Miskella; Defense: Carson Mohler, J.J. Knight, Jesse Wolfson. Ball Blasters Offense: Andrew Lent, Bryan Peeso, Wyatt Calkins; Defense: Trenton Westrow, Dylan Rapp, Shane Grimes

Diamondbacks vs. Bulldogs: Diamondbacks Offense: Brandon Foye, Logan Vinson, Bobby Farnier; Defense: Matthew Gomes, Zachary Hollingshaus, Ash Lawson. Bulldogs Offense: Thomas Kniewre, Shlok Bansal, Jacob Kilbane

Lightning vs. Jedi SC: Lightning Offense: Travis Silva, Zachary Parodi, Connor Hardesty; Defense: Owen Plute, Connor Campbell, Jack Hansen. SC Lightning Offense: Michael, Straus, Griffin Lawrence, Nathan Mac Dougall; Defense: Drake Small, Ben Tiedemann, Lewis O'Neill

Raptors vs. Bulldogs: Raptors Offense: Ricardino Alvarez, Kevin Vega, Thomas Rowels; Defense: Conner Mercer, Jojo Feliciano, Eddie Garcia. Bulldogs Offense: Justin Pestana, Mateo Moncada, Anthony Casillas; Defense: Will Nordvik, Josh Spencer; Brett Oelrich

Cougars vs. Sonics: Cougars Offense: Chad Madrid, Alejandro Mendez, James Dupery, Jacob Moen. Sonics Offense: Matteo Crivello, Zach Fumero, Gabriel Hazen, Douglas Wynne. #23 is a lucky number for the Sonics-both Matteo Crivello and Zach Fumero scored multiple goals, Douglas Wynne showed excellent defense skills as did Gabriel Hazen. The Cougars Chad Madrid and James Dupery also scored multiple goals. Alejandro Mendez and Jacob Moen both played excellent on both offense and defense.

U-8 Boys Crushers vs. Rockets: Crushers Offense: Wesley Gladen, Caleb Hardesty; Defense: Eric Moody, Rockets Offense: George Zika, RJ Ruckteschler; Defense: Marcus Robbi

Bombers vs. Eagles: Bombers Offense: Roberto Iacomini, Ryan McCusker, Casey Wortham; Defense: James Atter, Gabriel Parrish, Nicholas Puso. Eagles Offense: Cameron Aslin, Trey Beebe, Jeremy Theobald; Defense: Victor DeMayo, David Dale, Antonio Lamanna

Earthquakes vs. Golden Sharks: Earthquakes Offense: Ryan Mitchell, Nathan Frazier; Defense: Aiden Neely, Ethan Draeger. Golden Sharks Offense: Gustavo Garcia, Steven Rios; Defense: Duncan Maloney, Grant Dufek

Destroyers vs. The Quakes: Destroyers Offense: Noah Van Atta, Andrew Hayley, Ethan Payne; Defense: Gregory Short, Robert Pinkston, Matthew Tietjen. The Quakes Offense: Garrett Barker; Defense: Noah Rakestraw, Carson King

U-9 Boys Fighting Black Sharks (1) vs. Terminators (6): Sharks Offense: Christopher Sanchez, Jace Gersten; Defense: Nikhil Kumar, Samuel Elardo. Terminators Offense: Jack Altman, Omar Jesus; Defense: Christian Moreno, Jordan Zamboni

The Goal Minors (7) vs. Sonic X and the Black Diamonds (2): Goal Minors Offense: Oscar Franco, Nick McClendon; Defense: Jack Fogerson, Troy Wentworth, Sonic X Offense: Matthew Stepanek, Luke Morrisroe; Defense: Zack Kiser, Mason Stuart

Vipers (1) vs. Predators (6): Anthony Renouf, in his first soccer game ever, dribbled well, won several tackles, and scored the Vipers first goal of the season in extremely muddy conditions. Cameron Priest showed good ball handling skills attacking, and defended well as a mid-fielder. Kyle Conrad showed good ball handling skills when attacking.

U-10 Boys Scorpions (3) vs. Emerald Dragons (3): Scorpions Offense: Ethan Aboumar, Troy Forward; Defense: Raymond Carlson, Connor McCormack. Dragons Offense: William Chacon, Pierce Kadlec, Jacob Lester; Defense: Garrett Stone, Parker Hall, Jason Wong

Dominators (10) vs. Cougars (0): Dominators Offense: Anthony Lopez, Ethan Shang (5G), Hector Salcedo; Defense: Joshua Harlan, Shane Ward, David Sanchez. Cougars Offense: Kyle Parsons, Jared Paul, Trenton Wiedner; Defense: Diego Camacho, Robbie Hoff, Andrew Marty. The Dominators lived up to their name in the season opener for both teams. Their dynamic offense and relentless defense was too much to overcome for a hustling Cougar team.

U-12 Boys Strikers (4) vs. Terminators (0): Strikers Offense: Jacob Kerling, Gino Stoneham, Joel Udoutch; Defense: Luke Hanson, Austin Armstrong, Jeff Mullins; Goals & Assists: Jacob Kerling (2G), Omar Naisan (G), Joel Udoutch (G,A), Terminators Offense: Josh Frazier, Chase Billings, Nikita Van Schoonenberg; Defense: Shaya Filsoof, Owen Garika, Adam Kach

Flaming Monkeys (2) vs. Cyclones (5): Monkeys Offense: Austin Roder (2G), Ryan Stewart; Defense: Lwelyny Slone Visitor Offense: Jose Gutierrez (G,PK), Garret Vest (G), Conner Lovoi (A). Cyclones Defense: Joseph Roberts, Austin Harrison (G), Justin Swinkles. Jose Gutierrez of the Cyclones scored two goals in the first half to open up the game, one of them from a penalty free kick. Garret Vest scored the other shot for the Cyclones to increase the lead. Start of the second half, Conner Lovoi from the Cyclones made a great cross pass to Austin Harrison who kicked it in for the goal. Austin Roder for the Flaming Monkeys was the power house for his team, he scored in each half keeping his team within striking distance the first half, his shot on the second half was a cross side shot over the goalie.

U-14 Boys Samba (11) vs. Blackhawks (1): Samba Offense: Erik, Roger, Josue, Alexander; Defense: Kyle, Saul; Goals & Assists: Erik, Roger, Josue, Alexander (A). Blackhawks Offense: Alex (G), Tyler, Clayton; Defense: Richard, Miguel

Pleasanton Rage

Pleasanton Rage U13 Premier team took second place in the Soccer City Warm up Tournament held in Pleasanton on August 23-24.

In the first game against Mill Valley Rockers, Lindsey Kai crossed a pass to Andie Boehm for the first goal. Brianna Nicholas passed to Haley Lukas as the face of the goal where Lukas volleyed the ball into the net. Nicole Fetsch and Boehm dodged defenders and fired into the net for Rage's third and fourth goals. In a mob at the net, Marlo Agahazarian found a hole for Rage's fifth goal. Haley Chow ripped one into the net for the last goal. Final score 6-0 Rage.

In the second game on Saturday against Placer United Gold, Kira Ewanich centered a ball to Boehm who found a hole and scored. Ewanich received a pass and fired into the net for the second goal. Nicholas scored the last goal. Final score 3-1 Rage.

On Sunday, Rage shut down Merced United to advance to the playoffs. Tori Larsen volleyed the ball, hit off a defender and went in the net. Kirsten Jensen served a "threw ball" to Ewanich who dribbled down the middle and scored. Fetsch stole the ball from a defender and scored. Ewanich scored the next with her left foot. Last goal came from

Larsen to Ewanich. Final score 5-0 Rage.

The toughest battle of the tournament was for first place against Mustang Fury. Rage's defensive line of Precious Akanyirige, Cambi Cukar, Lukas and Georgia Savage held strong against the Fury's attack in the first half. Cambi Cukar saved a goal by kicking the ball out of the goal mouth after it bounced off the left post. Connor blocked a cross by taking a ball to the face. It was 1-0 at the half. Rage couldn't recover in the second half. Final 4-0 Mustang.

Beginner Lacrosse Clinic

Livermore Phantom Lacrosse will be hosting a lacrosse clinic for new players on Saturday, Oct 4, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Max Baer Park. The clinic provides instruction on the fundamentals of lacrosse to boys and girls ages 8 to 14. This is an excellent introduction into the fast moving and ever growing game of lacrosse. Demonstrations will be presented by local coaches, high school and college players, and maybe a surprise guest. \$50 fee includes quality lacrosse stick, t-shirt, & ball. For updated information and registration info please visit www.phantomlacrosse.org or contact Bob Wezual at 925-425-9901.

Swim Sessions

The Pleasanton Seahawks' Fall Swim and Varsity Conditioning sessions starts September 15 and runs through December 31. Both swim programs feature professional coaches, individual instruction, daily pool time (daily attendance not mandatory), and regular (optional) USA Swimming swim meets. For the 8th year in a row the Seahawks have been recognized as one of the top 75 USA Swimming teams in the nation. Swimmers of all abilities are welcome. Please note that Fall Swim does not affect summer league eligibility. USA Swimming registration is included. For more information regarding Fall Swim or Varsity Conditioning with the Pleasanton Seahawks USA Swimming Team, please contact recruiting@pleasantonseahawks.org.

Baseball Mini Camp

Tigers Baseball is sponsoring a Back to School 2008 high school mini camp to be held at the Foothill High School varsity baseball field, Saturday and Sunday September 6-7. All high school players and their parents are invited to spend a weekend with one of southern California's most celebrated hall of fame collegiate coaches. This camp is for high school players and parents who would like to know what it takes to play collegiate baseball. Players will have a chance to training under the guidance of Coach Robert "Skip" Claprod. This event is being held at the Foothill High School Varsity field. Space is limited. The first 40 players and parents who sign-up will be invited to a special private session with Coach Robert "Skip" Claprod Saturday morning. Players participating in this event should go to the Tigers Baseball website: www.livermorepony.com to download the camp registration form. All forms should be filled out and mailed with a check payable to Tigers Baseball. Mail check and registration form to Tigers Baseball, 6306 Carson Pass Way, Livermore, CA. 94551.

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

Morgan Territory Run

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

The 3.7 mile course is as great for beginning trail runners with its elevation gains and drops of less than 300 feet. The 6.24 mile course is another story with a gain and fall of 1100 feet. Expansive ridgetop views reveal Mount Diablo to the west, Mount St. Helena to the north and the snow-covered Sierra to the east.

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

Fee is 3.7 mile course \$27; 6.4 mile course \$30. For more information go to EBTrailRunners.com or contact Stuart Smith, 998-0734 or stuart.smith@ebtrailrunners.com.

Fall Ball Registrations

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

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Hats Off America

The 12th Hats Off America Red T-Shirt 10K Run/5K Run or Walk will be held on Saturday, September 6, beginning at 10 a.m. at Sycamore Valley Park, 2101 Holbrook Drive, Danville, rain or shine. Entry fee is \$35 per person. There is no entry fee for volun-

teers. All runners and volunteers will receive a red t-shirt, and lunch donated by El Balazo Restaurant.

Come meet the Gold Star Family, the Arroyaves.

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

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

Scholarship Run

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

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

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

Each participant will receive a commemorative T-shirt, refreshments, snacks, entry into a huge prize raffle, and the first 400

registered entrants will be guaranteed to receive the famous Back to School Scholarship Run's Monster Goodie Bag.

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

For more Back to School Scholarship Run information and/or an application, call On Your Mark Race Management at 209-795-7832, or visit their Web site at www.onyourmarkevents.com.

Fall Swim Program

The Livermore Aquacowboys USS swim team will be offering a Fall Stroke and Conditioning session from September 2 through November 21. The Aquacowboys offer a comprehensive swim program for children of all ages and ability levels. Swimmers who just want to stay in shape, improve technique and endurance, or begin competing at the United States Swimming level, the Aquacowboys program is tailored to help each swimmer achieve success. The Fall Conditioning program does not affect eligibility for summer league swimming. For additional information regarding Fall Conditioning or the year round USS team, email info@lacswwimming.com or call Emily Horst at 925-443-1755.

Youth Lacrosse

Girls New Player Festival for girls in grades 1 to 8 interested in playing lacrosse will be held Sun., Sept. 21 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Hart Middle School in Pleasanton.

Cost is \$39, which includes stick and ball. Registration is now open at www.pleasantonlacrosse.com. For more information, contact Kelly French at troynkelly@aol.com or 925-989-0940 (c) Spring 2009 Registration opens 9/1.

Volunteers Sought to Help Build Trail

Volunteers are needed to help complete a loop trail around Brushy Peak.

Currently, there are two trails that go in different directions. A new 1.5 mile segment would connect the two trails.

Volunteers for Outdoor California is teaming up with the East Bay Regional Park District and Tri-Valley Conservancy and Hands On Bay Area to build the trail at Brushy Peak Preserve on Sat. and Sun., Sept. 13 and 14.

The trail segment goes through the area under control of EBRPD. Plans had first been presented to construct a trail to the summit. However, Native American groups objected. A Native American representative will be on hand during the build a trail event to explain the objections.

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

Misting tents will be provided to cool down volunteers in the event of hot weather.

Camping will be available at Del Valle at no charge. Participants can go for a swim at the end of the day.

Volunteers can participate one or both days, work on a trail or help in the kitchen. There are a variety of tasks, from heavy work to something lighter, as part of the trail building.

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

Kidgits Amazing Games Planned

Annual Piano Recital Set

The community is invited to attend the annual recital co-sponsored by Asbury United Methodist Church and the Alameda County East Branch of the Music Teachers' Association of California. It will be held on Saturday evening, September 6, at 7:30 p.m. in Asbury's sanctuary, 4743 East Avenue in Livermore.

Children are especially welcome at this event. It will last about an hour and the pianist will be glad to sign programs and meet members of the audience.

This year's performer is Ian Counts, a Stanford freshman from Rancho Palos Verde. He has won many local and state honors and has performed on live radio and with orchestras. This year he became a member of the prestigious Young Artist Guild of the MTAC.

Counts will perform Beethoven's magnificent "Waldstein" Sonata, considered to be one of his greatest and most difficult compositions. Also on the program is Winnsboro Cotton Mill Blues by contemporary American composer



Ian Counts featured performer.

Frederic Rzewski, a stunning piece in which the blues theme appears amidst the clamor of the cotton mill. Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue will conclude the program.

The recital is open to the public. There is no charge for admission. Refreshments will be served afterward. For more information: (925) 443-2514

Pen Women Present Annual Show

The annual show featuring artists from the National League of American Pen Women.

"Art: Believe/Achieve" will be held at the Hayward City Hall, 777 B St., Hayward.

Pen Women represented from Pleasanton will be Elaine Drew, Charlotte Severin and Barbara Spanskic; from San Ramon, Pallavi Sharman.

The show runs Sept. through Oct. 29. There will be a reception with the artists on Fri., Sept. 5 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Wine, cheese and other refreshments will be served. A strolling guitar player will provide entertainment.

The show is hosted by the Hayward Arts Council. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. For information, phone 510-538-2787.



"Hollyhocks," a watercolor on Yupo paper by Charlotte Severin.

GAMES

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Saturday and Sunday. Highlighting the free event will be the Prince Charles Caledonian Club of San Francisco Pipe Band, one of the top bands in the nation. Highland dancing, music and heavy event athletes displaying the ancient and fabled caber will be a part of the show.

Following the show at 6:30, the Prince Charles pipe band will lead a procession to Delucchi Park, on nearby First Street, for a short concert and the introduction of the Celtic musical group Pladdohg at the park's bandstand. Pladdohg, fusing Celtic traditional tunes with American energy, is one of the Celtic Rock groups playing at the games over the weekend.

On Saturday and Sunday, August 30 and 31, the 143rd Scottish Highland Gathering and Games, presented by the Caledonian Club of San Francisco, is one of the world's largest Celtic gatherings.

The haunting bagpipes and drums are magnified by more than 25 pipe bands from the U.S. and Canada, all competing for top recognition, and, all providing a unique experience in the "Massed Bands" held each afternoon as part of the spectacular closing program in front of the main grandstands. More than 700 bagpipers and drummers are augmented by the U.S. Marine Band, San Diego and their spectacular repertoire of marching and show tunes.

Olympic class athletes throw a 130-pound, 22 foot log into the air in precise strength and agility, propelling the "caber" end-for-end to attempt a perfect score.

The 34th U.S. Individual Heavy Events Championship are part of the 143rd Scottish Highland Gathering & Games. This year the Hammer competition will be for the World Championship. The athletes will compete in a regimen of eight different events spread over one and one-half days to be eligible for the Overall Championship. Unlike regular track and field, these athletes must compete in all eight disciplines. The athletes are divided into five groups, with the

Pro Class the most recognized. The other four are the Men's Open Amateur, Women's Open Class, Men's 40-49 Masters Class and Men's 50+ Masters Class.

While most of the heavy events are much like regular track and field events, the one that stands out in most peoples mind is the caber. Unlike any other event in the world, the caber, with its ancient roots in Scotland, pitches a heavy and long pole (caber) in one of the most breathtaking feats of athletic and strength skill on the field. The longest and heaviest caber in regular competition is that of the Pro Class. The Pro caber is 20-feet long and weighs 130-pounds.

In the final event of the day, the pro athletes can elect to attempt the "Challenge Caber," the longest and meanest caber in existence at 21-feet, 145-pounds. Tossing the challenge caber does not count in the point scoring system. The other events include the Weight for Height. In this discipline the athlete stands beneath a crossbar, much like a pole vault bar, and attempts to throw the weight over his head and over the bar.

The 34th U.S. Invitational Heavy Events Championships is held both days of the gathering and games. The hammer, stone putt and weight for distance are held both mornings at the soccer field. The caber and weight for height is held at 1 p.m. in front of the main grandstands on the track surface.

Highland dancing competition and Scottish country dancing exhibitions to the sound of bagpipe and fiddle, plus Celtic harpers and fiddlers, are all part of the weekend activities.

The games are the epitome of Celtic music - from the classical troubadours singing Celtic tunes to the accompaniment of their guitar, melodic musical groups presenting a multitude of vocal styles, to the feverish amplified pitch of rock-and-roll, Celtic style. Entertainment will be featured on eight stages with more than a dozen acts throughout the fairgrounds.

Living history is part of the games. Mary Queen of Scots and

Wine and Words will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sun., Sept. 7 at the Martinelli Center in Livermore.

Livermore Poet Laureate Connie Post is host of the event, which features poets Lee Herrick and David Smith Ferri.

Herrick is the author of *This Many Miles from Desire* (WordTech Editions, 2007). He was born south of Seoul, Korea and adopted at ten months. His poems have been published in the *Haight Ashbury Literary Journal*, *Berkeley Poetry Review*,

Hawaii Pacific Review, *The Bloomsbury Review*, *Many Mountains Moving*, and *MiOesias*, among others, and in anthologies such as *Seeds from a Silent Tree: An Anthology of Korean Adoptees*, *Hurricane Blues: Poems About Katrina and Rita*, and *Highway 99: A Literary Journey through California's Great Central Valley*, 2nd edition. He is the founding editor of *In the Grove* and has been nominated for a Pushcart Prize. He teaches at Fresno City College and lives in Fresno, California.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

All God's Chillin' Got Wings. Eric Fraisher Hayes directs this rarely produced Eugene O'Neill classic. The story of an interracial marriage, the play was the subject of heated controversy in its day. Performances 8 p.m. Sept. 18, 19, 20, Village Theater, 233 Front St., Danville. Tickets \$30 general admission, \$10 students, call 820-1818 or visit www.eugeneoneill.org

Auditions Valley Concert Chorale by appointment on Monday, September 15, 22 and 29, at the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore. The church is located at the corner of 4th and L Streets. The Chorale is seeking experienced singers with sight-reading skills who enjoy singing exciting and challenging music. The Chorale performs a wide variety of music ranging from classical to contemporary, and folk to jazz. To schedule an appointment, call (925) 462-4205.

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

POPS Concert. reservations for the Livermore-Amador Symphony's October 10th and 11th evening POPS concerts on sale (8 a.m. - 8 p.m.). This year's theme is "POPS Goes to the Movies." Call (925) 447-4924 for reservations. Concert will be held at The Barn, 3131 Pacific Avenue, Livermore. All seats are reserved at \$20 each. If leaving a phone message, state name, phone number, and the date and number of tickets desired.

The Wild Vine Gallery is featuring the following local artists: August: Angela Johal, abstract oil paintings, September: Hayley Ferreira, mural paintings, reception Sept. 4, 7 to 9 p.m. October: Linda Ryan, figurative acrylics, reception Oct. 16, 7 to 9 p.m. November: Jennifer Severo,

portrait, figures, reception Nov. 14, 7 to 9 p.m. December: Lisa and Ron Rigge, photography, reception Dec. 4, 7 to 9 p.m. 2187 First St., downtown Livermore; 243-0700.

Summer Dinner and Movie at Wente Vineyards, Mon., Sept. 8, "Happy Gilmore." Cafe 6:30 p.m., Movie - Twilight The Lawn at Wente Vineyards. www.wentevineyards.com.

Vineyard Nights Live: Fri., Aug. 29. Rumors plays rhythm and blues, rock, pop, oldies and standard covers from the 70s to the 90s. Live music on the patio. Restaurant opens 6 p.m., music 7-10 p.m., \$15pp minimum. Indoor seating available. For more information contact Garre Winery, 7986 Tesla Road, Livermore. 371-8200. www.garrewinery.com

August and September Concerts in the Park. Fridays, 7-8:30 p.m., Lions Wayside Park, First & Neal Streets, Pleasanton, presented by the Pleasanton Downtown Association. Please, no plastic tarps or rocks to hold down blankets. August 29 - Pladdohg with sounds of Ameri-Celtic and Celtic rock. September 5 - Public Eye with Rock n' Roll Hits from the 60's through today. No admission charge.

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

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

Honour. Role Players Ensemble Theatre's "black box" production of

Smith-Ferri is an activist poet, whose book, *Battlefield without Borders* portrays his encounters with Iraqi people and the events that have shaped their lives over the last eight years. Many of the poems were written in Iraq and in Jordan, during three visits to the Middle East. All proceeds from the sale of his book (the entire sale price) go to Iraqi victims of this war, through a small, grassroots program of urgent medical care called Direct Aid Iraq (www.directaidiraq.org). The current Poet Laureate of Ukiah,

CA and a winner of the Janice Farrell Poetry Prize, Smith-Ferri has read his poetry at events and on radio stations across the country, including recently on Democracy Now!

Featured readers begin at 2 p.m. An open mic will be held after a short break (one poem per reader, 40 lines or less).

Admission is \$5, free to students with valid ID.. The Martinelli Center is located at 3585 Greenville Road. For additional information contact Connie@poetrypost.com.

Joanna Murray-Smith's original and multi-faceted exploration of marriage. Saturday 9/6 and 9/13 at 8 p.m. and Sundays 9/7 and 9/14 at 3 p.m. Danville's Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front St. Danville. Tickets are \$10, payable at the door only. Seating limited to ensure good visibility. Reservations recommended. Call 925 820-1278.

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

Vineyard Nights Live Music on the Patio: Papas Garage Friday, September 5, group of musicians with a searing hot energy level which emanates from their electric Rockin' Blues. Wine, beer, appetizers or dinner. Restaurant open 6 p.m., music 7-10 p.m., \$15pp minimum. Indoor seating available. For more information contact Garre Winery, 7986 Tesla Road, Livermore. 925.371.8200. www.garrewinery.com.

Planet 9 from Outer Space. Chouinard Vineyards and Winery outdoor theater presents a cult sci-fi classic, Ed Wood's unedited and original screen version, hosted by Mr. Lobo, star of *Cinema Insomnia*, with the voluptuous and luscious Queen of Trash. Evening of fun and audience participation including games, prizes and memorabilia. Sun., Sept. 14, 6 p.m. by reservation only, \$20 per car. 510-582-9900. 33853 Palomares Rd., Castro Valley. Bring a picnic; popcorn and wine available for purchase.

Children's Fair. Sept. 6 and 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Entertainment, hands-on activities and much more. Free admission. 373-5717. www.larpd.cst.ca.us.

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

A Different View. exhibit of art works based on East Bay Regional Park District parks, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore, from September 17, through October 30. A reception (reservations required at 925-373-6800) is planned for September 24, 2008.

I Was a TV Horror Show Host. Sept. 18, An event in the Ed Kinney Lecture Series. Presented by John Stanley. At 7:00 p.m. at the Museum on Main, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton. Cost: \$10 donation, \$5 for museum members. Reservations are recommended. For reservations call 925-462-2766. www.museumonmain.org.

Lend Me a Tenor. Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre (formerly Pleasanton Playhouse) Studio Theatre, 1048 Serpentine Lane, Suite 309, Pleasanton. Sept. 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28; Oct. 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12. Fri. and Sat. 8 p.m. Sun. 2 p.m. Ticket information 462-2121 or www.trivalleyrep.com.

American Ballet Theatre II. Sun., Sept. 21, 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater,

2400 First Street, Downtown Livermore. ABT II, directed by Wes Chapman, is a small classical company of thirteen young dancers of outstanding potential, handpicked from around the world. The company's varied repertoire mirrors the traditions of American Ballet Theatre; and, while it is firmly rooted in classical ballet, it also premieres contemporary choreography. Tickets \$45/\$40/\$35/\$30/\$12 students. 925.373.6800 or online at www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Riders in the Sky. open Grand Theatre Center for the Arts' Second Season. The performance will take place on Saturday, September 6, at 8:00 p.m. The theater is located at 715 Central Avenue, between Seventh and Eighth Streets, in downtown Tracy. Tickets are \$35 and \$40, with Grand Box Seats available for an additional \$15.00 and Parterre Seating for an additional \$5.00. Tickets may be purchased online at www.athegrand.org, by phone at (209) 831-6TKT (6858) or in person at the Grand Theatre Center for Arts Box Office.

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

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

Concert Features Top Guitarist

Calvary Chapel of Livermore will present the 2007 IMCA musician of the year, Dennis Agajanian, in a concert on Sun., August. 31.

The performance will be at 6 p.m. in the open air amphitheater in front of the Bankhead Theater on First Street.

Agajanian is an alumnus of the Guinness Book of World Records as the fastest flat picker. He performs country, bluegrass, classical and rock music.

For additional information, go to www.calvalrylivermore.org, or call 447-4357.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 413303

The following person (s) doing business as: Green Sky Solar, Inc., 1046 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Green Sky Solar, Inc., 1143 Canton Ave., Livermore Ca 94550

This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on July 10, 2008.

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Kyle L. Prusso
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 15, 2008. Expires July 15, 2013.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 413815-413816

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

1640 4th Street, Livermore Ca 94550
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/ Linda Maureen Sanches
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 15, 2008. Expires July 15, 2013.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 414065

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

This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on July 9, 2008.

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Annalee Fay
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 4, 2008. Expires August 4, 2013.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 413897

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

This business is conducted by an Individual
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Signature of Registrant: /s/ Jennifer Lee McGregor
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 30, 2008. Expires July 30, 2013.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 413885

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

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/ Garrett Torres
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 29, 2013.

The Independent Legal No. 2361. Publish August 14, 21, 28, September 4, 2008.

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

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

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

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action). The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

SEPTEMBER 22, 2008 AT 1:30PM in Dept. 707 at SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

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

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

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 413650

The following person (s) doing business as: 6Twenty1, 2321 1st Street, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): East-LaB, LLC, 2768 Elston Street, Livermore Ca 94550

This business is conducted by a Limited liability company
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on July 1, 2008.

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Jason LaBarbera
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 22, 2008. Expires July 22, 2013.

The Independent Legal No. 2363. Publish August 21, 28, September 4, 11, 2008.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 414308

The following person (s) doing business as: The Screen Machine of the Tri-Valley, 4150 1st Street, Livermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): James Theofanopoulos, 536 Hudson Ave., Oakland Ca 95361

Brandy J Kaufman, 536 Hudson Ave., Oakland Ca 95361
This business is conducted by a Limited liability company
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.

Signature of Registrant: /s/ James Theofanopoulos
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 11, 2013.

The Independent Legal No. 2364. Publish August 21, 28, September 4, 11, 2008.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 414009-414010

The following person (s) doing business as: 1) Yours To Treasure, 2) Home Consignment and More, 11 E. Airway Blvd., Livermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): William K. Jess, 1568 Cheryl Drive, Livermore Ca 94550

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/ William K. Jess
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 31, 2008. Expires July 31, 2013.

The Independent Legal No. 2367. Publish August 21, 28, September 4, 11, 2008.

NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a mobilehome, registered to Penny Climer, and described as a 1976 Embassy, Decal Number AAB3653, Serial Number 2317, Label/Insignia Number 197040 and stored on property within the Sunrise Mobile Home Park, at 855 Sundial Circle, Livermore, County of Alameda, California 94550 (specifically the space designated as 856 Sundial Circle, Space 64, within the park), will be sold by auction at the mobilehome park at the Sunrise Mobile Home Park, at 855 Sundial Circle, Livermore, County of Alameda, California 94550 (specifically the space designated as 856 Sundial Circle, Space 64, within the park), on **September 16, 2008, at 11:00 a.m.**, and such succeeding sales days as may be necessary, and the proceeds of the sales will be applied to the satisfaction of the lien, including the reasonable charges of notice, advertisement, and sale

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Dated: August 14, 2008
Joseph W. Carroll Attorney at Law 2131 Capitol Avenue, Ste 307 Sacramento, Ca 95816 (916) 443-9000

The Independent Legal No. 2368 Publish August 28, September 4, 2008.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 414654

The following person (s) doing business as: JS Bench Covers, 3922 Rockingham Dr., Pleasanton Ca 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Joanne Smith, 3922 Rockingham Dr., Pleasanton Ca 94588

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Registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on January 1, 2008.

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Joanne Smith
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 19, 2008. Expires August 19, 2013.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 414739

The following person (s) doing business as: Red Hawk Partners, 1085 Carrara Way, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Michael Lyon, 1085 Carrara Way, Livermore Ca 94550

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Signature of Registrant: /s/ Michael Lyon
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 21, 2008. Expires August 21, 2013.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 414691

The following person (s) doing business as: 1) Phillip's Prime Rib & Lobster House, 2) Tree Garden, 6513 Regional Street, Dublin Ca 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Willow Tree Restaurant, Inc., 6513 Regional Street, Dublin Ca 94568

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Signature of Registrant: /s/ Marina L. Chin
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Time Running Short for 100 Percent Financing Program

By Cher Wollard
A charitable program that has helped more than 1 million U.S. families purchase their homes – an average of 50,000 per month, according to industry figures – may soon go the way of 4 percent interest rates.

Down payment assistance from sellers has been a tool used to help buyers who have the income and the credit to purchase homes, but not the funds for down payments and/or closing costs. But if you are looking to take advantage, you have to act quickly. The Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 prohibits such down payment assistance from sellers on all FHA loans as of Oct. 1. The bill also increases from 3 percent to 3.5 percent the amount of down payment required on FHA mortgages.

In these programs, certain nonprofit organizations gift up to 6 percent of the purchase price to buyers. The sellers then donate an equal amount back to the program after close of escrow, to replenish the program's coffers. Nehemiah, based in Sacramento, is the oldest and the largest organization currently offering these programs.

For example, if the Smiths are looking to purchase the Browns' home for \$500,000, they might apply for a grant of up to \$30,000 from Nehemiah or one of the other similar programs, which they would use for down payment or closing costs. The Browns would then "pay it forward," with a \$30,000 donation to assist the program's future clients. This donation is not tax-deductible as a charitable donation, but can be factored against profit as part of the cost of selling a home.

A modest processing fee is assessed, about \$600, and can be paid by the buyers, the sellers or the lender.

Cole Sollitt, a home loan specialist with Countrywide Bank, used the program recently when he helped secure a mortgage for a young couple purchasing a bungalow in the Springtown area of Livermore. The house, which was to be their first home, had a lot of deferred maintenance.

While the couple had good credit and secure jobs, they did not have enough in savings to cover down payment and closing costs, and still have money for repairs. The seller wanted an "As Is" sale, but did agree to participate in the Nehemiah Program.

"In that situation, it was exactly what needed to be done," Sollitt said. "Everybody wins. That house wouldn't have probably sold otherwise because it was pretty torn up."

Buyers appreciate these down payment assistance programs (DPAs) because they provide cash to help with the up-front costs of purchasing a home. And, unlike most state and city programs, DPAs are grants, not loans that have to be repaid.

Sellers like the programs because, especially in a slow market, they provide an added incentive for buyers to make an offer on their home.

"I think if you're dealing with a seller who has a lot of equity, it's a great tool for marketing," noted Sue Kabalin, a Realtor with Windermere Welcome Home. She and her partner, Cheri Stephens, advertised the Nehemiah Program on a recent listing in Walnut Creek. "If you have a seller who can offer that up, it's a great way to attract buyers," she said.

DPAs also benefit communities, helping to stabilize neighborhoods, increase property tax revenue and assist nontraditional homebuyers to purchase property, supporters say. Nehemiah estimates that almost half of its participants are minority first-time homebuyers and more than one-third are female heads of household.

But some people – notably officials with the Department of Housing and Urban Development – are opposed to DPAs because they believe they have contributed to problems in the subprime mortgage market. HUD has twice tried to bar the use of these programs in conjunction with FHA loans, only to see them reinstated by the courts.

Now these programs may not be available in conjunction with FHA loans secured after Oct. 1. Although they would still be allowed with other mortgage programs, DPAs are most effective in conjunction with lenders that require only modest down payments, and FHA is one of the few players left that meets that need.

This has homebuyers and their loan officers and agents scrambling to get purchases wrapped up quickly. HUD guidelines state that loans that have been approved by the Oct. 1 deadline will be honored.

It also has inspired others to work toward reversing, or at least modifying, the new restrictions.

Nehemiah, for example, has launched www.dpagroundswell.org, to mobilize opposition to the ban.

"Since the passage of the Housing Bill, we have been contacted by families, industry groups and individuals voicing concern about the long-term impact of this ban on themselves and their communities," explained Scott Syphax, president and CEO of Nehemiah Corp. He urges supporters to contact their Senators and representatives through this website.

On July 31, four representatives introduced H.R. 6694, which would require the FHA to accept seller-financed down payments and authorize the agency to apply a risk-based pricing structure for mortgage insurance on loans that used these programs. The pricing would be based on the borrower's credit score.

Among the new House bill's supporters are the National Association of Counties, the National Urban League and the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

Kabalin also agrees with this approach. "The people who are in trouble today did not go through the strict guidelines FHA demands," she said. "It was things like stated income (loans that do not require borrowers to document their income) that got us in trouble, not homebuyer's assistance to sellers."

While homeowners who used down payment assistance have defaulted on their mortgages at a somewhat higher rate than those who did not, those defaults still represent a small segment of participants – less than 10 percent. And of those who have had problems, many, if not most, had obtained mortgages using fraudulent information, according to the Government Accountability Office.

Sollitt said DPAs are not for everyone, and can be abused, but he has seen programs like Nehemiah work well for some of his most deserving clients.

"The bottom line is that Nehemiah is just another tool for us in the real estate industry," Sollitt said. "It does get bad press, however there are situations where it is perfect to assist the right buyer."

Cher Wollard is a local Realtor

New Home Starts Down

Total new home production in California continued to drop across the board in July as declines were recorded for both single-family and multifamily new-home production from month-to-month as well as year over year. It appears that California will produce the lowest number of new homes in recorded history, according to the California Building Industry Association.

According to statistics compiled by the Construction Industry Research Board, 5,168 permits were pulled throughout California, down 45 percent when compared to the same month a year ago and down 23 percent from June. Single-family permits totaled 3,023, down 48 percent from July 2007 and down 25 percent from June, while multifamily permits totaled 2,145, down 40 percent when compared to July 2007 and down 19 percent from the previous month.

During the first seven months of 2008, permits were pulled for 41,823 units, down 44 percent from the same period last year when 74,072 permits had been issued. Single-family permits were down 54 percent while multifamily permits dropped 24 percent.

Robert Rivinius, CBIA's President and CEO, added that building the lowest number of new homes since statewide building permit tracking began in 1954 would likely lead to another wave of increased prices once the foreclosed homes have been purchased.

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.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., Aug. 30, 60 miles from Pleasanton through Castro Valley to Oakland Zoo, meet 9 a.m. at Shannon Center in Dublin, Curtis Stallins, 922-2461. Sun.,

Aug. 31, 55 miles Shannon Center to Sunol, Calaveras Reservoir and Levin Park in Milpitas, meet 8 a.m., Elaine Nadeau, 577-6586. Wed., Sept. 3, 30-35 miles to top of Mt. Diablo, meet 8 a.m. at San Ramon Community Center, Elaine Nadeau, 361-7972. Club meeting Wed., Sept. 3, 7 p.m. Round Table Pizza in Dublin, 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.

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

Livermore Adult Education Fall registration has started. Classes include the following: computer, senior/computer, health occupations, art, home economics, health and safety, community interest, parenting, Yoga, notary, finance, foreign language, English Second Language, high school diploma, GED, SAT/PSAT Preparation. To

register go to www.livermoreadulted.org or call 925-606-4722 for more information.

California Native Plant Society, Santa Clara Valley Chapter, talk Native Plant Communities for Bay Area Gardens by Glenn Keator, author, instructor, field trip leader. Friday, September 5, 7-9 p.m. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. The event is free and open to the public and all are welcome.

Book sale. Friends of the Livermore Library will hold their monthly book sale on Sunday, September 7, from noon to 4 p.m. in front of the former Library at 1000 South Livermore Avenue in Livermore. Fiction and non-fiction books, magazines and audio-visuals are sold at deep discounted prices. There will be a table of free books. From 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. books will be sold for \$2.00 a shopping bag full of books.

Ohlone Audubon, meets 7:30 p.m. Tues., Sept. 2 in the library at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave. Joe Morlan, instructor in Field Ornithology at the City College of San Francisco for 30 years, will show the evolution of birds and animals through digital pictures. Refreshments served. Information, call 510-507-3383.

Ladies Choice Investment Club of Pleasanton is accepting new members. For more information, please contact the club's membership chairperson - Jeanne Bazan @ the following locations: e-mail: f.bazan@comcast.net and/or Tel# (925) 845-3574. Meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the 2nd Monday of the month.

Amador Valley Quilt Guild meets Saturday, September 13, at 1:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Avenue, Pleasanton. This meeting will showcase some of the guild's members. The guild is a non-profit educational association for quilters of all skill levels. Anyone interested in quilting may attend. For further information about the guild or upcoming speakers, please visit our website, <http://amadorvalleyquilters.org>

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

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

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

Kidsfaire Features Fun for All at the Fairgrounds

The annual Kidsfaire will be held at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton on Sept. 6 and 7.

Featured performers will be The Hipwaders. The Hipwaders have previously won 2 Parent's Choice Awards and their latest album was ranked in the Top 5 album releases of the year for kids and families by the "Fids & Family" group of writers, programmers and others involved in the music industry.

America's Family Expo is the largest event of its kind in the nation. There are fifteen acres filled with non-stop family entertainment, hundreds of interactive exhibits, stage shows, children's pavilions, and resources for the home and family.

Registration is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 2-12. More information at www.thekidsfaire.com/pleasanton.htm or 866-283-8600.

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

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

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

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

Free Diabetes classes for people of all ages with Type 2 Diabetes or Pre Diabetes. Alameda County Diabetes Public Health Diabetes Program. New classes: September 8, 10am, Pleasanton Senior Center; September 9, 10am, Livermore Adult Education. Please call 510-383-5185 to register.

Celebration of Athletes, \$80/680 Senior Games opening ceremonies, Fri., Sept. 19, 4 to 7 p.m. at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Mexican buffet dinner, silent auction, door prizes, keynote speaker, fitness expert Joanie Greggains. \$14 per person, dinner RSVP by Sept. 12, doors open at 4 p.m. 931-5365.

RELIGION
Divorce Care, Valley Bible Church, 13 week seminar and support group, Mondays 7 to 9 p.m., starts Sept. 8, 7106 Johnson Dr., Pleasanton. \$25 charge for workbook and other materials. Preregistration is required.

OBITUARIES

Ronald Ray Hill

Ronald Ray Hill died at his home in Livermore on August 14, 2008 from brain cancer. He was born February 22, 1933 in Fresno, CA to Ray and Velma Hill. Ron lived a life full of family, friends and service.

Ron was called to active duty by the Marines in 1950 and served his country in Korea aboard the USS Toledo. He married Barbara June Smith in 1952 in Fresno. In 1956 Ron went to work for the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and the couple moved to Livermore. He retired in 1987 to devote time to his family, fishing, woodworking, gardening, cooking and photography. Ron was an active volunteer for many organizations, including East Bay Regional Park District, Red Cross blood drives at LLNL, Livermore Police Department, and he belonged to the LLNL Retirees, Valley Study Group and was a life member of the VFW.

He is survived by his wife Barbara, sons Rick (Erma) and Randy (Nancy), grandchildren, Melanie and Conner and brother-in-law Ivan Smith and many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Ron's life will be held at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave, on Friday, September 12th, from 11am-1pm. All who knew him are invited to attend to share your memories and stories of Ron. Memorial gifts may be made to Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd., Dublin, CA 94568-3151.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Myrtle Hopkins

Myrtle Hopkins, a resident of Tehachapi Hospital skilled nursing unit, died August 19, 2008 at the marvelous age of 94. Although she lived here for only six years, she was well known to her many friends as "The Lady in the Red Hat."

Born in Shanghai, China, Feb. 28, 1914, Myrtle traveled the world throughout her long life, immigrating to America in 1941. One of her fondest memories was of the Honey-moon trip she and her husband took on the Orient Express from Shanghai to meet her in-laws who lived in England. Myrtle rose to great heights in the mortgage banking industry in the Bay Area and Southern California, breaking many "glass ceilings" on the way to the top. At one time, she was the only female member of an exclusive group comprised entirely of Mortgage Banking executives. Special arrangements had to be made to accommodate her in a Men-Only meeting room.

Myrtle and her husband T.F.E. Hopkins, who preceded her in death 14 years ago at the age of 92, were well known hosts in their home of many years in Alameda, in the Bay Area. As founding members of the Alameda Little Theater, they enjoyed life to the fullest.

Myrtle leaves behind four children, Susan Williams of Tehachapi, Jill and Tom Teaford of Santa Cruz, Diana Linderman of Maui, and Gordon and Becky Hopkins of North East PA. Her legend continues in her grandchildren, Susan and Paul Harrison, Tom and Tina Williams, Jim and Angelise Linderman, Curt Linderman, Jill and Scott King, Liz and Frank Wada, Alex and Dominique Teaford, and Arthur Hopkins. Myrtle's grandson Scott Linderman preceded her in death many years ago. She is also survived by nine great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren as well as nieces Lynne Norton, Margaret Carmo, and Geraldine Tenney and nephew, Jim Johnson. Myrtle's brother Bill Tenney, sister-in-law Aloha Tenney, sister Bunchie Johnson, and brother-in-law Paul Johnson all preceded her in death. Myrtle was the last family member of her generation.

A memorial service will be held at the Tehachapi Community Church, on Thursday, September 4th at 10:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Tehachapi Community Church, 114 East E Street, Tehachapi, 93561, or the Guild of Tehachapi Hospital, P. O. Box 447, Tehachapi, CA 93581.

Charles Wesley Smith

Livermore resident Charles W. Smith was born on October 15, 1920 in Superior, Wyoming and passed away peacefully on August 15, 2008 in Livermore CA.

Charles served in the United States Marine Corps for 23 years and retired as 1st Sergeant. Charles worked at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for 16 years. He was a member of many clubs including the Elk Lodge, Odd Fellows Lodge #219, VFW, Post 7265 FRA Branch 287, the Springtown Men's Golf Club, and SIRS #121.

Charles was preceded in death by his wife Sylvia and his daughter Joelle. He is survived by daughters Colleen Borjas of Las Vegas NV, and Judy A. Servetti of San Francisco, as well as 6 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

A Memorial Service for Charles was held on August 24 with Full Military Honors.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Imogene "Gene" M. Carter

Surrounded by family and love, Imogene "Gene" M. Carter succumbed to her health challenges of the past few years on August 19, 2008 in Pleasanton, California. She was born Mary Jennet Means on July 13, 1927 in Fort Yates, North Dakota to Alma Short and Wesley William Means. She was a Lakota (Ogalala) Sioux and member

of the Standing Rock Sioux Indian Tribe. Her mother died when Gene was only five and she was raised by her grandmother in Martin, South Dakota. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Lavinia "Babe" Guerin, and brother William Wesley "Toady" Means.

Gene came to Vallejo, California in her early teens to live with her aunt and uncle. Modest and shy yet strikingly beautiful and a terrific dancer she captivated a bold, exciting young man from Richmond, California, Richard R. Carter and in 1946 he swept her off her feet and made her his wife. They had five children together. As well as being a stay-at-home mom, Gene also became a beautician and hair salon owner. She and husband Richard separated in 1966 and later divorced. Gene then pursued a career in nursing and was a Licensed Vocational Nurse for 30 years working in several Bay Area Hospitals until her retirement.

She was most happy when with her children and grandchildren and made any sacrifice to be available to them. She will be remembered by her family and her sister Lisette Montgomery of Ventura, Ca. for her happy laugh, patience, tolerance and unconditional acceptance. Her wants were few and simple and her greatest desire was to help her family whenever she was needed. She was calm and unflappable in any situation and therefore her nursing and beautician/"counselor" careers suited her perfectly.

Gene's family, Carolyn and Paul Mecozi, Robert and Carole Carter, Janet and Paul Romero, Cheryl Russo, Jill and Steven Bradley and her 12 grandchildren and their spouses and 15 great-grandchildren will honor her with a memorial celebration to be held on Sunday August 31st at 12:00 pm at the home of Paul and Carolyn Mecozi. The family asks that any kind acts of charity be made to the Gene Carter Education Fund.

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Mary Emily Mattos

Pleasanton resident Mary Emily Mattos died August 8, 2008 in Antioch. She was born August 14, 1911. She worked as a cook.

At her request, no services will be held.

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Valere Ruehlow

Valere Ruehlow passed away August 21, 2008 in her Livermore home care facility at the age of 89. She was born in Beloit Wisconsin February 13, 1919. She moved to Livermore in 1955 with her husband and children.

Valere enjoyed being a Girl Scout leader, playing bridge, square dancing and traveling with her husband.

She was preceded in death by her husband Lawrence Ruehlow and brother Rex Stewart. She is survived by daughters Sandra Ruehlow of Palo Alto, Pam Christmas of Livermore and son Stewart Ruehlow of Hayward, granddaughter Julie Christmas, grandsons Tolen and James Cuppet and Ryan Ruehlow, three great grandchildren and sister, Ardis Ten Eyck.

At the request of the family no services are scheduled. Private Inurnment at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Livermore.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Fred L. Brown

Fred L. Brown, native of Oakland, passed away after a short illness on August 25, 2008. He was born Dec. 11, 1914.

Fred loved to play golf, he and his wife enjoyed their home in Castlewood.

He is survived by his loving family, wife of 4 1/2 years, Maria Brown and son Robert Brown and his wife Joan of Santa Clara, and five cherished grandchildren.

Funeral services were held August 27 in Pleasanton. Burial was private.

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Savanna Ellen Harabadian

Savanna Ellen Harabadian passed away on July 3, 2008, in her beloved city of Ashland, home of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival (OSF) where she spent many happy years attending and contributing to festival programs. She grew up in Ruston, LA and was named for her paternal grandmother Savanna (Fuller) Williams, daughter of Alf Fuller, one of the last surviving Civil War veterans. She was preceded in death by her beloved husbands Howard Jaeger (1955) and Perry Harabadian (1997); parents Ella Mae (Shivers) and Henry Grady Williams; sister DeLane Paul and brother Dow Oren Williams.

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

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

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

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

Edward Delmar Mullikin

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

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

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

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

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Cedar Mountain Winery Gains Green Certification

Cedar Mountain Winery is the first winery in Alameda County to be certified as a Green Business by Bay Area Green Business Program.

To earn certification, businesses must meet stringent requirements in six areas: clean water; sanitary discharge; energy conservation; water conservation; pollution prevention; and solid waste reduction. "This is a comprehensive certification process which took nearly eight months to complete," said Linda Ault, President/CEO of Cedar Mountain Winery. The Green Business Certification Program is an ongoing assessment and improvement process to conserve resources, prevent pollution, and minimize waste.

The Wine Institute and the California Association of Winegrape Growers launched the California Sustainable Winegrowing Program in 2002 to help the state earn a reputation as the world leader in the adoption of sustainable winegrowing practices. "We have been using these Sustainable Winegrowing Practices since the beginning of the program and had only few changes to make to our operating procedures in order to earn the Green Certification. For ex-

ample, Chris Sorensen, Assistant Winemaker, made the suggestion that we move the stainless steel tanks from outside on the crush pad to inside the winery building. This cut our energy bill in half," said Linda.

"We are extremely proud to be Alameda County's first Green

Winery and encourage other wineries to do so," said Earl, co-owner and winemaker. Earl is also on the Board of Directors of the Wine Institute. He attends to every aspect of grape growing and wine production at Cedar Mountain Winery.



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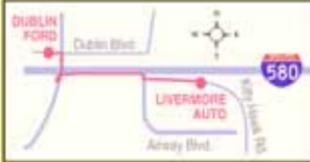
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