



Don't Miss The Independent's second section.

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



March Under the Arch Signals Start of Games

All the way from London, England, the Pipes & Drums - 1st Battalion Scots Guards will make their first appearance in Pleasanton since 2002 this Friday in the "March Under the Arch".

The annual kickoff to the world's largest Scottish festival, the 144th Scottish Highland Gathering & Games on Saturday and Sunday at the fairgrounds, takes place under Pleasanton's arch at 6:00 p.m. Friday afternoon. The short presentation will also include a Highland Dancing demonstration during the half-hour event on Main Street.

The Scots Guards are one of the prime military pipe bands that perform during the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace. Steeped in history since their birth in 1642, the Scots Guards are among the world's foremost military bands and one of the most colorful.

The Scots Guards will also be performing in concert at 8:30 p.m. at the Games host hotel, the San Ramon Marriott. The Scots Guards will share the stage with another major band and will be hosted by Scotland TV personality and singer Isla St. Clair. Tickets are \$15.00 and are available Thursday and Friday at the hotel.

Shifting to Saturday and Sunday, the Scots Guards will perform during the Massed Bands Closing Ceremonies both days in front of the grandstands. They will be accompanied by the 45-member U.S. Marine Band San Diego and 28 competition pipe bands from the U.S. and Canada during the spectacular show. In addition to solo performances by the Scots Guards and the Marine band, the two will merge as one and perform in unison. This is one of the only venues in the world where this unison between a military pipe band and Marine band can be seen.

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Cop on Top Raises Funds for Special Olympics

Livermore Police personnel will participate in "Cop on Top" to raise money for Special Olympics. The event involves sitting on top of scissor lifts starting Thurs., Sept. 10 at 2 p.m. and ending Sun., Sept. 13 at 2 a.m. The event will take place at Lizzie Fountain, corner of First Street and Livermore Avenue.

Some will sit for the duration, 60 hours, others will sit in time increments but all will be in it for the same thing, Special People; Special Olympians.

Livermore Police Department Volunteers and Special Olympics staff will staff booths to collect donations and ensure the safety of the public and the 'squatters.'

Trustees Say Replacing Casey Won't Be Easy

By Ron McNicoll

Replacing Pleasanton schools superintendent John Casey won't be a simple task, according to school board president Chris Grant and trustee Pat Kernan.

Casey plans to retire June 30 at the end of the current school year.

Casey set a very high standard for the position since being hired for the job in 2002, declared Grant and Kernan.

Casey led the school district

to high achievement among California school districts, ranking in the top 10 among more than 300 unified districts.

Board president Chris Grant said, "Casey has brought an unending work ethic to the district. We plan to find a top superintendent who can take our school district even further."

A longtime board member, Kernan was among the trustees who hired Casey. He said that the board at that time was trying

to raise the district's academic bar. "We wanted to take it to the next level, across the board. We wanted to have someone to work with the ethnic groups. John had that experience. It has worked out well," said Kernan.

Casey served a high percentage of Hispanic students when he was superintendent in the Parajaro Valley school district in Watsonville. He also had experience in a high-income district. The combination was a good

one for Pleasanton's goals, said Kernan.

Casey said that he has had retirement on his mind for awhile. His goal was to do retire sometime between the ages of 55 and 57. He will be 57 in May.

One of Casey's first leisure activities in retirement will be traveling with his wife, Jody, and his parents to Texas and Arkansas in a motor home to visit the ancestral family area. The Caseys have two adult daughters.

Casey grew up in Brentwood, held his first teaching job there in a middle school in 1977, and moved up eventually to superintendent of the former high school district there. He plans to move back to his hometown. Other than hiking and camping, he has no other definite plans for the future.

CORE BELIEF IN KIDS

Asked what it takes to be a successful superintendent, Casey stated, "You need to have a core (See CASEY, page 4)



One of the activities at last weekend's Applefest at Ravenswood was making cider. Helping to run the cider press is Anna Casey. More photos on page 9.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

H1N1 Flu Is Here: What You Should Know

Ready or not, the influenza virus called 2009-H1N1 is circulating in northern California as people return from vacations, children crowd into schools and the flu season approaches.

The illness caused considerable alarm when first identified in Mexico last Spring, although medical researchers think it probably originated in Asia months earlier. It has been called Mexican flu, swine flu, and novel-H1N1, a name still in common medical use. The name changes have produced a few cynical comments in blogs and news articles. However, the medical world is very clear that this illness should not be taken lightly.

The World Health Organization last week announced that 2009-H1N1 is now the dominant form of influenza worldwide, spreading with astonishing speed.

"This is a new virus. Our bodies have never seen this one," said Dr. Randy Bergen, an infectious disease expert from Kaiser. Bergen is head of pediatrics at Kaiser-Walnut Creek and leader of Kaiser's vaccine program for northern California.

In fact it is so different that we may need not one but two doses of vaccine, separated by three weeks or so, to build immunity in stages.

"The first time we see something this new, our bodies don't respond as quickly," Bergen said. Right now, clinicians at Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are testing some 2,400 healthy volunteers who were injected experimentally to learn how much antigen -- the protein that stimulates the immune response -- is needed to confer protection.

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McNerney Wants Consumer Friendly Health Reform

By Ron McNicoll

Rep. Jerry McNerney, (D-Pleasanton), wants portability of health care insurance, security against personal economic ruin, and a fairer shake for small businesses in whatever health care bill will be signed into law.

McNerney made those points in a telephone town meeting attended by more than 7000 people throughout the 10th Congressional District on Aug. 26.

The phone attendance was the largest so far in his one-half dozen or so conference calls this year, said aide Sarah Hersh.

McNerney said that his general philosophy concerning a health care bill is that "we need

to find a uniquely American solution, which builds on the country's competitive tradition, and not build it from scratch."

HR3200, which was passed out of a committee on which McNerney serves, would not require citizens to change their health care plans. "They will be able to keep their plans. This bill tackles the most pressing problems," said McNerney.

Among those problems is the current lack of portability of a health plan. People lose their health care, or a specific plan, when they switch jobs, or move to another state. They have no insurance until the new insurance

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Zone 7 Looks at 9% Rate Boost Next Year

By Ron McNicoll

The Valley's four water retailers will be paying 9.25 percent more to Zone 7 Water Agency for their water next year, if the full board approves a committee recommendation.

The board will discuss the recommendation at its regular meeting Sept. 16. A vote on the rate proposal is expected Oct. 21. Traditionally, the new rate begins in January.

The rate was a slight reduction from a staff-proposed 9.5 percent increase. It would boost the average homeowner's monthly water bill by \$3.07 per month.

If adopted by the full board, the increase would be 10 cents per month less than an alternative that was recommended by staff. That boost would have

amounted to a \$3.17 per month increase for the typical household.

For just pennies more per month, the staff thought it would be better to retain \$800,000 for the expansion of Zone 7's water hardware rebate program. The committee-recommended rate will chop that program expansion budget by one-half to \$400,000.

Zone 7 has had much success with a residential water conservation program of rebates to homeowners for such things as low-water washing machines and toilets.

Now it is expanding into institutional water-saving. The budget money will subsidize switch-overs by golf courses, schools and other large landscapers to things as sprinkler con-

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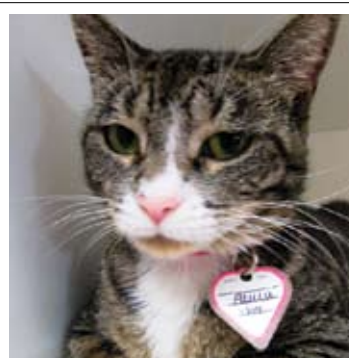


The annual grape harvest is underway in Livermore Valley wine country. Retzlaff Vineyards began picking Sauvignon Blanc on Tuesday. As each bin was filled with grapes, a tractor moved and dumped it into the de-stemmer. The grapes are then pumped into the crusher, which extracts the juice. Retzlaff's organically grown grapes do not leave the estate until they are sold in a bottle of wine. Vineyard manager Jose Hernandez is loading the grapes. The annual Harvest Wine Festival takes place this weekend, Sept. 6 and 7. For more information about the festival, see page 8.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

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PET OF THE WEEK

Hey, hey Paula! Paula is a petite, lovely little cat with a personality to match. Her favorite thing is meal time- she'll meow until her food is ready! To meet Paula visit Valley Humane Society's Kitty City at 3670 Nevada St in Pleasanton, open Tues-Sat from 11AM to 5PM. Visit the website www.valleyhumane.org or call 925-426-8656 for more info. Bring your pooch to VHS on Sept. 5 for the Wiggle Waggle Dog Wash from noon to 4 p.m.

For adoptable rabbits, see page 12.

Photo Exhibit of Altamont Speedway Free Festival Part of Guitar Player Live! Events; Bill Owens Leads 'Walk & Talk'

One of the many highlights of Guitar Player LIVE!, a 3-day celebration of guitars, music, and gear, presented by the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center and *Guitar Player Magazine* in Livermore, will be the first-ever exhibition of Bill Owens' photographs of the Altamont Speedway Free Festival. The exhibit will be at the Bankhead Theater.

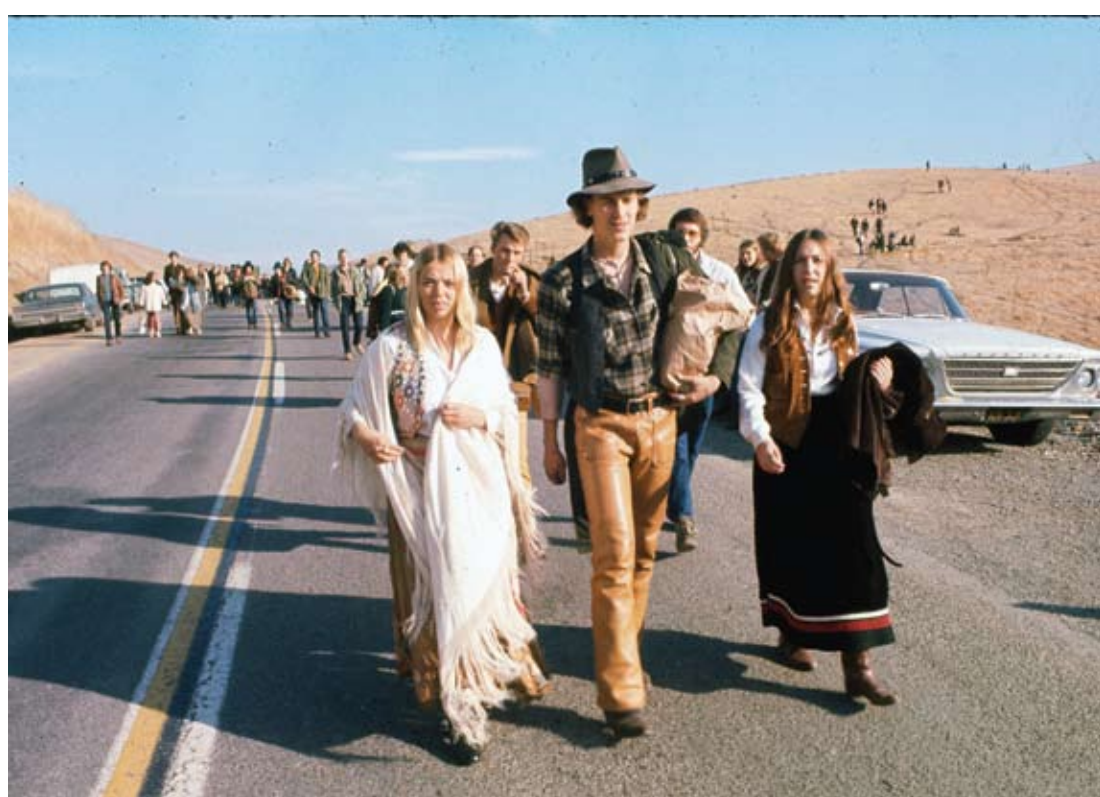
On Saturday, September 12 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. there will be a "Walk and Talk" with the photographer. Participants will be able to hear the stories behind the photographs as Bill shares his wit and wisdom. The exhibition will be open to the public during the festival from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 12, and noon to 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 13. The exhibit will be on display to patrons of Bankhead Theater performances throughout the month of September.

Many young residents and visitors to Livermore, are not aware the infamous Altamont Speedway Free Festival took place here forty years ago, at the nearby Altamont Speedway.

The Altamont Speedway Free Festival was a rock concert held on Saturday, December 6, 1969, at race track located between Tracy and Livermore. Headlined and organized by The Rolling Stones, the festival also featured, in order of appearance: Santana, Jefferson Airplane, The Flying Burrito Brothers, and Crosby, Stills & Nash, with the Rolling Stones taking the stage as the final act. The Grateful Dead were also scheduled to perform, but declined to play shortly before their scheduled appearance due to the increasing violence at the venue.

Approximately 300,000 people attended the concert. Some anticipated that it would be a "Woodstock West." Filmmakers Albert and David Maysles shot footage of the event and incorporated it into a documentary film entitled "Gimme Shelter" (1970), screening at the Vine Cinema over Guitar Festival LIVE! weekend. The event is best known for having been marred by considerable violence, including one homicide and three accidental deaths: two caused by a hit-and-run car accident and one by drowning in an irrigation canal. Four births were reported during the event as well.

The Altamont concert is often contrasted with the Woodstock festival that took place less than four months earlier. While Woodstock represented "peace



Photos - Bill Owens

When traffic backed up, people abandoned their cars on I-580 and walked to the concert site.

and love." Altamont came to be viewed as the end of the hippie era and the de facto conclusion of late-1960s American youth culture: "Altamont became, whether fairly or not, a symbol for the death of the Woodstock Nation." Rock music critic Robert Christgau wrote in 1972, "Writers focus on Altamont not because it brought on the end of an era but because it provided such a complex metaphor for the way an era ended."

Bill Owens shot the concert for the Associated Press news-wire. "Our plan was to be the first news photographers to transmit images of the event. We didn't know if the UPI (United Press International), *Newsweek*, or television stations were covering the event but it turned out that they weren't," says Owens. "I made images of the violence at the Altamont concert and sold them to *Rolling Stone* and numerous national magazines. I was afraid to use my own name in the photo credits, as I feared the Angels would come and murder me. Beth's (the other AP photographer) photographs did show the man who did the murder, and he was later arrested and sent to prison."

Bill Owens is an internationally known photographer living in Hayward. His most famous work, "Suburbia," has been exhibited in museums around the globe. He is also an author, digital movie producer, brewer, distiller and "raconteur."



Tickets for the "Walk and Talk" with Bill Owens are \$7 per person, space is limited. Purchase tickets at the website www.bankheadtheater.org, or call 925-373-6800.

Medical Center to Expand Facilities

San Ramon Regional Medical Center has received approval for the new emergency department construction and the clinical laboratory expansion.

Tenet Healthcare Corporation, owner of the San Ramon hospital, recently approved the \$10.7 million expense for the construction. After three years of planning, San Ramon Regional obtained California State approval and secured the needed funds to proceed with this project.

The construction will increase the size of the emergency department (ED) and the clinical laboratory, expanding the footprint of the original building. The ED will become 8,900 square feet, and the patient capacity will increase from nine beds to 16 beds. The new construction will provide better patient flow and extensive upgrades to public areas. Improved quality of care features include: a negative-pressure isolation room for contagious or contaminated patients, private enclosed patient rooms, an enlarged waiting room, and a dedicated radiographic (X-ray) machine in the ED.

The laboratory expansion will provide larger work-space areas for the chemistry, hematology and blood bank departments.

San Ramon Regional Medi-

cal Center opened in 1990 and is a 123-bed acute care hospital. It provides inpatient, outpatient and 24-hour emergency services.



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Lessons from...

National Drowning Prevention Month

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



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

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

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

A swimming pool is 14 times more likely than a motor vehicle to be involved in the death of a child age 4 and under.*

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

*Statistics from the Drowning Prevention Foundation

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McNerney Touts Resources for Economic Growth

By Ron McNicoll

The Tri-Valley has the resources to become more prosperous in the future, Rep. Jerry McNerney told a crowd at Concannon Vineyard.

The event was part of the Livermore Chamber of Commerce wine country speaker series.

Although McNerney represents the 11th Congressional district, including his hometown of Pleasanton, he ventured over to Livermore on Aug. 27, at the chamber's invitation. His talk focused on the national and regional issues that involve all of the Tri-Valley.

A combination of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and Sandia National Laboratories, local schools, and businesses can work together to build a good future for the area, said McNerney. He said he wants to



see the area attract entrepreneurs and inventors.

Education supports that spirit of innovation. This area has good schools, said McNerney. "My wife and I chose the Tri-Valley because it has good schools. When I talk to businesses, and the top professionals, they ask, 'What are your schools like?'"

The presence of wind and solar industries here, combined with the Lab's research with the NIF facility, also provides "tremendous resources" for helping Tri-Valley economic growth.

McNerney praised the wine country, as contributing to the excellence of the area in attracting business and professional people.

McNerney said that the tranquil rural atmosphere surrounding the VA Hospital could be an important key to recovery for new war veterans. He drew applause when he said, "I am determined to keep the facility in Livermore VA hands."

The health care discussions in Congress received some attention from the audience, and drew some demonstrators, who parked on Tesla Road in front of Concannon. Two CHP officers were on duty to see that all remained peaceful.

McNerney told an anecdote that illustrated how the current medical insurance situation bankrupts people. A physician in



Photos - Doug Jorgensen

Pickets (top photo) objecting to health care proposals greeted Congressman Jerry McNerney at Concannon Vineyard. The lower photo is of McNerney delivering his talk.

his district has a brother who had brain cancer. The man spent from \$300,000 to \$500,000 on health care. When he went broke, his brother, the doctor, took him in. "He is wondering if he will go broke, too," said McNerney.

"We pay twice per capita what other industrialized nations pay for health care. Small business pays more, too, because they can't obtain the same rate as the bigger businesses," he added.

McNerney said he is still listening to constituents about what they think should be in a health care bill. "Finding a way is what this discussion is all about," he said.

VALLEY ROUNDUP

Drug Discount Program

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty and Financial Marketing Concepts Inc., (FMC) held a press conference Wednesday to launch a new Rx prescription drug discount program.

The new Coast2Coast Rx card will allow all County residents, regardless of income, age, or health status to participate in the program, which has saved cardholders an average of 38% on the cost of prescription drugs over the last two years. Even family members living outside of Alameda County are able to take part in the program. The Rx card will be distributed free of charge. It may be used at all pharmacy chains and most independent pharmacies in Alameda County and includes over 60,000 drugs in its formulary.

"With healthcare costs on the rise, prescription drug discounts will help ease some of the financial burdens Alameda County families are facing at a time when they need it the most," said Supervisor Scott Haggerty.

While there are no eligibility requirements the Rx card is expected to have a sizeable impact on uninsured residents, residents facing high insurance deductibles, and will allow savings for persons in need of prescriptions not covered by their current plans.

Providing savings for residents through the Rx program will come at no expense to Alameda County. FMC will pay the County a royalty for each filled prescription.

The Coast2Coast Rx card will be available for residents at most participating pharmacies. Residents will also be able to print the Rx card, check their prescription prices and view the nearest participating locations at www.coast2coastrx.com/alameda.

Tax Changes

The Franchise Tax Board (FTB) today released the 2009 state tax brackets. Brackets are "indexed" each year by adjusting them to reflect changes in the California Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Filing requirement thresholds, the standard deduction, and certain credits were adjusted along with income tax brackets based on the deflation rate of -1.5 percent, as measured by the California CPI for all urban consumers from June 2008 to June 2009. Last year's inflation rate measured 5 percent. This has only occurred one other time since indexing became law in 1978.

The standard deduction will decrease for single or "married filing separate" taxpayers from last year's rate of \$3,692 to \$3,637. For joint, surviving spouse, or head of household taxpayers, the standard deduction decreases from \$7,384 to \$7,274. The personal exemption credit amount for single, separate, and head of household filers will decrease from \$99 to \$98 and for joint filers or surviving spouses it will decrease from \$198 to \$196. The Renter's Credit is available for single filers with adjusted gross incomes of \$34,412 or less and joint filers with adjusted gross incomes of \$68,824 or less.

A new tax law sets the dependent exemption credit for tax years 2009 and 2010 to the indexed personal exemption credit, lowering the credit to \$98. Last year's credit was \$309.

In addition, FTB provides minimum filing requirement thresholds to ensure that most people who will not owe taxes are not required to file a tax return. FTB adjusts these tables each year to include the added senior exemption and the dependent exemption credits. For example, most single people under 65 years old with no dependents would not need to file a state return until they have adjusted gross income of \$11,698 or more.

Other tax credits affected by indexing include the Joint Custody Head of Household Credit, Dependent Parent Credit, and Qualified Senior Head of Household Credit.

More information about this and other tax matters is available at ftb.ca.gov.

Nuclear Security Generation

The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) hosted roughly 20 graduate students from George Washington University in the first of a series of programs designed to educate and recruit the next generation of nuclear security experts.

"One of the great challenges NNSA will face in helping implement President Obama's nuclear security agenda is recruiting and retaining the next generation of nuclear security professionals," said NNSA Administrator Thomas D'Agostino. "Not only are we working every day to improve our aging infrastructure, but as a large percentage of our workforce is approaching retirement NNSA needs to be nimble and creative to make sure we're getting America's brightest to join our ranks as new employees. The opportunity to speak to graduate students is a critical step in engaging them in a career in nuclear security."

The GWU students, who are pursuing advanced degrees at the renowned Elliott School of International Affairs, received an overview of the agency and its core missions as well as a briefing from several of NNSA's top nuclear nonproliferation officials. They completed their visit by receiving valuable information on fellowships, internships and entry-level career opportunities at NNSA, which are designed to help students easily transition into federal employment.

Over the next six months, the agency plans to launch an entry-level program that will attract a pool of talented, high potential students. Upon completion of their education and work requirements, these students will be eligible for appointments working on 21st Century nuclear security challenges.

NNSA recently hired a Director of Recruitment and Entry Programs, who will strategically focus on partnering with colleges and universities that offer educational programs to match the agency's core missions and needs.

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EDITORIAL

A Hard Act to Follow

Ellen Tauscher, the 10th Congressional District's representative since 1997, has resigned from that seat to accept an appointment to the position of Undersecretary for Arms Control and International Security. She's the nation's top arms control official, advisor to President Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

While in Congress, she was a non-ideological centrist congressmember, moderate left on the political scale. She's served that point of view so well that Time Magazine has coined the label "Tauscherism" to describe that style of representation. No one opposed her appointment; Congress ratified it by unanimous consent.

Tauscher voted in October 2002 for the resolution authorizing the Iraq invasion, but by 2005 had become one of the House's leading opponents of the war.

On the home front, she has been attentive to the needs of her constituents, willingly meeting with delegations of elected officials in an effort to determine those needs.

In response to requests from local elected officials, as the senior Bay Area Member of Congress on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Tauscher was able to obtain funds for projects to improve I-580, as well as for transit projects, such as bus rapid transit.

As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, she took an active role in foreign policy and national security and was involved in efforts to stop the spread of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons. Tauscher was a strong supporter of the Livermore labs, quickly becoming knowledgeable about the technical details of programs. At the same time, she hasn't hesitated to oppose proposals she felt would threaten arms control, such as the "bunker buster" weapon.

Tauscher was also active in programs to help families and to boost education.

Her efforts over the years helped to improve the district's quality of life. Whoever succeeds her in the 10th District will find Ellen Tauscher a hard act to follow.

CASEY

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belief in the goodness of kids. You have to believe in them. Once in awhile you hear about how irresponsible kids are, or they don't have goals. That's the farthest thing from reality."

"When I interact with kids, I see they have lofty goals. They want to be good people. Our character education program is successful here, because kids want to do well," said Casey.

Also, it's important for a superintendent to maintain an open-door policy. "You have to be a good listener, and get out into the community. Many times you can't agree, or give them what they want. You have to maintain standards and consistency. In Pleasanton, as long as you give people a chance to express their point of view, typically they are appreciative of the opportunity."

Summing up what he felt were his most important contributions over the past seven years, Casey named three he felt were significant. One accomplishment was the district's second strategic plan, which was developed in 2003. "It focused for everyone what this district stands for. It set goals around that standard. It also involved innovation and creativity."

The second achievement was the work accomplished by the 50-member excellence committee, which drew on segments of the

school and town communities. Already a high-performing district academically, the committee asked what else could be done for students and families.

The answer was to hire more counselors, put more effort into technical education, and put class-size reduction in place.

"While it has been difficult to hold on to those (because of the current budget cuts), we implemented those recommendations," said Casey.

Focus is now becoming more intense on another area that needs attention, said Casey. "We are doing work when it comes equity, and looking at what we do with racial groups (in academic performance). We have documented evidence that they are earning the same amount of knowledge, no matter what their race will be," he said.

Grant said that he thinks the board will start the process of finding a successor in October. The first step will be to establish a process where teachers, parents and others in the community can talk about what they think is important in the next superintendent.

"Pleasanton is an amazing community. We have a top-performing school system, and outstanding teachers. I'm confident that there will be numerous excellent candidates to consider," said Grant.

ZONE 7

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trollers, thereby reducing water consumption.

Zone 7 is just getting this program expansion underway, and has not studied locations and potential impact of how much will be saved. Although the recommended cut comes at a time when the program is just getting off the ground, the retailers said that the Valley has been making good strides in water conservation.

Zone 7 committee member Dick Quigley said that Pleasanton's conservation efforts have brought a 14 percent reduction citywide. He said his water bill shows that he has reduced his own water consumption by more than 20 percent.

General manager Jill Duerig told the committee that she is

aware that these are tough economic times, and it's good to save people money. However, the state is expected to set a water conservation goal of 20 percent savings by 2020. "This would mean it would take us longer for us to get there," she told the committee.

It's also possible that the money for keeping the conservation effort funded at \$800,000 might be found during the budgeting process early next year, said Duerig. The water rate runs on the calendar year, and so the water rate increase will begin in January.

However, the fiscal year starts July 1, so other budget funding might be identified in the spring, depending on what the board would want to do, said Duerig.

Council Changes Mind on Lighting

The Pleasanton City Council changed an earlier decision on installing lighting on Foothill Road along the Golden Eagle development.

Previously, the council had agreed to eliminate three of 18 lights at the request of nearby homeowners, who said adding light would destroy the rural character of the area. On Tuesday, the vote was 4 to 1 to install all of the lights. The majority indicated they believed it was a safety issue.

One of the main safety issues is the number of deer who live in the area. Councilmember Cindy McGovern noted that one problem is that a wildlife corridor was not included when the road was built. The deer are crossing the road to get to the arroyo for the water. She added that since she has lived in the area the deer population has increased, because there are no predators.

Matt Sullivan voted against installing all of the lights. He agreed that safety is a concern. However, he added, "I also think the rural nature argument is a

legitimate one." He suggested that staff look at the design of the lighting, spacing of the lights, and type of lighting to see if both sides of the issue could be accommodated.

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman noted that new LED lights would be used. "I am convinced with the LEDs we will be able to focus lighting where it needs to be without impacting anyone's space," she stated.

Staff told the council that replacing the old style lights with new LED lights would save \$39 per year per fixture. In addition, the LEDs last 7 to 10 times longer. And, the LED lights can be pinpointed onto the roadway, creating a more uniform lighting pattern and avoiding night sky pollution. The goal is to eventually replace all of the streetlights in the city with LEDs.

Councilmember Jerry Thorne said, "I believe it is a safety issue." Cheryl Cook-Kallio and McGovern agreed with his view.

At their previous session on the matter, the council asked for a report on the number of accidents on the road. There reportedly

were ten accidents over the past seven years. There were additional incidents involving deer and other wildlife.

Most of the residents who addressed the council favored installing all 18 lights. The main concern was safety. One resident noted that the traffic on Foothill has gone from rural to a lot of traffic. "Near misses are not mentioned in the traffic reports," he stated.

One who opposes the lights, Lisa Schaefer, said that accident history does not bear out the argument that the stretch of road is dangerous. She noted that 6 of the 10 accidents occurred during daylight hours; three were at lighted intersections, leaving only one in the area in question. "My perception is that safety and streetlights don't necessarily go together," she told the council.

Sullivan said that not every issue is a "yes" or "no" decision. "I don't see any critical time element in deciding this issue. I think there may be a better solution."

FLU

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"Influenza is a virus that we need to respect every year," Bergen

The answer will help determine the details of this Fall's vaccination campaign. Bergen hopes that 160 million vaccine doses will be available by mid or late October. If a single dose confers immunity, then that many could be vaccinated. If two doses are required, 80 million could be vaccinated.

However, 160 million doses may not be available. Production difficulties reported by the five companies making the vaccine for the U.S. market might reduce deliveries to 120 million doses, or 60 million two-stage vaccinations.

There will probably be enough vaccine for everyone who seeks out the protection, particularly since only 20 to 25 percent of those in some recommended groups choose to be vaccinated, according to Dr. Anthony Fiore, medical immunologist with the Centers for Disease Control.

In case vaccine supplies are more seriously restricted, CDC has identified high priority groups totaling about 41 million people. These include pregnant women, health care workers, diabetics, elderly people with medical conditions like diabetes and asthma, those who care for very young children, and children aged 6 months to four years.

It's unusual that healthy older people are not included in the high priority group. However, those 60 and above seem to have some resistance to 2009-H1N1, probably because of past exposure to a virus with some similarities, according to Bergen.

As a practical matter, this Fall's flu season will be unusual in another way, with more than one recommended vaccination. The first vaccination, for the

virus strains expected in ordinary seasonal flu, is likely to be available starting later this month. Whether one or two shots are required, 2009-H1N1 vaccine should be available by the end of October, Bergen says. So far as he knows, there will be no medical reason not to have a seasonal flu shot and a 2009-H1N1 shot during the same office visit. The medical community expects further information on that topic in coming weeks.

It's anyone's guess how the public will react to recommendations for two or three separate vaccinations this Fall. Predicting the outcome of flu epidemics is not an exact science. Some flu seasons have turned out mild after serious early warnings. Others were shockingly lethal. In any case, medical logic is sometimes ignored regardless of the warnings. Surveys have found a range of reasons for not being vaccinated, including fear of needles, confidence that "I never get sick," even the conviction that vaccinations - which use killed virus that are unable to generate infection -- cause flu.

A reasonable comparison can be made to the spread of a wildfire, where civil authorities recommend evacuation of a threatened area. Some people won't leave. Sometimes luck is with them, the fire passes by and it looks like they made a good choice. Sometimes their homes are destroyed. Sometimes they die.

Kaiser's Bergen says that medical professionals hope to see 70 percent of the population vaccinated to be confident of preventing or minimizing an epidemic. Older populations often line up to be vaccinated at about that rate, but the U.S. population generally is closer to 50 percent.

Surprisingly, according to surveys in the health care industry, hospital and other health care workers are vaccinated at about a 40 percent rate.

U.S. influenza deaths are

said to average 36,000 during a normal flu year, but this is a squishy number derived from statistical estimates. No one actually knows, according to the prominent virologist Vincent Raciello of Columbia University. Death certificates don't usually list influenza as a cause, states are not required to report deaths of people over 18. Many deaths associated with flu occur after the influenza virus can no longer be detected in the blood.

That said, medical authorities say that about one in a thousand flu patients die in a normal flu year, a mortality rate of 0.1 percent. During the epidemic years of 1957 (Asian flu) and 1968 (Hong Kong) the rate roughly doubled. In 1918-19, it rose to about 2.5 percent, and some 675,000 Americans died - 10 times more than died in the Great War.

There are vast differences between 1918 and today. For one thing, antibiotics now allow doctors to treat bacterial pneumonia, which caused many deaths then. For another, there is no World War to crowd sick soldiers together in the trenches and even sicker soldiers back home to spread the most virulent forms of the virus via troop trains and ships. For a third, medical laboratories today distinguish one virus from another so that treatment can be tailored to a patient's needs.

The world learned a lot from 1918 and subsequent public health emergencies. The surveillance and response systems have speeded up along with the passenger planes that jet the sick between continents in a few hours.

President Obama's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology believes the U.S. is well prepared for the flu. Kaiser's Bergen agrees. Many cases reported to date have been relatively mild. This fits with the projections of a preliminary study reported last May at Lawrence Livermore Lab,

November Run-off for 10th Congressional District Seat

With a majority of the votes counted on Tuesday, it was clear there would be a run-off in November for the 10th Congressional District seat.

None of the fourteen candidates looked likely to receive 50 percent plus one of the vote.

John Garamendi will be the Democratic candidate in November. David Harmer will represent the Republican party. The candidates from the Green, American Independent and Peace and Freedom parties will also be on the ballot.

(Partial results Contra Costa 77 of 97; Alameda and Sacramento complete; Solano 23 of 40 precincts)

John Garamendi (Dem)24,481
David Harmer (Rep)18,401
Mark DeSaulnier (Dem)15,545
Joan Buchanan (Dem)11,096
Anthony Woods (Dem)7,706
Chris Bunch (Rep)4,441
Gary W. Clift (Rep)3,863
John Toth (Rep)2,993
David Peterson (Rep)1,486
Jeremy Cloward (Grn)478
Mark Loos (Rep)373
Adriel Hampton (Dem)335
Jerome Denham (Al)278
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cuts in, after a waiting period.

The bill also "cracks down" on refusal of insurance for a pre-existing medical condition, which then puts the burden solely on the individual. "No American should be bankrupted by an illness," he said.

On the public option plan, which has drawn criticism from some citizens and health insurance companies, McNerney said, "It is just another health insurance plan. No one has to enroll. It competes on fair terms with private insurance. However, it picks up a lot of people who change jobs, are self-employed, or are at small businesses. It provides them with the portability for public option."

A public option also can work to level the playing field for small businesses, which don't get the

lower health insurance rates found for big businesses.

Asked about tort reform, which advocates say is needed to save costs from big court awards in malpractice lawsuits, McNerney said that it is still being discussed. "I'm sure we will see some provision in the final bill." McNerney was asked about the doughnut hole in prescription drug money on Medi-care. The government pays most medication cost up to a point, then the senior pays it all up to another point, when the government subsidy kicks in again.

The doughnut hole is "eventually phased out in this, and drug companies have agreed to cut prices to fill in the doughnut hole," said McNerney.

A questioner in Lodi asked about "health care of illegal

aliens." McNerney answered, "No one has rights to the benefits of this plan, unless he or she is living legally in this country."

Another questioner said that the government is losing money on Medicare. Why won't that happen with this new plan, too? McNerney responded that it will be competitive with private insurance. "If it's inferior, it won't have an impact. If the private (sector) is not good, then it will lose out. Americans deserve the competition." He added later, "Health care won't add anything to the budget deficit."

McNerney also cleared up a myth that Congress has some special level of health insurance. It is the same insurance that all other federal employees have, he said.

MAILBOX

(Opinions voiced in letters published in Mailbox are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of The Independent. Letter Policy: The Independent will not publish anonymous letters, nor will it publish letters without names. Frequent letter writers may have publication of their letters delayed.)

Equality for Women Jean A Felton Pleasanton

August 26th was Women's Equality Day. It commemorates the date in 1920 when the women of the United States finally got the right to vote after many years of struggle and political action. In remembrance of this important occasion, I encourage voters to contact Senator Boxer and Senator Feinstein to urge them to support The Convention to Eliminate all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). It is the most comprehensive international treaty promoting the advancement of women worldwide. It establishes a legal framework to which all governments must adhere to ensure the equality of women in important areas of life including politics, law, employment, education, health care, commerce and domestic relations. To date, 186 countries have ratified CEDAW. The USA remains the only democracy in the world that has not ratified, putting our country in the dishonorable company of states such as Iran, Somalia and Sudan.

The CEDAW Treaty provides a universal standard for women's human rights. It provides a fundamental framework for ending international violence against women, ensuring girls access to education, and promoting economic opportunity and political participation for women. Please do this for the futures of our daughters here at home and our sisters around the world! The USA should strive to be a leader and set an example for the rest of the world in its commitment to expanding women's rights by ratifying CEDAW.

Writing on behalf of the Alameda County Tri-Valley Chapter of the National Organization for Women (ACT NOW)

Health Care Thomas H. Jefferson Livermore

A recent letter by Robert Ramos' suggests you should not vote for anyone for Congress who supports a public option for health care. His (fallacious) reason is that companies, including

Sandia and Lawrence Livermore, would eliminate their health care expenses by putting retirees and employees on government run health care, i.e. the public option.

What Mr. Ramos, and others, apparently do not understand is that these companies right now can cancel health care completely for their retirees and employees. These companies are not obligated to provide any health care at all for retirees and employees and any health care now provided can be reduced or eliminated at the employer's will. That is precisely what has recently happened with Lawrence Livermore retirees.

Precisely for this reason (and many others) you should demand the public option as part of health care reform and you should definitely vote for people who support the public option. If your employer cancels your insurance you will be very happy indeed if there is a public option available for your health care.

Health Care for All Paulette Kenyon Pleasanton

With the passing of Ted Kennedy, one of our greatest champions of health and social justice, we must work even harder to see to it that civilized, quality healthcare becomes a reality for all Americans. Let us all work to receive the same quality healthcare that our senators and congressmen receive.

Contrary to what you've been told, single payer healthcare is not only less expensive; but, people of all ages get better healthcare throughout their lives. No longer would you be tied to a job because of health benefits. Now that's freedom! On September 19th at 7 PM, IBEW Hall; 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin, there will also be a showing of the film "Sick Around the World," which demystifies single payer. There will also be a guest speaker from Healthcare For All (California's single payer movement), Sue Bergman, who will speak after the film. Come and see for yourself how wonderful America would be if we stopped listening to the insurance companies.

Health Care Patricia Caldeira Livermore

I resent the fact that the media, and that includes our local newspapers are now trying to turn the Health Care debate into a racial issue.

This is not a race issue; it is a social economic issue.

And the media is trying to turn

it into something else.

Regardless of race, we have a President who is trying to turn a country that has enjoyed the freedom of religion, speech and the right to live without government intervention into a socialist country.

Furthermore, he is trying to ram it down our throats Chicago-style, with the help of a congress in which many of the members have not read that bill or any of the others before passing their liberal agenda. Perhaps they need to read the Declaration of Independence and realize that within it are some of the reasons that this country has enjoyed liberty and has become the great nation it is..

Our founding fathers founded this nation to escape oppressive government & the lack of basic freedom.

Money Giveaway Buzz Valente Event chairman

The Amador Valley Lions Club is proud to announce that the 23rd annual Big Money Giveaway is scheduled for Thursday night, October 22, 2009, at Alameda County Fairgrounds' Palm Pavilion.

It is through your continued support that Amador Valley LIONS Club has raised and put back into county and community projects over \$260,000. to date. Thank you for this past support. We realize that in this challenging economy many of you have had to budget very carefully. It is our hope that with this advance notice you can put aside some of your spendable income and purchase your ticket(s) for this annual event (cost is \$100 per ticket). Please mark your calendars for October 22nd and call to purchase your tickets for this very worthwhile charity event. Remember that your odds of winning a prize are very good since only 250 tickets will be available for purchase. We will again offer the opportunity to shop early for Christmas presents through our silent auction as well as the sports memorabilia available for purchase through Art Thoms' Sports Artifacts sales. Come chat with this Ex-Raider and shop his merchandise. Your ticket also buys a great pasta and steak dinner (chicken also is available).

For ticket information and purchase please call Chuck Doran at 484.4097, OR Buzz Valente at 443.8649. Tickets may be purchased through your individual Amador Valley Lions Club member or for your added

convenience from the following Pleasanton and Livermore businesses:

Allied Brokers, Ty Smith 846.8116; Allegra Printers, Pam Yeaw 426.2510; Livermore Travel, Adelia Zunino 373.2400; Terra Mia Restaurant, Francesco Fucilla 456.3333; Vintage Mort. Co, Randi DeHollander 606.3792; Carpet One Livermore, Pat, Lori, or Robb 455.9210.

Again, thank you for your support of this fundraiser in these difficult times. We also want to thank Tri-Valley Tax, Allegra Printers, Allied Brokers, and Eden Villa Assisted Living facility for their financial and services support of this event.

VA Issues Michael Grossman Pleasanton

Veterans for Common Sense and Veterans United for Truth appealed to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in S.F. They sued in 2007: VA has a dysfunctional mental health system, made mental health care virtually unavailable to thousands of veterans through perfunctory exams, delays in referrals and treatment and a bewildering benefits system.

They cited 18 suicides a day among all veterans and 1,000 suicide attempts a month among 30% of veterans under VA care. VA's backlog of 1,000 disability claims, averages 41/2 years to decide veterans' appeals and doesn't allow lawyers to represent veterans' initial claims. VA emergency rooms put veterans on a treatment waiting list for mental trauma. Lawyer for veterans, Gordon Erspamer, said sometimes "they go back and kill themselves".

Judge Stephen Reinhardt said, when the government doesn't follow the law, "it's not novel for a court to tell an agency to comply."

Congressman McNerney, a member of the VA Committee touts himself as a champion of veterans with mental trauma, when handed the article, said he knew nothing about this. McNerney didn't say he'd look into this issue, or do anything about it in Congress. Also handed to him on 8-16-09 was a request to meet in his Pleasanton Office to discuss this and other veteran issues while he was on hiatus from WDC. I've had no response.

Congressman McNerney, this must be acceptable to you as you don't seem to care.

Handicap Parking Richard Deane Pleasanton

Quantity and location of handicap parking in downtown Pleasanton finds the following: total spaces are 1848 - 1271 private and 577 public; total handicap spaces 66 or 3.6% - 61 are private, 5 are public.

The proposal is to create seven (7) new handicap parking spaces at the intersection of Main Street

and key cross streets (St. Mary's, Division, Neal, Rose, Angelina and Old Bernal).

Convert existing five (5) public handicap spaces to regular unrestricted spaces.

The result would be a net add of two handicap parking spaces, however, the location of the recommended spaces would be nearer to businesses thus allowing handicapped people better access to the numerous businesses along Main Street.



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Someone took exception to the flagpole in Carnegie Park being painted with graffiti. They sign asks if residents are willing to put up with "this defacement?"

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GAMES

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Admission for the 144th Scottish Highland Gathering & Games is \$17 for a one-day adult and \$25 for an adult 2-day ticket. Seniors 65+, youth 8-16 and handicapped are \$10. Under 8 and military with active duty ID are free.

144TH SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GATHERING & GAMES
Saturday & Sunday,
September 5 & 6
(Labor Day Weekend)
Pleasanton
Alameda County Fairgrounds
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Caledonian Club of San Francisco
www.caledonian.org

ADMISSION
Adult 1-Day \$17; Adult 2-Day \$25. Senior (65+), Youth (8-16) & Active Duty Armed Forces w/ID \$12; Under 8 Free
On-site \$8 charged by fairgrounds
Continuous shuttle bus to-and-from Pleasanton/Dublin BART Station 9-6 both days

PIPES & DRUMS
1st Battalion Scots Guards (From Buckingham Palace); 45-Member Marine Band San Diego - Marine Corps Recruit Depot
More than 28 competing pipe bands from the U.S. and Canada

ATHLETIC EVENTS
35th U.S. Invitational Heavy Event Championship. 8 events daily including caber toss. World Championship Hammer Five-A-Side Soccer Tournament. Sat. Preliminary. Sun. Consolations & Finals. 12-noun Rugby & Shinty tournaments.

ENTERTAINMENT

Traditional Scottish & Celtic Rock & Roll Featuring:
Traditional: Browne Sisters, Golden Bough, Ed Miller, Neil O'Neill, Peter Daldry & Jo Ann Gilmartin - Plus Scottish TV personality vocalist Isla St. Clair; Celtic Rock: Tempest, Wicked Tinkers, 1916, Molly's Revenge

DANCE
Western U.S. Open Highland Dancing Championships

SPECIAL EVENTS
"Massed Bands" in front of grandstands (750-plus pipers & drummers in unison), (Scots Guards & Marine band in concert , Western U.S. Drum Major Finals, Arrival of Chief & Honored Guests. Beginning at 4 p.m. each day. Kilted Mile foot race - 1-mile track. 11 a.m. each day. No charge. (Extra charge for grandstand seating - Standing FREE)

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SPORTS NOTES

Livermore Youth Soccer

Livermore Youth Soccer League results:

Livermore Elite Soccer
Under-12 Boys: Livermore teams placed 1st and 2nd in the Boys U12 portion of the San Ramon Kickoff Invitational for Rec Plus. The Tournament was held August 29 and 30. There were 18 teams competing in the boys U12 tournament. Two of the Livermore teams placed 1st and 2nd in the preliminary rounds (each having won all three games) and met in the Championship Game. The Livermore Matrix won the championship game 4-1 over Livermore United.

Livermore United, coached by Agustín Lopez, began the tournament Saturday with a 6-0 win over the Mustang Titans, and ended their day with a 3-0 win over the Mustang Strikers.

The Livermore Matrix, coached by Wesley Owen, began the tournament Saturday afternoon with a 5-0 win over the Mustang Titans, and ended their day in the evening with a 3-1 win over the Mustang Galaxy. Both teams came into Sunday morning's games ready to play hard. Livermore United won Sunday morning with a 3-0 win over Mustang Galaxy and Livermore Matrix won Sunday morning as well with a 5-1 win over Mustang Strikers.

Livermore Matrix ended the first 3 games in second place with 30 points and secured a spot in the Championship round Sunday afternoon against Livermore United who ended the first 3 games in first place with 31 points. Both teams played a challenging and exciting game. Livermore Matrix's Brian Zarate scored the first goal of the game on an assist by Matthew Garcia. United answered with a great penalty kick by Thomas Triantos to put United on the board with a goal. Late in the first half, the Matrix's Brian Zarate scored again on a perfectly placed cross shot that snuck in the left side of the goal. Brian quickly followed up that shot with another one on a second assist by Matthew Garcia. The half-time whistle blew and it was Matrix 3, United 1.

Both teams came into the second half fired up. Both defended their goals well. As the game was drawing to a close, the Matrix's Trent Wiedner was fouled in the goal box. He scored the final goal for Livermore Matrix on a penalty kick that was beautifully placed just out of the reach of the goalie, thus ending the game with a score of Matrix 4, United 1. Following the game, Livermore United was presented with their 2nd place medals, and Livermore Matrix was presented with the Championship trophy and 1st place medals.

Under-9 Girls: Gold: Elite Avalanche 2, East Diablo Impact Silver 1: Livermore Elite Avalanche Girls U9 Silver defeated East Diablo Impact Silver 2 to 1. Goals came from Caitlyn Quartoroli in the first half and Stephanie Boschee in the second half. Great work from goalie Ashley Porter supported by Jennifer Wise prohibited the Impact from tying the game. Offense: Caitlyn Quartoroli, Stephanie Boschee (Avalanche); Defense: Jennifer Wise, Ashley Porter (Avalanche)

Avalanche 1, Pleasanton Rage Grey 1: Goal from Avalanche Sierra Street opened the score in the first half. Rage tied in the second half. Avalanche Kylie Kantor (GK) did an excellent job helped by Talina Quezada. Offense: Sierra Street (Avalanche); Defense: Talina Quezada. (Avalanche)

The Livermore Elite Rampage U9 Girls were providing the heat this weekend at the Lamorinda Hot August Jamboree, as they blazed past their opponents and won all four of their matches. The girls opened up their weekend with a match against Pleasanton Rage White. Playing strong defense, Alyssa Silva carried the ball to the forward line where her efforts were converted into a goal with an amazing shot from Madison Hood. Madison would connect again for a second goal, allowing the Rampage to defeat the Rage, 2-1. In their second game, Rampage came out strong and defeated Union City Alliance, 5-2. Defensive player Hayli Edwards set the tone of the game with her strong feeds from the back line. Camille LeBlanc continued the trend, feeding the ball to Ashley Cole, then Gianna "Gigi" Cole, for a goal each. Never satisfied with just one, Gigi would connect on two more well-played balls to complete her hat-trick. Finishing off, Madison Hood scored with a well-placed shot, bringing the goal total to 5. The Alliance team tried fiercely to keep up but thanks to the quick hands of goal keepers Courtney Hayes and Kailee Haskins, the Alliance was held at 2.

In their second day of play, the Rampage team lived up to their name as they defeated Lamorinda United, 5-0. Maggie Rae McPeck was on fire as she fed Gigi Cole a perfect pass which was converted to a goal. Maggie then followed up with 2 more goals of her own. Next, Madison Hood got into the action, scoring on a perfectly-placed penalty kick. Working her defensive magic, Alexa Clatt cleared the ball from danger and fed it to the amazing feet of Kailee Haskins for the teams 5th goal of the game. Tried as they might, Lamorinda could not get a ball past the iron-clad defense of Kamy Farro, Hayli Edwards, Alyssa Silva, and Courtney Hayes. In the last match of the weekend, Rampage faced the Pleasanton Hill Nighthawks, defeating them 9-3. The team displayed amazing passing skill as they fed the ball to Maggie Rae for a goal within the first minutes of play. Kailee Haskins followed suit, scoring on a strong kick from the outside. Not to be left out, Gigi got in the mix and, with her fancy foot-work, ended up with a hat-trick. Ashley Cole was right with her, scoring 4.

The Livermore Elite Fury girls U14 finished in 3rd place in the Napa Wine Country Classic. Against the Turlock Tornados, the Fury scored in the 4th minute when Amanda Fairclough curved a corner kick into the goal. Ten minutes later, Amber Lennier's free kick attempt from outside the left box was blocked and recovered by Alison Pierson who tapped back to Lennier for an open shot into the right corner for a 2-0 lead at half. Livermore played a solid second half as Jenna Hatch and Elyse Codiroli won the ball several times and played the ball into the Turlock box. The Fury scored their final goal when Rebekah Johnson sent a long ball which Kylie Diaz ran down and drove a shot which was saved by the keeper and followed up by Beth McCall for a score to cap the 3-0 win.

In the afternoon heat against the San Francisco Storm, the Fury opened with solid play from Morgan Brandt and Hannah Gooby and defender Sarah Wilkinson. Sarah Franklin also played well on offense, including a shot on goal. The Fury scored in the final minute of the half when Fairclough drove a free kick which Elise Falgout directed into the goal. In the second half the Fury pushed the lead to 2-0 when Amber Lennier gained possession and quickly fired the ball by the goalie. The Livermore defenders kept play in front of them, led by the hustle of Ryley Landreth to run down a deep ball as they secured the 2-0 victory.

The Fury dominated the first half against

Napa United in game three. The Fury forced some early corners, controlled the midfield and cleared anything deep. Napa took advantage of its one opportunity when its speedy forward made a nice 1x1 move to direct a shot into the net for a 1-0 lead in the 19th minute. The United upped the lead to 2-0 with a goal in the first minute of the second half. Fury keeper Taylor Lennier kept the match close with a diving right save off a well-placed header and Livermore countered with several nice runs into the Napa zone but the United did a good job of clearing. Napa added one more score before the Fury finally broke through in the final moment when Beth McCall hustled to direct in an Alison Pierson shot which the goalie had deflected. Napa's 3-1 win over the Fury resulted in a place in the championship game (which they won).

Livermore captured 3rd place with a solid performance against Diablo. The early Fury pressure was led by midfielder Madyson Souza and Gooby while Kaitlyn Bulhoes and Wilkinson anchored the defense. In the 20th minute, Falgout punched in a Fairclough corner kick. Brandt later forced two corners, one with a long outside run to keep Diablo defenders on their heels. In the second half, the relentless offense was led by strong runs and shots from Diaz, Pierson and Codiroli. The tired Diablo defense finally gave in to the Fury pressure midway through the half when Amber Lennier followed in a Fairclough corner. Falgout closed out the 3-0 win with a short high ball just inside the top post.

Livermore Red Plus
U-10 Boys: Wolverines played in the Kick off tournament in San Ramon on the 29th and 30th of August.

Game #1 saw the Wolverines face another Livermore team, the Flying Tigers. Good offense for the Flying Tigers was turned in by Zachary Macintire, Kadny Fabian and Caleb Hardisty. Hardisty scored the lone goal for the Flying Tigers. For the Wolverines goals were scored by Cameron Geyer, Weston Everett and Sam Miller. Geyer and Everett turned in high quality performances at goalie as well. Matthew Reddick, Harry Rose and Cameron Priest were solid on defense for the Flying Tigers. Final Score Wolverines 4 Flying Tigers 1

Game 2 pitted the Wolverines against the Mustang Revolution. The Wolverines played a very good team game passing the ball and backing each other up. Sam Miller and Dylan Greenly each scored a pair of goals while Kinaar Desai and Weston Everett each added a solo goal. The Wolverines prevailed 6-1

Game 3 matched the Wolverines and the Mustang Devils. The wolverine offense, while getting off a lot of good shots, just could not penetrate the goal. Great Defense was supplied by Colton Casey, Miles Gomez, and Diego Wilde. The Devils prevailed 4-0

Game 4 Consolation finals pitted the Wolverines against the Devils again. A very tough game was played by both teams and at the end of regulation the game was tied at 1 goal a piece. The Wolverines came out in the first overtime period on fire. Shots were taken by Cameron Geyer, Diego Wilde, Cade Shortridge. The game was deadlocked after one OT period. In the second OT the winning goal was put in by Cade Shortridge. An insurance goal was later poked in by Dylan Greenly to seal the deal. The Wolverines placed 3rd out of 14 teams in the first tournament of the season.

Livermore House

Under-14 Girls: The Jaguars 5, Rage 3: Both teams were awesome today. Even though the weather was extremely hot both teams gave 100%. Very intense during the 2nd half of the game. Last 15 minutes of the game it was 3 to 3. The Jaguars ended up scoring 2 more goals. Offense: Erika Dittmore, Bianca Aceves, Charity Manning (Jaguars); Savanna Dixon, Isabella Johnstone, Maddie McCoy (Rage); Defense: Sara Novell, Jamie Gellerman, Tai Ball (Jaguars); Breonna Burrell, Tessa Clark, Taylor Dizel (Rage); Goals/Assists: Erika Dittmore (2G), Bianca Aceves (2G), Unknown (G) (Jaguars); Bella Johnstone (2G), Kali Adams (2A), Taylor Dizel (G) (Rage)

The Bolts 2, Livermore Fusion 0: Offense: Kirsten Mork, Stephanie Hollister, Morgan Correa (Bolts); Katherine Rowe, Delacia Camacho, Danielle Jenn (Fusion); Defense: Hannah Stephaneck, Madison Miller, Lauren Miller (Bolts); Tatiana Jansen, Destiny Fluker, Jessica Entada (Fusion)

Under-12 Girls: Vipers 2, Lightning Bolts 0: Offense: Katya Clappin, Helga Forstreuter, Cierra Prestegard (Vipers); Sarah Coulson, Joy Blea (Bolts); Lilianna Montes, Karen Ortega-Meraz, Kelli Kuhn; Kali Mesarchik.

Under-10 Girls: Goal Getters 4, E-Goals 0: Offense: Julie Mendez, Marie Linney, Mary Carmona (Getters); Alexis Salazar, Destiny Bandy, Marley Lake (E-Goals); Defense: Olivia Curtis, Georgia Higgins, Sierra Stone (Getters); Tessa Mullins, Taylor Lachman, Taylor Sullivan (E-Goals); Goals/Assists: Chloe Brickwedel (3G), Krissy Keller (G) (Getters)

Soccer Rockets 1, Lightning Girls 2: Offense: Amanda Alvarez, Miriam Brown (Rockets); Kacie Long, Melinda Miller (Girls); Defense: Sierra Miller (GK); Maggie Sneed (GK)

Under-9 Girls: Dominators 2, The Crew 1: Offense: Cittlely Soto, Mackenzie Lemieux, Itzel Acosta (Dominator); Olivia Armstrong, Skyler Shepherd, Alyssa McCollum (Crew); Defense: Piper Cooke, Rachel Brock, Anya Worley (Dominators); Jodi Bryant, Amber Thomas, Isabella Carano (Crew).

Panthers 4, Thunderbolts 0: Offense: Melanie Laronde (Panthers); Isabella Quintana (Thunderbolts); Defense: Lindsey Phillips, Sierra Bettencourt (Panthers); Zaylie Rensink, Sierra Wysock (Thunderbolts); Goals/Assists: Megan Mossinger (2G), Hayley Thompson (2G) (Panthers).

Under-8 Girls: Livermore Stinglers vs Red Hots: Offense: Samantha Prestegard, Kayla Lewis (Stinglers); Lilly Ackerman, Lexi Borgna (Red Hots); Defense: Brooklyn Pehargou (Stinglers); Isabella LaRosa (Red Hots)

Cool Cats vs Fireflies: Offense: Taylor Bond, Katerine Terry, Delilah Corral (Cats); Gabriela Paneda, Dawn Powell, Bella Graveda (Fireflies); Defense: Jada Carr, Isabella Miller, Holly Brixey (Cats); Marieke Moyers, Sarah Carlson, Kaylee Leyva (Fireflies)

Cougars vs Tigers: Offense: Pascale Badders, Amber Feduniw, Ravyn Michel (Cougars); Lindsey Warren, Melissa Dooley, Olivia Labarbera (Tigers); Defense: Sydney Keshmiry, Sydney Olsen, Amanda Hofmann (GK) (Cougars); Myan Bullis, Jessica Carlson, Rachelle Stone (GK) (Tigers)

Big Kickers vs Dandelions: Madeline scored two goals for the Big Kickers; Paula led the defense and Sarah the offense. Dandelions defense: Cedar Berkey, Danielle Groh and Alyssa Mack in goal.

Under-7 Girls: Pink Butterflies vs Quakes: Offense: Lily Redell, Catherine Polaski (Butterflies); Gracie Boyd, Courtney Schnapp (Quakes); Defense: Taylor Sprout



Photo - Bill Nale

Pictured are Livermore United (left side in Green - 2nd Place): (bottom row, left to right) Logan Brist, Noah Reno, Blake Lesky, Devon Shortridge, Micheal Henry, Eric Lopez; (top row) Will Mohler, Stephen Mohler, Colin Schenone, Sebastian Gomes, Erik Mork, Thomas Triantos, Weston Nale, Kevin Burkett. Missing from photo are Samuel Knuth and Troy Simpkins Coaches are Scott Shortridge, Ken Mork, Agustin Lopez. Livermore Matrix (right side in white - 1st Place): (bottom row, left to right) Cameron Ourdoune, Trent Wiedner, Josh Forshaw, James Yarnell, Ryan Myers, Peter Vance, (top row) Chance Owen, Russell Stevenson, Ryan Petersen, John Reggiardo, Jonathan Short, Brian Zarate, Matthew Garcia, Andrew Long Kettenhofen, coaches Jeff Myers, Wes Owen, Stacy Ourdoune.



Livermore Elite Rampage pictured are (top, left to right) Madison Hood, Maggie McPeek, Courtney Hayes, Gianna Cole middle: Ashley Cole, Kailee Haskins, Alexa Clatt, Hayli Edwards; and (bottom) Alyssa Silva and Kamy Farro.

(Butterflies); Kelena Brongiel (Quakes)

Soccer Stars vs Lucky Ladybugs: Offense: Kimberly Vega, Gillian Mena, Molly MacLaren, Megan McCoy, Katie Zeck (Stars); Brooke Carter, Kayla Remund, Celeste Summers, Erin Schrader (Ladybugs); Defense: Kelsey Sako, Ashley Belmessieri (Stars); Kimberly Vega (Ladybugs)

Blue Moon vs Kick'n Caterpillars: Offense: Nina Fillari, Madelyn Bertolucci (Moon); Sydney Mossinger, Cailin Thompson (Caterpillars); Defense: Chloe Daoust (Moon); Faith Rogers (Caterpillars)

Rockstars vs Cougars: Offense: Anastasia Weasner (Rockstars); Jade Overton (Cougars); Defense: Marjoly Perez (Rockstars); Emily Krakoski (Cougars)

SuperGirls vs Soccer Rockers: Offense: Celine Millan (SuperGirls); Sarah Robinson, Gracianna Ratto (Rockers); Defense: Ashley Heikila (SuperGirls); Camille Wigginton (Rockers)

Under-6 Girls: Flower Power vs Rainbow Dolphins: Dolpins Offense: Athena Lewis; Defense: Johanna Lindstrom, Cassidy Castro. Flower Power Offense: Wallis Bregman; Defense: Indiana Stoneberger.

Under-5 Girls: Bumblebees vs Lightning: Offense: Brendan O'Hara, Sorey Bartlett, Seth Jones, Guillermo Moreno (Bumblebees); Tyler Trudeau, Mason Dickie, Jayden Reed-Silva, Connor Mayfield (Lightning); Defense: William Grenville, Ethan Santin, Max Young (Bumblebees); Jake Walton, Harrison Marshall, Brayden Vash (Lightning)

Transformers vs Raptors: Offense: Peyton Bruan, Bennett Johnston; Kyle Puzder, Eddie Santiago; Defense: Kevin Grant, Matt Warren; Jordan Trevethan, Andrew James

Sonics vs Spikes: Offense: Dominic Galo, Shane Pollard, Justin York; Defense: Dominic Peri, Mason Shelton, Trevor Straume, Jason Cruz

Soccer Girls vs The Firecrackers: The Soccer Girls played very hard and had some good shots at the goal. They maintained good ball control throughout the game. The Firecrackers played great determination and team work. Offense: Meagan Sausen, Kayla Sausen, Samantha Carte, Janessa Arreche (Girls); Evelyn LeDesma, Natalie Allum, Ysabel Smith (Firecrackers); Defense: Madison Foster, Vidhi Amin, Catalina Carlson, Jalen Bets (Girls); Zoe Franks, Kaitlyn Aguilar, Mia Marks (Firecrackers)

Under-11 Boys: Blazers 9, Clash 2: The Clash struggled to find their rhythm. Excellent ball handling and passing by the Blazers set the tone in this game. Offense: Noah White, Mauricio Diaz, Carlos Gaspar



Pleasanton Rage U11 Black team shows off their 3rd medals won in competition at the Central Marin Premier Challenge tournament on August 22-23. For more, see Pleasanton Rage in sports notes.

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(Blazers); Brandon Cory, Steven Wang, Antonee Perryman (Clash); Defense: Brandon Olsen, Jacob Ryan, Zach Burnett (Blazers); Austin Roeder, Sterling Jeppson, Jeff Mullins (Clash); Goals/Assists: Noah White (2G), Mauricio Diaz (4G), Carlos Gaspar (2G), Jose Gutierrez (G) (Blazers); Brandon Cory (2G), Antonee Perryman (2A) (Clash)

Under-12 Boys: Fireballs 6, Internationals 3: David Zamora's goal was a nice head-shot off a cross from the corner area. All the boys played well given the heat. Offense: Spencer Kramm, Issac Crozco, Jorge Alvarez (Fireballs); David Zamora, Josh Frazier, Jason Florez (Internationals); Defense: Omar Markaf, Luis Angel Ortiz, Roman Vasquez (Fireballs); Arnoldo Avila, Keenan McCoy, Ryan Bishop (Internationals); Goals/Assists: Spencer Kramm (G, 2A), Issac Orozco (4G.A.), Nick Brown (G, A), Jorge Alvarez (A) (Fireballs); Arnoldo Avila (G, A), David Zamora (2G) (Internationals)

Under-8 Boys: Cobras vs Clone Troopers: Offense: Joe Hager, Joey Bartoni, Gabriel Herrera (Cobras); Ivan Ceballos-Amada, Max Weasner, Christopher Rochez (Troopers); Defense: Anthony Gomez, Luke Sorenson, Wesley Edwards (Cobras); Drake Small, Griffin Lawrence, Jackson Newkirk (Troopers)

Spiked Lizards vs Vipers: Offense: Brent Young, Logan Vincent (Lizards); Douglas Wynne, Nate Coronado (Vipers); Defense: Zach Hollingshaus (Lizards); Matt Crivello, Michael Buti, Zach Fumero (Vipers)

Knight Warriors vs Cougars: Offense: Jake Dennett, Ty Wetzell, Brandon Umeki (Warriors); Theodore Dean, James Duperly, Ty Marks (Cougars); Defense: Anthony Castillo, Ben Tiedemann (Warriors); Ryan Bartl, Gareth Salazar (Cougars)

Flying King Cobras vs Vipers: Offense: Joey Katen, Ryan Wenzel, Philip Weaver (Cobras); Brandon Martin, Nick Donaldson, Blake Burrell (Vipers); Defense: Connor Campbell, Jackson Brown, Jesse Wolfson (Cobras); Evan Nystrom (Vipers)

Under-7 Boys: Jetfighters vs Mighty Tigers: Offense: Rijay Memula, Anthony Opiari, Christopher Meinecke (Jetfighters); Michael Kai Anolin, Christian Cruz, Nicholas Lydon, Austin Statham (Tigers); Defense: Brennan Geier, Shawn Walker, Joey Orluck (Jetfighters); Jacob Hydriek, Benjamin Salazar, Ryan Shepherd, Bobby Pollard (Tigers)

Under-6 Boys: Dragons vs Pirates: Offense: Luca Montalvo, Eduardo Angeles, Aidon Buenostro (Dragons); Antonio Revalie, Kieran Campbell, Conor Waklee, Andrew Hofmann (Pirates); Defense: Joseph Schweig, Ozzy Cervantez, Ethan Poe (Dragons); Stephan Geyer, Ryan Hansan, Gavin Rose (Pirates)

Red Hawks vs Ghost Riders: Offense:

Hunter Houghton, Brandon York (Hawks); Jack Martin, Feoden Soriano (Riders); Defense: Angel Garcia (Hawks); Graedon Beeler (Riders)

Gators vs Earthquakes: Offense: Connor Morgan, Nate Lee, Aleksandr Cortes (Gators); Andrew Berg, Daniel Vergara, Devin Mordick, Brian Perez, Issac Romero (Earthquakes); Defense: Nathan Evans, Kamden Johnson (Gators); Fernando Fragoso, Ryan Guggiana (Earthquakes)

Under-5 Boys: Spikes vs. Livermore Sonic: Spikes: Offense: Tanner Griffith, Jason Krakowski, Derek Thompson, Colin Miller; Defense: Mick Maia, Drew Hanson, Giann Goutart, Andrew McKeever; Sonic: Jason Cruz, Dominic Galo, Dominic Peri, Shane Pollard, Mason Shelton, Trevor Straume, Justin York

Pleasanton Rage

Pleasanton Rage U11 Black team placed 3rd in the Central Marin Premier Challenge tournament on August 22-23. The tournament started out with a 2 to 1 loss to Castro Valley United. Imani Wilson scored the only goal for Rage. The Black team then turned it up the next game and beat the Mill Valley Rockers 2 to 1. Maddie Simmons and Imani Wilson scored the two goals for Rage.

The Black team continued to pour it on the following day and beat Central Marin Tornados 3 to 2. Rage goals were scored by Alexandra Sanchez, Mira Greenlee and Imani Wilson. This win clinched Rage a spot in the Consolation Game against San Ramon Blue Pride. This was a tough hard fought defensive game with Rage coming out on top 1 to 0. The only goal was scored by Gabriella Sanchez.

The defense and midfielders for the Black team (Madison Soble, Isabel Skinner, Emily Meier, Katelyn Antilla, Pamela White, Maddie Simmons, Kelly Jefferies) played incredible for the entire tournament. The Black team also got fantastic goalie play from Emily Aston and Gabriella Sanchez.

Pleasanton Rage U-14 Orange placed 4th in the Soccer City Warm-Up Tournament. Rage began the tournament against San Mateo Mania. The Rage defense led by Patricia Norcross, Katie Oross, Olivia Deustchman, Claire Hickel, and Laura Morgan, kept this game close allowing only 1 1st half goal. Rage came out and dominated the 2nd half but could not capitalize on some great scoring opportunities. Mania 1, Rage 0.

In the second game, Rage midfielder Rebecca Dumanski scored 1st on a Courtney Seams assist. Paige Peterson then scored

after Kayla Bautista dribbled the ball up the sideline and passed to Courtney who crossed to the goal. Claire Williams, Erica Goldhawk, and Lindsay Curlett helped control the midfield, while Nikki Costello played solid at goalie. Rage2-Eureka Spirit 0.

Against Piedmont Highlanders, Rage midfielder Kayla Bautista sent a long shot past the goalie for an unassisted goal. Paige Peterson then scored after Courtney found a streaking midfielder Rebecca who then crossed it. Vanessa Villanueva finished the Rage scoring on a Paige cross. Rage won 3-0 sealing a trip to the consolation game. The Rage defense allowed only 1 goal in the 3 regular bracket games.

In the Consolation Bracket, Rage battled a tough Fair Oaks Eagles team. Rage's only score was by Ariel Gershman on a Kayla Bautista free kick. Nikki Costello had some great goalie stops. Speedy Laura Morgan provided defense highlights running down 2 breakaway Eagles plays to prevent shots. Fair Oaks won 4-1. U-14

Orange is off to a great start with a 1st and 4th place finish in 2 tournaments.

Rage Orange Division 1 U10 defeated San Ramon Freedom 5 to 3. Lilly Ryan netted a hat trick with assists from Nicole Riordan. Danielle Williams took the ball on a run from mid-field passed the ball to

Taylor Noval and she took a shot in the left corner of the box for a successful goal. Top Offensive Players: Lillian Ryan, Taylor Noval, Tami Kwong, Danielle Williams; Top Defensive Players: Nicole Riordan, Megan Franciskovch, Madison Baxter.

Rage tamed the Mustang Tigers 3 to 1. There were two unforgettable plays by the Rage team on Saturday. Lillian Ryan took a beautiful shot from the corner chipping the ball high right to Tami Kwong who then kicked it in the goal to increase the lead of the game to two. Taylor Noval had a awesome break away. Taking the ball all the way up the field and shooting a picture perfect goal. Top Offensive Players: Audrey Goodman, Danielle Williams, Molly Murphy; Top Defensive Players: Nicole Riordan, Madison Baxter.

In the Magic Cup tournament in Morgan Hill, the Rage U-12 White Division 2 team played well. **Rage U-12 White Division** lost a tough battle 3 to 2 to East Diablo. Kennedy Truex had a long power kick from mid-field. The goalie tried to stop the ball, it tipped off her fingers and she scored. Top Offensive Players: Olivia Christensen, Monica Martinez, Heather Jackson; Top Defensive Players: Kennedy Truex, Christina Echavia.

Rage tied the Los Altos Barracudas 2 to 2. Rage team was down 2-0 after the half

the Rage was ready. MacKenzie Bammer took it to the goal twice scoring two goals back to back for the Rage White team. Top Offensive Players: MacKenzie Bammer, Margaret Kilday Hanna Mallie; Top Defen-

sive Players: Kennedy Truex, Sadie Moore, Megan Martin.

Rage tied Fremont 1 to 1. Meredith Gil fought hard to win the ball from the defender. She won the ball dribbled around the goalie

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who came out of the box, shot and scored. Top Offensive Players: Madison Avery, Meredith Gil, Nicole Tsuno; Top Defensive Players: Megan Martin, Bryanna Schreiber, Lisa DeFeo

Pleasanton Seahawks

The Pleasanton Seahawks completed the swim season with a rush at the Summer's End Classic Walnut Creek Aqua Bear Meet on 8/14 - 8/16.

The following swimmers achieved new time standards: New Far Western cuts and PRTs - Rachel Knowles; New JO cuts - Eva Chung & Alex Gilchrist; New 'A' times - Resha Panda, Natalie Bello, Michelle Wang, Audrick Antonio, Parth Subramanian, Jeffrey Wang, Maya Gilchrist.

New 'B' times - Sophia Bueche, Kyle Kenny, Jazz Aulakh, Nija Zuniga, Shu-Shu Hsia, Madison Payne-Hoover, Emiko Tsutsumi, Jae Williams, Matthew Huo, Shruti Thundiyl. Many swimmers completed 100% Lifetime Best Times including: Sophia Bueche, Resha Panda, Kyle Kenny, Jazz Aulakh, Lily Hu, Michelle Wang, Nija Zuniga, Audrick Antonio, Stephanie Aronson, Shu-Shu Hsia, Madison Payne-Hoover, Emiko Tsutsumi, Jae Williams, Matthew Huo, Parth Subramanian, Jeffrey Wang & Maya Gilchrist.

Tri-Valley Dawgs

The under-14 Tri Valley Dawgs travelled to Woodlands, this past weekend to compete in their first tournament as an U14 team. The Dawgs opened up Saturday morning with a 13-7 victory over the Solano Storm. Next up were Hanks Bombers. The Dawgs fell behind 4-0 early, but as the temperature climbed over 100 the Dawgs burst out late in the game to score 5 runs before time ran out. When time ran out the Dawgs had bases loaded and no outs, but as the home team with last up's the outcome was known. At the end of pool play with a 2-0 record they went into bracket play as the 3 seeds.

Sunday morning opened with a 10-0 victory over Hanks Bombers. Next up for the Dawgs was the 2nd seed, the El Dorado Vols, the Dawgs jumped out early and never looked back as they pounded out a 9-1 victory. Next up the championship game where they faced the number 1 seed, the Hard 90 Slam. A great defensive game and some strong pitching as the Dawgs took advantage of their scoring opportunities and won 4-0. The Dawg pouted in Woodlands was: Matt Shackley, Scotty Chapeta, Matty Proetel, Ryan Dearborn, Cameron Santos, AJ Curtis, Ryan Meisenheimer, TJ Friedl, Jacob Wipfli, Kyle Greenan, Josh Stevens and Alex Zwingle, with coaches Michael "Buzz" Seman and Dave Dearborn.

Edge Gymnastics

The Edge Gymnastics had several solid showings at the Judges Cup in Rancho Cordova over the weekend.

In the Level 5 younger age group, Brianna Londree placed first in all-around with a score of 35.025. She also won the bars and floor. In the same age division Skylar Relova finished third all-around with a score of 34.70. Jennifer Dawson won the beam and Hannah Skepner was first on the vault.

In the older age group, Lydia Henderson finished third all-around with a score of 35.15. She also won the bars and beam.

In the Level 6 middle age group, Sydney Wu took first place all-around with a score of 35.225. She also won the vault and beam. Rebecca Okmin finished third all-around. In the older age group, Carrie Stouffer was third in all-around. She also won the vault and floor.

Pleasanton Ridge Run

The 2nd Annual Pleasanton Ridge Run will be held Sat., Sept. 12. Start is 8:30 a.m. at the Foothill Road starting area. Registration fee includes a commemorative t-shirt.

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For more information go to <http://ebtrailrunners.com> or contact Stuart Smith, race coordinator, EB Trail Runners, 998-0734, stuart.smith@ebtrailrunners.com.

Sporting Events Part of Annual Scottish Games in Pleasanton

Some people describe the ancient Scottish caber as the "telephone pole" or "tree trunk." However it is described, the world's best throwers of these immense poles will be vying for the championship of the 35th U.S. Invitational Heavy Events this weekend (Sept. 5 & 6) at the 144th Scottish Highland Gathering & Games.

Held annually at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, the world's largest Scottish Games brings together the world's top professional heavy event athletes. Unlike track and field, these pro athletes, as well as the amateur, senior and women's classes, must compete in eight different heavy events to earn their marks.

Perhaps the best known of those talented athletes is Ryan Vierra of Stevenson, CA. Vierra is a seven-time world champion and won the individual caber event last year. Sean Betz of Omaha, NE returns as the defending world champion.

Again this year the Games will host the World Celtic Hammer Championships as a part of the U.S. Invitational. Eric Fraser of Huntersville, NC won the title last year and hopes to continue his reign with a win at Pleasanton.

High school administrator Harrison Bailey III of Easton, PA brings his All American Champion title to the Games. Bailey was instrumental in popularizing the spinning technique in the Weight for Height event.

British champion Scott Rider makes his first appearance at Pleasanton. Rider was to compete last year, but an acute appendicitis attack shortly before the games forced his cancellation. The invitation is limited to ten pro athletes.

The eight different events include the caber, which in the

On-line registration closes Sept. 11 at 8 p.m. and is limited to the first 100 applicants.

Fall Baseball Signups

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

Beginner Lacrosse Clinic

Livermore Phantom Lacrosse will be hosting a lacrosse clinic for new players on Saturday, Sept 12, 11AM to 130PM at Robertson Park. The clinic will introduce the fundamentals of the game of lacrosse to boys and girls ages 8 to 14. The program includes instruction on passing, catching, cradling, shooting and dodging and is an excellent introduction into the fast moving and ever growing game of lacrosse. Demonstrations will be given by local coaches, high school and college players, and maybe a surprise guest. Cost for the clinic is \$50 which includes quality lacrosse stick, ball, club t-shirt, and instruction. For updated information and registration info on this event and our 2010 season, please visit www.phantomlacrosse.org or contact Bob Mezeul at 925-425-9901.

Hats Off Walk/Run

The 16th Hats Off America Red T-Shirt 10K Run/5K run or walk will be held on Saturday, September 12, beginning at 10 a.m. at Sycamore Valley Park, 2101 Holbrook Drive, Danville, rain or shine. Entry fee is \$35 per person. There is no entry fee for volunteers. All runners and volunteers will receive a red t-shirt, and lunch.

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

All Hats Off America's fundraising efforts are directed to providing assistance to women with children, currently Rachelle Arroyave, mother of three, 4-17, 8 and 12. Rachelle's husband USMC Staff Sgt. Jimmy Arroyave died on April 15, 2004 during his second deployment to the Middle East. He died near Ar Ramadi, Iraq. Jimmy had served in the Marine Corps for over 10-1/2 years and had planned on being a career Marine.

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

Fitness Challenge

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

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

Matt is the Fitness Director at Safeway Corp. in Pleasanton and frequently competes in elite master's track. (www.SpeedEndurance.com). He holds two World Records in most completed pull ups for 30 minutes and 60 seconds. He in fact broke the 60 second speed pull up record here at my studio last October completing an amazing 46. His record for 30 minutes is a mind boggling

pro class can weigh 140-pounds at a length of 22-feet. The 56lb. Weight for Height can be performed either in the old traditional standing style or the spinning style. The Hammer comes in two weights, 16 and 22lb., and the Weight for Distance is set at 28 and 56lbs. The Stone Put, similar to the shot put, has a weight of 17.5lbs. with a regular style throw and is 26.6lbs. with the classic Braemar style of throwing.

The women's class has developed into a real crowd-pleaser. Last year, with 14 entries, the finals came down to a shoot out between defending champion Summer Pierson of Phoenix, AZ and Mindy Pockoski of Las Vegas, NV with Pockoski coming out on top. This year the duo will be joined by Ashland, Ohio's Adriane Blewitt, who forecasters say, could out duel last year's standouts.

Also competing are the amateur men's class. They come to compete at Pleasanton from throughout the nation. Two Masters classes, one for 40-49 years of age and one for the 50-plus athletes, will be competing.

All classes compete in all eight disciplines with the non-pro classes utilizing lighter and shorter cabers and lesser weights.

The Heavy Events are but a part of the Gathering & Games

432, he will one day attempt to break the world record for 60 minutes by being the first person ever to complete 800 pull ups. Matt's world records are recognized by both Genius Book of World records and the Official Book of Strength & Fitness Records.

More info can be found at www.strend.com

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

Ironhead Indoor Lacrosse

Teams are now forming for boys and girls indoor lacrosse at Cabernet Sports in Livermore. Inaugural season begins at the end of Sept. with a game-only format over eight Sundays. Cost is \$145 per player. Singles and teams welcome. Girls and boys grades 4 through 12 are welcome (previous experience required). Visit www.ironheadlacrosse.com or call Bob Mezeul at 925-989-4553.

Cold .45 Tryouts

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

Swim Clinic

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

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

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

Information call Emily Horst at 443-7700.

Roller Hockey

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

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

Tea Up for Teens

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

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

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

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

Women's Soccer

Livermore Area Recreation and Park District's Women's Soccer League is a recreational outdoor league that encourages players of all abilities to get out and play the game. Whether you are new to soccer, have a distant memory of playing it, or are just looking to play any chance you get, this league will suit all experience levels. Play is under the lights at Robertson Park on Tuesday nights.

Registration for the fall season is open now and due by September 4. Spaces are available on a first-come first-served basis so register early to guarantee your space. The league is open to women age 18 and older. The winter season runs September-mid-December, and the fee is \$55.

To register stop by the LARP offices at 4444 East Avenue to fill out a registration packet or download a packet from our website www.larpd.dst.ca.us and drop it off or mail it in. For more information, call 925-960-6407.

Festival Visitors Will Be Able To Vote on Favorite Experience

Those attending the 28th Annual Harvest Wine Celebration over Labor Day weekend will be able to vote for their favorite winery experiences via text message.

In partnership with nuAlerts, a social media marketing tool, the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association will enable guests to vote for any of the festival's 40 participating wineries by texting the winery's code to a common, festival-wide phone number. The phone number and code will be posted at each winery and guests may vote for as many experiences as they like—there is no vote limit (standard text rates apply). Festival goers who text in at least one vote will be entered in a drawing for a Livermore Valley Wine Country gift basket valued at more than \$50.

Project Aimed at Making It Easier To Detect Nuclear Explosions

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory is leading a joint project with Los Alamos and Sandia national laboratories, as well as the Air Force Technical Applications Center (AFTAC) and Quantum Technology Sciences, Inc., to improve the accuracy of regional seismic travel time (RSTT) predictions to detect and locate low-yield nuclear explosions.

While seismic research is most often associated with earthquakes, seismic technology is also the primary means to detect, locate and identify underground nuclear explosions.

Underground nuclear testing plays a pivotal role in efforts by states to develop and improve explosive nuclear devices.

Hearst Mold Remedy Will Take Awhile

The nine Hearst elementary school classrooms ordered to remain vacant starting on the opening day of school Aug. 25 are not expected to be occupied for several more weeks.

Discovery of mold by a teacher in one classroom in C wing led to the shutdown of all eight rooms in the wing, and one in the B wing.

Air in all Hearst classrooms was tested.

The B wing classroom tested at elevated levels. However, a firewall there prevented workers from getting into the wall to locate the source.

The B wing room will remain closed, until the source is found, and a protocol is developed to

Livermore Valley's Harvest Wine Celebration will take place Sunday, September 6 and Monday, September 7 between noon and 5 p.m.

New for 2009 is the Harvest Village at Robertson Park in Livermore, where 21 wineries will be pouring their wines both days and guests will enjoy live music on two stages, a ping pong tournament, arts and crafts vendors and food vendors. Another 19 wineries will be pouring at their winery locations across Livermore Valley on both days. Each will be offering a unique experience with tastings of new releases and local gourmet food and art vendors. Complimentary shuttle buses will transport guests between each of these wineries on Sunday only. As in past years,

the shuttle bus "hub" will be Robertson Park, where there is ample free parking.

Two-day (Sunday/Monday) tickets are \$50 in advance and \$75 at the event. Sunday-only tickets are \$45. Monday-only tickets are \$40. Non-drinking tickets (required for children over 12) are \$10 and are valid for both days. Tickets are available online at www.LVwine.org and at all participating Livermore Valley wineries, the Wine Steward in Pleasanton, First Street Wine Company in Livermore and all PW Markets stores.

Funds raised at this event benefit the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association. For more information, please visit www.LVwine.org or call 925-447-WINE.

Nuclear tests are no longer frequent. However, there are 30-40 earthquakes of magnitude 4 and greater every day — about 10,000 per year. A magnitude 4 earthquake releases energy on the order of a one-kiloton nuclear explosion. Identification and location of the rare, and possibly covert nuclear test, within the cacophony of natural and man-made background seismic activity, is a major national security scientific challenge that NNSA and its labs are in a unique position to meet.

The long-term effort to improve seismic event location accuracy significantly increases the accuracy of RSTT predic-

tions. The newly developed RSTT model embodies three-dimensional variations in seismic wave speed in the earth's crust as well as lateral variability in seismic-wave speed in the earth's upper mantle.

The model increases the location accuracy of small events, previously undetectable at great distance. Tests across Eurasia show that the model improves median location accuracy by 46 percent.

NNSA efforts have reduced regional location error for small yield events to a level that, until recently, was only achieved for large, globally recorded events.

deal with the problem.

"We believe that water was able to get between the outside stucco and the drywall in the C wing, around speakers for the public address system on the exterior walls. It appears they don't have sufficient weather-proofing," said Pleasanton school district spokesperson Myla Grasso.

New material will be put into affected walls. The area will be sanded and painted, said Grasso.

No cost estimate is available yet.

Hearst had vacant classrooms available for the switches, because the school district's class-size reduction ratio grew from 20:1 to 25:1.

One class is in the library. That shift has required the librarian to bring materials to the classrooms on a cart. The reading and music specialists also have to travel, because their assigned rooms are being used, too.

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 Tues - Thurs: 2:30 7:30

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Big Money Giveaway

The Amador Valley Lions Club will present the 23rd annual Big Money Giveaway on Thurs., Oct. 22 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds.

Tickets are \$100 per person. Only 250 tickets will be available for purchase. The event will also include a silent auction. Sports memorabilia will be available for purchase through Art Thoms' Sports Artifacts sales. The ticket includes a pasta and steak dinner (chicken available, as well).

For ticket information, call

Chuck Doran, 484-4097 or Buzz Valente at 443-8649.

Tickets may be purchased through Lions Club members or from one of the following businesses: Allied Brokers, Pleasanton; Allegra Printers, Pleasanton; and in Livermore at Livermore Travel, Terra Mia Restaurant, Vintage Mortgage Co. or Carpet One.

Try It On for the Cure

Coldwater Creek is gearing up to host the Fall segment of its semi-annual, nationwide "Try It

On for the Cure" initiative. The one day only event, hosted on Sunday, September 13 encourages all area women to stop in to the Pleasanton Coldwater Creek store located at Stoneridge and try on clothes as a fun and easy way to join in the fight against breast cancer. Proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit the local affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure(r).

For everyone who enters a dressing room and tries on any item from Coldwater Creek's extensive collection at the Pleas-

anton store on September 13th, Coldwater Creek will donate \$1 to the local affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure. For those who choose to make an in-store purchase during the one day fundraiser, the retailer will also donate 10 percent of the day's sales to the local affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

For more information on "Try It On for the Cure," visit the local Coldwater Creek store at the Stoneridge Mall or phone (925) 227-1743.

Book Events

Towne Center Books events:

- Holly Payne and the Kingdom of Simplicity, Sept. 10, 10:30 a.m. Holly will speak about her newest novel Kingdom of Simplicity. The event is free. Reservations are very helpful and of course we'll have refreshments! 925-846-8826 or info@townecenterbooks.com.

- Read It and Eat with Mahbod Seraji, Tues., Sept. 15. His book, Rooftops of Tehran, is a glimpse at politics and life in Iran during the last days of the Shah. Social time begins at 11:30; lunch will be served at noon. \$20.00 for both the book and lunch and \$15.00 for lunch alone. Reservations are required. 925-846-8826 or info@townecenterbooks.com

- San Francisco Travel with Noelle Salmi, Wed., Sept. 16, 11:00 a.m. Noelle is the author of San Francisco Day by Day and San Francisco with Kids. This is a free event. Reservations are helpful. 925-846-8826 or info@townecenterbooks.com.

Towne Center is located at 555 Main St., downtown Pleasanton.

Bicycle Safety Classes

Bicycle safety classes are being offered in the Tri-Valley area by the East Bay Bicycle Coalition (EBBC). These classes are focused on teaching cyclists how to "drive a bike" cautiously in varying traffic situations.

Traffic Skills Class Day 1, 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. Sept. 23, at the Dublin Civic Center, 100 Civic Plaza.

Traffic Skills Class Day 1, 6:00 - 9:30 p.m. Nov. 5, Amador Recreation Center, Cultural Arts Bldg., Black Avenue, Pleasanton.

Traffic Skills 101 Classroom Session: 3.5 hour workshop that teaches the basics of safe cycling, riding in traffic, the proper equipment, crash avoidance, along with rider rights and responsibilities. Class is open to those 14 and over and no bike is required.

Traffic Skills 101 On-Road Session: 6.5 hour skills building that tests your knowledge of vehicular cycling skills. It's an on-road course that emphasizes emergency maneuvers, as well as riding in various traffic conditions. Both classes are suited for experienced and beginning riders and they are taught by instructors who are certified by the well known League of American Bicyclists.

Patricia Wai of Livermore recently took the bicycle safety courses. She says, "The class was very informative and taught by an experienced instructor who clearly had the skill set and knowledge to provide valuable information to any level of rider. I think I am a more confident rider for having taken this course. I am better at anticipating hazards and knowledgeable about how to be a safer cyclist."

Sign up online at: www.ebbc.org/safety or by calling: 510.533.RIDE (7433). Classes are funded in part by the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority's (ACTIA) Measure B funds.

Name That Tree

Name That Tree! is the theme of a Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff program on Sat., Sept. 5. Meet Park Intern Jamie Morris at 10 a.m. at Veterans Park.

Join the ranger for a tree walk. She will identify and discuss all of the diverse trees found in the park, native and non-native. Visitors will learn about sycamores, eucalyptus, oaks, cottonwoods, willows and more, and will

even get a chance to learn how to identify local trees.

There is a \$4 per vehicle parking fee and a \$2 donation is requested to help support the programs. Participants may call (925) 960-2400 for more information.

The Parent Project

Axis Community Health will host The Parent Project program this fall. The program is open to all Tri-Valley parents who wish to improve their relationships with their teenage children.

The 12-week program, to be held at Valley High School, 6901 York Drive, in Dublin, Calif., will begin on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Sessions will meet on consecutive Wednesdays from 6:00-9:00 p.m. through November 25, 2009.

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

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

Detailed information is available at www.axishealth.org.

Teen Males Anger

Axis Community Health will conduct a ten-week Teen Males Anger Management series this fall. The sessions will meet Mondays, September 21-November 30, 2009 (except for November 23) from 4:00-5:15 p.m. All sessions will take place at the Axis Behavioral Health facility, 6666 Owens Drive in Pleasanton, Calif.

The Teen Males Anger Management series is open to young men 13-18 years of age who are enrolled in high school. The series is designed to help teens address conflicts constructively and includes education and group counseling designed to help participants feel in control, handle anger positively, improve relationships, resolve conflicts and reduce stress.

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

More information about Axis Community Health is available at <http://axishealth.org>.

Immunization Clinic

Axis Community Health will hold free summer immunization clinics for children on Saturday morning, September 12 from 9:00-11:00 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 Medical 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.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Applefest 2009 took place last weekend at Ravenswood Historic Site. Visitors were able to explore the antique apple orchard and taste varieties such as Pink Pearl, Honey Sweet, Nickajack, Court-Pendu Plat and other apples popular in Victorian times. There was also an opportunity to pick apples, make cider, and play games. In the photos, Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Ranger Amy Wolitzer shows how the apples are picked and prepared. She then offers samples to taste.

HI/NI (swine flu) shots will not be released until the end of October at the earliest. When we get the vaccine, we'll let you know.

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Mount Diablo Programs

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

Events and hikes:

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

Save Lime Ridge's Peak Hike (Save Mount Diablo), Saturday Sept. 13, 2009, Time: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM. Leaders: Troy Bristol, Land Conservation Assoc. and George Phillips, Save Mount Diablo Intern. Ohlone Trail to Blue Oak Trail to Lime Ridge Trail to Paraiso Trail to Ohlone Trail. Distance: 4.25 mile loop. Elevation Gain: 675'. Time: 2.5-3.5 hours. Bring water, layers, sunscreen and a snack. No dogs are allowed in this section of Lime Ridge. Information www.savemountdiablo.org

Mount Diablo Challenge (Save Mount Diablo), Oct. 4. The Mount Diablo Challenge is a 10.8 mile timed bike ride, starting at Athenian School in Danville and climbing up Southgate Road 3,249 feet to the summit of Mount Diablo. 1,000 cycling enthusiasts compete and prizes are awarded for several categories in a ceremony at the summit with food and beverages for all. All proceeds benefit Save Mount Diablo's land conservation efforts. Registration cost is \$55.00. To register please visit www.savemountdiablo.org or www.active.com. No day of event registration.

End of Summer Hike (East Bay Regional Park District). (continued on page 10)

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

Oil Canyon Odyssey (East Bay Regional Park District). Sunday, October 18, 2009/ 8 am - 12 pm. Leader: Naturalist "Outdoor Ed" 510-544-2768, ewillis@ebparks.org. Meeting: MP #43 Contra Loma/ Black Diamond Mines - Frederickson Lane, off Lone Tree Way/Golf Course Rd., just before the turn to Contra Loma. Secluded valleys, serene vistas, and tales of "black gold" beckon us to Black Diamond Mines' remote east end. Convoy to Star Mine group camp to begin this rugged 5-mile hike. Registration Required: 1-888-EBPARKS option 2, 3 course #22537. www.

ebparks.org

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

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

Adult Education

Livermore Adult Education Fall registration has started.

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

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

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

Parenting Family and Con-

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

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

Community Interest: Throwing a Dinner Party 101 (10/5), Voice Overs (10/19), Birdwatching (10/7), Beginning Folk Guitar (9/23), Dog Training (10/20), Dog Training Intermediate (9/16), Dog Care and Grooming (11/7), Dog and Cat CPR and First Aid

(10/15), Creative Writing (9/15), Memoir Writing (9/28), Going Green (10/1), Women's Learn to Golf (9/17).

Finance; Success with Money and Spending (10/6), Estate Planning (9/29), Long Term Care (9/16), Retirement Accounts (10/20), Stock Market (9/21), Retirement Planning (9/17).

English Second Language (ESL, 9/8), Citizenship (9/12).

Adult Diploma (9/15). GED Preparation Class (9/15). SAT/PSAT Prep. Class (9/2).

Register online at www.livermoreadulted.org, call (925)606-4722 for more information or walk-in to 1401 Almond Ave. Livermore.

Farm Docent

Forest Home Farms will have a docent training session for new volunteers on Thursday, September 10, from 9am-12pm. The meeting will be held in the Boone House Apt. B at Forest Home Farms, 19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. This training is open to the public and is for anyone who is interested in becoming a volunteer at the farm. Those attending are not required to volunteer.

OBITUARIES

William Basacker

William Alden Basacker, 66, died at home in Livermore on Thursday, August 20, 2009 after a brief but courageous battle with cancer. Bill was born in Eau Claire, Wisconsin on December 31, 1942 to the late Esther and Lawrence Basacker. He moved with his family to Oakland, California during his early childhood years.

Bill graduated from Fremont High School in Oakland and received his Bachelors degree in Physical Education in 1966 from California State University, Hayward. After graduation Bill pursued a career in teaching and coaching at Bohannon Jr. High School and Arroyo High School in San Lorenzo, as well as Adult Night School at Logan High School in Union City. While teaching, Bill was involved in coaching basketball, football, and baseball. After receiving his Masters Degree in Education from the University of Laverne, Bill became a School Administra-

tor and worked within the Dublin, Milpitas, and Modesto Unified School Districts. He ultimately retired in 2004 after 38 years in the field of education.

Bill is survived by his wife, Anne Basacker, and her children, David and Mark Whitney and Jennifer Urrutia, as well as his children from his first marriage to Joan, sons Bill and Kevin Basacker, daughter, Lynn Ferguson and 10 grandchildren. Bill is also survived by two brothers, LeRoy Basacker, of Trenton, NJ, and Marion Basacker of Stevensville, MT as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Bill will be remembered for his passion for all sports by his many friends, students, fellow coaches, and work associates. He will be forever in the hearts of his family and those that knew him.

A private family service was held A Memorial Service and Celebration of Life were held on September 2, 2009 at The Robert Livermore Community Center, Livermore. The fam-

ily suggests in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Arroyo High School Athletic Fund C/O Jennifer Rodrigues, 15701 Lorenzo Ave. San Lorenzo, CA 94580 Email: jenrodrigues@slzsd.org.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Margaret Ellen Wilson

Margaret Wilson went home to be with the Lord and her daughter Kimberly, who preceded her in death in 2001, on Friday, August 28, 2009 at the age of 71. She is survived by her husband, David Wilson, of 47 years. She is also survived by her sister Betty Parker, daughter Jackie Hartzell, granddaughters Julianne Hartzell, Lynsey Hartzell, and Emily Wilson, grandson Jeremy Hartzell and great grandson Tyler Borchers.

Margaret will be remembered as a loving woman who cared deeply for her family. We will hold her memory forever in our hearts. A visitation will be held

on Thursday, Sept. 3, 2009 from 11-12:00pm with a celebration of life to follow in the Chapel of Callaghan Mortuary.

Mary Louise (Haffner) Sampson

Livermore resident Mary Louise (Haffner) Sampson died August 30, 2009.

Mary was born in Yankton, South Dakota on May 7, 1939 to Roland and Emma (Hochstein) Haffner. She attended Walshtown Elementary School (a one room school), Irene High School, Sacred Heart School of Nursing, Chabot College and received a BS in Health Sciences from San Jose State University.

She worked at the Yankton Medical Clinic, the Yankton Public Library, the Livermore City Clerk's Office and the Livermore Public Library. However, her main occupation in life was as a loving mother raising five children.

She loved to read, and her amazing recall of these books made her a natural to work as

a reference librarian, and an unbeatable opponent at Trivial Pursuit. She was a member of the League of Women Voters in both Yankton and Livermore. She also enjoyed playing the piano and organ, and was an organist at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Livermore for many years.

Her long fight with cancer and her ability to laugh throughout was a true testimony to her strength and perseverance. She was preceded in death by her parents, her younger sister Judith Ann, her daughter Catherine Elaine, and her son James Roland.

She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Lawrence Sampson; her brother Dennis, his wife Sally and their family of Kennewick, WA; her son Mark, his wife Carol and their children, Lauren and Robert of Livermore, CA; her son David, his wife Michelle and their children, Avery and Colton of Verona, WI; and her son Matthew, his wife Michelle and their children, Jessica and James of Tracy, CA.

A funeral mass will be held

There are four different areas for volunteers to choose from: Grandpa- leads tours and activities, Grandma- leads tours and activities, Garden- explains concepts of organic gardening and aids children in gardening chores, and Canning- presents a canning demonstration and leads activities.

Volunteer Description: Docents lead hands-on activities that teach the agricultural history of the San Ramon Valley and Forest Home Farms. It is a very rewarding experience to see how much the children enjoy learning and to be able to answer their questions. Education docents need to attend a three-hour training session twice per year. Volunteer commitment is 2 times per month minimum, and each tour lasts 3 hours. Volunteers must be available on weekday mornings and be fingerprinted through the San Ramon Police Dept. Fieldtrips run Monday thru Friday, 9am-12pm during the school year with a short break in winter. Fall fieldtrips for 2009 begin September 16.

For more information contact Stephanie Herscu at (925) 973-3282 or go to sherscu@sanramon.ca.gov.

Monday, September 28 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Livermore, CA.

The family requests that memorial contributions be directed to a favorite charity.

James Thomas Gilroy

James Thomas Gilroy, 73, retired Marine First Sergeant and descendent of John Cameron Gilroy for whom Gilroy, CA is named, passed away on August 23, 2009 in Oakdale, CA.

He leaves his sisters, Mary Beltran, San Jose, CA, and DeLores Quintana, Sunnyvale, CA, adult children James T. Gilroy, Jr., Florida, Charlene O'Brien, VA, Laurie Corbett and husband Mike Corbett, Livermore, CA and grandchildren, Rachel Gilroy, Sarah, Daniel, Katherine, Joshua Corbett, Livermore, CA and Erin, Julie, and Kerry O'Brien, VA.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at Calvary Catholic Cemetery, San Jose, CA.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO.427553

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

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

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Edwin Purselle This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 31, 2009. Expires July 31, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO.427933

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

This business is conducted by:an Individual

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on March 1, 2009.

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Jane P. Bearinger

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 20, 2009. Expires July 20, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO.427963

The following person(s) doing business as:LonelyGrower.com, 3903 Silver Oaks Way, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Matthew Paul Frederick Vizcarra, 7580 Commerce Blvd. #3, Colati Ca 94931

This business is conducted by:an Individual

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on July 29, 2009.

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Wahidullah Aslami

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 10, 2009. Expires August 10, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO.427963

The following person(s) doing business as:1)The Bidness Group, 2)LonelyGrower.com, 3)TheLonelyGrower.com, 3903 Silver Oaks Way, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Matthew Paul Frederick Vizcarra, 7580 Commerce Blvd. #3, Colati Ca 94931

This business is conducted by:an Individual

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on July 29, 2009.

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Stephanie A. King

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 07, 2009. Expires August 07, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO.427553

The following person(s) doing business as:Big Chief Clothing, 565 Tawny Drive, Pleasanton CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kevin Lowell Stephens Coon, 565 Tawny Drive, Pleasanton CA 94566

This business is conducted by:an Individual

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on August 7, 2009.

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Kevin Lowell Stephens Coon

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 10, 2009. Expires August 10, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO.427820

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

This business is conducted by:a Corporation

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on April 29, 2009.

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Joseph Borges, Jr.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 6, 2009. Expires August 6, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO.427820

The following person(s) doing business as:Ma Maison Francaise, 1656 Calicite Ct., Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Stephanie A. King, 1656 Calicite Ct., Livermore Ca 94550

This business is conducted by:an Individual

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on April 29, 2009.

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Stephanie A. King

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 07, 2009. Expires August 07, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO.427825

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

This business is conducted by:an Individual

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on July 29, 2009.

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Stephanie A. King

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 07, 2009. Expires August 07, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO.427825

The following person(s) doing business as:Systems Analysis And Design Group, 5728 Newfields Lane, Dublin Ca 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Pierre Lewald, 5728 Newfields Lane, Dublin Ca 94568

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO.427841

The following person(s) doing business as:Kolac Foods Corporation, 61 Azurite Way, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kolac Foods Corporation, 61 Azurite Way, Livermore Ca 94550

This business is conducted by:a Corporation

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Andrew Choi

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 07, 2009. Expires August 07, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO.427613

The following person(s) doing business as:Erin Lang Photography, 161 Bellington Common #3, Livermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Erin Lang, 161 Bellington Common #3, Livermore Ca 94551

This business is conducted by:an Individual

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on August 1, 2005.

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Erin Lang

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 03, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO.428231

The following person(s) doing business as:Systems Analysis And Design Group, 5728 Newfields Lane, Dublin Ca 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Pierre Lewald, 5728 Newfields Lane, Dublin Ca 94568

This business is conducted by:an Individual

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on January 1996.

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Pierre Lewald

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO.427841

The following person(s) doing business as:Kolac Foods Corporation, 61 Azurite Way, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kolac Foods Corporation, 61 Azurite Way, Livermore Ca 94550

This business is conducted by:a Corporation

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Andrew Choi

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 07, 2009. Expires August 07, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO.427761

The following person(s) doing business as:DIVA IN U,1141 Catalina Dr #135, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Chrysalis Couture, Inc., 1141 Catalina Dr. #135, 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 August 1, 2005.

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Linda Ellis

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 03, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO.428531

The following person(s) doing business as:Jaime Ascencion Dominguez, 2047 Broadmoor Street, Livermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jaime Ascencion Dominguez, 2047 Broadmoor Street, Livermore Ca 94551

This business is conducted by:an Individual

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on August 1, 2005.

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Linda Ellis

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 03, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO.428531

The following person(s) doing business as:Systems Analysis And Design Group, 5728 Newfields Lane, Dublin Ca 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Pierre Lewald, 5728 Newfields Lane, Dublin Ca 94568

This business is conducted by:an Individual

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on January 1996.

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Pierre Lewald

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO.428186

The following person(s) doing business as:John L Massage, 703 Debra Street, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): John Allen Lewis, 703 Debra Street, Livermore Ca 94550

This business is conducted by:an Individual

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on July 21, 2009.

Signature of Registrant: /s:/John Allen Lewis

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 18, 2009. Expires August 18, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO.428590

The following person(s) doing business as:Coast Pass, 1856 Autumn Oak Drive, Livermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Takahiro Niwa, 1856 Autumn Oak Drive, Livermore Ca 94551

This business is conducted by:an Individual

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Takahiro Niwa

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 26, 2009. Expires August 26, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO.428666

The following person(s) doing business as:La Landscape Management, 1217 Arlington Rd., Livermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Greg Marty, 1217 Arlington Rd., Livermore Ca 94551

This business is conducted by:an Individual

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on August 28, 2009.

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Greg Marty

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 28, 2009. Expires August 28, 2014.

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Mobile Homes Offer Affordable Living

By Cher Wollard
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"You have a place where you can have a great deal of privacy. No attached walls. Windows on all side. Lots of sunshine. A place to grow something if you want to. As much social life as you choose and more space than a comparable condo."

Pat Griffin, a Realtor with Hometown GMAC in Pleasanton, has listed and sold a lot of mobile homes in her 30-year career, so she is well-acquainted with the perks.

"I would like living there," she said of local mobile home parks. "The community life is great. You have friendly and helpful neighbors."

Griffin, who also sells single-family homes, ranches and condos, remembers when Tri-Valley mobile home parks were designated "adults only."

Now, most of the parks in Pleasanton are strictly for seniors (generally age 55 and older), while those in Livermore have become family parks.

Parks differ in amenities offered. Most have community rooms. Some have pools, spas, recreation areas, transportation services and organized activities.

Many residents, even in family parks, are seniors.

"It's pleasurable to deal with those folks," Griffin said, who holds the Senior Real Estate Specialist (SRES) designation. "They really are thrilled."

"You can have more of your belongings with you, your identity. That's nice. They get to decorate."

"Their families can come over and have a big Thanksgiving dinner because there is room for it. They can use the community room, if they want to."

Buying and selling mobile homes differs somewhat from other real estate transactions: Certain escrow companies specialize in mobile home sales, while most title companies do not handle them at all.

Otherwise, for buyers, sellers and their agents, the process is similar.

"We check the houses out," Griffin said. "We do everything we do for a regular house - disclosures, inspections, etc. This is going to be somebody's home."

"I encourage buyers to go to the parks, as you would with any neighborhood. Look at how well-kept the place is. In the Tri-Valley, the parks are kept very nicely. Then go to the clubhouse. Talk to the neighbors, just as you would when purchasing any home."

As with conventional houses and condos, mobile homes come in many sizes - a typical single-wide is less than 1,000 sq.ft., while a double-wide can be 1,600 sq.ft. or larger.

They also come with a variety of possible upgrades: granite, tile, high-end appliances, jet tubs, bay windows, skylights.

"Some people have been very elaborate in their embellishments and improvements," Griffin noted.

The one thing they don't have is wheels - mobile homes are not truly "mobile" once they have been placed on a site.

Mobile homes currently on the market in the Tri-Valley range from \$39,950 to \$299,000.

New homes can also be purchased from dealers, who charge a fee to relocate them to a park with available space.

Taxes on mobile homes are different from property taxes on condos or conventional homes.

Until 1980, mobile homes were treated as personal property for tax purposes, so there are no property taxes on many older units. Instead, a sales tax is charged when they change ownership. The tax is based on its state-determined value, rather than the sales price.

Mobile homes manufactured after 1980 are on county property tax roles. The taxes are far less than with other real estate, however, because homeowners are not taxed on the land.

Most buyers purchase mobile homes with cash, but financing is available from specialized lenders.

"Even on the older ones, if you have 20 percent down you can get a loan," Griffin said.

Interest rates are higher than for other types of housing, but because the loan amounts typically are lower, mobile home purchases are affordable for many people.

"For people who are renting now, the total mortgage payment and space rental fee is less than the cost of most apartments," Griffin said.

And, as with conventional real estate loans, there are tax write-offs on mobile home mortgages.

The City of Pleasanton last month rejected a bid by the owner of the Vineyard Villa Mobile Home Park on Vineyard Avenue to convert its 280 units into condominium-style ownership. His proposal would have allowed him to sell individual lots to residents.

This would have marked a significant change. Generally residents own their mobile homes and rent space from the park owner.

Space rental in the Tri-Valley ranges from about \$650 to \$980 per month.

Many parks are under municipal control regarding fees.

"In Pleasanton, rent control is negotiated between the city and owners of the parks every five years," Griffin said. "Some changes are allowed in the interim. But there are nuances."

Most local parks prohibit owners from renting out their units.

"Everyone is a stakeholder," Griffin noted.

Similar to homeowners' associations, mobile home parks have rules. Sometimes those rules involve who is allowed to live there. Buyers must pass a credit check by management, to ensure they are able to afford the park fees. And many parks have age restrictions.

Some park rules involve safety and maintaining a comfortable environment for residents.

"A lot of these rules make it a nice place to live," Griffin noted. "Residents can feel safe. It's quiet. They can have their pets, which they might not be able to in some apartments, but the pet has to be approved."

Mobile homes are generally not considered strong investments, as the homes themselves devalue with age. But buyers will sometimes pay a premium for location in a desirable park. In fact, buyers sometimes purchase older units with the intent of replacing it with a brand new one.

Griffin has had past clients who moved away want to return to the area. If they can't sell their current house, sometimes they will purchase a mobile as a second home.

"These are cheerful places. You can live close to the grandkids, close to town. The bus takes you right to BART, so you are extremely independent. You can go to Europe for a couple of months and know the place will be safe."

"It's a lifestyle choice."

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

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Lab Scientists Involved in Study to Learn More about Head Injuries

New research on the effects of blast waves could lead to an enhanced understanding of head injuries and improved military helmet design.

Using numerical hydrodynamic computer simulations, Lawrence Livermore scientists Willy Moss and Michael King, along with University of Rochester colleague Eric Blackman, have discovered that nonlethal blasts can induce enough skull flexure to generate potentially damaging loads in the brain, even without direct head impact.

Traumatic brain injury (TBI) results from mechanical loads in the brain, often without skull fracture, and causes complex, long-lasting symptoms. TBI in civilians is usually caused by direct head impacts resulting from motor vehicle and sports accidents. TBI also has emerged among military combat personnel exposed to blast waves. As modern body armor has substantially reduced soldier fatalities from explosive attacks, the lower mortality rates have revealed the high prevalence of TBI.

There has been extensive research on how head impacts, for example from automobile accidents, cause traumatic brain injury (TBI). But TBIs resulting from blast waves without head impacts have not been well understood.

To tackle this puzzle, the team used three-dimensional hydrodynamic simulations to prove that direct action of the blast wave on the head causes skull flexure, producing mechanical

loads in brain tissue comparable to those in an injury-inducing impact, even at nonlethal blast pressures as low as 1 bar above atmospheric pressure.

In particular, the team showed that blast waves affect the brain very differently from direct impacts. The primary source of injury from direct impacts is the force resulting from the bulk acceleration of the head. In contrast, a blast wave squeezes the skull, creating pressures as large as an injury-inducing impact and pressure gradients in the brain that are much larger. This occurs even when the bulk head accelerations induced by a blast wave are much smaller than from a direct impact.

The blast wave sweeps over the skull like a rolling pin going over dough," said King, LLNL co-principal investigator.

Although the simulations show that the skull is deformed only about 50 microns (the width of a human hair), "this is large enough to generate potentially damaging loads in the brain," according to Moss.

Because blast waves and direct impact affect the head in fundamentally different ways, armor systems that are designed to protect soldiers from impacts and projectiles may not be optimal for blast wave protection. The team studied how helmets and their suspension systems influence the blast-induced mechanical loads in the brain. They looked at two common systems: a nylon web system formerly used in the Per-

sonnel Armor Systems Ground Troops infantry helmet and viscoelastic foam pads like those in advanced combat helmets. Both helmets were modeled as hemi-ellipsoidal Kevlar shells.

In the first case, the 1.3 centimeter gap between the webbing and the shell allows the blast wave to "wash" under the helmet. In this case, the blast wave is focused by the shape of the helmet and the pressures under the helmet exceed those outside, so the helmet doesn't prevent the rippling deformation of the skull and pressure gradients in the brain.

In the second case, this "under wash" effect is mostly prevented by the presence of the foam pads, but under blast loading, the pads can become stiffer so that the blast wave-induced motion or deformation of the helmet is transferred to the skull. This can result in dangerous loads in the brain.

"The possibility that blasts may contribute to traumatic brain injury has implications for injury diagnosis and improved armor design," Moss said.

Blackman added: "By comparing the effect of blasts on the head with the effect of head impacts we'd be able to make some sense of the distinct mechanisms of injury, the damage a soldier might incur, and how a helmet might be designed to minimize both."

The research appears online Aug. 26 in Physical Review Letters.

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Barbara McKay and Melanie Harbert try out one of the scenic routes.

Experience Livermore Valley Wine Country on Two Wheels

By Patricia Koning

Cycling and wine is so much a part of the fabric of the Livermore lifestyle, it's a wonder no one thought of combining them until now. "Livermore is such a great place to ride and there are wineries scattered all over the place, so the idea literally came to us one day while we were out on our bikes riding past a winery," says Barbara McKay.

Last month, she launched Livermore Wine and Cycle Tours (www.livermorewineandcycletours.com) with partner Melanie Harbert. Together, they lead tour groups through Livermore's wine region on bikes from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday.

The tour starts with an antipasto-style gourmet picnic lunch of bread, cheese, cured meats, olives, and other vegetables at one of the wineries. The group tastes at that winery and visits two or three other wineries plus an olive oil grower. The tour concludes back at the starting winery

with dessert and port or another dessert wine.

"We've got nine different routes, so the beauty of our tours is you can come back a week or a month or more later for a totally different experience," says Harbert.

Those nine routes cover about 10 to 12 miles, with no more than two to three miles between stops. "You don't have to be super fit or an avid cycling to go on these tours," says McKay. "The idea is to get people outside enjoying Livermore."

Chris Chandler, executive director of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association, calls Livermore Wine and Cycle Tours a perfect fit for the region. "In this economy, having a new business that supports our wineries, who in turn, can support the tours, is really wonderful," she says. "We are delighted to have something new and different as part of the wine experience, especially now with everything

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Pleasanton Civic Arts Offers Something for Everyone

Pleasanton Civic Arts Presents new season offers a varied calendar of entertainment for all ages. There is an expanded SaturYay series and teen improv and open mic programs.

Pianist George Winston opens the season on Sept. 19. "The season ends with a bang on Feb. 27 with Rock and Roll Hall of Fame performer Dave Mason," said Civic Arts Manager Andy Jorgensen.

In between, there will be musical productions, and two plays featuring the Civic Arts Stage Company. All performances are at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton.

Jorgensen noted that the season is shorter this year. Staff will be gearing up for the opening of the Firehouse Arts Center in the fall.

The Stage Company will be performing a new production of "Charlotte's Web," October 2-4 and 9-11. "Over the years, we've been in the producing business. There are a lot of adults and young people out there who want to perform. Over 100 young people auditioned for Charlotte's Web," said Jorgensen.

Jorgensen stated that Pleasanton has formed a partnership with the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival. "We will take advantage of their expertise," he declared. The Shakespeare Festival will provide the lights, costumes and sets.

The second Stage Company production is "Cinderella," set for December 11-13 and 19-20. "This is not a traditional Disney version," explained Jorgensen. "It will be performed in the English pantomime style, combining elements of a fairytale, a musical and a satire." The show will feature comedy and larger-than-life costumes with references to local and pop culture.

Golden Bough performs in December. They will bring their holiday music program to the Amador Theater on Dec. 4. The McGrath Irish Dancers will appear with Golden Bough.

Dance is the focus of a Jan. 8 performance by the State Street Ballet. The troupe will perform Jungle Book, based on the Rudyard Kipling classic. "There are beautiful costumes and sets for this performance," remarked Jorgensen.

For ticket information, go to www.civicartstickets.org, or call 931.3444.

Michelle Russo discussed the SaturYay and school programs. This is the 16th season the city has provided entertainment to add to school arts programs. Russo noted, "We try to align performances with school curriculum by offering history, science and literature based productions, among others."

The school and SaturYay programs are similar, with the addition of two more productions for the SaturYay season. Charlotte's Web opens the SaturYay season on Oct. 3. Next up on Oct. 24 is Bill Harley, storyteller and music man. Also scheduled are Cinderella, Dec. 12, and Jungle Book, Jan. 9. Beethoven's Wig, which features five vocalists who set zany lyrics to classical music, is the finale in the school series on March 6. All of these programs are also part of the school series.

SaturYay only appearances are the Gizmo Guy, Nov. 7, and Sippy Cups, Feb. 6. Musso said, "The Sippy Cups really rocked the house last year."

Individual tickets to most SaturYay performances are adults \$10, \$14, \$18; children \$6, \$10, \$14. For ticket information, go to www.civicartstickets.org, or call 931.3444. Performances are at the Amador Theater.

Other programs were also discussed.

The Century House Poetry Series, hosted by Poet Laureate Deborah Grossman, opens with Boo-etry on Oct. 25. This will feature scary poems read by teens and a performance by "The Raven," by Blanche Abrams. The program will be from 2 to 4 p.m. at Century House, 2401 Santa Rita Rd. Admission is \$5, free to students with ID. An open mic will follow the readings and performances during which participants will be invited to read a favorite or original poem of one page or less. Refreshments will be available.

Poetry and the other arts will be the focus of the annual festival April 17 and 18.

Teens will have an opportunity to perform in various productions in 2009-2010. Mark Duncanson, Youth Program Coordinator, noted this year there are expanded opportunities. There will be a variety of improv programs plus the 8th Youth Music Festival.



Dave Mason

All performances, with the exception of the music festival will take place at the Veterans' Memorial Building, 301 Main Street, Pleasanton.

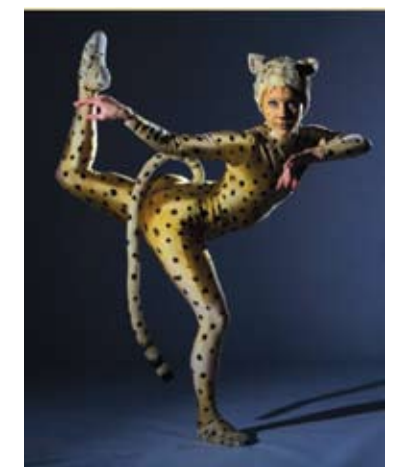
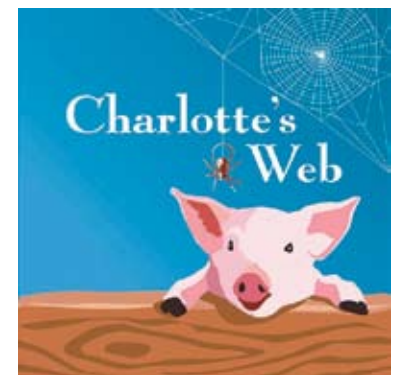
Auditions for the Creatures of Impulse, a teen improv troupe, will take place Thurs., Sept. 17, 4 to 6:30 p.m. and 7 to 9:30 p.m. Teens, ages 13 to 17, are eligible to audition. The teens perform unscripted plays based on audience suggestions. "You never know what you are going to get," remarked Duncanson.

The troupe's first show is "Tri-Valley High: Episodes of Terror," to be performed Oct. 29 and 30 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 31 at 2 p.m. Next up will be "Tri-Valley High: Holiday Shorts." This will be a short form improv theme of scenes and games with a holiday theme based on audience suggestions. The performances are Dec. 10 and 11.

The Tri-Valley High: The Impossible Film Project will return for a second season on May 20 and 21 at 7:30 p.m. and May 22 at 2 p.m. In this program, the troupe shoots three different films on Main Street, based on audience ideas. While one is showing, the other two are filming.

An Improv Face-Off is set for Feb. 11 and 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Friday night open mic for teens will be held Nov. 13, Jan. 22 and March 19 at 7:30 p.m. Performers must sign up between 6 and 7 p.m. the evening of the show. To obtain packets and guidelines to www.ptown411.com or contact Duncanson at 931-3481.



Charlotte's Web and Jungle Book Ballet are two of the programs.

The Music Festival will be held Feb. 19 at the Amador Theater. Youth and instrumental soloists and ensembles under the age of 18 are invited to audition on Jan. 13 and 14 at the Amador Theater. Duncanson said that the teens will plan this year's show. packets and guidelines are available at www.ptown411.com.

Tickets to teen events are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door; students (with valid ID) tickets are \$5

Jorgensen provided a glimpse of what is to come once the Firehouse Arts Theater is open. "We are in the public art business. A lot is focused on the Firehouse and also on programs for the downtown.

The goal is to enliven the city, to create places where people can congregate." He said he envisions working together with the downtown to provide package deals that include dinners.

Preview of 'Charlotte's Web' Performed at the Library

Pleasanton's Civic Arts Stage Company, in collaboration with the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival, invites everyone to a preview of their upcoming Amador Theater production of Charlotte's Web. The presentation will be Sat., Sept. 12 at the Pleasanton Library.

Based on the beloved children's classic of the same name by E.B. White, this 2:00 p.m. program will feature scenes from the play performed by youth cast members, all of whom are drawn from the Pleasanton community. Afterwards the cast and professional staff will discuss the play and hold a question-and-answer period with the audience. This free program is best suited for children ages 5 and older. No registration is required.

The full stage production of Charlotte's Web will be performed October 2-4 and 9-11. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.civicartstickets.org or call the Amador Theater box office at (925) 931-3444. For information on other library activities and events, see the library website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/library/programs-and-events.html, or call the Children's Desk at (925) 931-3400 extension 8.



Newspaper Reader is an example of Seward Johnson's work.

Sculpture Exhibit in the Works

Pleasanton is hoping to stage a three month sculpture exhibit this spring as a prelude to the opening of the Firehouse Arts Center.

Julie Finegan, Firehouse Art Gallery manager, said the exhibit would feature the work of Seward Johnson. His work would be displayed in the downtown. "Not only will it highlight the opening of the Arts Center, it will raise awareness and interest in the downtown," said Finegan.

The project still has to receive approval from the city council.

Johnson's work features life-size figures engaging in everyday activities such as walking a dog or reading a newspaper.

The City of Pleasanton has selected eleven bronzes it would like to display. Finegan said, "We don't know whether or not we will have those eleven or even that many."

Each bronze with a 12 inch tall "sketch" in clay, and then is enlarged to life scale in clay.

More than 200 of Johnson's life-size cast bronze figures have been featured in private collections in the United States, Canada, Europe and Asia, as well as prominent places in the public realm such as the Rockefeller Center and the World Trade Center in New York City and Queen Elizabeth Park in Vancouver, Canada.

George Winston Opens Civic Arts Presents Season

Pianist George Winston will open the City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Presents 2009-2010 season.

The concert will be on Saturday, September 19, at 8:00 p.m. at the Amador Theater, 11155 Santa Rita Road on the Amador Valley High School campus.

Winston's solo concert will feature selections from his melodic piano recordings, as well as R&B piano, stride piano, Vince Guaraldi's Peanuts© pieces, and more. George will also play Hawaiian Slack Key guitar. A popular artist who crosses generational lines, seven of Winston's nine albums have gone Multi-Platinum, Platinum, and Gold. He won a Grammy for his "Forest" album in 1994 and is best known for his seasonally-themed recordings including December, Autumn, Winter into Spring and Summer.

As has become a Winston tradition, a food drive will take place in conjunction with the concert. Audience members are encouraged to bring donations of non-perishable food items with them to the theater in support of The Haven Food Pantry.

In addition, children whose parents are attending the concert are invited to participate in Kids Create a Night of Musical Fun at the

nearby Amador Recreation Center as part of Civic Arts' Parents' Date Night program. Children in grades 1-5 will be treated to music, food and games (no performing required). Parents may call (925) 931-5340 for information and registration.

In 1972, Winston recorded his first solo piano album, "Ballads and Blues 1972." Since 1980 George has released nine more solo piano albums including "Linus & Lucy 0 The Music of Vince Guaraldi," which features compositions by the late jazz pianist, including Cast Your Fate to the Wind and pieces from the Peanuts TV specials. His next release will be "Love Will Come - The Music of Vince Guaraldi, Vol. 2."

Tickets to the George Winston concert are \$25, \$30 and \$35. They may be purchased online at www.civictartstickets.org up to three hours prior to the performance, by phone at (925) 931-3444, or in person at the Amador Theater Box Office. Box office hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and for two hours prior to the performance. Group discounts are available. More information about Civic Arts is available at www.pleasantoncivictarts.org.



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Garry Rodrigue (lower right) welcomes Barbara and Melanie to Rodrigue Molyneaux Winery during a test ride of one of the tour routes.

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looking so lush and beautiful with the impending harvest.”

Of course, you can't avoid hills in Livermore. The biggest hills on the routes, say the partners, are Vasco heading south between East Avenue and Tesla, or up Kalthoff Common off Highway 84 towards Tenuta Winery.

McKay and Harbert also are eager to customize more challenging tours. Recently, they created a special tour for a soccer team who wanted to ride 10 miles before the first stop. Eventually they'd like to create longer routes that take groups into Sunol and Castro Valley. “Sunol is a beautiful ride,” says McKay. “Once we have a base built up, we'd love to incorporate the entire Livermore Valley Wine Region into our program.”

One of their standard routes begins at McGrail Vineyards on Greenville Road, then heads to Genesis Ranch on Cross Road for olive oil tasting, followed by stops at Rodrigue Molyneaux Vineyard & Winery on Marina Avenue and The Steven Kent Winery on Tesla. For a complete list of participating

wineries, see the Livermore Wine and Cycle Tours website.

Garry Rodrigue, who co-owns Rodrigue Molyneaux with his wife Nancy, welcomes the bike tours. “The wine and bike tours really fit into the ambiance of Livermore. It's eco-friendly. Everyone in the winery enjoys seeing the cyclists roll in,” he says.

Besides enjoying the beauty of Livermore's wineries, McKay says she and Harbert encourage their clients to shop for wine, olive oil, and retail purchases along the way. They provide saddlebags and baskets for transporting purchases, and a follow-up car will pick up cases and large items.

The two women are avid cyclists who met through work—Harbert is a sales representative for a textile company based in New York. McKay became her client while working as a commercial interior designer. McKay has since moved on to become an independent distributor for Build Your Own Garment, a custom silkscreen printing business based in Dublin. They maintained their friendship through shared interests of food, wine, and the outdoors.



The tours cost \$75, with discounts available for groups of six or more. Bike rental is available for

\$25 through Cyclepath in Pleasanton. Rented bikes are delivered to the tour's starting point. Tour

groups are limited to 10-12 people. Large groups can book a private, customized tour.

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Rehearsals are underway for Sept. 12-13 event.

Ardenwood to Host Shakespeare Festival

A visit to Ardenwood is a journey back to the time of the Patterson Ranch - a prosperous, 19th-century country estate including a beautiful mansion and its elaborate Victorian Gardens. However, on September 12th and 13th the Historic Farm will take you back further yet, to the time and place after which it was named. Ardenwood Shakespeare Festival and Renaissance Faire will open for a full weekend of fun and frolic and transport visitors to a country fair in late-1500s England where the rising young star of London's theatre scene, William Shakespeare, faces a scourge like no other: a paralyzing bout of writer's block.

This year's theme for the Ardenwood Shakespeare Festival will be Shakespeare's Muse. Ardenwood Historic Farms will be transformed to an Elizabethan town filled with the myriad characters and vignettes resembling those of Shakespeare's plays we so dearly love. Their stories will make their way into

his plays and into our hearts. And you will be there to witness it all. George Washington Patterson, inspired by Shakespeare's plays, in 1857 called his estate, "Ardenwood," after the Forest of Arden mentioned in Shakespeare's play, *As You Like It*.

"The Ardenwood Historic Farm is perfectly suited to bring this show to fruition," said Marti Miernik, Producer of the Ardenwood Shakespeare Festival and Renaissance Faire. "Parents wishing to introduce their children and teens to both history and to Shakespeare can't go wrong by bringing them to this very special event. We are known for making the Bard's works accessible and understandable to modern-day audiences, whether they are Shakespeare aficionados or experiencing his works and influence for the first time."

Over 900 costumed entertainers and over 100 shopkeepers and artisans will be part of the

festivities. This year, a Joust to has been added. The Knights will offer the most authentic, exciting and entertaining Joust show. The faire will feature three stages of continuous entertainment, Queen Elizabeth's court, Shakespearean plays and vignettes, expertly staged battle scenes and theatrical performances, lively crafts marketplace, storytelling for children and adults, dancing, archery tournaments and much more. There will be merchants selling a wide array of arts and craft including one of a kind jewelry items, woodcrafts, artwork, ceramics, clothing, hats, accessories and historic weapons.

The Ardenwood Shakespeare Festival will be held September 12-13, 2009. Grounds will be open 10-6 on Saturdays and 10-5 Sundays. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$13 for seniors, military, and ages 13-17, and \$8 for children 3-12. More information can be found at <http://www.ardenwoodfaire.com/>

Livermore Program on Art of Siam and Burma

Explore the artwork of Siam and Burma at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, at 2pm on Sunday, September 13. There is no charge for this event.

Neaera Baer, a docent from the Asian Art Museum, gives an overview of The Asian Art Museum's upcoming exhibition, *Emerald Cities: Arts of Siam and Burma, 1775-1950*. This presentation will include images of the exhibition objects, which are drawn exclusively from the museum's extensive holdings from this region and period, many of which have never before been on view. The more than 140 artworks in the exhibition include gilded and mirrored ritual vessels, black lacquer and mother-of-pearl inlaid furniture, and colorful paintings.

Thailand and Burma, neighboring countries that are approximately the same size in area and population, have many cultural features in common, but have traditionally been adversaries. This exhibition of decorative and religious arts explores Thailand and Burma's shared aesthetic despite their contrasting histories.

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

Friends of Dublin Library Book Sale Scheduled

Friends of the Dublin Library will hold the Fall Used Book Sale, offering bargain books and audio-visual materials at the semi-annual Used Book Sale. Most prices are \$1 or less. Funds from sales go towards purchasing the Library's materials and supporting its programs.

The sale begins with members-only night, Friday, Sept. 11, from 6 to 9 PM. Membership applications will be available starting at 5:30 that evening.

The sale continues, open to all, Saturday Sept. 12 through Monday the 14. Sale hours are Saturday from 10 AM to 5 PM; Sunday, 1:00 to 5 PM; and Monday, 12 noon to 6 PM.

Monday is Bag Day; fill a paper bag (provided) for \$4.00, or fill a special-edition Friends of the Library canvas tote bag for only \$13.00. Totes are also available alone for \$10.00.

More information is available on the Library's website at www.aclibrary.org, or you can call the Library at 925-828-1315. The Library is wheelchair accessible.

Reception for 'Small Canvas' Event Set

Gary Winter will be celebrating the Arts along with other Artists at the Berry Patch. As a 4th Generation in Pleasanton, Gary is completing his first book "Thoughts from an Artist." It is available at Towne Center Books in Pleasanton.

Gary is also involved in a new exhibit at the Berry Patch called "the Small Canvas" presented by Poetry On Canvas. He has a small version of Nail Art of an Old Oak Tree created with over 2000 nails. The a larger version is hanging in Tully's on Main Street.

A reception with Gary and other artists involved in "the Small Canvas" exhibit will be held on Saturday, September 5, from 5-9 with Tastings from a Local Chef. For more information call 925 461-5084 or e-mail your requests and questions to poetryoncanvas@mac.com.

The Berry Patch is located at 350 Main St. # A in downtown Pleasanton



Sarah Chang

Annual Piano Recital Scheduled

The community is invited to attend the 11th annual recital co-sponsored by Asbury United Methodist Church and the Alameda County East Branch of the Music Teachers' Association of California (MTAC). It will be held on Saturday evening, September 12, 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. Pianist will be glad to sign programs and meet members of the audience after the performance.

This year's performer is Sarah Chang, a high school senior from Irvine. She has won many local and state honors and this year she was chosen to be a member of the prestigious Young Artist Guild of the MTAC.

Chang's program will feature a number of treasures of the piano repertoire: selections from Bach's "Goldberg Variations," a movement from a Mozart sonata, a ride on a gondola with Liadov's "Barcarolle," the famous "Black Key" etude by Chopin, and selections from Shostakovich's imaginative and spritely Preludes.

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

Poetry Reading at Ravenswood

A poetry reading will be held at the Ravenswood Historic Site on Sunday, Sept. 6.

The City of Livermore and poet laureate Cher Wollard will host this special literary event from 2-4 p.m.

Featured poets Lynne Knight and Carolyn Miller will read, followed by an Open Mic.

Knight is the author of four full-length collections of poetry and three prize-winning chapbooks. Her work has appeared in *Beloit Poetry Journal*, *Kenyon Review*, *Poetry* and *Best American Poetry 2000*, among other publications. She has won numerous awards and received a grant from the National Endowment for the



Lynne Knight

Arts. She resides in Berkeley.

Miller is a painter as well as a poet. She has published two books of poetry with Sixteen Rivers Press — *After Cocteau* and *Light, Moving*. She is the recipient of a James Boatwright Award from *Shenandoah* and the Rainmaker Award from *Zone 3*. She teaches writing workshops in France, as well as in San Francisco, where she lives.

Refreshments will be provided by Checkers Catering. Admission is \$5 at the door.

For information, contact Wollard at 925 824-4824 or cherw@livermorelit.com.

Ravenswood is located at 2657 Arroyo Road, Livermore



Carolyn Miller

Cal State Chamber Singers Head to Europe

The 14-member California State University, East Bay Chamber Singers, plus conductor Buddy James, associate professor of music, will perform in Vilnius, Lithuania on Oct. 18-24.

The second part of a cultural exchange between CSUEB and the Chorus Pro Musica will include both a solo performance by the East Bay students, and a joint concert in celebration of the European choir's fifth anniversary.

"One of the benefits of performing great music is to be put in touch with the culture of another group of people. Actually experiencing the culture puts the music in context," said James, who became acquainted with the Musica director at a 2005 conference that led to the exchange.

James conducted their chorus in a concert of American music in Vilnius in 2007 and their conductor worked with the East Bay Singers in December 2007 in a concert of Eastern European Music. Last

November their entire choir came here to perform "Mozart's Requiem" with the East Bay Singers and the CSUEB Symphony Orchestra.

This time, the East Bay Singers will be serenading the East Europeans with such jazz standards as "Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square," "All the Things You Are" and "Moon River," and such American folk hymns and spirituals as "Amazing Grace" and "Let Me Fly" on their own, and teaming with the hosts on "Mass in G Major" by Schubert.

James selected the East Bay Singers for the trip because they are a cohesive unit that had already worked together for a year, has an extensive repertoire, and is prepared to give concerts. Needing one additional male voice, James added graduate student Ryan Rey of Dublin because he has a fine voice and had experience on a similar trip to Mexico two years ago.

Ray is delighted. "As a graduate student, I no longer am required to perform for my major, but due to Dr. James' enthusiasm, I want to perform," he said. Based on past experience with this group, he looks forward to picking up on subtleties from the Lithuanian conductor.

Fellow traveler Gabriel Liboiron-Cohen, a junior from Oakland, said, "There's so much to learn from musicians of this caliber. I'm especially interested in the males and the ease of their singing range and technique. The Lithuanians are known for their choral activities; this is where deep choral music comes from."

Beyond the educational benefits, Catherine Buttler, a senior

from Hayward, sees this, her second international trip with the chorus, as one of the perks of a CSUEB music education.

Others on the trip will be Laura Munana Carreon, a senior from Brentwood; Rodrigo Cortes, senior from Sacramento; Tristram Duncan, senior from Fairfield; Trisha Fitch, senior from San Ramon; Alba Gonzalez, junior from Guanajuato; Nicholas Lyon-Wright, junior from Walnut Creek; Dina Marawala, sophomore from Sacramento; Piper Robinson, senior from Piedmont; Kira Sullivan, junior from Pleasanton; Sabrina Serna Vasquez, senior from San Jose; and David Zelenka, senior from Livermore. All are music majors.

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ART EXHIBITS

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

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

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

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

Lindsay Wildlife Museum, Butterfly Art, Opens September 19. The Museum's upstairs art gallery will feature the work of water colorist Elizabeth Koval Maffeo from September 19, 2009 thru November 15, 2009. Free with museum admission. For more information contact Connie Loosli at cloosli@wildlife-museum.org. www.wildlife-museum.org. The Museum is located in Walnut Creek.

The Wild Vine Gallery featured artist for September is John Beahm. "Pushing the paint with bold color and active brush movement, I strive to convey the subject's spirit while leaving room for the viewer's imagination" is how Beahm describes his work. The artist's reception will be on Thursday, September 10, from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Wild Vine Art Gallery & Wine Lounge, located at 2187 First St., Livermore.

Wildlife artist Carl Brenders, exhibit opens September 19 at Lindsay Wildlife Museum. An exhibition of the work of the internationally acclaimed wildlife artist Carl Brenders opens for just nine days, September 19 - 27th, 2009. Free with museum admission. Special Event and Reception: Sun-

day, September 27th 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Carl Brenders will be available to sign and personalize prints, posters, and his most recent book "Pride of Peace." Admission to the event is free; reservations are required. Call or write Pacific Wildlife Galleries (925) 283-5809/dennissalvo@gmail.com to RSVP. For more information contact Connie Loosli at cloosli@wildlife-museum.org. www.wildlife-museum.org. The Museum is located in Walnut Creek.

WINERY EVENTS

Tunes on the Patio at Little Valley Winery, 739 Main St., Pleasanton, Sat., Sept. 5, Rocky Ramirez, 5 to 8 p.m.; Sun., Sept. 6, Megan Slankard, 1 to 4 p.m.; Mon., Sept. 7, Patty & Abigail, 1 to 4 p.m. No Ticket is needed. Little Valley Winery & Lavender; information 925.862.9006 or www.littlevalleywinery-lavender.com

Cedar Mountain Winery events: Thirsty Thursday at the Plaza, 5 p.m. Sept. 10 in front of the Bankhead Theater. Cedar Mountain wines will be featured with food for sale from downtown restaurants. Live music from 5 to 8 p.m. www.livermore-downtown.com for more details. **Port Seminar and Tasting** - September 19, 2 p.m. Winemaker, Earl Ault, will guide you through how port is made. Taste Ports from Portugal and California. Class limited to 30 people. Advance reservations required. \$10 p/person, \$7 p/club members. Call 373-6636 for reservations. **Evening of Port and Cigars** - September 26, 7 p.m. Cedar Mountain Winery has partnered with Vino Cellars & Accessories to present you with some of the finest port and cigars in the valley. Selection of Cedar Mountain Port and 2-premium cigars, (90 pts.) hand picked by Vino Cellars and Accessories, from downtown Livermore. Music and hor d' oeuvres will be provided. Tickets are \$35 p/person when purchased before September 22nd; \$40 p/person after September 22nd. Advance reservations required! Please contact Cedar Mountain Tasting Room at (925) 373-6636, or Vino Cellars at (925) 447-8000 for reservations.

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

Harvest Tour & Tasting Event: Wentve Vineyards, behind the scenes look at how estate grown wines are produced; Chef Arthur Wall creates a daily changing menu to highlight produced from the restaurants organic garden. Dates: Sept. 19 and 26, 10 a.m., noon, 2 and 4 p.m. Reservations for the specially offered event are required, and tour space is limited. Reservations can be made by call-

ing 925-456-2305 ext. 4. The tour and tasting is offered at \$20 to the public and \$15 to wine club members. The event will take place at the Wentve Vineyards Estate Winery and Tasting Room, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore.

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

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

MUSIC/CONCERTS

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

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

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

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

The Glenn Miller Orchestra, opens third season at the Grand Theatre Center for the Art, Friday, September 11, at 7:00 p.m. 715 Central Avenue, on the corner of Central and Seventh Street, in historic downtown Tracy. The Glenn Miller Orchestra performs many of the original Miller arrangements of the Swing Era of the '30s and

'40s, as well as modern selections, in the big-band style. Tickets are \$25 and \$35, with Grand Box Seats available for an additional \$15.00 and Parterre Seating for an additional \$5.00. They may be purchased on-line at www.atthegrand.org, by phone at (209) 831-6TKT (6858) or in person at the Leona Darr Willis Box Office.

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

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

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

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



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

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

ON THE STAGE

On the Town, Leonard Bernstein musical about three sailors on shore leave. Diablo Theatre Company (formerly Diablo Light Opera Company). Performances 8 p.m. Sept. 11, 12, 17, 18,

19; 2 p.m. Sept. 13, 19, 20, 26, 27. (\$29-\$42). Leshner Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. 943-7469.. www.lesherartscenter.org.

Manon, Opera San Jose, eight performances of work by French composer Jules Massenet. Sept. 12-27, California Theatre, 345 South First St., San Jose. In French with English supertitles. \$51-\$91. 408-437-4450 or www.operasj.org.

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

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

COMEDY

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

DANCE

Argentine Tango - Lecture and Demonstration, Livermore Library, Jurek Mazur and dancers from Academia de Tango Argentina trace the roots and history of Argentine tango dance and music. 2 p.m. No admission charge. 1188 So. Livermore Ave. For more information call 925-373-5505 Joyce Nevins.

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

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

AUDITIONS/VOLUNTEERS

Singers sought, St. Innocent Orthodox Church in Livermore is looking for experienced singers to join their concert choir for their fourth public performance to be held in February of 2010. The program will feature Russian and American Orthodox Christian music used in the various liturgical services throughout the daily cycle of worship. All music is

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acappella and requires singing experience, good pitch and some basic ability to read music. Rehearsals begin Tuesday, September 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. The choir will receive new singers throughout the month of September. The St. Innocent Church choir's director, Susan Anderson, invites persons interested in singing to contact her directly for more information at: 925-449-4032 or email at choir@stinnocent.net

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

The Valley Concert Chorale will hold auditions for the 2009-2010 concert season by appointment on Monday, September 14 and 21, at the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore. The church is located at the corner of 4th and L Streets. To schedule an appointment, call (925) 462-4205. The 2009-2010 concert season highlights include the music of Gilbert and Sullivan, Saint-Saens' Oratorio de Noel (Christmas Oratorio), Mozart's Requiem at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore, and an entire performance of folk songs from around the world. More information about the Valley Concert Chorale is available at www.valleyconcertchorale.org or by calling the general information line at (925) 866-4003.

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

California State University, East Bay Department of Theatre and Dance will hold open auditions for all 2009-10 shows. Most auditions will be held Wednesday, Sept. 30 in the University Theatre, on the northeast side of the Hayward campus, 25800 Carlos Bee Blvd. Dance auditions will begin at 6 p.m.; actor auditions at 7:30 p.m. Callbacks will be at 6 p.m. Oct. 1 in the University Theatre for "Ring the Bells for Change," 7 p.m. Oct. 1 in the University Theatre for "The Iago Syndrome," and 6 p.m. Oct. 6 in P.E.

140 for "Wayward." For the winter musical, "Chicago," singers and actors will audition Oct. 8 from 6-7:30 p.m. and Oct. 10 from 10 a.m.-noon, and dancers will audition Oct. 8 at 7:45 p.m. and Oct. 13 at 7 p.m., all in the University Theatre. Callbacks will be several days later. Performance Fusion auditions will be held in winter quarter; watch the Callboard for announcements. The Theatre and Dance Department performance schedule is at http://class.csueastbay.edu/theatre/Future_Performances.php. For updates, call 510-885-3118 weekday mornings, or check the backstage bulletin board.

MOVIES

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

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

CHORAL

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



MISCELLANEOUS

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

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

First Annual Book Fair, hosted by Happy Fish Swim School in Livermore, Saturday and Sunday, September 12 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Books and gifts for children and adults. Book Fair by Imagination

Books Inc. All proceeds benefit the Livermore Valley Education Foundation. 2780 Constitution Drive, Livermore. (925) 447-3474 www.swimhappyfish.com/livermore.

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

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

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

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

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

Dan Winters, photographer, will talk about his early influences and interest in film and photography on his path to becoming an editorial photographer. He will also discuss his first book: Dan Winters: Periodical Photographs. Thurs., Sept. 24, 7:30 p.m. at the Livermore Library. For more information call 925-373-5505 or e-mail Joyce Nevins.

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

Nostalgia Day Car Show, 20th car show staged by Altamont Cruisers, Sept. 27 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in downtown Livermore. Muscle cars, street rods, custom and classic cars on display. Fund-raiser for local organizations that promote the Tri-Valley youth, help strengthen their families and help keep kids off drugs. Free admission. Food booths and vendors of every type on hand. Information at altamontcruisers.org.

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

1795.

Ghost Walks, Downtown Pleasanton, led by museum docents to 18 downtown Pleasanton sites, will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, October 23 and Friday, October 30; and from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, October 24. Walks begin every 30 minutes. Each tour is two hours long. Costumed guides will tell all of the stories about the hauntings from the psychics, business owners, and Ghost Trackers. Tickets for the Ghost Walk, presented by the Museum On Main Street, are available at the museum, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton, near the Arch. Reservations are requested. Costumes are encouraged. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$13 for children 12 and under. After September 1, checks, cash and bank cards are accepted with phone or walk-in reservations. For information contact (925) 462-2766 or office@museumonmain.org or visit www.museumonmain.org.

Creative Time-Travelers, after school art program, starting in October, The Bothwell Art Center. Students' grades 1-12 are invited to leap through time

with instructor Jen Lock exploring art from ancient cave paintings to modern art. Together they will make art, music and culture come alive as they get to know the artists, their works and techniques. Cost \$85.00 for six sessions. For more information and to register contact Jen Lock at (925) 858-2801 or jen@jenlock.com. www.Jenlock.com/creativeexpressions.pdf

ENTRIES - PHOTO

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

Writers Club Offers Program on Writing and Publishing

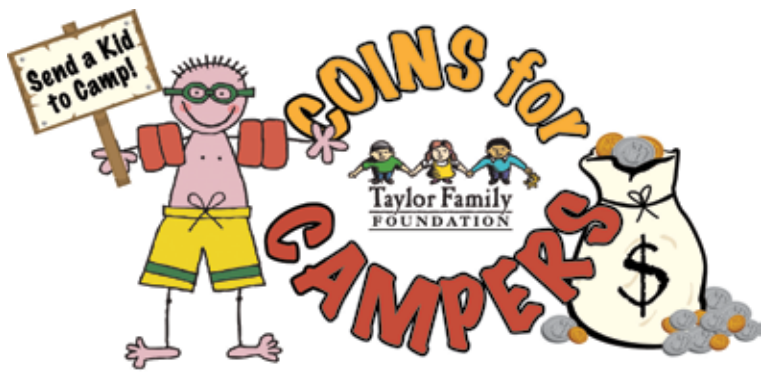
The California Writers Club-Tri-Valley Branch offers writers of all genres and experience levels the opportunity to learn about their craft and share their work. The next meeting is on Saturday, September 19 from 11:00 am to 2:30 pm at Oasis Grille, 780 Main Street, Pleasanton.

Nowadays publishers expect more from authors both before and after they have been published. Authors Lynn E. Hazen and Susan Taylor Brown will discuss how to juggle promotion efforts, social websites, and online personalities and still have time to write. They will introduce participants to the world of blogs, Facebook, Twitter, MySpace, LinkedIn, You Tube, Red Room, and more.

Lynn Hazen, M.A., M.F.A., writes books filled with humor, heart, and hope. Kirkus Reviews praised her award-winning young adult novel *Shifty* as a "realistic story that resonates." Hazen's books for younger readers include *Mermaid Mary Margaret*, *Cinder Rabbit*, *The Amazing Trail of Seymour Snail*, and *Buzz Bumble*. She presents writing workshops and author talks at schools, libraries, and conferences and teaches writing classes at Stanford Continuing Studies. To learn more, go to www.LynnHazen.com and www.LynnHazenImaginaryBlog.blogspot.com.

Susan Taylor Brown is the author of the middle grade verse novel *Hugging the Rock*, which was named an ALA Notable Children's Book and a Bank Street College Best Children's Book of the Year selection, among other awards. Her other books include the picture books *Oliver's Must-Do List* and *Can I Pray with My Eyes Open?* and the non-fiction book *Robert Smalls Sails to Freedom*. Brown leads writing and creativity workshops and conducts online workshops for authors on the use of social media. For more information, go to www.susantaylorbrown.com and <http://susanwrites.livejournal.com>.

The meeting cost is \$21 for members and \$27 for nonmembers, including lunch. The workshop will be held till 1:30, followed by lunch. Anyone curious about the group is invited to attend with no obligation to join. Reservations are required. To make a reservation for September 19, contact Fred Norman at Fnorman300@aol.com or 925-462-7495 by Wednesday, September 16. For more information on the California Writers Club-Tri-Valley Branch, contact Lani Longshore at 925-455-1338 or longshore1769@yahoo.com or go to www.trivalleywriters.com.



Foundation Launches Kids to Camp Campaign

The Taylor Family Foundation (TTF) announced today that they will be kicking off a new fund-raising campaign. The Kids-to-Camp campaign asks donors and supporters in the community to contribute money that will go to the direct services for the campers.

In response to TTF postponing their annual fund-raiser *Day in the Park* in the best interest of their vendors, they have decided to invite the communities to support children with life-threatening illnesses.

"With *Day in the Park* on hiatus this year, we are without our major fund-raiser," states TTF President and co-founder Elaine Taylor. "Now is the time we need donations the most, to provide our nearly 3,000 BAY AREA CAMPERS the best time of their lives, so they can enjoy our camp and provide a respite time for almost 6,000 parents of the campers."

TTF is asking for contributions of \$25 to \$100,000 to help make a lifetime of memories for children living with brain tumors, heart disease, HIV/AIDS, Crohn's, colitis, IBD, Celiac disease, diabetes, asthma, sickle cell, preschool burn survivors, cancer, autism, developmental disabilities and many other

serious conditions.

"The cost to send one critically ill child to a week of summer camp is \$500, and a weekend camp is \$170, said Taylor. "Our hope and goal is to continue the same exceptional programming in 2010 for our campers as if we had executed *Day in the Park*."

When visiting TTF's Camp Arroyo, groups will experience all camp has to offer, including, rock wall, swimming pool, Bocce ball, outdoor campers' movies, fire circle, visits by dogs & horses, open meadows the 210 foot zip line and ropes course to enjoy themselves and just be kids.

The Taylor Family Foundation, founded by Elaine and Barry Taylor in 1990, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. In 1998, TTF partnered with the East Bay Regional Park District to build Camp Arroyo, a year-round residential camp in Livermore. TTF funds the summer program at Camp Arroyo and is facilitated by the YMCA of the East Bay.

For more information on how supporters can stay connected and help The Taylor Family Foundation, please contact their office at 925-455-5118 or TTF@tff.org.

Wine and Equine Festival Benefits Equestrian Foundation

Galloping toward the one month mark, SonRise Equestrian Foundation volunteers are preparing for their 3rd Annual Wine & Equine Festival, their most ambitious fund-raiser to date. The organization aims to generate 50 percent of its operating budget for the entire year during this festival on Saturday, September 12 from 1 pm to 5 pm at the Charles Wilhelm Training Center in Castro Valley. Tickets may be purchased at www.sonriseequestrianfoundation.org for \$75 per person. All proceeds go to SonRise Equestrian Foundation. Visit online or call 925-838-7433 (RIDE) for additional information.

The Festival will feature a gourmet barbeque, estate grown wines from Murrieta's Well and Wente Vineyards, live and silent auctions, wine cellar raffle and a horse show featuring world renowned horse trainer Charles Wilhelm and the children of SonRise. The Charles Wilhelm Training Center is among the top equine educational institutions in Northern California.

"Our theme this year is horseshoes," said SonRise founder Melanie Buerke. "It's our hope that as a horseshoe surrounds, supports and stabilizes a horse's hoof, the local community will surround, support, and help stabilize the lives of Bay Area youth by partnering with SonRise and attending the Wine and Equine Festival."

Participants ranging from 8 to 18 years old have been busy making preparations for the event. Several times a week they are jumping with miniature horses, practicing obstacle courses and polishing their riding and showmanship skills. One of the participants will be Charlie Cleberg, a 10 year old who despite having limited use of



Blackie, a miniature horse from SonRise Equestrian Foundation dons a cowboy hat Saturday to bring cheer to children with brain tumors at Camp Arroyo in Livermore. Visit Blackie and other SonRise horses at SonRise's third annual Wine & Equine Festival on Saturday, September 12.

his hands has learned to ride as well as to rope with his feet.

Anyone can participate in the wine raffle whether or not they are

able to attend the event. The tickets are \$20 each or five for \$100.

They can be purchased through the SonRise website.

Walk for Education Benefits Livermore School Programs

The American Swim Academy is hosting the 2009 Walk for Education to benefit the Livermore Valley Education Foundation.

The walk will be held at Granada High School in Livermore on Saturday, September 26 from 11am until 2pm. Students from every Livermore Valley school along with their friends and families are invited to participate in the walk.

The school that generates the most walkers will win \$500.

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

consequences."

Registration is open to the public by downloading a registration form at the website www.americanswimacademy.com/LVEF. The entry fee is just \$2. Each walker who participates will receive a t-shirt and lunch. There will also be a Family Fun Festival during the walk featuring live entertainment, DJ music, family friendly booths

and more. Pepmeier said, "We are hoping this walk is a step in the right direction toward a brighter future for our children."

The Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF) was created with the idea of restoring and enhancing academic and extracurricular programs within the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. LVEF works with

teachers, students and parents to determine where funding is most needed and then oversees the distribution on a district wide basis. The majority of funding for LVEF comes through fund-raisers and community support.

For more information about the 2009 Walk for Education, visit www.americanswimacademy.com/LVEF.

Milestones

Community

Military

Blake R. Boehme has graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Leader's Training Course at Fort Knox, Ky. He is the son of Dale R. and Barbara J. Boehme of Pleasanton.

The four-week course is a leadership internship for cadets that can lead to the ultimate goal of becoming an Army officer. College students experience and examine the Army without incurring an obligation to serve in the Army or ROTC, and are eligible to receive two-year college scholarship offers and attend the Advanced ROTC Course at their college.

Cadets are observed and evaluated during classroom and field training exercises to determine their officer potential in leadership abilities and skills. The cadets are trained to have a sound understanding of traditional leadership values during the challenging, motivating "hands-on" training. The training develops well-disciplined, highly motivated, physically conditioned students, and helps improve the cadets' self-confidence, initiative, leadership potential, decision making, and collective team cohesion. The cadets receive training in fundamental military skills, rifle marksmanship, small arms tactics, weapons training, drill and ceremony, communications, combat water survival training, rappelling, land navigation and squad-level operations field training.

Benjamin G. Lipp has entered Basic Cadet Training at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., in preparation to enter the first academic year at the academy. The six-week, two-phased orientation program must be successfully completed by the cadets prior to entering their freshman year.

Phase one involves personal in-processing, orientation, and training in the fundamentals of being a cadet. Cadet trainees are prepared to adjust from civilian to military life and disciplines, and learn proper wear of the uniform, saluting policies and procedures, drill and ceremony, marching, and living quarters standards.

During phase two, cadets train outdoors living in tents while learning to function in field conditions. Cadets apply and practice team work, cohesion and learn to deal with physically and mentally demanding situations. They complete the obstacle, confidence, assault, and leadership reaction courses, and participate in a rescue mission termed Operation Warrior. He is the son of Magnus and Lisa Lipp of Livermore.

Education

Morgan L. Anderson, a 2006 graduate of Amador Valley High School and resident of Pleasanton, has achieved the Dean's List for the 2008-2009 academic year at the University of Chicago and has achieved the Dean's List for the 2008-2009 Academic Year.

Clayton Bailey, California State University, East Bay art professor emeritus, received the California Artist of the Year Award from the California State Fair Saturday, Aug. 29.

Bailey, who holds a B.S. and M.S. in art and art education from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, taught ceramic sculpture from 1968-1996 at then-California State University, Hayward. He was advisor to the Art Department Stone Soup Club, a group of students who met weekly for a soup dinner around a large table they had made from ceramic tiles.

Bailey is experienced in all aspects of the ceramic arts, including high fire, low fire, raku, and vapor glazes, and has expertise in throwing, hand building, mold making and casting of ceramic works. His awards include two National Endowment for the Arts Fellowships.

Recently, the Port Costa resident has focused on creating life-sized robot sculptures from found objects, first incorporating ceramics, then switching to lighter materials that can be cut with tin snips and hacksaws.

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New Pastor Installed

Rev. Steve Wilde was installed as the new Senior Pastor at Livermore First Presbyterian Church (FPC) on Sun., Aug. 30. Participating in the service were Rev. Gail Doering of Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Scott Farmer of the Danville Presbyterian Church. They were joined by the Rev. Steve Harrington, Pastor of the Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, Steve Wilde's home church before his transfer to Livermore and Chuck Fry of the San Francisco Presbytery

Steve succeeds the Rev. Bill Nebo, who decided to retire 3 years ago after some 35 years as Pastor at Livermore FPC.

A reception in the fellowship Hall by the congregation followed the Installation Ceremony. On hand were Wild's wife, Jen, and their three young sons. Wilde began his ministry at Livermore on May 1. The family moved to Livermore on July 1.

Wilde grew up in the East Bay and was ordained at his home church in Lafayette in



Rev. Steve Wilde, on the left, being congratulated by fellow Pastors Gail Doering of Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church and Rev. Steve Harrington of the Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church.

1997 and has served at Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church as Youth and Senior Associate Pastor the last 12 years.

His installation begins a series of events starting with a Homecoming Festival after the 9 and 10:30 services on Sunday, Sept. 13, where all who are interested

in meeting Wilde are invited to attend. They will also be given an opportunity to become acquainted with the many programs offered by Livermore FPC as well as enjoy free vegetables provided by those who bring surplus harvests from their gardens.

Grab your partner or a friend and join us from 9:00-11:30ish a.m. Saturday, September 19th at Sycamore Grove Park, Livermore for a fall walk/hike. Sue Evans is turning 60 and wants to stay in shape and raise money for Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation, a local foundation that provides funding to Tri-Valley residents who wish to include complementary medicine with their traditional cancer treatment. The requested tax deductible donation is \$25 and includes the hike and a group photo. For more information, to sign up, or to make a donation, contact Sue Evans at 925-989-4113 or fitness-to-photos@comcast.net.



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

Flea Market Old / New treasures, Sept. 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Ridge View Commons, 5200 Case Ave., Pleasanton. Free to the public. Old and new merchandise. Jewelry, scarfs, Honey, Flowers, clothes, and many many more we are also selling food Hot dog's Ice cream, chips, soda coffee etc., etc.

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society meets Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 7:30pm. at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct., Pleasanton. The speaker will be Ron Arons whose topic is "Best Bet Internet Websites." He will present real-world examples of how these websites can be used to solve extremely difficult genealogical problems. Visitors welcome, no charge. Map to the site: <http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/PLS-BethEmek.html> Marie Ross 925-447-1806

Mediator Certification, The Center for Community Dispute Settlement (CCDS) is offering a Mediator Certification Workshop Saturdays, September 12, 19 & 26 in Livermore. This 25-hour comprehensive training is facilitated by practicing Lead Mediators and will certify individuals to the CA Dispute Resolution Programs Act. Space is limited to 8 more participants. For those wishing to make a difference in your community, there will be opportunities to mediate for the small claims department at the Pleasanton courthouse and to work with peer mediators at the local schools. Further information and the registration form may be obtained online at www.trivalleymediation.com or contact Diane at (925) 373-1035.

Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated will host Eric Golub of the Republican Jewish Coalition at a dinner meeting starting 6:30pm on Thurs., Sept. 10, at Cattleman's Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore. Golub is the author of the book "Ideological Bigotry" and is a frequent guest on talk radio shows across the country. \$26 for members, \$30 for nonmembers. Advance reservations are required no later than Sunday, September 6. Call (925) 846-5944 or visit www.trivalleyrepublicanwomen.org for more information.

Sick Around the World, a one hour film exploring single payer healthcare in other civilized nations, will be shown on Saturday, September 19th, at 7:00 PM, at the IBEW Hall; 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Guest speaker from "healthcare For All Californians," Sue Bergman, will discuss options for and answer questions about single payer healthcare in California. Meet & greet begins at 6:30 PM, refreshments are served, the hall is air conditioned, and wheelchair accessible. This event is open to the public and free; although, \$3.00 donations are encouraged to cover costs. For more information, call 925-462-3459.

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA., Fish fry in Dublin, Sept. 11, RSVP by Sept. 9 to Hilda, 398-8808. Lunch in Dublin, Sept. 12, RSVP by Sept. 10 to Marsha, 830-8483. Champagne Brunch Fremont, Sept. 13, RSVP by Sept. 8 to Jill, 510-505-2006. Lunch in Hayward, Sept. 16, RSVP by Sept. 14 to Vee, 510-782-4169. Happy Hour in Pleasanton, Sept. 18, RSVP by Sept. 16 to Lorraine, 846-5695.

Castlemont All Class Picnic, Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton, Sat., Sept. 12, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Bernal Greens picnic area. BBQ pits and tables provided. Bring own charcoal, food and beverages (no glass, please). \$5 entrance fee includes parking. Details, contact Greg Hickey (56) at 461-1381 or whizman@prodigy.net.

Pleasantonians 4 Peace, sponsoring a candlelight Vigil in front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main Street, downtown Pleasanton, 7 p.m. Wed., September 9. Participants will reflect on the human and monetary costs of the war, honor veterans who have sacrificed, and visualize ways of moving beyond this conflict to a more peaceful world.

Job Discovery Group, meets Thursdays

at 10:00 a.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church in Livermore. Bring resume (and maybe a few extra copies to pass around), ideas, roadblocks & any resources to share in a supportive & proactive atmosphere of networking at UUCIL. Contact Brent Parry or Maureen Hamm (Brent-Parry@aol.com) (mhamm33@earthlink.net) for more info.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., Sept. 5, 35 miles from Shannon Center to Sunol Regional Park, meet 8:30 a.m., Heidi Fraser, 451-1430. Sun., Sept. 6, 20 miles to Peet's Coffee in Danville, meet 9 a.m. at Heather Farm, Dan Granahan, 323-9798. Wed., Sept. 9, 36 miles visit everyone's favorite mountain, meet 10 a.m. at Central Park in San Ramon, Gail Blanco, 872-1001. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

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

Publish & Profit - Get Your Work Published & Start Making Money, class Tuesday, Sept. 15, 6 to 9 p.m. at Amador Valley Adult and Community Education, Pleasanton. \$29 + \$20 materials fee payable to the instructor the night of the class. (925) 462-5500.

Find Your Dream Job, Thurs., Sept. 17, 6 to 9 p.m. Amador Valley Adult and Community Education, Pleasanton. \$29 + \$20 materials fee payable to instructor the night of the class. (925) 462-5500

Community Child Fingerprinting Event. Sponsored by Marcy Gutierrez State Farm Insurance & Livermore Masonic Lodge #218 on Saturday, September 12, 3 to 5 p.m. at State Farm Insurance, 509 North L St., Livermore. Free fingerprinting for children of all ages. Take home a permanent record of your child's identity for use in the event of an emergency. Child must be accompanied by adult family member. Fingerprints released to family member only, NO records are released to others or kept on file. Come early for balloons, refreshments and giveaways. Enter for a chance to win a Family Pack Raffle Prize. Questions, call (925) 449-3500, Se habla espanol.

Assistance League of Amador Valley, Pleasanton/Dublin/Livermore to hold an informational gathering for prospective members to introduce prospective members to what volunteers do for the community. Thurs., Sept. 17, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton. Open House to meet our members and get information about volunteering with Assistance League of Amador Valley. For information, call call Carmen Seropian 925-371-4566 or go to www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Walk for Education. American Swim Academy will host a Walk for Education at Granada High School on Saturday, September 26. All of the proceeds will go to the Livermore Valley Education Foundation. Along with the walk, there will be a Family Fun Festival with games, prizes, children's entertainment, a live DJ and more. The Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF) is dedicated to restoring and enhancing academic and extracurricular programs within the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. Sponsorships are available, call (925) 373-7946, for information or go to LVEFWalk@AmericanSwimAcademy.com Federal Tax ID #94-3136289. www.americanswimacademy.com/LVEF/

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

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

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

RELIGION
Geneses will be the topic of study for the Community Bible Study Class in Pleasanton at Centerpointe Presbyterian Church. This CBS class is open to all women and offers a special children's program for ages 0-5 yrs. The class meets on Thursdays from 9:30-11:30 beginning 9/10/09. You can preregister at Centerpointe Presbyterian Church, 3410 Cornerstone Court, Pleasanton, between 10:00AM-12:00 on August 20th. Call Kim about registration (925-209-0242) or go to kim.kaelher@gmail.com.

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


Rosh Hashanah celebration, Saturday, September 19, a kid-friendly (but not kid-centered) non-religious program of readings and music for the Jewish new year. Gather at 10:15, program begins at 10:30 a.m. at the Bothwell Center, 2466 8th St. in Livermore.

Bring canned or boxed food for the Alameda County Food Bank and a lunch dish to share. Juice, apples and honey and honeycake for dessert provided. Free to members. \$10/adult (over 13) for non-members. Please let us know you're coming by e-mailing reservations@Tri-ValleyCulturalJews.org or calling 925-485-1049.

Parish Picnic, Catholic Community of Pleasanton, Sunday, September 20 at St. Augustine's Church Hall and grounds, 3999 Bernal Avenue from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There will be international food, live music, crafts, games for all ages, a toddler corner, face painting, Karaoke, "international tug of diversity", cake walk, pinata and pabtin. Bring a picnic lunch or purchase food from various ethnic food booths. For more information, contact the Catholic Community of Pleasanton at 925-846-4489 or visit www.catholicsofpleasanton.org

World Day of Prayer - celebrated with songs and prayers for peace in the world, Wed., Sept. 9, 7-8:30 pm., at Tri-Valley Unity's Gathering Place, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Rm. 120, Dublin. (925) 829-2733. The summer prayer/meditation circle will not meet on Sept. 8th.

Living as Christians, St. Michael's/St. Charles Bible Study community offers a 7 week study of 1 Corinthians to join us beginning on Monday, September 14 at 7:30 - 9:00 pm in the Pope John XXIII room at St. Charles, 1315 Lomitas Ave. in Livermore. The cost of the session, which includes materials, is \$10. This is a space that is open to all, regardless of your religious affiliation. For more information please contact Julie at upcatholic@aol.com or at 925-447-4549 ext. 114.



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