

Art, Community, & Education



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

Pleasanton to Start Selling Cemetery Plots

The City of Pleasanton will begin selling plots at the Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery on October 1 to residents and non-residents who have a spouse or partner at the site. A limited number of plots are available for purchase at the cemetery, located at 5780 Sunol Boulevard in Pleasanton.

There are 200 full-sized double depth burial plots and 200 plots for cremation niches. All available plots are located on the south side of the cemetery, immediately adjacent to the road. The maximum number of plots available for purchase is two (2) per family.

Those interested in purchasing a burial plot, or learning more about available plot locations, costs, and options for purchase, can contact the city's agent, Jayne Archer, at Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services, (925) 455-9696, to schedule an appointment. Although appointments can be scheduled in advance of October 1, sales will not begin before this date.

Based upon availability, plot sales will be available to the general public beginning on April 1, 2011. Please note that the future transfer and/or resale of plots to other private properties is prohibited.

FCC Rule Puts Fund Burden on Theater Troupe

Emergency response teams are using more bandwidth for communications now. However, it comes at a price, which will be paid by a Valley theater company.

The price for the non-profit Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre will be \$22,400. That will be the cost for 20 new microphones and related equipment, so that performers can continue to be connected to the sound system, which amplifies their voices for the audience.

Tri-Valley Rep has no complaint about the good use that emergency crews will make of the band width. However, the order from the FCC to abandon its use of the 698-806 MHz band range leaves the troupe with a sudden big need for money.

Annually, Tri-Valley Rep puts on three productions at its own 80-seat theater at 1048 Serpentine Lane in Pleasanton, four major stage productions at the 500-seat Bankhead Theater in Livermore, two performances of the Broadway Chorus, and 12 children's camp events, said board member Debbie DeSantis.

The troupe is calling on its audience, and businesses and foundations to come up with the needed money.

The troupe is all right for the show that will open Sept. 17 at its Studio Theater on Serpentine Lane. "My Way," a tribute to Frank Sinatra, has a relatively small cast. DeSantis said that apparently the company can get by on the relatively small amount of equipment that it has been able to buy recently.

(See THEATER, page 2)

Doolan Canyon Land Purchase Fulfills a Long Standing Goal

East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) will be buying one square mile of ranch land in Doolan Canyon for an open space park.

The EBRPD authorized the purchase for \$6.4 million at its meeting Sept. 7.

District 5 EBRPD director

Ayn Wieskamp, who represents the Valley, said Doolan Canyon preservation has been her dream and the goal of many others since as far back the 1990s, when she was on the city council in the 1990s.

She said that she has talked to many Dubliners who are enthu-

siastic about the prospects of the park, too. The park would be on the eastern edge of Dublin, where the city's newest development has been occurring. According to an EBRPD staff report, the land will be the cornerstone of a new regional preserve. "The purchase will also permanently

preserve the open space buffer between the cities of Livermore and Dublin."

Livermore will contribute \$2 million toward the purchase. The money comes from mitigation of two Livermore projects. One is the development of a shopping center west of the Livermore Air-

port, and the other is the freeway interchange for Interstate 580 and Highway 84.

A lake on the park property, and the land itself, will provide good habitat preservation for the California tiger salamander and the red-legged frog, said (See PURCHASE, page 12)



The annual soccer parade took place on Main Street in Pleasanton last Saturday. Pictured are members of the Ballistic United Soccer Club. For more photos, see page 8.

PG&E Says: 'Highest Risk' Is Valley Pipeline

By Ron McNicoll

The "highest-risk" pipeline on a PG&E list of 100 pipelines in the Bay Area runs from Livermore to Sunol, according to PG&E itself.

The utility made the statement in a case before the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in 2009.

Natural gas pipeline dangers have become an issue with the public since an explosion of a PG&E gas transmission line in San Bruno on Sept. 9.

Four people are confirmed dead in the explosion and neighborhood fire, 37 homes were destroyed, and three people were still missing as of Tuesday.

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has ordered PG&E to inspect all of its 6000-plus miles of gas transmission lines in northern California by mid-October.

PG&E already has a list of its 100 top-priority lines for maintenance upgrades. It was made public in 2009, as part of the utility's request for a rate increase to cover reconstruction of gas lines and storage facilities.

PG&E was granted rate increases to cover the work. The (See PIPELINE, page 9)

Valley School Districts Meet or Exceed API Growth Standards

Valley schools raised their districtwide scores compared to last year on the API index, according to the results released Monday by the California Department of Education.

The education department

expects an annual growth of at least five points from each school and district, until the districts and schools raise their numbers to 800 or above on the API index.

Most Valley schools exceed the 800 mark. However, the

districts want to improve beyond state requirements. They use the test results as a diagnosis enabling them to work better with students and teachers to continue curriculum quality.

Livermore Valley Joint Unified

School District saw a rise from its 815 base score in 2009/10 to 822. Pleasanton's score rose from 901 to 906. Dublin increased from 854 to 878.

Among small schools with (See SCORES, page 4)

Valley Seen As Future Green Technology Center

Information on financing options, how to launch a product or idea, and the benefits of "going green" were themes of a Tri-Valley Green Business Conference.

The conference was held last week in Dublin. It was hosted by Congressman Jerry McNerney. In his introductory remarks, McNerney said he sees tremendous growth potential in this area for green technology. "It could become one of the major centers." He said one of the motivations behind pushing green technology, is too see jobs created in the U.S. and right here

in the East Bay.

Keynote speaker Erik Stenehjem is the director of the industrial partnerships office at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. He is also on the steering committee of Innovation Tri-Valley.

He told those at the conference that a partnership involving industry, academia, tech organizations, and local governments is needed to invest in the innovation that will grow the economy along with educational and cultural resources.

(See GREEN, page 4)

Senior Downtown Route Jumps in Popularity

Pleasanton's senior paratransit bus Downtown Route finished its second fiscal year with 1010 more passenger trips than in the previous year.

Expanding the route to include many more destinations, spread over different days of the week, has made a big difference, said city recreation supervisor Pam Deaton.

Not only has the number of

passenger trips climbed from the previous fiscal year, there was also a major rise in passenger trips switching to other transit.

Total trips climbed from 5544 to 6554 from the 2008/09 fiscal year to 2009/10. Number of passenger trips making a transfer to other transit rose from 770 to 1077. (Other transit requires a (See BUS ROUTE, page 2)



The Valley Humane Society launched construction of its new facility with a ground breaking last week in Pleasanton. The new building will allow the Valley Humane Society to expand its programs and triple the number of lives saved each year. For more information, visit www.valleyhumane.org. Taking part in the festivities were Pleasanton Animal Control Officer Roy Ficken with Gandalf II (to the right) and companion dog, Morty.

Livermore Council OKs Regional Agreements

The Livermore City Council approved two agreements aimed at increasing regional cooperation.

The first is a joint cooperative resolution between Livermore and Pleasanton concerning the Livermore Airport.

The second is a policy statement regarding transportation priorities in the Tri-Valley. Both Pleasanton and Dublin have already approved the policy statement.

All votes were unanimous. Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena commented, "Much heartache and emotion is behind this agreement. We asked Pleasanton to be the first to look at the policy statement. They did it. I appreciate that."

The transportation priorities result from what is referred to as the Triangle Study. Dublin, Pleasanton, Livermore and Alameda County were part of the Triangle Study Group.

The study looked at ways to prioritize projects to improve (See REGIONAL, page 4)

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Pet of the Week

Talk about playful! Our current Pet of the Week "Buddy" won us over with his playful puppy paws and upbeat personality. Buddy climbs right into your heart with those soulful eyes. This 6 month old pup loves other dogs, (even grumpy ones), is good with cats and thinks that children are the best thing since sliced bread! Please come on down and meet Buddy, who is currently bunking with our other rescue dog "Arnie." Both dogs are up for adoption and can't wait to begin their new lives! Call Valley Humane Society at 925-426-8656 or visit our web site www.valleyhumane.org for more info. Valley Humane Society is located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton.

Lab Involved in Partnership with U.S.-China Clean Energy Research Center

Two consortia - one led one led by the West Virginia University that includes as a partner Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and one led by the University of Michigan - will receive a total of \$25 million during the next five years under the U.S.-China Clean Energy Research Center (CERC).

The project will facilitate joint research and development of clean energy technologies by the United States and China.

The West Virginia University consortium that includes LLNL will develop and test new technologies for carbon capture and sequestration.

"We believe strongly that cooperation between the United States and China on clean coal and carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) is critical to national security and global energy and environmental interests," said Julio Friedmann, LLNL's director of the carbon management program and technical program manager for the partnership.

"The U.S. team was built around working on applied scientific challenges in large-scale projects and deployments. We look forward to working closely with our Chinese counterparts to

find opportunities to collaborate that serve the needs of both nations," he added.

CCS is a process that separates and captures carbon dioxide (CO2) from industrial and power plant flue streams, then compresses the gas and stores it underground, most likely in geological formations. The process essentially captures the greenhouse gas emissions before they enter the atmosphere and stores them underground.

Livermore has a long history in CCS technology by blending computer science, geology, ecology, atmospheric science and other disciplines to find solutions to a number of challenges facing the development and safe operation of carbon capture and storage (CCS) facilities. Areas that Livermore specializes in are evaluating strategies for the co-production of water; predicting the consequences of releases of CO2; simulating subsurface pressure build-up; modeling reactive transport of CO2 in groundwater; monitoring CO2 plumes in subsurface; and characterizing and assessing subsurface geology.

Just last year, Friedmann, in collaboration with the Center

for American Progress, the Asia Society Center and the Monitor Group, released a report titled, "A Roadmap for U.S.-China Collaboration on Carbon Capture and Sequestration." The report provides a framework for long-term bilateral cooperation in the development and use of CCS in three areas: cooperation on sequestration pure CO2 streams from existing Chinese industrial plants; investment in research and development for retrofitting existing power plants; and catalyzing markets for CCS.

Other partners in the West Virginia University consortium include the University of Wyoming, University of Kentucky, Indiana University, Los Alamos National Laboratory, National Energy Technology Laboratory, World Resources Institute, U.S.-China Clean Energy Forum, General Electric, Duke Energy, LP Amina, Babcock & Wilcox and American Electric Power.

"The U.S.-China Clean Energy Research Center will help accelerate the development and deployment of clean vehicle and clean coal technologies here at home," Energy Secretary Steven Chu said. "This new partnership

also will create new export opportunities for American companies, ensure the United States remains at the forefront of technology innovation, and help to reduce global carbon pollution."

President Obama and President Hu Jintao formally announced the establishment of the CERC during the president's trip to Beijing last November. At the time, Chu joined Chinese Minister of Science and Technology Wan Gang and Chinese National Energy Administrator Zhang Guobao to sign the protocol launching the center.

The funding will be matched by the grantees to provide at least \$50 million in total U.S. funding. Chinese counterparts will contribute an additional \$50 million, with combined funding from both countries totaling \$100 million. The University of Michigan's award will advance technologies for clean vehicles. The \$25 million in U.S. government funding will be used to support work conducted by U.S. institutions and individuals only. Chinese partners will be announced in the coming months by the Chinese government.

BUS ROUTE

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separate fare.)

The increase in trips came despite a slight dip in annual unduplicated riders, from 127 to 122. It shows that as people are becoming more familiar with the Downtown Route, and have more destinations available in one week, they are using it more, said Deaton.

The increase in passenger trips helped Pleasanton obtain a renewal of its ACTIA grant this year to continue the service. ACTIA, a countywide transportation agency that has now merged with CMA, funds about 90 percent of the \$150,000 annual budget to operate the Downtown Route.

The city funds the other 10 percent from its general fund. The funding comes from a portion of the sales tax, which was approved by Alameda County voters.

SAFEWAY, WALMART POPULAR DESTINATIONS

The city surveyed Downtown Route riders in both fiscal years. The biggest bus patronage came from residents of Ridge View Commons, which is the biggest of the seven senior developments that are stops on the Downtown Route. (Seniors don't need to live at those developments; they can ride from any stop along the route.)

Safeway remained the top destination for riders. However, with the expansion of route destinations in July, that may change, said Deaton. Safeway was served four days each week, and now is visited on only two days.

WalMart, which has been a close second on the popularity list, was visited only once weekly, but now is visited twice. Judging by WalMart's popularity in the customer survey, it may come in first next time, said Deaton.

Among new destinations are locations on the northern part of Santa Rita Road, such as 99 Ranch Market, Trader Joe's, and CVS Pharmacy, and on Hopyard Road, stops such as Gene's Fine Foods and Lucky supermarket.

Service on the city's door-to-door paratransit has dipped

slightly, said Deaton. Apparently variations in weather have been the big factor there, she said. That program remains the core of paratransit. It generally is used by people who have a little more difficulty in getting around.

The Downtown Route operates Mondays through Fridays on a fixed schedule, beginning at 8 a.m., and concluding in mid-afternoon. It is open to any Pleasanton or Sunol resident who is 60 or older. There is no requirement to be ADA-certified.

Riders must first register with Pleasanton paratransit service. Registration is free. It can be accomplished by mail to the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton, CA., 94566, or by signing up in person at the Senior Center counter, or faxing an application to (925) 485-3685.

A paratransit application is

available on-line at www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org.

A Downtown Route ticket costs \$1.50. Tickets may be purchased at the Senior Center on a card of eight for \$12. The ticket is good for all day. They also may be purchased by mail at the Senior Center address above.

THEATER

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However, the company will be staging "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" with a large cast at the Bankhead Theater, starting Oct. 22, so the acting company needs to raise funds quickly to take care of that production, said DeSantis.

People interested in making donations can go to the web site, www.trivalleyrep.org, and click on "Help out," and then on "Donate" on the drop menu.

Donations may also be sent by mail to Tri-Valley Repertory

Theatre, 1048 Serpentine Lane, Pleasanton, CA., 94566.

Another Tri-Valley Rep volunteer, Amy Conner, said that the group will see if it can obtain matching donations through local corporations, and also obtain sponsors, who would receive recognition in the theatre company's playbills.

Tri-Valley Rep also plans to have a table at ArtWalk on Oct. 9, which is an opportunity for collecting donations and giving the public more information, said Conner.

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

School Candidates Forum

The Pleasanton PTA Council, the League of Women Voters of Livermore-Amador Valley, and the Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin branch of the American Association of University Women are co-sponsoring a School Board Candidates Forum, Thursday, September 16, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Pleasanton Unified School District Board room located at 4665 Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton.

All three candidates —Jeff Bowser, Joan Laursen and Sandy Piderit — have been invited to participate. There are two open trustee seats for the Pleasanton school board in the November 2 election.

Pleasanton PTA Council President Jodie Vashistha, declared, Although PTA, like our co-sponsors, is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization one of PTA's most important purposes is to educate our members and the public on issues affecting children. This forum gives the public the opportunity to evaluate the Pleasanton School Board candidates and their knowledge of issues affecting our Pleasanton students' education.

The forum is open to the public, and all are encouraged to attend.

The moderator, provided by the League of Women Voters, will give each candidate an opportunity to briefly address the audience, and then they each will be asked questions from the audience.

For more information, please contact the Pleasanton PTA Council at www.pleasantonpta.org.

Work Begins to Improve Stanley Blvd.

The Alameda County Public Works Agency celebrated the groundbreaking of its safety and streetscape improvements to the Stanley Boulevard on Wednesday, September 15. Once completed, motorists will drive along a redesigned roadway with wider shoulders, a new guardrail system, and underground utilities.

Bicycle commuters will find new bicycle lanes on both sides of the roadway. Recreational bicyclists and pedestrians will be able to access a new trail system along the south side of Stanley Boulevard.

"I am thrilled to finally get these improvements underway that will provide increased safety for motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians travelling between Livermore and Pleasanton," said Scott Haggerty who represents the Tri-Valley on the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. "This will make this heavily-traveled stretch of road more attractive for folks seeking a safe and pleasant route for bicycling or walking to their neighboring city."

The project, slated for completion in 2011, also features a series of benches along the route that will be available for dedication purposes.

The groundbreaking celebration is scheduled for 1:30 pm on Wednesday, September 15 at

the Shadow Cliffs Recreation Area. For more information about the celebration, contact Nancy Erven-Collins at (510) 670-6477.

Iron Horse Trail Meeting

The East Bay Regional Park District and the City of Pleasanton are hosting a second community meeting to discuss the 1.6 mile extension of the Iron Horse Trail from Santa Rita Rd. to the Pleasanton/Dublin BART Station.

The meeting is 6 to 8 p.m. on Wed., Sept. 29 at the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St., Pleasanton.

Closing this gap will complete the Iron Horse Trail through Pleasanton. The feasibility study currently underway is evaluating alignment challenges, environmental impacts, traffic impacts, arterial roadway crossings, and comments and concerns voiced by the citizens of Pleasanton.

At this community meeting the proposed alignment alternatives that have been identified since the last public meeting will be shown along with show maps and graphics.

Stripping Underway

In anticipation of the new HOV/toll lane that will soon open, starting on Thursday, September 9, through Sunday, September 19, crews will begin placing new double white stripes that separate the Interstate 680 Express Lane from the regular lanes. They will also place access zones where drivers can enter or exit the Express Lane. No tolls will be charged during this period; the lane will continue to operate as a High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) or carpool lane.

At 5 a.m. on Sept. 20, the Express Lane will officially open. For more information about the Express Lane, please go to www.680expresslane.org

Education Funds

Assemblymember Joan Buchanan (D-Alamo) announced that Lieutenant Governor Abel Maldonado signed her bill, AB 185, into law. AB 185 appropriates \$903,840,000 from the Federal Trust Fund to local educational agencies, the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, the University of California and the California State University by allocating federal funds under the School Improvement Grant program and the federal State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) program.

"It is vital for our schools and institutions of higher learning to receive these funds so they can maintain critical education programs," said Buchanan. "Our future economic growth is directly tied to our ability to educate the next generation of innovators and leaders."

AB 185 specifies that these federal funds be used to support three-year school improvement grants to local educational agencies based on school size. AB 185 also appropriates funds to the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, the University of California and the California State University to mitigate reductions in funding.

TVAR 'That's Amore' Helps Save Animals

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue (TVAR) will host its main fundraiser on Saturday, October 16, from 6:00-10:00 p.m., the 11th annual "That's Amore" dinner and auction. The event is being held at Goal Line Productions, located at 5959 Coronado Lane in Pleasanton.

The theme of this year's event is "Vintage Vegas." Along with appetizers, dinner, dessert, and a hosted bar, the evening will include silent and live auctions. There will also be a grand prize raffle of a weekend in Las Vegas (or destination of choice, via a Southwest Airlines Vacation gift certificate valued at \$1000). The winner need not be present to win.

Funds raised from "That's Amore" go directly toward TVAR's mission to rescue homeless animals in the Tri-Valley area. Last year TVAR saved over 1,000 homeless animals from being euthanized at local animal shelters by placing them in temporary foster homes, providing them with needed medical treatments, and successfully matching them to permanent "forever homes."

TVAR is a 100% non-profit, 501c(3) charitable organization, which is run solely by the commitment of volunteers. TVAR relies on donations and contributions from the community. Having no overhead or payroll expenses, all resources are focused on helping homeless animals in the Tri-Valley area.

Tickets are \$75 per person. Ticket price includes appetizers, dinner, dessert, and ALL beverages including wine, beer, soft drinks, coffee, and water. Tickets may be ordered online at www.tvar.org, or by mailing a check to TVAR, P. O. 11143, Pleasanton, CA 94588.

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EDITORIAL

Arts Flourish

The official opening of Pleasanton's Firehouse Arts Center will take place this weekend with a series of celebrations spotlighting the various arts that will be using the facility.

There will be music, drama, visual arts and literary events for all ages through the weekend.

The center was built by renovating the city's old firehouse on Railroad Avenue. The financing has come from a public/private partnership, with the City of Pleasanton putting up most of the money and the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation serving as a community advocate for the project. The foundation has pledged to raise \$2 million in private funds, of which \$1.9 million has been raised to date.

Pleasanton leaders speak of the project as "a dream come true." The facilities include a 227-seat little theater, 2000 square feet of gallery space, two large classrooms, a lobby and several patios.

The Firehouse Arts Center will provide a classy venue for local artists. Its waves will wash over downtown, adding a sparkle and excitement and vitality to the whole area.

The Las Positas Center for the Arts began operating in August. This all purpose venue includes both a large and small theater, multiple classrooms and rehearsal space along with an outdoor amphitheater. The goal is to combine education with cultural and art experiences.

Meanwhile, the Bankhead Theater is doing just that across the Valley in downtown Livermore.

As it opens its fourth season, the Bankhead is a success story. Advance ticket sales are running 30% ahead of last year's.

The Bankhead's success is more than economic. It is filling an important role within the performing arts world, providing a niche for artists whose fame isn't yet of superstar status. Entertainment opportunities will expand when the regional theater opens.

Some have questioned the need for so many performance spaces. Philip Manwell, Las Positas College Dean of Arts and Communications, provided the following observation, "They are designed for different purposes. By emphasizing our individuality, we have the potential to bring people from outside the area who want to see something in a space that's perfect. You can never have too many venues."

For lovers of the arts in Pleasanton and Livermore, this is a wonderful time.

REGIONAL

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traffic on I-680, I-580 and State Route 84. A unanimous vote was required to establish the policy. However, Pleasanton objected to the fact that the list did not include the widening of SR 94 between I-680 and Pigeon Pass, a project they believe will reduce cut-through traffic on their streets. The project was left off the list, because Pleasanton would not commit to extend Stoneridge Drive to El Charro Road.

The policy statement approved by all three city councils this month describes an approach for relieving traffic congestion by prioritizing improvements to I-580, I-680 and SR 84 and requiring the phased completion of a regional arterial network. Roads to be extended would be Dublin Boulevard to North Canyons Parkway, and Jack London Boulevard and Stoneridge Drive to El Charro Road. The policy statement envisions that the connections would take place at the same time. However, language is included in the agreement that states that each agency may choose to open its roadways prior to the opening of other arterials.

Pleasanton approved the extension of Stoneridge Drive as part of the Staples Ranch development. However, the road would not be open to through traffic until the Jack London Boulevard extension is completed. At that time, two lanes would be open.

The policy statement allows a review of the regional priorities established by the Triangle Study, including widening of SR 84 to be placed higher on the priority list. Once the arterials are open, the Tri-Valley cities and the county are required to support the SR 84 project, which will then be eligible for construction funding.

Jack London Boulevard is

anticipated to be built with the El Charro Prime Outlet development.

The agreement approved concerning the airport established a joint resolution to cooperatively implement a set of policies to minimize the impact of the airport operations on local communities and to improve the exchange of information.

The agreement includes six policies. The first would be to support federal legislation to phase out older, high noise-producing "stage 2" jet aircraft.

The second and third policies would convene a joint community forum twice a year to receive information from the airport manager relative to noise complaint responses, noise monitoring reports (if any), the potential tracking of stage 2 jet aircraft operations, and the results of voluntary noise reduction efforts by pilots.

The fourth policy provides for informational material to residents on potential aircraft overflight noise and the airport's noise mitigation efforts. The fifth policy targets the coordination of future noise monitoring studies. The final policy would resume quarterly liaison committee meetings in an effort to improve communications and to promote a mutual understanding of airport operations.

Kathy Chase, a pilot, stated, "I'm pleased we are having the dialog. However, there is a need to recognize there is not a majority of people complaining about noise." She pointed out that there were 60 complaints registered in June, with 38 of them coming from one household in Pleasanton.

The Pleasanton City Council is expected to consider the resolution at its Sept. 21 meeting.

TECHNOLOGY

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ness and entrepreneurs to emerging technologies with the purpose of growing jobs. Those jobs will need a well trained workforce. Therefore an effort should be made to enhance science and math classes at the high school and college level, said Stenehjem.

He said innovation is an ongoing process. Existing technology is incessantly being overturned by new and better methods. "Innovation locally is more important now than it has ever been. Jobs flow easily overseas where there is greater productivity, lower costs and more profit in another country. If America wants to compete globally, it will have to put new ideas into practice."

Stenehjem referred to a study that shows this area has the ability to become a hub of innovation. He pointed out that thirty percent of Inc. Magazine's fastest growing small businesses are located in this area. Seven of 500 are gazelles - really fast growing with huge impact. "The Tri-Valley is becoming a high tech haven. There are 765 high tech businesses now, not all are small. Eleven of the top 50 high tech companies in the Bay Area are located in the Tri-Valley, such as Chevron and Safeway," he told the audience.

The one thing the Tri-Valley has that provides an advantage in attracting high tech businesses is access to world class research at universities and two national laboratories. "No other community in the world has that."

He said Innovation Tri-Valley is seeking people to participate in the working group.

"The future looks pretty exciting. The Lab is investing along with private industry with the intent to create new products." He said that the Lab looks at technologies and tries to imagine a commercial application,

then builds a prototype to try to convince business that it would work as a commercial product. Thirty-five percent of the royalties from licensed products go to the scientists and engineers who develop an idea or ideas.

Stenehjem described one potential technology as a passive, magnetic barrier. It has the ability to create an energy storage source. If it were successful, in the future that would allow energy to be stored during low demand periods and used over long periods when demand is high.

Elizabeth Echols, regional administrator for the U.S. Small Business Administration, talked about programs aimed at helping small businesses succeed. She said that she believes small businesses will play a critical role in the green energy future. Historically, small businesses create two-thirds of the jobs in the United States. They register 15 times more patents that do top R&D companies.

Echols said that the SBA received \$680 million in funding and turned it into 70,000 loans. In the Tri-Valley there were 115 loans totalling \$42 million. The demand was so great that the SBA ran out of money. A new bill that is being considered will provide additional funding. The new legislation would increase the loan limit from \$2 million to \$5 million.

In addition to funding, SBA provides counseling help and government contracts. Counseling helps create a business plan and a strategy to obtain financing and help with government contracts.

In response to a question, Echols said that the money loaned does not come from the government. The government funds guarantee the loans that are made through traditional institutions, such as banks.

Larry Rillera, California Energy Commission clean energy manufacturing program manager, said there is funding available for clean energy manufacturing projects, such as biomethane, through the commission.

Economic development directors from area cities were part of a panel. Tai Williams, Danville; Rob White, Livermore; Linda Mauer, Dublin; Pamela Ott, Pleasanton; and Marc Fontes, San Ramon, each said the area has adapted to make it easier for businesses to locate here. They all say they have become flexible in order to provide individual companies with what they need to succeed.

Mauer said Dublin has provided the workforce housing and job opportunities near transit. There is significant amounts of undeveloped land. It won't be industrial land, because the price is too high.

White pointed out that each community has developed a quality of life, a sense of place that is part of the puzzle that makes this area attractive.

Bob Borchers, managing partner of Opus Capital, said he would like to see a "road show" up and down Sand Hill Road in Menlo Park, touting the advantages of locating in the Tri-Valley. "There is tremendous interest on the part of the venture capital community in green technology. Clean tech is one of the hottest sectors." He estimated there was \$2.2 billion being invested every quarter in clean technology throughout the world, \$1.5 billion of it in the United States.

"The money is available. There is a need to advocate for the Tri-Valley. There are a lot of opportunities and infrastructure here."

Borchers said that in deciding whether to invest, generally we will look for people who are passionate, folks who have thought through a business and potential

growth.

Don France from Bank of the West discussed more traditional financing. His bank is a preferred SBA lender. "SBA guarantees the loan, but we provide the money." He suggested this is an excellent time to purchase buildings. Prices are lower, interests rates are ridiculous."

Other speakers discussed how to become a certified green business, the creation of a workforce incubator, and the role of the Tri-Valley Business Council.

Alameda County has a program to certify businesses. Information can be found at stopwaste.org.

Jim Caldwell is working towards creation of a workforce that will be able to take on the jobs in the green tech world. He said the current labor pool is inflated due to unemployment. Many of those people need to be re-skilled. The Public Policy Institute has estimated there will be a shortage of 40,000 engineers in California by 2014.

One of the problems in training a new workforce is the time it takes to implement a new program in the education system and then to graduate the workers. Caldwell said over the long term, industry needs to work with educators to articulate its needs and the basic course work required to create the specific skills workers will need.

Toby Brink, CEO of Tri-Valley Business Council, stated that going green is good for business. "It is here to stay." The new word used to describe it, is "ecopreneur."

He said that green policies help the bottom line and attract new customers. It also will attract new employees. "In the future, students will be green schooled. New hires will look for environmentally and socially conscious businesses," stated Brink.

SCORES

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their own school boards, such as charters or single-school districts, the Livermore Valley Charter School jumped from 865 to 900. Sunol Glen rose from 886 to 909. The tiny enrollment in the Mountain House School in the Altamont climbed on the API results from 733 to 743.

A press release from Livermore assistant superintendent Cindy Alba stated that the district is "especially proud" to see that Sunset Elementary School continues to exceed the 900 mark, rising to 910.

It also mentions that Marilyn Avenue School has risen 140 points since 2006, to this year's score of 796, just short of the 800 that the state expects from all districts and all schools.

In Pleasanton, all schools are above the state-mandated 800 score. Nine of 15 individual

schools had scores over 900.

AYP RESULTS ALSO RELEASED

Also released were results of the Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) report, mandated by the federal No Child Left Behind legislation.

Most of the schools met the targets for proficiency in reading and math. These targets rise annually, so it is important for districts to ensure that emphasis is put on education that produces increasing proficiency results.

At some schools, results on the AYP were satisfactory for the school as a whole, but not for all subgroups.

In Pleasanton, schools falling short on the AYP were Lydixsen elementary and Foothill and Amador Valley high schools.

In Livermore, schools that failed to meet proficiency levels

for some groups were Altamont Creek, Arroyo Seco, Joe Michell, Leo Croce elementary schools, Christensen, East Avenue and Junction Avenue middle schools, and Granada High School.

Results from the API test growth for each school are given here, with the base score followed by the 2010 performance score for the growth category (some schools didn't grow, but went lower).

At Livermore elementary schools showed the following changes: Altamont Creek, 870 to 841; Arroyo Seco, 848 to 854; Emma Smith, 901 to 895; Jackson Avenue, 849 to 852; Joe Michell, 821 to 826; Junction K-8, 747 to 758; Leo Croce, 866 to 859; Marilyn Avenue, 784 to 796; Rancho Las Positas, 857 to 870; and Sunset 904 to 910.

In Livermore, middle schools

scores were: Christensen, 812 to 795; East Avenue, 808 to 803; Junction Avenue, 750 to 753; and Mendenhall, 850 to 873.

Granada High School went from 833 to 840; Livermore High School from 769 to 802.

At Pleasanton elementary schools reported the following scores: Alisal, 885 to 893; Donlon, 924 to 930; Fairlands, 947 to 944; Mohr, remained at 961; Lydixsen, 903 to 898; Hearst, 941 to 951; Valley View, 911 to 902; Vintage Hills, 922 to 934; and Walnut Grove, 930 to 924.

In Pleasanton, middle schools scores were: Harvest Park, 921 to 933; Pleasanton Middle School, 922 to 932; and Hart remained at 899.

Amador Valley High School went from 879 to 883; Foothill High School remained at 889.

Pleasanton to Revisit Campaign Filing Fee

The Pleasanton City Council will take a second look at the increase in fee paid by mayoral and council candidates to file for an election.

They will do so after the November election.

The fee was raised from \$200 to over \$1100 for the upcoming November election. The funds represent the cost of printing candidates' statements.

Former councilmember Kay Ayala raised the issue during the meeting open to the public part of last week's city council meeting.

The fee was increased in June at the same time the council called for the election. City Manager Nelson Fialho commented, "If there were an interest in revisiting the issue, we could."

In response to a question from Councilmember Matt Sullivan, Fialho added that the current candidates could be reimbursed if the decision were to lower the fee.

Councilmember Jerry Thorne pointed out that it would be difficult to address the issue, since four of the current councilmembers are on the ballot and would have to recuse themselves from the discussion.

City attorney Jonathan Lowell said that if a decision has to be made, those affected could draw straws to determine who would be put back in the ring to vote. "The question is whether there is a need to make a decision now or if it could be put off until after the election."

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman

declared, "It can be put off. We've been subsidizing candidates. If they want to run, they will have to scrape up the money and pay it."

Fialho said the fee increase represents a revenue neutral increase; candidates would pay the costs of their statements. The issue that needs to be discussed is how much of a subsidy would the council support. A second issue is reimbursement.

Sullivan pointed out that there is the potential that candidates would be deciding whether to pay themselves back. He continued, "If the fee had been \$1100 when I ran, I would have had second thoughts about doing so. It's a barrier to participation. It's almost like a poll tax. The fee represents 10 percent of my entire

campaign fund last time. It's a barrier for first time people, who don't have the big bucks to draw on that incumbents may have."

Councilmember Cindy McGovern added, "Most people don't want to take \$1100 out of their bank accounts to run for office. There are people who don't have \$1100. The one thing I don't want to do is to keep someone from running because he or she can't afford to run."

Fialho said he would schedule the matter for a hearing after the election.

Hosterman declared, "I'm willing to do that." She added that she had other issues when it comes to public office. "One of the biggest barriers is the lack of pay. It's more than just the filing fee."

MAILBOX

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Where Is LARPD? Maryalice Summers Faltings Livermore

I was pleased to see the announcement of the five candidate

forums scheduled by the local League of Women Voters and Association of University Women (*Series of Forums for Candidates Scheduled*; your September 9 issue.) The last paragraph of your article stated the forums were "an opportunity for the voting public to meet and hear the candidates." Listed were forums for Dublin City Council, Livermore School Board, Pleasanton School Board, Dublin San Ramon Services District, and Pleasanton City Council and Mayor. I was very disappointed to note that no such opportunity was being provided

for the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District.

As an incumbent candidate for the LARPD Board of Directors, I hope the League and AAUW will consider correcting this omission. In the last election four years ago only the three incumbents filed for office so no election was needed. This time, since two of the three incumbents are not re-running, there is a field of six candidates for three positions on the Board. Since there will be at least two new Directors - maybe three if the voters don't like the job I am doing - I think

it is important for the residents of LARPD to be able to meet and hear these candidates.

LARPD, an independent, single-purpose special district, provides park facilities and recreation programs for approximately 90 thousand residents throughout a geographic area much larger than the Livermore city limits. The members of the LARPD Board of Directors will set policy and provide fiscal oversight for a local agency whose services directly affect the quality of life of the people who live in the Livermore area. (continued on page 5)

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MAILBOX

nizations, or any other civically involved group, to offer a public forum for the LARPD Board of Director candidates.

Cleanup Funds Jo Ann Frisch Livermore

The Department of Energy 2011 budget request for Livermore Lab is \$1.2 billion. More than \$1 billion is for nuclear weapons activities. And, so, the Superfund cleanup of radioactive and toxic pollutants gets the crumbs. The Lab's main site is slated to receive \$11.3 Million for cleanup, about 1% of the budget.

The leading edge of the contaminated groundwater plume has migrated from the main site into the community extending to the west of the Lab under homes, apartments, Big Trees Park and the adjacent community swimming pool.

Tri-Valley Communities Against a Radioactive Environment's (TVC) advocacy has caused the Lab to restart treatment facilities that had been turned off in prior years. Also, there are four areas on site where mixing of toxic and radioactive pollutants in the aquifer has complicated the cleanup.

TVC is asking for federal "stimulus" funds to accelerate cleanup. So far no stimulus funds have been given for Lab cleanup.

The Environmental Protection Agency has added its voice to TVC, sending a letter to DOE warning that failure to request adequate appropriations may put the Lab out of compliance with the Superfund law.

I believe our environment is precious. Where do you want your tax money spent? Are you concerned that there is not enough money for cleanup?

You can let your Senators, Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, and your Representative know how you feel. Press them for more money for cleanup.

TVC also needs to hear from you. We are your advocates working for responsible cleanup of the legacy of nuclear weapons. TVC is hosting an informational meeting on September 30. I have been a member since 1988, and I hope to see you there.

Right Man for the Job Eloise Hamann Dublin

With today's bad news, the workshop on green energy held recently by Jerry McNerney at Dublin's beautiful Shannon Community center was a bright beacon of hope. It was so encouraging to hear how much is going on in the Tri-Valley area with respect to going green. Venture capital, loan programs, assistance for ordinary companies to save money by greening, training/education for green jobs, as well as the expected efforts to promote renewable sources of energy were the order of the afternoon. The emphasis on innovation in the area of green energy renewed my belief that America is a can-do country.

McNerney's opponent for Congress reads the Declaration of Independence on Tax Day in Pleasanton at a Tea Party event while McNerney fights for our future.

Jerry McNerney is definitely the right man for our time.

Go to the Polls Roy Cornwell Livermore

Stop organized crime. Go to the polls in November and vote out everyone you think is trying to turn us into a European socialist style state. Try writing out a trillion (start on the left side of the page) and the deficit is now lots of those and it continues to grow at lightning speed. We now have the largest deficit in history and it is still growing.

Money spent now is a staggering debt for future generations. We are bailing out banks, auto companies, and anything else that can scare up support. The unions, both public and private, seem to be calling the shots. Combining the buy out of union votes with legalizing 12 million illegal immigrants to vote and a permanent majority is assured. This majority will vote for unlimited government spending as long as none of them have to pay for it. Redistribution of wealth is the goal of Obama and his cohorts. The plan is to purposely overwhelm the U.S. economy to create economic crisis, social crisis and destroy capitalism.

Don't forget, what the government gives to one group it has to take from another. The Speaker of the House runs up a \$60,000 fuel tab (one way) being flown back and forth to California in an Air Force 200 seat 757. A first

class United Airlines round trip fare Washington to San Francisco is \$4500. This is just a sample of the total arrogance of the self-appointed "ruling class" in today's politics. Yes, I know they were elected by we the people. Shame on us.

If you want another sample, try the Social Security trust fund. As the money is paid in by the working folks it is sent to the treasury and an IOU is issued. The treasury puts the money into the general fund where it is used to pay whatever grand schemes Congress has concocted. But some day soon, like next week?, the payments coming in will be insufficient and the Social Security fund will want those IOUs. Where will the money come from? The current taxpayers, of course.

Stop organized crime.

E-Mail Correction Ruth Gasten Livermore

Thank you very much for the excellent article that appeared in the Arts section on the memoir, An Accidental American. Someone pointed out that there was a slight error in my e-mail address. My e-mail address is ruthgasten@sbcglobal.net

Since I am interested in speaking to groups, I wanted to be sure that my contact information is accurate.

Gun Laws Ted Lick Livermore

I would like to thank every freedom loving Californian who worked to defeat this bill, and uphold our Constitutional Rights.

Please remember how your representative voted come November. The following is a press release from Responsible Citizens of California:

August 31, 2010 – Sacramento, California

AB 1934, a bill to ban the open carry of handguns in the California, failed in the State Assembly today. The right of common, law-abiding citizens to carry an un concealed and unloaded firearm for personal protection remains intact.

The Responsible Citizens of California applauds the State Assembly and especially Assemblyman Chuck Devore, Assemblyman Steve Knight, Assemblyman Tom Berryhill, and Assemblyman Kevin Jeffries for recognizing the natural right of individuals to be able to protect themselves from grave harm. While we support the efforts of law enforcement, we acknowledge the fact that the police cannot be everywhere at all times.

With the recent early release of thousands of convicted felons from California prisons, and even more inmates due to be released in the next year, the threat of violent crime is very real. Combine this fact with the reality that the State of California has been forced to lay off over 1,000 police officers in 2009 alone due to the State budget crisis with many more layoffs already completed this year, one can clearly see that common, law-abiding citizens are increasingly more likely to become victims of violent crime here in the Golden State. With the defeat of AB 1934, maintaining every Californians' 2nd Amendment Right to open carry a firearm will help every common, law-abiding citizen who has valid concerns about his or her own personal safety and security.

We would like to stress that, while we are pleased with today's outcome, nothing was gained by the gun owning community today. The right to Open Carry, a right which has existed since California's inception, was simply defended and retained by the People.

The overwhelming trend that has taken hold throughout the United States is to expand the gun

rights of individuals as found by the US Supreme Court's Heller decision in 2008 and confirmed by the McDonald ruling this year in 2010. The defeat of AB 1934 indicates that California is ready to stop moving in a direction contrary to the rest of the nation with regards to firearms laws and start moving in the same direction that fully embraces every individual's right to both keep and bear arms.

Support Piderit Valerie Arkin Trustee, Pleasanton Unified School District

Workplace Expo Planned in Danville

Richard Bolles, bestselling author of *What Color Is Your Parachute: A Practical Manual for Job-Hunters and Career-Changers* will deliver the keynote address at the ASTD Mt. Diablo 5th Annual Workplace Learning & Performance EXPO on October 19, 2010. The event is open to the public from 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville.

Bolles has been engaging audiences for almost 40 years—since 1972 when *What Color Is Your Parachute?* was first published. Today, this book is published in 20 languages and has sold 10 million copies in 26 countries; the Library of Congress chose it as one of 25 books throughout history that have most shaped people's lives. Last year, Bolles published *The Job-Hunter's Survival Guide: How to Find Hope and Rewarding Work, Even When "There Are No Jobs."*

Jeff Bell, nationally recognized author, speaker, and radio news anchor (KCBS Radio), is the 2010 EXPO headliner. His two books, *Rewind, Replay, Repeat* and *When in Doubt, Make Belief*, have established Bell as an authority on motivation and

I am supporting Sandy Piderit for Pleasanton School Board this November. Sandy has been involved in our schools and is a dedicated and knowledgeable volunteer.

A parent of a young child in our schools, she has degrees in mathematics and business and is a college professor of graduate business studies. She would be an asset in helping us through our difficult financial environment. I have come to know Sandy as an articulate, hard-working individual of high integrity who

is ready to work hard for our children and is willing to ask the right questions in order to make the best decisions.

She is a person who will encourage community input and will seek out those with differing opinions in order to understand all viewpoints on a particular matter. I am confident that Sandy would make an effective school board member who puts kids first. I encourage you to join me in voting for Sandy Piderit for Pleasanton School Board.

uncertainty. A decades-long sufferer of severe OCD (aka the "doubting disease"), Bell nearly lost everything to the debilitating compulsions that consumed his life. At the EXPO, Bell will offer his perspective on the many challenges that uncertainty presents and some of the "greater good" decision-making techniques that can help us all thrive.

The EXPO also features more than 20 national and regional vendors with ideas for the work-

place.

Everyone is welcome at the ASTD Mt. Diablo 5th Annual Workplace Learning & Performance EXPO. Tickets for the October 19 event range from \$45 to \$60.

Online registration is currently open at <http://astdmt Diablo2010-10-19.eventbrite.com/>. For more information, visit the Mt. Diablo Chapter website at www.mtDiabloastd.org.

Pleasanton Taking Applications For Housing Element Task Force

The Pleasanton City Council is accepting applications for five at-large members for the new Housing Element Task Force.

Applicants must be residents of the City of Pleasanton with an interest in understanding the housing needs of the community and recommending where the City should plan for future housing.

Applicants should be willing to attend at least one or two meetings a month from late October 2010 through November 2011.

Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office, 123 Main Street, or at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us. Please indicate the application is for the Housing Element Task Force.

For additional information, please contact Janice Stern, Planning Manager, at 925-931-5606 or jsstern@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

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SPORTS NOTES



The Fusion SC 01 Boys Black team won its league game against FCA Arsenal 3 - 1 on Sunday. The goals were scored by Matteo Crivello (2) and Will Nordvik. Pictured are (back row, left to right) Assistant Coach Michael Buti, Douglas Wynne, Eduardo Topete, Trent Crisp, Matteo Crivello, Patrick Connolly, Matthew Hagan, Coach Dave Tinoco; (front row) Brandon Martin, Parker Moore, Michael Buti, Will Nordvik, Dylan Breesch, Paimon Goulart.



Livermore U9 Fusion White player (right) battles for the ball against a Walnut Creek player last week. Photo - Doug Jorgensen



To raise breast cancer awareness, the U16 Mavericks Fastpitch Softball team swapped out their usual teal jersey and proudly wore pink at the "Think Pink" tournament in Modesto on September 11-12, 2010. Their determination took them all the way to the upper-bracket championship game, earning 31 runs and allowed only two before the final game. Bringing home a special runner-up trophy in this crowded U16/U18 combined age group, the Mavericks are (front row, from left) Marissa Cordisco, Jamie Orr, Samantha Caraval, Halle Niklewicz, Sara Journey, (back row, from left) Manager Greg Dobson, Coach Charlie VanVliet, Renee Dobson, Marina VanVliet, Ashley Weiler, Selena Shang, Greta Kohlmoos, Coach John Niklewicz, Coach Glen Cordisco, and (not pictured) Skyler Kriz.

Pleasanton Jr. Football

Pleasanton Junior Football League:
Advanced Division: Cardinals 12, Texans 13: The Cardinals battled the Texans in a close and spectacular game. On more than one occasion Cardinal QB Jackson Reiss sent the ball sailing into the nimble hands of Kane Millerstrom and Connor Monson, each of whom scored the two Cardinal TDs. Short of scoring a third time, the Texans intercepted a Cardinal pass in the last play, leaving the score Cardinals 12 to Texans 13.

Pleasanton Ballistic

Ballistic United Soccer Club results:
The Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club (BUSC) U13 Premier team dominated play during the first half of this NorCal match Sunday in Brentwood. Outstanding defensive efforts were turned in by Chudi Ategbu and Jeffrey Klei. Ryan Racer had a fantastic game, controlling the midfield and assisting on both of BUSC's goals. Cameron Owens scored first for BUSC, and Nima Habibi hammered Racer's pass high into the back of the net. The game ended in a 2/2 tie.

The Ballistic U16 Select team opened up league play with a dominating 3-1 win against the Mustang Earthquakes. After a scoreless initial 30 minutes of play, Shayan Koeksal scored on a shot that beat the Earthquake's goalie high to the right post to give Ballistic a 1-0 lead. Five minutes later, Morgan Melendrez perfectly placed a free kick from 35 yards away to an onrushing Justin Moore who headed the ball home for a 2-0 lead, which Ballistic carried to half.

In the second half, Ballistic came wanting more and Melendrez gave them just that, scoring on right footed blast to stretch the lead to 3-1. The midfield and defense took over at that point as strong ball control and pinpoint passing by Kevin Costello, Neil Marques, Cristian Sierra, Chris Thomas, Josh Valdivia and Jeff Werner continually frustrated the Earthquakes. A late goal by the Earthquakes set the final score at 3-1, as goalie Tristan Lewis notched the win in his first game back coming off the injured reserve list. Top Offensive Players: Shayan Koeksal, Morgan Melendrez, Justin Moore; Top Defensive Players: Kevin Costello, Neil Marques, Tristan Lewis

Pleasanton BUSC U9 Elite 3's home field season opener against SCC Revolution was also their first NorCal state cup match. Riley Gunning's offensive speed led to Ballistic's first goal of the game. Callan Ross provided considerable offensive strength and scored the second goal off a well-placed penalty kick, bringing Ballistic at halftime to within two. Unfortunately, in the second half, it was all Revolution. The visitors came on strong with a penetrating offense to sew up their victory 7-2.

The second of three weekend games for U9 Elite 3 was an in-house bout with fellow academy team, Elite 2. Elite 3 looked fresh and confident against their opponents. The Elite 2 offense was able to manage a goal late in the first half. Elite 3 looked to even things up, but was averted by an excellent E2 save in the 2nd half. E3 was a defensive powerhouse in the second half, allowing just one additional goal making the final score 2-0.

Game three of three in U9 Elite 3's weekend opener was another NorCal state cup battle, this time against Alameda's Bay Oaks Soccer Club. Elite 3 appeared hungry for the win, coming out strong on offense. Michael Kachkouche was fearless, blowing past defenders in an effort to put Ballistic points on the board. Still, Bay Oaks was able to find the holes and managed 2 goals in the first half. Elite 3 defense was led by excellent play from goalie James Parisi in the 2nd. Michael K. was able to put one in the net in the 2nd half, but it wasn't enough to keep the Blues at bay. Final score 4-1. Top Offensive Players: Michael Kachkouche; Cooper Smith; Canyon Kosch; Top Defensive Players: Myles Molnar; James Parisi

Ballistic United Premier U-17s looked to rebound from Saturday's defeat with a strong performance against Bay Oaks on Sunday, losing 6 to 1. Things did not start well when the Bay Oaks center forward dispossessed the Ballistic center back and scored easily. Ballistic fought their way back into the game and gave as good as they got for the next thirty minutes until a through ball carved open their defense and the Bay Oaks center forward made no mistake to extend the lead. Ballistic came out strong in the second half, but they conceded a third goal after fifteen minutes when a right wing cross was smashed into the net by the Bay Oaks center forward. The home team were reeling at this point and they received another body blow five minutes later when a through ball caught their defense napping again. Keeper Michael Viebeck did well to parry the initial shot but he had no chance as Bay Oaks netted the rebound. It was all Bay Oaks now as they poured forward on attack in search of more goals and inevitably they succeeded in forcing home a fifth goal after a strong move through the middle of the penalty area.

Lucas Heuer pulled back a consolation goal for Ballistic with eight minutes left on the clock, but as if to rub salt in the wound, Bay Oaks added a sixth goal minutes from time. Ballistic's defense seemed to melt like butter as Keeper Viebeck was left exposed 1v1 against a Bay Oaks forward and had no chance as the latter beat him from close range. Top Offensive Players: Lucas Heuer, Connor O'Neill, Seth Niernmeyer; Top Defensive Players: Nandor Krause, Colin Hartland.

Ballistic United Premier U-17s opened its league season this weekend with a home game against West Contra Costa on Saturday. Contra Costa won 5 to 3. Play was fairly even for the first ten minutes, but Ballistic opened the scoring Lucas Heuer set up Connor O'Neill for a shot from the edge of the penalty area and he converted it with ease. Ballistic did not hold the advantage for long as a long through ball split the Ballistic center backs and the West Contra Costa center forward converted the chance to tie the game. For the next twenty minutes the action was end to end as both sides created a series of chances. Eventually it was West Contra Costa who regained the lead when a nice one-two pass created a chance for their left winger to beat Ballistic's keeper from the left of the penalty box. A cross from the left

flank was headed back across goal by Seth Niernmeyer to Lucas Heuer who fired home the equalizer. Half time arrived with the score tied at 2-2. After Contra Costa scored in the second half, Ballistic threw themselves into the attack in search of the equalizer for the next thirty minutes and despite conceding a penalty were still trailing by just one goal as the game entered its final ten minutes. West Contra Costa scored twice in quick succession to put the game beyond reach. In the first, the left-winger cut in once again, dribbled past two defenders and slipped the ball past the Ballistic keeper and over the goal line. Minutes later a long through ball caught out the Ballistic defense yet again and the WCC #11 scored easily. Just before the final whistle Dante Carrillo scored a consolation goal for Ballistic blasting the ball into the roof of the net from 6 yards out. Top Offensive Players: Lucas Heuer, Connor O'Neill, Dante Carrillo; Top Defensive Players: Matt Digirolamo, Mike Viebeck.

Ballistic United D1 U12 Elite 2010 / 2011 soccer season got off to a flying start with victories in their league game opener against Alameda Bay Oaks and their Nor-Cal Cup match with Marin. Saturday's 2-1 win over Bay Oaks came from goals provided by Ballistic players Miles Huntsman & Griffen Chinn. The opening goal came after some terrific ball work provided by Cole Torquemada, who picked out Huntsman with an inch perfect pass from midfield. Huntsman received the ball at pace and took on several Bay Oaks defenders and was able to trickle the ball home from eight yards after riding the challenge of two Bay Oaks fullbacks. Ballistic's second goal of the match came from a beautifully taken throw-in by Dylan Laranang, who was able to spot Griffen Chen unmarked in the 18-yard box. Chinn who's back was to goal sent his glancing header over the Oaks defense and beyond the grasp of a stretching keeper.

Sunday's Nor-Cal Cup game also finished 2-1 with Huntsman on the score-sheet (once more) and Cole Torquemada who also added a goal to his account for United. Huntsman's goal was a repeat of the goal scored the day before where he took on the entire Marin defense and was able to find the goal from 10 yards. Marin was next to score through a penalty kick after Chinn was judged to have handled the ball in the box. Claims the handball was not intentional fell deaf on the referee. United's lead was restored shortly into the second half when Cole Torquemada pounced on a loose ball in the 6-yard box and was able to slam the ball into the back of the net from close distance. Honorable mention goes to outstanding goal keeping and defensive performances put in by Ballistic's Matthew Gryczynski, Ethan Boone, Alvin Carroll, Trent Wakaluk, Chase Godi, and Shiva Chamberkar, for providing a rock solid back line. Further mention goes out to Michael Leonard, Colin Ritchie, Mitchell Moore & Blake Tucker for also coming close to adding their names to the score-line on several occasions. Top Offensive Players: Miles Huntsman Griffen Chinn; Top Defensive Players: Trent Wakaluk Shiva Chamberkar

The BUSC U9 Premier team played the Union City Premier Atlas later on the day at the Pleasanton sports park. It was a high scoring game with both teams playing attacking-minded soccer. Pleasanton came out on top 6 to 5. The squads traded goals and kept the game interesting right through to the final whistle. For BUSC, Jacob Akanyirige displayed good shooting skills and scoring ability. Nolan Jeter played solid hard defense. The team is looking poised for a great season. Top Offensive Player: Jacob Akanyirige; Top Defensive Player: Nolan Jeter.

BUSC U10 Select lost 3 to 1 to Danville Mustang Revolution. Jack Jupina scored the lone goal at 15th minute. Revolution was playing first game of the day while BUSC U10 Select their second game of the day giving advantage of fresh legs to Revolution. Top Offensive Players: Jack Jupina, Ethan Allavarpu, David Tovar; Top Defensive Players: William Busch, Max Maratsos, Hunter McDaniel, Andrew

Home Team Name: BUSC U10 Select battled to a 1 to 1 tie with the San Jose X-Men. The goal was scored by Ethan Allavarpu in 6th minute. Top Offensive Players: Ethan Allavarpu, Jack Jupina; Top Defensive Players: Kamran Martin, Jack Bessiere
BUSC U10 Select shot down the Dublin Bullets 6 to 1. Dublin scored first. Jack Jupina and David Tovar scored two goals each for Pleasanton. Nathan Samuli had a good game in goal with some solid saves. Top Offensive Players: Kamran Martin, David Tovar, Zander Franco, Jack Jupina; Top Defensive Players: Jack Bessiere, Rajeev Thundiyil

Recreational Divisions
Under 5: Braves vs. Bobcats: Top Offensive Players: Griffin Shea, Nikolas Guzman, Jackson Barth; Top Defensive Players: Alexis Sliwak, Aidan Husejnovic, Niko Glafkides

Barons vs. Bulldogs: Ryan Yamamoto led off with the first goal, with Elijah Lammlie and Isaac Hilton kicked to follow! Riley Borges was able to kick a few goals and assist with passes to Matteo Gable and Tejas Prakash to finish the scoring for the Bulldogs. All players remained busy by fiercely protecting their goal. Top Offensive Players: Ryan Yamamoto, Elijah Lammlie, Isaac Hilton, Riley Borges; Top Defensive Players: Matteo Gable, Tejas Prakash.
Bulls vs. Bears: The Bulls and the Bears met for an exciting game following the Parade. Both teams played amazing with lots of goals scored and many stopped by the determined players. Top Offensive Players: Kellen Torrey, Dylan Russo, Harry Herlich; Top Defensive Players: Calvin Lee, Cody Clemente, Jake Grijalva.

Under-6: Cyclones vs. Cannonballs: Top Offensive Players: Jake Cleverger, Rohan Sethna; Top Defensive Players: Nico Guerrero, Joe Beer

Crusaders vs. Captains: The BUSC U6 Captains played an outstanding game against a tough Crusaders team. Sam Montoyo and Mateo Castillo led the team with a tough offensive attack that was supported by the rest of their teammates. Top Offensive Players: Sam Montoya & Mateo Castillo; Top Defensive Player: Colin Fisch.
Under-7: Spartans Vs. Sharks: Top

Offensive Players: Max Lee and Jett Godi; Top Defensive Players: Elliot Jay and Noah Ishaya.

Seals vs. Spiders: The Spiders were off and running with their first game of the season. JT Brugaletta, Michael Buhalis, Euan Houston and Max Young all scored goals and kept the Spiders momentum strong. While Garrett Emmett, James Weaver and Logan Roloff provided a solid defense.

Under-8: Condors vs. Colts: The Colts Aidan Jetter found his pace at mid game after several close shots and put at least two goals into the net. Notable offensive performances were delivered by Owen Cleverger and Jake Lambro. Owen Cleverger's full press of the Condor Goalie yielded another goal for the Colts. On Defense Jake Lambro had several fast break saves keeping the Condors to one goal. Top Offensive Player: Aidan Jetter; Top Defensive Player: Jake Lambro

Under-9: Tornadoes vs. Tigers: Tigers roared through their first season game with a lead off score by Sebastian Callait, followed by a swift kick for score by Jaden Cardera. Defense held strong with Timothy Chon, Andrew Whiteland protecting their goalies Cody Vaeth and Kyle Bautista. Matthew Kenning and Jake Borges proved perseverance in both offense and defense positions. Top Offensive Players: Sebastian Callait, Jaden Cardera; Top Defensive Players: Cody Vaeth, Kyle Bautista

Dynamos vs. Dolphins: The first game in the afternoon was an action filled matchup between the Dynamos and Dolphins. Both teams played exceptional defense. The game was scoreless for the first 15 minutes until the

Dynamos broke the ice with a goal. But after a few aggressive shot attempts, the Dolphins connected on two beautiful goals by right forward Brendon Schlegel and midfielder Putty Basseer. Basseer's goal came on an exciting solo break-away right before the halftime whistle blew. With a strong corner kick to start off, Dolphins made their tricky third goal by the ball slipping into the net from Dynamos attempt to stop Peter Yu's scoring on a rebound after the shot attempt by Mason Ward. The Dolphins dominated the game and netted three more goals by Cole Bushner, Scott Drummond and Brendon Schlegel. The Dolphins exhibited a strong defensive effort with their full backs Thomas Goebel and William Renni.

Under-12: Rapids 3, Rebels 1: The Rapids fought hard all game to win their first game of the season. Graham Catudal scored two goals and Jackson Hager scored one. Connor Lehrmann played great on defense as did the entire team. Top offensive players: Graham Catudal, Jackson Hager, Austin Telles; Top defensive players: Connor Lehrmann, Taras Lysyk, Salomon Gordillo.

Renegades 1, Revolution 4: The Renegades put together a wonderful goal to go up 1-0 But The Revolution Got Rolling & scored twice before half one by Max the Kat & 1 by Joey The Flash, midway after half Blake "The Difference" Gibson was sweeping the field then Heartbreaker was scored by Chris Crash Balas & the final goal was nicely placed by Joey The Flash Both teams played hard & the Revolution start the season on a high note. Top Offensive Players: Joey

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SPORTS NOTES



The season's first fund-raiser for Livermore High School Women's Basketball program was a great success. On Sunday supporters from the community kept a steady stream of cars moving, as Dave Bedford of the Livermore Car Wash on Old First Street hosted the Lady Cowboys for over 4 hours. Players are working to raise all the funds needed to support the upcoming 2010-2011 season. The first pre-season scrimmage is against Newark Memorial on 11-19-2010 7pm at LHS.



Brandon Fischer, a Junior at the University of Wyoming, and a graduate of Granada High School in Livermore, recorded some breakthrough swims this past August at Nationals in Irvine. Brandon is no newcomer to the National scene, making Olympic Trials in 2008. This past summer, he swam three events at Nationals (100 breaststroke, 200 IM, and the 200 breaststroke) and had life time bests in all events. Brandon came in 36th place out of 100 swimmers in the 100 breaststroke, and 34th place in the 200 breaststroke. These achieved times put him among the top 100 breaststrokers in the world. The 2012 Olympic Trial time standards were just posted and Brandon's 1:03.98 in the 100 breaststroke, and his 2:19.35 in the 200 breaststroke landed him another spot to compete at OT's

Fulgencio, Chris "Crash" Balas, & Max "the Kat" Kim; Top Defensive Players: Blake "The Difference" Gibson Andy Stonewall Luo & Zac the Cannon Hartley

Pleasanton Rage

Pleasanton Rage results from last week:
AC Division 2
The Pleasanton Rage U14AC started off their league play with a 5-0 win over Modesto Ajax Premier. Monica Medor started the scoring early in the first half after receiving a pass from Kendall Morrissey. That was the only scoring in the first half, however, there was more to come in the second half. A few minutes in, Katelyn Kramer scored from 20 yards out after getting a pass from Jackie Gilbert. Myranda Marzocco then scored after receiving a cross from Julia Amos. Alyssa Behiel tallied a goal after receiving an excellent through ball from Jackie Gilbert. And Katelyn Kramer finished the scoring, hitting another shot from almost the exact location as her first goal, after a good pass from Monica Medor. The back line of Kalyen Epps, Ally Nickel, and Jessica Amos, along with Raquel Nino in goal, kept AJAX in check limiting them to only a few shots on goal. Top Offensive Players: Monica Medor, Katelyn Kramer, Alyssa Behiel, Myranda Marzocco, Jackie Gilbert, Kendall Morrissey, Julia Amos; Top Defensive Players: Ally Nickel, Jessica Amos, Kalyen Epps, Raquel Nino.
The Rage Division 1 AC U15 team battled the Modesto Ajax to a scoreless 1st half. In the 2nd half Ajax scored 1st on a pass to the left wing and a strong kick to the upper left corner of the goal. Ajax scored again on a goalie mis-play. RAGE fought back when Hannah Gooby scored on a header from Paige Hughes assist. Rage outshot the Ajax 9-3 but could not find the equalizing goal. (Ajax 2- Rage 1)
The Pleasanton Rage U19D3 White exploded for three second-half goals to quiet the Mustang Blast 3-1 in the season opener for both teams Saturday. After a pre-season that saw the Rage receive medals in 3 of 4 tournaments, the team started off slowly as they adjusted to Danville's synthetic surface. The Blast got a goal past co-captain goalie Carly Boehmer when a turf bounce caught the Rage off position allowing the Blast an easy opportunity. In the second half, striker Kelsey Milligan took a long goalie kick, headed it over 1 defender and streaked by another two before driving her shot home for the equalizer. About 15 minutes later, Mary Gruen crossed a pass from the right wing to midfielder Haley Boehmer who quickly pushed the ball on to striker Nayo Chinchard for the go-ahead goal off her outside foot. The

insurance goal was soon scored when Nayo hit a streaking Mary in stride resulting in a 1:1 opportunity that she competently converted in the right corner. Nicole Schroeder and Nicole Torquato played a strong game on defense, limiting the Blast to a handful of shots during the 90-minute contest. Top Offensive Players: Kelsey Milligan, Nayo Chinchard, Mary Gruen; Top Defensive Players: Carly Boehmer, Nicole Torquato, Nicole Schroeder

Rage U15 White was in it to win it on their opening day of league play against Castro Valley United. Rage came out strong and never let up taking an early 1-0 lead when Josie Beidleman hammered one in after a Castro Valley foul led to a penalty kick. Midway thru the half Brianna Amario delivered a beautiful cross to Shelby Richmond who drilled it in to make it a 2-0 game. Goal 3 came at the end of the 1st half when Cassidy Holmes set Richmond up for her 2nd goal of the game. Castro Valley came out strong in the 2nd half with several attempts at goal. However the rock solid defense of Kylie Cardozo, Ali Gonsman, Karah Paul and Lauren Antilla was able to shut down their advances. Goalie Sammy Crepeau made several great saves to secure the 3-0 shut out for Rage.

Division 1
Under-9: Peace Girls 6, Penguins 5; Top Offensive Players: Kayla Lee; Top Defensive Players: Maddie Bolt

Division 3
Pleasanton Grey Division 3 U13 lost 4 to 1 to East Diablo United Soccer Club. Great effort by Pleasanton's Jazmynn Merchant, Bailey Sanchez, Dahlia Shafi, Emma Theroux and goal by Avery Jones on a penalty kick. Solid Strong Goalkeeping by Olivia Christensen and Dahlia Shafi. Top Offensive Players: Dahlia Shafi, Jazmynn Merchant, Bailey Sanchez, Emma Theroux and goal by Avery Jones; Top Defensive Players: Avery Jones, Megan Shackley, Miranda Spring and Amanda Chun

The Rage lost 2 to 1 to Mustang Magic. Very tight and close game. Pleasanton Goal by Gaby Cabrera. Solid Strong Goalkeeping by Olivia Christensen and Miranda Spring kept the game close. Great Defensive effort by Bailey Sanchez, Amanda Chun, Megan Shackley and Darcy Kron. Top Offensive Players: Erin Overland, Avery Jones, Gaby Cabrera, Sabrina D'Ambrosio, Kaitlyn Coleman; Top Defensive Players: Bailey Sanchez, Amanda Chun, Megan Shackley, Darcy Kron.

U13 defeated Milpitas MXG 4 to 1. Goals by: Dahlia Shafi, Avery Jones (2 goals), Emma Theroux. Solid Goalkeeping by Dahlia Shafi and Jazmynn Merchant. Top Offensive Players: Dahlia Shafi, Avery Jones, Emma Theroux, Taylor Campbell; Top Defensive Players: Erin Overland, Olivia Christensen, Gaby Cabrera, Amanda Chun.

Division 4
Under-14: Stompers 4, Star Riders 1; Sharks 3, Storm 0

Under-12: Nightmares 3, Crush 1; Earthquakes 9, Out-Rage-Us 2; The Nightmares led behind 1 to 0 in the first half of the game but settled down in the second half, scoring 3 goals. Defense was solid. Gabriella Sanchez did an excellent job in goal the whole game. Top Offensive Players: Nightmares: Emily Meier, Alexandra Sanchez, Shreya Nagdev; Earthquakes: Annabelle, Emily, Jessica; Top Defensive Players: Nightmares: Katie Reding, Stacy Shimanuki, Sophie Welk;

Under-10: Jewels 1, JabbaWoeckee 3; Jungle Cats 8, Jammers 2; The Jewels played a good game against the JabbaWoeckee n a hot afternoon. The bigger field and longer halves spread out the players and highlighted their teamwork and passing skills. Top Offensive Players: Jewels: Adalya, Alaysia; Jungle Cats: Lucia Castaneda, Katie Schmitz, Ashley Lopez; Top Defensive Players: Jewels: Jameson, Steffi, Jungle Cats: Lexi Valentine, Harsha Madhalar, Isabel Mayfield;

Under-7: Great dribbling and team work by both the Tornados and the Tinkerbells. Top Offensive Players: Tornados: Kennedy Mayo, Julia Smith, Maggie Nostrand; Tinkerbells: Ava Ricker, Laney Lopez, Kayla Nathan; Tazmanian Devils: Olivia, Mihika, Alyssa; Top Defensive Players: Tornados: Sammie Manos, Marina Garcia, Ariana Hall; Tinkerbells: Ella Andrews, Kayla Galvez, Rachel Mattison; Tazmanian Devils: Mason, Katie, Amara;

Under-6: A great display of both offensive and defensive skills by both teams. Leading the Diamonds were Ava Hofstede, Makenzie Mapes and Brooke Walker. While the Ducks countered with key plays by Megan Wallace, Evelyn McLaughlin and Andrea Castillo. A fantastic start to the season.

Livermore Soccer

Livermore Fusion's U12 Girls Maroon team tied Santa Rosa United's Tremors in their first Fall league meeting. With Fusion's offense starting slowly, SRU Tremors attacked the Fusion defense in the early going. Keeper Ashley Morton made several saves of shots and Amy Mousa and Colette Mardrossian knocked away crossing passes to keep the Tremors out of the goal. Late in the first half, Fusion's offense finally mustered some pressure which resulted in straight-on shot by Laura Duterte that sailed over the cross bar. Fusion had several forays into the Tremors back field in the second half. Adriana Sblendorio lifted a shot across the



Pleasanton BUSC U9 Elite 3's played three matches this past weekend. In the photo, they took on the Elite 2's.

goal mouth that the keeper knocked away. Selina Cardozo barely missed a shot at the 18-yard line that went over the cross bar. Alyssa Oki headed a cross toward the goal but the Tremors' keeper jumped high into the air to snag it. After some fine dribbling, Laura Duterte caught the keeper out of position and delivered a low shot from the right side that went wide. The Tremors' second half counter attacks were nimbly turned away by Marissa Pletschette and Fusion's back line. The game ended in a scoreless tie.

Livermore Youth Soccer League

U-7 Girls: Blazing Butterflies vs. Charming Cheetahs; Blazing Butterflies Top Players: Kinsey Claudino, Olivia Rodriguez, Carly Rogers; Cheetahs Top Players: Indiana Stoneberger (goal), Wallis Bregman (goal), Destiny Roanhorse (dribbling)

Livermore Jr. Football

The Livermore Junior Football League 2010 season kicked off last Saturday with two Senior division games at Livermore High School.

Giants 34, Cardinals 20: The Cardinals put a valiant effort together only come up short on opening day. The Cardinals were unable to stop the strong running game the Giants put together behind Timmy Harris. On the positive side for the Cardinals, both Matt Franco and Jacob Roach had big days running the ball. Matt repeatedly pounded the ball up the middle for upwards of a 100 yards racking up 2 TDs. Jacob ran the ball around the ends and ended up with a TD to show for it. Although the Giants racked up a total of 34 points the defense still did a great job. The defense was paced by linebackers Russell Lovett, Jonathan Davis, Robert Payne, defense linemen Dylan Guilin, Robert Tweston and Kent Green.

Saint 19, Jets 0: The Saints' offense and defense played well in the season opener, beating the Jets 19-0. In the first quarter, the defense came out strong, stopping the Jets on 3 straight drives after the Saints turned the ball over inside their own 30 yard line. One of the drives was stopped by a heads-up interception by Jacob Martinez. Another Jet's first quarter drive was checked by a touchdown saving tackle by Cameron Church. The defense continued to stop the Jets with solid play and highlights including a second quarter interception by Christian Rabino, and third and fourth quarter sacks by Ben Morgan, Grant Billings, Noah Brandt, Christian Rabino, and two sacks by Lucas Bumanlag. Jacob Martinez also had an interception for a touchdown that was called back on a penalty. The defense was led by Lucas Bumanlag (8 tackles, 2 sacks), Ben Morgan (7 tackles), Noah Brandt (7 tackles), Bryce Disbrow (6 tackles), Cameron Church (5 tackles, 1 interception), Grant Billings (4 tackles), Christian Rabino (3 tackles, 1 interception) and Jacob Martinez (2 tackles, 1 interception). In the second quarter, the Saints' offensive line took over the game, led by Nick Penrod (C), Chris Logan (G), Trevor Davidson (T), Pablo Angeles (G) and Julian Chavira (T). They got the offense going with a strong running attack that capped off a 85 yard drive with a 10 yard touchdown run by Shane Silva. In the third quarter the Saints scored on back to back possessions with a 60 yard drive being capped off by a 1 yard touchdown run by Ben Parker. Later in the half a 60 yard drive was capped off by a 21 yard touchdown pass from Ben Parker to Collin Stafford. Shane Silva led the offense with 119 yards rushing on 10 carries and a touchdown, Ryan Silvass carried the ball 5 times for 46 yards and had a great counter run for 23 yards, Ben Parker carried the ball 8 times for 41 yards and a touchdown, and Bradley Davis carried the ball 1 time for 6 yards and was the lead blocker for the running attack all day. Collin Stafford had 3 key receptions for 60 yards and a touchdown and all 3 receptions were on 3rd and long situations.

Beginner Lacrosse Clinic

Livermore Phantom Lacrosse is hosting a beginner lacrosse clinic to introduce the fundamentals of the game of lacrosse to boys and girls ages 7 to 16. The clinic will be held on Sunday, Sept 19 from Noon to 2pm at Granada High Turf and includes instruction on passing, catching, cradling, shooting and dodging. This 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 \$10 and all equipment required for the clinic will be provided by Phantom Lacrosse Club. Advanced registration is requested. For updated information and registration please visit www.phantomlacrosse.org or contact Bob Mezeul at 925-425-9901.

Scholarship Run

The 15th annual Back to School Scholarship Run will be held Sat., Sept. 18 at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park in Pleasanton. This end-of-the-summer run is sponsored by the Northern California Association of Sales & Marketing Companies, along with Ocean Spray and Green Works.

The Scholarship Run raises funds for col-

lege scholarships that are offered to children of parents who work in the California food industry. This special event is well known for its Monster Goody Bag, given to each participant (First 300 entrants guaranteed; first come, first served after that). The Monster Goody Bags are overfilled with grocery items provided by more than 40 sponsors.

The Back to School Scholarship Run features three races, with courses running through the park and the park's trails: 10K Run, 5K Run & Walk, and a Children's Mile.

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

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

Entry fees for either the 10K Run or 5K Walk/Run are \$30.00 pre-registered, \$35.00 race-day registration. The Children's Mile Run is \$10.00 pre-registered, and \$12.00 race-day registration. Check-in and race-day registration will open at 7:00 a.m., with both 10K and 5K events will start at 8:30 a.m. The Children's Mile will begin around 9:30 a.m. The post-race awards, raffle, and prize give-away ceremony is scheduled to start around 10:00 a.m.

For more Back to School Scholarship Run information please review the application, contact On Your Mark Events at 209-795-7832 or visit their website.

The Food Brokers Association's Tax I.D. not-for-profit # is 94-316-7800.

Sports Equipment Sale

Amador Friends of Music is hosting its 2nd Annual Sports Equipment Sale on Saturday, October 2, 2010 from 9am-4pm at Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton. The public is invited to bring their passion for sports and great bargains while supporting AVHS Winterguard and Winter Percussion ensembles.

The Sports Sale will offer hundreds of sporting goods at special prices including: skis, snowboards, water skis, wakeboards, swimsuits, bikes, kayaks, and MasterCraft ski boats. There will also be a wide range of soccer, softball, baseball, football, golf, tennis and lacrosse gear.

It will be held in front of the Amador Valley High School theater at 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton, California.

Amador Friends of Music President Marilyn Palowitch encourages the community to check out the sports bargains while supporting a great cause. The award winning AVHS Winterguard and Winter Percussion ensembles compete in local, regional and national level events in Winter Guard International (WGI) and the California Color Guard Circuit (CCG) campaigns. For more information, go to amadormusic.org.

Mount Diablo Challenge

The Mount Diablo Challenge will be held Sun., Oct. 3 with the start gun fired at 8:30 p.m.

The Mount Diablo Challenge is a 11.2 mile timed bike ride, starting at Athenian School in Danville and climbing up Southgate Road 3,249 feet to the summit of Mount Diablo. All proceeds benefit Save Mount Diablo's land conservation efforts.

Registration fee is \$75.

Riders of all ages are welcome. Riders under 18 must be accompanied by an adult rider. Underage riders cannot register online. Riders can compete on any type of non-motorized bicycle, including tandems, uni-cycles and hand powered vehicles.

The waves will start 5 minutes apart with the 'faster' cyclists in the first wave. Participants can request a wave based on their expected finish time, and on a first signed up-first served basis.

All riders reaching the summit in less than 1 hour receive a special "One Hour" T-Shirt.

Go to www.savemountdiablo.org for information.

Bowling News

Jerry Friesen from the 4 Seasons Heating & Air Modified Guys and Dolls League bowled his first "perfect" 300 game in action at the Granada Bowl in Livermore. Corey Nelson-Bunch bowled a 256 game that was 114 pins over average.

Jeff Steinkle in the Tuesday Match Point League rolled a 236 game and Sean Tomasello a 184. Mark McCreary in the 4 Seasons Heating & Air League bowled a 269 game, James Seltmann 267, Bill Lindke Jr. 256, David Bunch 255, Alex Holland 255, Gabe Donahue 247, Brandon Klinefelter 247 and George Tardiff 204. Duane Moshetti in the Practice Kings & Queens League rolled a 278 game and Craig Truscott 256. Rich Canada in the Cheyenne League bowled a 289 game, Jim Moeller 237 and David Markkula 236. Steve Reitz in the Early Years Fun Time



Livermore Fusion U15 Girls White "Chaos" brought home the Championship title at the Napa Wine Country Tournament over Labor Day Weekend. The team finalized the win against Mustang Stampede in overtime with a goal by Alexandra Hernandez. Haleigh Atkinson had an amazing weekend of play for the offensive of Chaos along with some strong work from Nicole Mingione and Mikayla Mollien. Sierra Clark led the defense in strength along with Erin Winegardner and Brittany Ahrbeck allowing Chaos goalkeeper Hannah Walters have only a few balls get into the Chaos net. Tristyn Berman, Kaitlyn Rose, Irais Ortiz, Emily Kalantar, Krystal Hill, Kaitlyn Lovoi and Jessica Groth also had great contributions to the team play that enabled this season first Championship title.



Livermore Fusion SC U9 girls brought home a 3rd place trophy from the Devil Mountain Mustang Soccer tournament over the Sept. 4-5th weekend. The girls played hard and worked well as a team through the whole tournament. Saturday's games started with a tough loss against Newark 0-1. The girls answered with a 3-2 win over Danville's Mustang. Sunday morning started with a fantastic win against Manteca's Ajax 2-1, the girls final game was hard fought but ended in a loss to Mill Valley 0-1. Overall the defense was rock solid and midfielders and forwards played well together. Pictured (top) Coach Phil Parker; (back row) Lexi, Jessica, Jordan, Allison, Kaila and Jessie; (front row) Athena, Ainsley, Jackie, Caitlyn and Georgia. Not pictured was trainer Lauren Pennisi

League rolled a 210 game. Bob Elson in the Friday Family Affair League bowled a 219 game and Marilyn Bulzke 183.

Senior Bowler Paul Guerrero in the Donna's Mixers League rolled a 252 game, Janelle Carey 228, Jack Turner 222, Gloria Hamilton 213, Chico Mesa 212, Sachiko Kosayashi 194 and Phillis Hill 180. John Waite in the Friday Primetimers bowled a 223 game, Alma Taasevigen 212 and Bob Stein 184.

Youth Bowler Jeffrey Anderson in the Friday Family Affair rolled a nice 211 game.

WCOGA Pleasanton

West Coast Olympic Gymnastics Academy girls level 4-6 competed in their first meet of the season at River City Classic on September 11-12. The level 5 girls team won 1st place overall. Individually they had a successful competition with Chasia Wong placing 1st overall, Shayne Estill placed 2nd overall and Morgan Leone placed for the older level 5.

Adrienne Kwee placed 1st overall, Natalie Boyle and Abigail McKeag both placed in girls level 5 middle age group. Alexandra Kim placed 1st and Kristianna Coffey and Sara Ling placed in the younger level 5 girls. Alicia Powers, Rebecca Silva and Sabrina Kheirloomoom competed as well helping to contribute to the teams overall success.

Megan Quinton competed as a level 6 placing 11th overall.

The level 4's had great individual success with Corinne Jackson coming in 1st place for older, Lauren Swenson-Lennox coming in 2nd place for youngsters, Maleigha Kinzer placed 5th for middles, Anna Foehner placed 8th for older and Jessica Stalker placed 16th for middle.

Results: Child: Serena Chan, 2nd all-around (34.2), 2nd bars (8.0), 2nd floor (8.9), 3rd beam (8.7), 4th vault (8.6); Brianna Londeree, 5th all-around (32.1) Junior: Rhianna Kheuled, 3rd floor (8.55)

Senior: Julia Morgin, 3rd all-around (33.425), 3rd floor (8.475), 4th beam (8.6), 5th bars (7.7); Natalie Mauch, 5th vault (8.75); Claire Koupal, 2nd bars (7.9)

EDGE Gymnastic

EDGE Gymnastics sent competitors to the Level 6 Competition - 2010 Stars Chal-



Nicole Boschee wears the 'A' time medal she earned in competing for the LifeStyleRx Tiger Shark at a swim meet in Morgan Hill.

enge in Union City on Sept. 12. The team finished second.

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Senior: Julia Morgin, 3rd all-around (33.425), 3rd floor (8.475), 4th beam (8.6), 5th bars (7.7); Natalie Mauch, 5th vault (8.75); Claire Koupal, 2nd bars (7.9)

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ON PARADE

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The annual Pleasanton Soccer Parade last Saturday down Main Street featured teams from Pleasanton Rage and Pleasanton United Soccer Club.



SHORT NOTES

Nature Programs

Fall Orienteering is the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff program for Sat., Sept. 18. Meet Ranger Glen Florey at 2 p.m. at the Wetmore Road entrance to Sycamore Grove Park.

The grasses are dropping their seeds leaving fewer stickers to get caught in our socks and making this a good time to once again set out across the unmarked parts of the park. This will be an introduction to orienteering with a map and compass. Bring a compass if you have one. Please wear shoes that are appropriate for very rough terrain.

Gall-ly is the Sun., Sept. 19 program. Meet Ranger Dawn Soles at 2 p.m. at Veterans Park.

If you look at many of the local trees and shrubs, you will notice that some of them have bumps, bulges or outright growths on them. Join this nature program to learn about these very strange and interesting formations - galls. The program will spend some time discussing how they form, and then go on a short walk to see how many different kinds can be found.

There is a \$5 per vehicle parking fee. A \$2 donation is requested to help support the programs. Participants may call 925-960-2400 for more information.

Colon Health

San Ramon Regional Medical Center is offering a free community seminar on Colon Health. The seminar will be held from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 23, 2010 in the South Conference Room in the South Building, located at 7777 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon.

Gastroenterologist, Jeffrey Mark, M.D., will speak on how to decrease your risk of colon diseases, including cancer. He will talk about probiotics and colon cleaning, and explain if they are beneficial and safe. He will tell you about the role of diet in colon health.

Please register for this free seminar by call 800.284.2878 or at www.OurSanRamonHospital.com under Find an Event.

Volunteers Needed

Tri-Valley Haven is seeking volunteers for its annual Pace for Peace - Panama Red Block Party fund-raising event on Sat., Oct. 2. 5K race/walk begins at 8 a.m. with registration at 7:30 p.m. Block party festivities are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at First and K streets in Livermore.

Various volunteer positions include: race course set up, race course monitors and timers, block party set up, food preparation and servers, children's activities, wine and beer pourers, ticket booth sales,

auction table assistants and grounds crew. Volunteer positions are for high school age and older. Early morning shifts for the race portion of the event and mid-morning and early afternoon shifts are available for the block party.

Those interested in volunteering are asked to contact geneal@trivalleyhaven.org or 449-5845.

Chelsea's Hope Fundraiser

The 2nd Annual Fundraiser for Chelsea's Hope Lafora Children Research Fund will take place on Sunday, September 26, from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Blackhawk Museum, 3750 Blackhawk Plaza Circle in Danville. Dr. Berge Minassian of the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto as well as Dr. Antonio Delgado-Escueta of UCLA, two of the world's leading medical experts, will be presenting the latest research information about Lafora.

The evening will include a light dinner, charity wine toss, the premiere of the Chelsea's Hope Documentary Film, "A beautiful photographic display titled "The Faces of Lafora," and a raffle for the opportunity to win gift baskets, wine and prizes donated by local merchants. Entry to the evening is \$75 per person. Tickets may be purchased by visiting Chelsea's Hope web site at www.chelseashope.org.

"The purpose of the event is to raise awareness about Lafora, a very rare progressive epilepsy with no cure," said Linda Gerber who's 19 year old daughter Chelsea was stricken five years ago. "Since the creation of Chelsea's Hope web site, we have become connected to the world's leading Lafora experts and are raising funds to support their research for a cure. Prior to Chelsea's Hope, there was no connection for families. We have created a family within the Lafora community worldwide."

Lafora Disease strikes children usually between the ages of nine and fourteen. Symptoms that become increasingly worse within a short period of time include grand mal seizures, cognitive decline, difficulty walking and dementia. Lafora, which usually takes its victims within ten years, affects one in a million. There are currently about 200 cases identified worldwide. Presently there is no cure.

Several Lafora parents from around the country will also attend the fundraiser. "This is a big undertaking for these parents to be able to travel across the country. They need to schedule 24 hour nursing care for their children," noted Gerber.

"The doctors will provide an update on the latest developments in Lafora research as well as hear first hand from Lafora parents about how their lives have changed and what it has meant to belong to Chelsea's

Hope," Gerber said. "It is a very rare opportunity for both world class Lafora researchers and parents to have time to spend the day together."

Documentary, "Chelsea's Hope," will premiere at the fundraiser. Produced by Jason Zavaleta, young film maker and former classmate of Chelsea Gerber, this film touches on Chelsea and how this disease has affected her, last year's first fundraiser, medical information and interviews with the researchers.

Also attending the fundraiser is newly crowned Miss California Teen, Ari Eastman of Danville, who has chosen Chelsea's Hope as her platform for her upcoming reign to help bring about awareness of Lafora.

In addition, this unique event will feature the poignant photography of Cheryl Bigman Photography of San Ramon. Cheryl joined Chelsea's Hope last year to help raise awareness of the disease by creating "The Faces of Lafora." Accompanied by Linda Gerber, they traveled to the homes of several families of children stricken with Lafora in the U.S. to photograph the children and their families.

"People should attend the fundraiser to support their local community and the efforts of a Lafora family creating a difference in their own lives and to those families affected by the disease," concluded Gerber. "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." Helen Keller

Chelsea's Hope is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. For information, visit the web site at: www.chelseashope.org.

RV Show and Sale

The 16th Annual Northern California Fall RV Show and Sale will roll into the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton Sept. 24 through Oct. 3, offering RV enthusiasts a host of ways to stretch their vacation dollars.

June marked the 10th consecutive month where shipments were greater than the same time period a year earlier. Overall, the total shipments for that month are 10 percent greater than the month before, and a whopping 72.6 percent higher than June 2009, according to the RVIA. RV shipments in 2011 are expected to increase by 8.4 percent from the projected 2010 total.

The fall event in Pleasanton will bring together hundreds of new and used RVs, accessories and services, and allows customers to speak to a host of dealers and manufacturers in one convenient location.

Admission Adults \$7; seniors (62+) \$6, children 15 and under free. Special "Senior Wednesday 2

for 1." Held at the Alameda County Fairgrounds: 4501 Pleasanton Ave., Pleasanton, Sept 24-Oct. 3, 2010; Mon - Fri 11am - 7pm, Sat 10am - 8pm; Sun 10am - 6pm.

For information, call (925) 931-1890 or visit www.rvshow.net.

Homecare Job Fair

In partnership with the Alameda County Public Authority for In-Home Supportive Services (PaforIHSS) and CalWORKs, Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL) is hosting a job fair for people in the homecare profession or those interested in becoming a homecare worker.

The job fair is Fri., Sept. 24 at 10 a.m. at the Livermore Multi-Service Center, 3311 Pacific Ave., Livermore.

The job fair will supply the information to join one of the fastest growing professions in the United States or, if you are a homecare worker, to upgrade your skills.

- Learn how you can apply to be on the Alameda County Public Authority Registry of IHSS workers.

- Learn how you can apply to be on the Private Pay Registry through Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL) and CIL - Berkeley.

- Learn about a Homecare Worker Class starting Nov. 12, 2010 covering:

- Exploring the basics of aging and disabilities
- Understanding independent living philosophy
- Assisting with medications and nutrition
- Maintaining good hygiene and personal care skills
- Building and keeping a good client base positive relationships
- Practicing health and safety on the job
- Finding work in homecare

For more information and to register for the free job fair please contact call Denicia at 925-371-1531 or 510-881-5743 x 5941. Registration and entry to the job fair are free of charge.

Youth Leadership

The County is currently accepting applications for Youth Leadership 2010-11, a five-session program focused on leadership and local government designed specifically for County high school juniors and seniors.

This free award-winning County program will accept approximately 35 high school juniors and seniors representing various geographic areas in the County to come together on five Saturday mornings, over five months to hear presentations and discuss what it takes to be an active participant in local government as a resident, an employee, a community leader, and an elected official. Applications are available from the County by calling (510) 268-5379 or using the County website www.acgov.org/youthleadership/. Applications must be returned to the County by Wednesday, September 22, 2010. Participants will be selected on a first-come, first-serve

basis by geographic area.

"We are excited to begin the ninth Youth Leadership Academy," says Board of Supervisors President Alice Lai-Bitker. "It's an excellent way for high school students to learn about Alameda County government and to practice leadership skills while meeting students from all over the County."

"We're looking forward to sharing information with the students on a wide range of County programs as well as receiving some dynamic feedback from our participants on youth interests and concerns," says County Administrator Susan S. Muranishi.

Session dates are October 2, October 30 and November 13, 2010 and January 8 and January 29, 2011. Sessions will also focus on the role of County government in delivering critically-needed services, such as public assistance, public protection and the wide variety of youth-focused programs offered by Alameda County. Participants will have an opportunity to visit various County facilities.

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PIPELINE

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higher rates will go into effect in 2011.

At the top of PG&E's high-priority maintenance list is a \$31 million project to take care of three segments of the eight-mile portion of the pipeline in the Livermore Valley.

The line, known as Line 107, is 22 inches in diameter. It was built in 1930. It takes gas that comes from the San Joaquin Valley, carries it south of Livermore, and travels in a southwesterly direction, past the Arroyo Del Valle. From there, it passes about one or two miles east of the "downtown" area of Sunol. Then it goes to PG&E facilities in the Irvington district of Fremont.

LINE GOES THROUGH LIVERMORE AG AREA

Although there apparently is no heavy development in the pipeline's vicinity, a gas-fed fireball that would resemble the one in San Bruno last Thursday could ignite pastureland in the area, especially during a dry season.

There are also vineyards and houses on large lots spread throughout the area. It is not known to what extent that green vegetation or irrigation sprinklers would discourage a fire from spreading any more than dry pastureland would.

Michel Florio, senior attorney for The Utility Reform Network (TURN), described the gas-line route from a 20-year-old map that he has in his office in San Francisco. There are few landmarks on the map, but Florio said he is familiar with the Livermore area from visits there. The route appears to be in the rural area, he said.

Florio, a staff attorney for TURN for 32 years, was familiar

with the PG&E request in 2009. He worked closely with CPUC staff on gas line issues.

Florio said Monday that he was sad that one of the casualties in the San Bruno gas-line explosion on Sept. 9 was Jacqueline Greig, whom he had seen earlier that day in the corridor at the CPUC offices in San Francisco.

Greig and her daughter, Janessa, perished in the San Bruno fire. Greig worked as a consumer advocate for the CPUC. She served on the natural gas committee of the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates.

SEPARATE LINES SERVE THE CITIES

The 22-inch line through the Livermore Valley has eight-inch diameter lines branching from it, one each to Livermore, Pleasanton and Sunol, which then feed into homes and businesses in those communities, said Florio. Only the 22-inch line is under question in the report.

PG&E has another distribution line, Line 131, which comes from Contra Costa County, and follows a route along Isabel Avenue, then heads south toward Sunol very close to Line 107. Line 131 is vulnerable only in its Fremont portion, because of seismic threats. That project is the second highest priority on PG&E's list of 100 projects.

PG&E's risk assessment, which was conducted in 2007 and made public at the CPUC hearings in 2009, said that there is a "likelihood" for corrosion of "external materials" and "ground-movement initiated failure." It means that an earthquake could rupture the pipeline, said Florio.

The PG&E report says that one thing that can be done to

lower the risk to the public is to reduce the pressure in the line, said Florio. However, that would mean that PG&E would have to reduce the amount of gas that it would be sending through its Bay Area transmission line loop, said Florio.

High-risk pipeline dangers must be mitigated, according to federal regulations, said Florio. He said that the PG&E report cites that information.

GAS LEAKS SOMETIMES REPORTED IN VALLEY

The heightened public attention concerning natural gas leaks has not seen an increase in the number of gas leaks reported to the Livermore Pleasanton Fire Department, said Deputy Chief Joseph Rodondi. There are not a large number of calls about leaks in homes or businesses. "They are not uncommon," said Rodondi.

Rodondi said that if there were a gas leak odor, and a resident is concerned about it, the person should call 911. The fire department responds to "any type of emergency," said Rodondo.

The department has equipment that can be used to detect gas leaks. It also works with PG&E on such matters, he said.

Rodondo offered some common sense tips, if people do find gas leaks. They should open the windows. If the odor is strong and they are worried, they should leave the premises immediately.

They should not use any light switches, because they could cause sparks, which would ignite the gas. Calling from outside the apartment or house would be safer than causing a spark from a telephone in the home, he added.

Montana Company Uses Lab Technology to Produce Zinc Air Fuel Cell

A Montana company has found a low-cost, environmentally safe solution to power electric vehicles for generations to come, thanks to a technology developed by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL).

Kalispell, Mont.-based Zinc Air, Inc. (ZAI) announced that it had obtained exclusive rights from LLNL for the zinc air fuel cell (U.S. Patent 5,434,020) invented by John Cooper, a retired LLNL chemist.

"At the moment, most in the auto industry are currently looking to lithium batteries as the power solution for electric vehicles, but those batteries are manufactured primarily outside of the United States and are not cost effective for widespread use," said ZAI Co-Founder and President Dave Wilkins. "There is enough readily available zinc just in the United States to produce billions of these batteries," he continued.

By contrast, lithium primarily is found outside the United States.

Worldwide resources of zinc total more than 1.8 gigatons – with more than 35 percent of that in the United States alone. Global zinc production in 21 months would be sufficient to produce one billion 10 kWh zinc air batteries – by contrast it would take 180 years of lithium production to produce those same batteries. These figures were

quoted in a recent white paper by Meridian International Research, which stated, "Lithium supply and future production will be far from adequate to sustain global electric vehicle production."

According to Cooper, "In the short-term, this new technology has the potential to positively impact fleets of electric vehicles, such as FedEx, UPS and the U.S. Postal Service, that combine high daily usage, low-power requirements, and an in-place service infrastructure." There is an enormous market for lightweight, low-power, zero-emission delivery vehicles that can operate multiple shifts. Rapid refueling – as opposed to overnight recharging – makes multiple shifts a reality. With 10-minute refueling, this technology allows battery use up to 24 hours a day.

In the longer term, this technology and other zinc/air and zinc/metal battery technologies represent an opportunity for the United States to establish itself as the dominant global leader in battery technology and development.

"The contrast with lithium batteries in terms of environmental consequences must not be overlooked," said Wilkins. "The byproduct – zinc oxide – is 100 percent recyclable." The technology enables safe, lower-cost, clean, quiet, reliable and environmentally friendly

power generation. Zinc Air Fuel Cell (ZAF) products combine atmospheric oxygen from the air we breathe with zinc metal pellets as the fuel to generate electricity. In operation, the fuel cell consumes all of the zinc and is operationally quiet, providing instantaneous electrical energy with no greenhouse gas emissions. It also doesn't contain any of the toxic elements found in lithium batteries or other battery chemistries.

Zinc Air technology is now seeing life because of the anticipated demand for efficient, low-cost alternatives to lithium for electric vehicle battery production. One of the many benefits of this technology is that it enables continuous fuel feed while the system is under load, making it ideal for electronic vehicle and fleet power supply. This technology, on a small scale, may also provide portable power as a generator (1-3 kW) or can be scaled up to provide enough power to operate high-use fleet vehicles and buses.

ZAI is in discussions with multiple fleet vehicle manufacturers to develop products for their immediate needs. The company intends to begin development and testing in late 2010 with full-scale field testing in the second quarter of 2011.

Gala to Raise Funds for Fight Against Parkinson's Dis-

The Danville d'Elegance Foundation is joining forces with The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research (MJFF) and The Parkinson's Institute (PI) to host a gala event and car show to support the fight against Parkinson's disease. The annual festivities, official Team Fox events that will be held in Danville, will begin with a ticketed evening gala and live auction on Saturday, September 18. A public car show, *Danville Concours d'Elegance*, featuring some of the world's finest automobiles will be held the following day. Proceeds from auction items and ticket sales as well as donations to the free car show will benefit both MJFF and PI.

"The Danville d'Elegance Foundation is an incredible example of what a small but dedicated group of people can do to support Parkinson's research," says MJFF CEO Katie Hood. "Through 'cool cars for a cause' the committee members of the Foundation have turned their personal connections to PD into a fun and creative way to fund critical scientific programs to help others affected by the disease."

Now in its sixth year, the Danville d'Elegance Foundation events have historically focused on raising funds for patient care in the local community. This year, the Foundation, co-chaired and founded by Jim and Chris Edlund, has partnered with Team Fox, the grassroots community fundraising arm of MJFF, to include support for Parkinson's research.

The Blackhawk Auto Museum has donated space for the gala and live auction which includes the chance to bid on a day at the track with the Renault team in Hungary. The car show, which also includes a silent auction and wine tasting, will take place in downtown Danville.

"I want to congratulate Jim Edlund and the entire committee on the occasion of *Danville d'Elegance*," said Michael J. Fox in a taped message to event attendees. "Years ago, I played a character who drove an exotic

automobile straight into the future. It didn't occur to me then that a creative group of people might one day find a way to turn that science fiction plot into a reality. With your friendship and commitment, and high impact research being carried out by our partners like The Parkinson's Institute, we are going to create a future without Parkinson's."

For more information about the events and to purchase tickets, visit www.danville-delageance.org.



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Tracks to Trail Event Showcases Opportunities to Leave Cars at Home

The East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) and the Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) invite participants to the second annual Iron Horse Trail "Tracks to Trail" Event on Saturday, September 18, from 10 am until 2 pm on the segment that connects the Pleasant Hill BART to the Dublin BART. This event is designed to showcase how tracks connect to trails providing opportunities to leave cars at home and commute to work, school, parks, sports fields, shopping centers, and restaurants. This is a free event, no registration required. There are six energizer stations along the route with a main celebration area at the Farmers Market in Danville.

Participants are encouraged to start at either station and ride bikes to the central meeting point – about 7.5 miles one way from either station – in Danville at the Farmers Market at Railroad and West Prospect Avenues. EBRPD will host a presentation at noon in this location. Iron Horse Trail neighbors who live close can simply walk, rollerblade, or bike along the trail to the Danville celebration. This is a great way to explore the Iron Horse Trail or encourage family and friends from out of town to take the BART.

Local businesses and organizations including Kaiser Permanente, 511 Contra Costa, Akamyna, Golden State Warriors, Performance Bicycles, SkinGlow Face & Body Care, and local Rotary clubs are sponsoring the energizer stations, with beverages and snacks, at the sites located below: Dublin at Dublin/Pleasanton BART at

Saturday Salon Set for Sept. 18

The Saturday Salon will be held at the 4th Street Studio on Sept. 18 starting at 7:30 p.m.

Theme will be "An American Primitive House of Light Kind of Night," focusing on Mary Oliver.

There will be ten minutes to read and lots of time to listen.

Bring a friend. Bring a nosh and something to drink to share.

4th Street Studio is located at 2235 4th Street in Livermore. For information, call 456-3100.

the entrance to Iron Horse Trail; San Ramon at Bollinger Canyon Road; Danville, Railroad Avenue at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley; Alamo, Stone Valley Boulevard; Walnut Creek, Newell Avenue; and Pleasant Hill BART, in the greenbelt across from BART station.

Park District staff offer a few friendly reminders when riding. Take plenty of water and wear sunscreen. The section of trail from Dublin/Pleasanton BART to Danville is very open with no shade. Wear a helmet. It's the law for anyone under 18, plus it just makes good safety sense for everyone. Stay on the paved trail. Carry a cell phone, a spare bike tube, and bike pump, just in case.

For more information or an Iron Horse Trail Map, visit www.ebparks.org or for BART station locations, go to www.BART.gov.

Iron Horse Trail Fun Fact: Nearly 30 miles in length, this multi-use path runs between the cities of Martinez and Pleasanton. It follows the Southern Pacific Railroad right-of-way established in 1891. The right-of-way was abandoned in 1978 and the tracks were removed in 1978-79. Although railroad artifacts are long gone, the Museum of the San Ramon Valley is housed in the restored 1891 Southern Pacific Depot on West Prospect and Railroad Avenues in Danville. The museum provides a unique tribute to the rich history of California's San Ramon Valley. Over one million visitors use the trail each year, many of them for commuting purposes.

For more information, contact Smt. Suman Jain at suman1218@yahoo.com or call the temple at 449-6255. All are welcome.

Health Fair Offers Free Medical Advice

The Shiva-Vishnu Temple Hindu Community and Cultural Center human services will present a health fair on Sat., Sept. 18. Services will be available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the temple, 1232 Arrowhead Ave., Livermore.

Free medical advice will be provided on: internal medicine, cardiology, diseases of the stomach, intestine and liver, lung diseases, allergy, asthma and immunology, childhood diseases, women's health, psychiatry, physical medicine and rehabilitation, orthopedics, skin diseases, nutrition and diet urology/nephrology, eye diseases, chiropractic services, alternative medicine, and dental hygiene.

There will be free evaluations for blood pressure, blood sugar,

and cholesterol. There will also be an opportunity to register as a bone marrow donor.

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Richard Warren Randall

Richard passed away Sept 3, 2010, at the age of 84. He was a Livermore resident. Richard was born August 4, 1926 in Burlington, Vermont and was well traveled.

He is survived by his wife of almost 60 years, Corky Randall, children Valerie, Mark and Skot Randall, granddaughter Ashley Randall and sister Patricia Brooks of Arizona.

Services were held September 11, 2010, followed by gathering of friends and family. Richard will be inurned at a later date at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery with Military Honors.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations made to the Ryan Comer Cancer Resource Center, ValleyCare 1111 E. Stanley Blvd. Livermore, CA, 94550; 925-373-4560.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary

Norman Jack Brown Jr.

Norman Jack Brown Jr., born June 22, 1931 in Red Bluff, CA,

to Agnes Dene Hillhouse and Norman Jack Brown Sr., died of a stroke on September 3, 2010, at the Veterans Hospital,

Livermore, CA, family members were with him.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Virginia Jurgens Brown; children, Kevin Brown (Lorri Wilson) of Livermore; Linda Trudeau (Scott Trudeau) of Livermore; Susan Brown of Livermore, Carol Brown of Columbia, Missouri; and Diane Brown of Los Angeles. His son, Stephen, predeceased him in 1977.

He is also survived by 9 grandchildren; Cameron Hoffman-Brown, Cody Hoffman-Brown, Kelly Trudeau Kechriotis (Chris Kechriotis), Kendall Trudeau, Jack Trudeau, Angela Utreras, Gabriela Utreras, Nora Peckham, and Nicholas Peckham, and one great-grandchild, Easton Kechriotis. He is also survived by his sisters Janis Brown Baker of Windsor, and Eugenea Brown Niehoff, and a brother Gary Brown, both of Anderson. Other survivors include numerous nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and nephews; extended family members are Sharon Hoffman of Manteca, and Luis Utreras of Bogota, Columbia, & Jim Peckham of Columbia, Missouri.

Norman was an Eagle Scout, and he served in the U.S. Army in Korea. He attended school in Red Bluff, St. Patrick's Seminary, Mountain View, and UC Berkeley. He graduated in 1959 with a master's degree in mechanical engineering.

His spent his career as an

engineer with LLNL in the ME Department. He worked on nuclear reactors, and ended up working in Optics and optical fabrication including work on the Hubbell Telescope, and retired in 1994. During his career he received two prize medals; including the Rudolf Kingslake Medal.

Norman was a renaissance man, an avid photographer, painter, and calligrapher. His hand-tooled pens made of exotic woods were prized by calligraphers around the world. He was also a passionate book collector and chef, as well as a supporter of the theatre, opera, and symphonies around the Bay Area. He was a member of Friends of Calligraphy, Optical Society of America, and the International Society for Optical Engineering, and St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Community.

A Memorial Mass is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Fri., Sept. 10 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore. A luncheon and reception will follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to: Pippin Pocket Opera 469 Bryant Street, San Francisco CA 94107 and the Society of St. Sulpice, Provincial House 5408 Roland Avenue Baltimore, MD 21210-1988

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Harry Earl Kraft

Harry Kraft, known to his family as Mickey, passed peacefully on Sept. 9, 2010, after a brief battle with liver cancer.

He was born April 21, 1930 in Kalispell, MT to Harry and Fern

Kraft. He had five brothers and sisters. As a boy, Harry spent time in logging camps, where his father worked as a cook. Later he helped his stepfather as a brick layer and beekeeper. When he was old enough, he enlisted in the Air Force.

Starting his Air Force career in the military police, Harry served in the Korean Conflict. Later he earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering through night and correspondence classes. Upon earning his degree, he became a radar technician and retired in 1969 after 20 years of services as a Senior Master Sergeant.

It was while stationed at Camp Parks in the Livermore Valley that he met the love of his life, Donna Sanders. They were married in 1952 and raised three sons during their 58 years together. After retiring from the Air Force, Harry and Donna settled in her hometown of Livermore and Harry adapted her family as his own.

His background in electronics led him to a civilian career in the then fledgling semiconductor industry. Over a period of 38 years, Harry worked for companies such as Memorex and Intel. He retired from Lam Research in 1997 as the Engineering Manager for the Pacific Rim.

Active in the St. Michael's Parish of Livermore, Harry was a member of the Knights of Columbus and a 9:30 Usher. Over the years, he and Donna taught classes in the Parish for engaged couples, confirmation and RCIA. He also volunteered at the Open Heart Kitchen.

A patriot right up to his death, Harry will always be remembered for big hugs and little sayings, an endless supply of stories, his wonderful smile and great sense of humor, and colorful neckties.

Harry was preceded in death by his parents and sons Steven and baby Mark. He is survived by his sister Mildred and brother Harlan, wife Donna, sons Michael (Ramona) and Patrick (Kathleen), grandchildren Caitlin, Danika, Cole and Chad, like-a-granddaughter niece Ashley, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral Mass was held Thursday at St. Michael's Church in Livermore. Interment followed at St. Michael's Cemetery in Livermore.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Ave., Auite 100, Dublin, CA 94568.

Petey R. Pehrson

Petey went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, September 8, 2010. She was born August 10, 1940. A resident of Livermore since 1965, she was a very active member and volunteer in her community. She was a member of Christian Women's Club, Las Damas, the American Cancer Society and most recently, served as the President of the ValleyCare Auxiliary.

Petey is survived by her husband of 49 years, David L. Pehrson, children Terry (Denise) Pehrson, Wendy Holt, and Johanna (Ian) Campbell, her brothers George "Skip" Peterson Jr. and Frank Peterson, grandchildren Jason and Kelly Holt, and Payton and Cole Campbell, as well as several nieces, nephews and friends all of whom were very dear to her.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, September 16, from

4pm - 8pm at the Chapel of Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave, Livermore, with a Celebration of Petey's Life on Friday, September 17th at 2pm at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Pkwy, Pleasanton. Petey will be laid to rest with her parents at a private burial at Chapel of the Chimes Memorial Park, Hayward, CA.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the following charities which were dear to Petey's heart: Shepherd's Gate, 1660 Portola Ave, Livermore CA 94551 or Valley Care Foundation, 1111 E. Stanley Blvd, Livermore, CA 94550.

Ruby Constance Borge Eaton

Loving daughter of George and Isabella Borge, was born in Livermore on July 8, 1935. A faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Ruby served a mission in Brazil. Upon returning, she fulfilled a lifetime dream and attained a masters degree in teaching at the age of 68. Ruby passed away suddenly.

She is survived by her son Edward, her daughters Isabella and Cynthia, seven grandchildren, and thirteen great grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held Sept. 18, 2010, at 2 p.m. at the LDS Chapel in Fremont, CA, 38134 Temple Way. All who knew her are invited to attend.

Police Plan Two Programs to Talk about Sexual Battery

The Livermore Police Department School Resource Officers will be presenting an awareness class to parents and students of currently enrolled middle school and high school aged children living in the City of Livermore.

The presentation will be about sexual battery, sexting, sextortion, and sexual harassment occurring on the school campuses. There has been a recent increase in events related to sexual battery in the past several years, resulting in several arrests. The goal of this presentation is to equip the parents and students to better understand the current trends and laws pertaining to sexual battery, sexting, etc. in

Parenting Course Offered in Pleasanton

New strategies and hope for family harmony are offered through an 11-week parenting course jointly sponsored by Amador Valley Adult & Community Education and the Pleasanton Police Department, in partnership with Pleasanton PTA Council. The series begins September 28.

"Parent Project: Changing Destructive Adolescent Behavior" was created 20 years ago in Ontario, California. For the past seven years, it has been offered three or four times annually in Pleasanton, taught by Teresa LeMay (who also teaches a special education class at Alisal School). Herself the parent of two grown children, LeMay credits the Parent Project for "saving my life." She took 40 hours of specialized training to become a certified instructor in the program.

"I wanted give other parents hope that there is light at the end of the tunnel," LeMay said. "The Parent Project gives parents a series of building blocks to create a strong foundation for a renewed, positive relationship with their teenagers." LeMay noted that participants may continue in a support group after the 11-week course has ended.

LeMay teaches the class at the Pleasanton Police Department with police experts for some of the sessions, currently including Sgt. Michael Tryphonas, who is in charge of youth and community services.

"Another officer still is meeting with the support group of

our first class, seven years later," she said. "Friendships and bonds of trust are formed as parents learn that they are not alone in facing problems with their teenage children." Typically, the class includes parents whose teenagers have been runaways, involved in drug abuse, domestic disputes, gangs, or the challenges of blended families. Frequently the teens' behavior has included cutting school or failing classes. "In Pleasanton, we do a good job of protecting our children, but we don't live in a bubble," LeMay said. "The same problems that surface in other communities also can be found here."

"If you have teens you are having a hard time with, this class is for you," she said. "I believe with all my heart and soul in this program!"

Parents are given weekly "home practice" assignments. They may share at the next class how well these new strategies worked with their teenage family members.

For example, attendance and success in school can become the determining factors for a teen's weekend plans. "Since you have chosen not to do your homework, you also have chosen not to attend the school dance this weekend," could be one parental response to encourage academic success by a teenager. "Change happens when a person gets tired of things not going the way they want them to," says LeMay.

The next Parent Project session will be held from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday evenings, Sept. 28 until December 14 (skipping November 23). Class size is limited to 20 parents. To register, call Amador Valley Adult Education at 426-4280, or go online to www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/adulted or visit their office at 215 Abbie Street. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except Wednesdays, when the office is open until 8:30 p.m.

The course fee is \$95, with a 10% discount given to couples who enroll together. Limited scholarship assistance may be available.

The class is not limited to Pleasanton residents. To find classes in other nearby communities, go to www.parentproject.com.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 442001

The following person(s) doing business as: Club Z! In-Home Tutoring, 3918 Stanford Way, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
Denise M. Sughayar, 3918 Stanford Way, Livermore Ca 94550
This business is conducted by an individual
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.
Signature of Registrant: /s:/Denise M. Sughayar
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 20, 2010. Expires August 20, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 441653

The following person(s) doing business as: Tulula "Baked Bliss", 260 N. L Street, Livermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
Aileen Avila, 3963 Peastana Way, 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 January 2010
Signature of Registrant: /s:/Aileen Avila
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 10, 2010. Expires August 10, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 441638

The following person(s) doing business as: 1)Palladian Achievement, 2)Pal Counseling, 7348 Hickorywood Lane, Pleasanton Ca 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
Rick Steiner, 3856 Princeton Way, Livermore Ca 94550
This business is conducted by an individual
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 441732

The following person(s) doing business as: 1)Fairpoint Resources, 1725 Shattuck Ave. #302, Berkeley Ca 94709 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
Mark Giorgi, 1725 Shattuck Ave. #302, Berkeley Ca 94709
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Signature of Registrant: /s:/Mark Giorgi
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 441992

The following person(s) doing business as: Rockstone Research, 1725 Shattuck Ave. #302, Berkeley Ca 94709 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
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Signature of Registrant: /s:/Mark Giorgi
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 441883

The following person(s) doing business as: Viking Plumbing, 1415 Tulip Way, Livermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
Ronald Lee Monk, Jr., 1415 Tulip Way, 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 10, 2010
Signature of Registrant: /s:/Ronald L. Monk Jr.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 18, 2010. Expires August 18, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 442384

The following person(s) doing business as: McCarthy Granite, 1940 Fairway Dr. Unit 1, San Leandro Ca 94577 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
McCarthy Monuments, Inc., 1940 Fairway Dr. Unit 1, San Leandro Ca 94577
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:/Robert Zeck
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 31, 2010. Expires August 31, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 441990

The following person(s) doing business as: Fairpoint Resources, 1725 Shattuck Ave. #302, Berkeley Ca 94709 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 441805

The following person(s) doing business as: Transformation Chiropractic, 1985 First St., Suite 209, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
Andrea Lynn Jordeheim, 3050 Finnian Way #319, Dublin Ca 94568
This business is conducted by an individual
Signature of Registrant: /s:/Andrea Lynn Jordeheim
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 16, 2010. Expires August 16, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 442001

The following person(s) doing business as: S & S Home Improvement, 3856 Princeton Way, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
Rick Steiner, 3856 Princeton Way, Livermore Ca 94550
This business is conducted by Husband & wife
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.
Signature of Registrant: /s:/Rick & Victoria Steiner
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STATE OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

FILE NO. 426983
The following Person(s) Has (Have) Abandoned The Use of The Fictitious Business Name: The Specific Chiropractic Center, 1985 First Street Suite 209, Livermore Ca 94550
The Fictitious business Name Statement for the Partnership was filed on July 15, 2009 in the County of Alameda.

The Name of Registrant: Andrea Lynn Jordeheim, 3050 Finnian Way #319, Dublin Ca 94568
This business was conducted by: an Individual
Signature of Registrant: /s:/Andrea Lynn Jordeheim
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 16, 2010. Expires August 16, 2015.

The Name of Registrant: Rick Steiner, 3856 Princeton Way, Livermore Ca 94550
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Changes in FHA Financing Offer Good News/Bad News for Buyers

By Cher Wollard

The mortgage insurance premium paid on new FHA home loans is about to go up – and down – for loans originated after Oct. 4. The Federal Housing Administration, which insures about one-third of new mortgages – charges upfront mortgage insurance premiums as well as monthly premiums.

Those upfront premiums, currently 2.25 percent of the loan amount, can add significantly to the amount of money buyers must bring to closing.

As of next month, upfront premiums will decline to 1 percent of the loan amount.

The monthly premiums, however, will increase from .50-.55 percent to .85-.90 percent, depending on how large a downpayment the buyer makes.

Adding to the complications, upfront premiums are often financed, raising the total loan amount.

Sometimes the seller agrees to pay the upfront premium as part of the negotiated purchase agreement, although the total credits allowed by FHA has dropped from 6 percent of the purchase price to 3 percent.

"The upfront cost is financed by the buyer or the seller can pay it in cash" said Jeff McGary, a mortgage consultant with Diversified Mortgage Group. "Or the seller can pay it – which is a huge advantage to the buyer."

What does this mean in terms of dollars and sense? Let's take the example of Michael and Suzanne, who are purchasing a home in Livermore for a negotiated purchase price of \$450,000, with no credits from the seller. (FHA offers mortgages up to \$729,750 in the Bay Area.)

They have a downpayment of \$15,750 or 3.5 percent – the least allowed by FHA – making the base loan amount \$434,250. The interest rate on the mortgage is 4.5 percent.

If they were going into contract today, the upfront premium on the mortgage insurance – often referred to as MI – would be \$9,770. The monthly premium would be \$199.03.

If they finance the upfront premium, their total loan balance would increase to \$444,020, making their monthly payment, including principle, interest and monthly MI \$2,448.81. (They would, of course, also owe property taxes and homeowners insurance.)

If Michael and Suzanne don't go into contract on a home until after Oct. 4, their monthly payments will be about \$100 higher.

The new upfront MI would fall to \$4,342, but the monthly premium would increase to \$325.69.

If they finance the upfront MI, their total loan amount would be \$438,592. Their monthly payments, including principle, interest and monthly MI would be \$2,547.97.

That means Michael and Suzanne will have to qualify for the higher monthly payments, although McGary does not see that as a huge obstacle for most people.

"I think they're still going to qualify with the increase," he said.

On the other hand, if Michael and Suzanne pay the upfront MI – or negotiate for the seller to pay that cost – under either scenario, the total amount financed would be lower and the monthly payments would drop to \$2399.31 today or \$2526.27 next month.

That's not a big difference, but if Michael and Suzanne's ratios – the amount they owe for all of their bills compared to the amount of money they make – are low, a few dollars can be important.

So why is the FHA making these changes?

To shore up its reserves, which have been severely depleted by the mortgage crisis. Last year, the agency reported its reserve fund had dropped to .53 percent of its insurance guarantees – well below the 2 percent ratio mandated by Congress or the 3 percent it had in 2008.

The fund covers losses on any mortgages the agency insures. This is why raising the upfront mortgage premiums is especially important for the agency.

"The upfront goes into a 'super slush fund' that is supposed to be used when people go into foreclosure," McGary said.

Earlier this year, FHA increased credit requirements, increased oversight of lenders offering FHA mortgages, and made other changes to its policies. Some analysts had expected the agency to broadly increase downpayment requirements, but the agency chose not to do that.

David Stevens, FHA commissioner, put it this way: "Striking the right balance between managing the FHA's risk, continuing to provide access to underserved communities, and supporting the nation's economic recovery is critically important."

FHA is the largest source of home purchase financing for first-time homebuyers and others with minimum downpayments or below-average credit scores. As banks have tightened their lending policies, the FHA program has become an important source of credit for homebuyers.

FHA currently insures about 30 percent of all home purchases, including almost half of mortgages for first-time homebuyers. About one-fifth of refinanced mortgages go through FHA.

As for the effect the changes in MI will have on stabilizing the mortgage market, that remains to be seen.

"The government thinks this is going to help," McGary said. "We'll see."

Buchanan to address Realtors group

Joan Buchanan, assemblywoman for the 15th District, will address the Real Estate Alliance of Livermore (R.E.A.L.) at the group's weekly meeting on Sept. 23.

R.E.A.L., a marketing group designed to provide networking opportunities for real estate professionals, meets every Thursday at the First Street Alehouse. Doors open at 8 a.m. The meeting runs from 8:30-9:30, and a light breakfast is provided.

Admission is \$4.

For information about upcoming speakers and events, see the website at www.realestateallianceoflivermore.com.

Interest Rates Increase Slightly

Average mortgage interest rates rose slightly over last week in some categories.

Rates on 30-year fixed conventional mortgages held steady at 4.375 percent, while rates on super conforming loans (\$417,000 to \$729,750) increased to 4.75 from 4.625. Jumbo rates held steady at 5.625.

FHA loans up to \$417,000, moved from 4.25 to 4.375 percent.

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The competition begins at 9:30 a.m. The format will include novice toss and fetch, intermediate toss and fetch, and advanced freestyle frisbee.

The event is hosted by The Disc Dogs of the Golden Gate and Disc Dogs in Southern California.

Dog teams from all over the state will compete for the titles.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with a fee of \$5 per team. All skill levels are welcome. No

experience is necessary.

There is no admission charge to the public to watch the competition.

Robertson Park is located at 3500 Robertson Park Rd., Livermore.

For more information, go to www.discdog.com.

PURCHASE

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EBPRD environmental programs manager Brad Olson.

Preservation of the land also extends a wildlife corridor.

Another \$2 million may come from a fund for open space acquisition, which was created from a settlement of a lawsuit that involved expansion of the Altamont landfill.

A committee that meets regularly determines how to spend the money accumulating from the settlement's share of landfill fees.

Livermore has indicated it is very positive about giving priority to that park acquisition, said Olson.

EBPRD will have to come up with the remainder of the money.

It is barred from spending any Measure WW money on projects in Murray Township. The measure was an extension of an earlier bond Measure, AA, and at that time Murray township was not in EBRPD's area.

However, one-third of the land is in Contra Costa County, so it

may be possible that EBRPD, which operates in Contra Costa as well as Alameda County, could use some Measure WW money, said Wieskamp.

The land has been owned by Andrew and Carole Schmitz. Andrew Schmitz has taught agricultural economics at UC



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Members of the Livermore Police Department will be back at Lizzie Fountain again this year to raise funds for the Special Olympics. The photo was taken at last year's event.

Cop on Top Raises Funds for Special Olympics

During the weekend of September 16-19, the Livermore Police Department will be conducting its second annual *Cop On Top* event to support Special Olympics.

Starting Thursday, September 16, 2010 at 2:00 p.m., members of the police department will begin sitting 30 feet off the ground on aerial lifts at the corner of First Street and So. Livermore Avenue. They won't come down for 60 hours, or until they raise \$20,000. Sergeant John Hurd has vowed to stay on the lift the entire 60 hours.

The event will be raising funds for our local Special Olympic athletes. All of the money we raise will stay in our local area and support our athletes. It takes \$250 to sponsor one athlete for one sport. Special Olympics is a year round program that instills life skills, confidence, and accomplishment in our athletes.

During the weekend there will be activities occurring below the aerial lifts and we will have Special Olympic athletes stopping in to meet and greet those who come by to make a donation.

Last year our goal was to raise \$6,000, and the event raised \$11,200. This year the goal is \$20,000.

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Art, Community, & Education



Jennie Litster and Sean Sullivan will perform at the library.

Preview of 'Don Giovanni' Performed at the Library

The Livermore Public Library's Authors and Arts series will showcase two talented opera singers who will appear in Livermore Valley Opera's October production of Mozart's "Don Giovanni," as one of LVO's OperaLIVE! events.

Meet and hear the stars of Livermore Valley Opera's 2010-2011 opera season opening production, "Don Giovanni," on Sun., Sept. 19 from 2 to 3 p.m. at the library.

"OperaLIVE! events are all about making opera more accessible to the community," says LVO Executive Director Sara Nealy. "We strive to offer outstanding artists in intimate community settings so that people who might not otherwise have the opportunity can experience the grandeur, poignancy and wit of this complex performing art form."

Raquel Holt, LVO founder and co-chair for the OperaLIVE! event, explains, "This is LVO's third year participating in the library's Authors and Arts series. It is part of LVO's mission to share art with the community. It's a free event which allows us to reach out to many people."

The one-hour performance will feature soprano Jennie Litster, who will sing the part of Zerlina, and bass-baritone Sean Sullivan as Masetto in "Don Giovanni."

"These talented singers will perform selections from Mozart's classic opera as well as selected arias. Their performance will give listeners a taste of the wonderful talent that they will hear at the Bankhead Theater when 'Don

Giovanni' opens October 2," adds Holt. The soloists will be accompanied by Danielle Naler, LVO's rehearsal pianist.

A question and answer period follows immediately after the performance. "The singers are always more than happy to answer questions about opera, what it's like to sing opera and be on stage," says Holt. "It's a great opportunity to learn about this centuries old art form."

Litster's recent performance highlights include Lisette in Puccini's *La Rondine* and Susanna in *Le Nozze di Figaro*, both with Opera San Jose. In March she debuted with the Virginia Consort as the soprano soloist in *Carmina Burana*, and in the fall of 2009 was chosen as an Arizona District Winner to compete at the Regional Level in Los Angeles for the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions.

Sullivan made his solo operatic debut as Young Prince Hrothgar in the world premiere of Elliott Goldenthal's *Grendel* at the Los Angeles Opera. He reprised this role in New York at The New York State Theater for the East Coast Premiere. He also played Antonio in Mozart's *Le Nozze di Figaro*, David in Barber's *A Hand of Bridge* and The Mysterious Man in Sondheim's *Into the Woods*.

For more information, visit www.livermorevalleyopera.org.

The library is located at 1122 So. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. Admission is free. For more information call 925-373-5505.

LVPAC Guitar Player LIVE! to Present Free Concerts & Events

From the moment the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC) Guitar Player LIVE! Festival kicks off on Friday, September 17, downtown Livermore will be filled with music and events celebrating guitars and guitar music.

Two events take place in the Bankhead Theater – the already sold-out concert with guitar legends Ronnie Montrose and Gary Hoey, and Guitar Player magazine's sixth annual Guitar Superstar Competition. In addition, downtown Livermore will host over a dozen bands in free concerts, as well as free guitar clinics and an exhibit of rock music memorabilia on Saturday afternoon.

The Bankhead Theater outdoor stage, on the plaza in front of the theater, opens at noon on Saturday with rock guitarist Danny Jones, who returns to Livermore following his turn as a finalist in last year's Guitar Superstar Competition. Two other previous Guitar Superstar competitors will also be appearing there: Eric Barnett of the band Points North, a 2008 competitor, together with special guest Steve Senes, whose performance won him the 2009 title at the Bankhead Theater last September. In addition, the outdoor stage will feature Doug Johns, Travis Larson and Luvplanet.

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One of last year's singers entertained visitors to downtown Livermore.

Free Festivities Mark Opening

The Grand Opening and Dedication of the new Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton is scheduled for Saturday, September 18 beginning at 10:00 a.m. and continuing until 3:00 p.m.

The public is invited tour the art center, located at 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton. Scheduled activities at this free public event include artist demonstrations, live music, theater performances, self-guided tours of the facility, and art activities for children and refreshments.

The center features a 227-seat flexible studio theater, 2,000 square feet of versatile gallery space, two large art classrooms, and a lobby

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The Firehouse Arts Center at night.

St. Charles Catholic Church's Festival to Feature a Fair Trade Market

By Patricia Koning

"Fair Trade" is a term that's bounced around a lot these days—Peet's Coffee, for example, has a Fair Trade Blend. This weekend, socially conscious shoppers can explore a wide range of Fair Trade products at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church's Festival & Classic Car Show.

"People can shop for high-quality, beautiful products like scarves and jewelry knowing their purchases reinforce and support small-scale artisans," explains Stephanie King.

Earlier this year, King and nine other St. Charles parish members participated in the JustFaith program, an adult formation program that examines the root causes of poverty, homelessness, racism, and unfair trade practices, among other issues. After completing the 30-week program, graduates then take action to help rectify various social injustices, domestically and globally.

For King and the other Just-

Faith graduates, that action meant bringing the Fair Trade Market to the festival. The products are sold to the public through a joint partnership between Catholic Relief Services and SERRV International (www.servv.org), a nonprofit organization that seeks to eradicate poverty by providing opportunity and support to artisans and farmers worldwide.

Fair Trade is a just economic trading system. Purchases of Fair Trade items give shoppers an opportunity to directly impact the inequality in income and quality of life for people living in developing countries. Through Fair Trade organizations around the world, artisans and farmers are paid a fair wage for their work, taught new skills to develop their craft and business, and encouraged to use sustainable development. Fair Trade typically focuses on equal rights for women, helping them to start new businesses or expand existing ones so they can better support their families.

The St. Charles Fair Trade Market will feature over 250 different types of products including jewelry, home décor, Christmas decorations, scarves, handbags, chocolate, foods, cookbooks, spiritual items, tea, and coffee. These goods are sourced from 22 different countries including Bangladesh, Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, Cambodia, Vietnam, India, the Philippines, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Nepal, Peru, Sri Lanka, Uganda, the United States, Israel, and the Palestinian territories.

On Sunday, the festival will feature a classic car show. Car enthusiasts from the greater Bay Area are expected to bring over 100 automobiles, ranging from vintage vehicles to muscle cars of the late 1960's and 1970's.

Throughout the festival, attendees will enjoy a variety of live entertainment acts, including The Singing Winemaker, Amador Xtreme Force Dance Studio, Amador Judo & Jujitsu Studio,

Curran Lee Dancers, guitarist Sarah Lenhoff, and local band KNR. Everyone can get involved in the entertainment on Sunday, when Dan Passannante will lead two karaoke sessions.

There will be games suitable for the whole family, including a tiny town for children five years of age and younger. Rounding out the festival is a variety of international food, fine wine, a professionally landscaped beer garden, a silent auction, and raffles.

The festival takes place on the grounds of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church at 1315 Lomitas Avenue, near the corner of Holmes and Concannon from 11 am to 9 pm on Saturday, Sept. 18, and from 11 am to 6 pm Sunday, Sept. 19. As part of the festivities, a pancake breakfast will be held from 8-11:30 am on Sunday. Admission is free.

To learn more about St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church see www.stcharlesborromeo.com. For more information about the festi-

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for receptions and events. As a multiple-use facility, the Firehouse Arts Center will provide a broad range of arts programming opportunities.

Construction on the project began in summer 2008 and blends portions of the historic original brick building with new construction space and environmentally conscious features such as solar panels.

Public grand opening and celebration will include music by the Pleasanton Community Concert Band, Debra Knox, the Livermore Valley Opera, classical piano by Ron Graham, and classical harp by Dominique Piana.

The event will also feature children's activities outside of the center, such as face painting, arts and crafts, and a balloon artist.

There will be light refreshments, information booths, and a sneak preview of the play 'James and the Giant Peach' as performed by the Civic Arts Stage Company, and the opening of the Pleasanton Art League exhibit in the Harrington Gallery.

The official dedication ceremony will take place at 11 a.m.

Look for 'Stick Figure'

The Pleasanton's Firehouse Art Center opens to the public this weekend. There will be a display of "stick figure" sculptures created from 2X4's, glue, screws, and lots of imagination on the patio. Artist Gary A. Winter will be present starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 18, to explain his mission to spark people's imagination.

Winter is well known for his miniature versions of local landmark buildings and also for his mural on the side of Strizzi's restaurant at the corner of Main and St. Mary's streets. More recently, passers-by have been doing double-takes at his life-size, wooden creations that keep appearing around town. Featured at the Firehouse Arts Center will be a "family," including adults and children, one in a stroller, and their pet dog.

"If I can get a person to do a double-take, then I know I've jolted their imagination, and gotten them out of their rut for that instant," Winter says.

Stop by to meet Gary Winter this weekend at the Firehouse Art Center on Railroad Avenue, or contact him at gnov8@yahoo.com (that's his initials plus "innovate"), or call him at (925) 518-4674.

Poetry Honors Unveiling of New Mural

Livermore Poet Laureate Charan Sue Wollard read the following poem during the dedication:

Whales in an Inland Town
"The ocean is closer than you think." Darren Greenwood
 everything begins with water:
 /clouds, fog, clear sweet raindrops,
 /brutish hail, brackish brooks,
 /the deep wide indigo abyss,
 /all of it streams, storms,
 /surges, swooshes, /clangs
 against metal pipes, /flows
 through rivers, eddies, /our
 vaporous bodies

here in an inland town/next to
 airport and freeway - /a sluice of
 cars, trucks, planes - /an ocean
 swirls /in a concrete box /and
 in two tall cylinders /squatting
 beside it

on their wet walls /gray
 whales and dolphins arc /then
 leap, /while humpbacks hum
 their silent song, /and the great
 shark glides /like a white shadow
 /through sunlit waves

back of it all and underneath
 /water rushes, /and the remains
 of the living /are returned to
 the sea



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The Whale Murals, which were recently installed on the two digester tanks and the south and west walls of the Solids Handling Building at the Water Reclamation Plant on Jack London Boulevard in Livermore, were unveiled last week. Artist Darren Greenwood discusses his work in the photo. The whale murals were painted by Greenwood adding to the existing marine life murals that he previously donated and painted on the nearby building. The new murals highlight humpback whales, as well as dolphins, grey whales, and other marine life. Greenwood first painted his murals to remind people that water that goes down storm drains, "drains to the bay," where it can impact sealife.



Fiesta of the Americas to be Held in Livermore This Year

After eight years of the Fiesta being held in San Francisco at such locations as La Mar Restaurant or the Green Room of the Veteran's Building in the Civic Center, or at Blackhawk in Danville, the Fiesta will be held this year at Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Road, in Livermore. This special fundraiser to help burned children in Latin America will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, September 26. The public is invited to the Fiesta.

The Fiesta supports the Coaniquem Burn Treatment Centers in Latin America that treat 12,000 burned children annually from families who cannot afford to pay for treatment. Coaniquem is centered in Chile and has cared for approximately 130,000 burned children since it was founded in 1979 by Dr. Jorge Rojas.

Burned children receive medical treatment and therapy, while staying at one of the burn treatment centers. They may stay in the centers as long as a year, with one of their parents, and they receive schooling at the same time.

Over 7 million children suffer severe burns in Latin America every year. Coaniquem has education programs to help families avoid these accidents. Coaniquem also



Dr. Jorge Rojas to perform.

teaches doctors throughout Latin America the specialized medicine of burn treatment.

The Fiesta this year will feature a three-course lunch with a special Latin menu at the Wente Sparkling Wine Center. The cost for this Sunday lunch in Livermore wine county is \$75 per person, which helps support Coaniquem's work for burn children. At the Fiesta, Dr. Rojas, who is also a classical guitarist, will present a short guitar concert. There will be an art

show and a live auction. A Skype connection to Santiago, Chile, will show guests how Coaniquem works. Guests will be given an opportunity to donate to support the children.

For those who would like to attend, please register online by September 20 at www.burnedchildren.org and click on Events, or phone Carolyn Schuetz at (510) 769-9661. Coaniquem is a 501 C3 organization.

welcome to participate.

The 9th Annual Youth Music Festival, showcasing the talents of youth ages 6-18, will take place on February 19, 2011.

Vocal and instrumental soloists and ensembles are encouraged to audition. Live auditions will be held January 12 and 13, 2011 and performers are also encouraged to audition via Youtube.com this year.

Information about all improv, open mic, and Youth Music Festival events is available by contacting Mark Duncanson at mduncanson@ci.pleasanton.ca.us or (925) 931-3433.



Joseph Kalichstein

Guest Artist Performs with Pacific Chamber Symphony

World renowned pianist Joseph Kalichstein will be featured playing Beethoven's Piano Concerto no. 2 in the Pacific Chamber Symphony's first concert of the 2010-2011 season.

The concert will be Sept. 24 at 8 p.m. at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

Kalichstein plays with major orchestras around the world, including the Chicago, London, and Vienna symphony orchestras, as well as the New York, Berlin, and London Philharmonics. He performs regularly with the Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson trio, and was recently appointed to Julliard's newly established Edwin S. and Nancy A. Marks Chair in Chamber Music Studies.

The program will also feature Schubert's 5th symphony. Both works are modeled on the music of Mozart, and both use almost identical instrumentation. However, each composer interprets the model according to his own unique musical personality.

The Pacific Chamber Symphony (PCS) is composed of professional musicians from

throughout the Bay Area. It was founded over 20 years ago by its exquisitely

talented conductor and musical director, Lawrence Kohl.

Tickets are available at the Bankhead Theater box office, 2400 First St., Livermore by phone at 925-373-6800 or on the web at www.livermoreperformingarts.org/calendar.asp.

Awesome O'Neill Rarity

By Susan Steinberg

James Hiser, starring in Eugene O'Neill's "The Hairy Ape" is a must-see performer. Livermore Shakespeare Festival's malevolent Malvolio ("Twelfth Night") rivets audience attention in this rarely-performed early work, playing for 2 more weeks at Danville's Village Theatre, 233 First Street, a few blocks from Highway 680. Catch it if you can, by calling the box office at 314-3400, VTboxoffice@ci.danville.ca.us.

Creatures of Impulse Present Improv Events

The newly-opened Firehouse Arts Center at 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton, Calif. will serve as the primary venue for two popular programs for youth, *Creatures of Impulse* Teen Improv Troupe and *Firehouse Kids*, during the 2010-2011 season.

Creatures of Impulse is comprised of teenagers from Pleasanton and other Tri-Valley cities. The troupe focuses on long-form improvisation; performing full length, un-scripted plays based on audience suggestions.

Creatures of Impulse also performs lighthearted short-form,

"Whose Line" style games.

Creatures of Impulse will perform in *Nightmare*, October 28-30, 2010; *Holiday Shorts*, *A Long Winter's Tale*, December 12-13, 2010; and *Improv Face-Off*, February 3-4, 2011. In addition, a Teen Improv Workshop for both novice and experienced improvisation artists will take place on September 23, 2010.

Several *Friday Night Open Mic for Teens* events will take place throughout the season. Whether a singer-songwriter, solo instrumentalist, budding comedian, or modern poet, performers ages 12-18 are

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GUITAR LIVE

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Across the street at Blacksmith Square, the courtyard stage will showcase a variety of musical styles throughout the afternoon, with KFOG's own Rosalie Howarth hosting the afternoon shift. James Nash's bluegrass band and contemporary Latin guitarist James Robinson will perform, as well as popular local jazz band Night Harvest and the acoustic folk music of Katy and Dell.

Enjoy local wine and beer offered by Occasio Winery and Lagunitas Brewing Company, official sponsors of the LVPAC Guitar Player LIVE!, served on the Bankhead Theater plaza and at Swirl Wine Lounge in Blacksmith Square during the free concerts.

From late afternoon and into the evening, Panama Red Coffee Company around the corner on First Street will also feature live guitar music.

Also on Saturday, free clinics at nearby ABC Music Source (2156

First Street, Livermore) will offer attendees the opportunity to learn tips and techniques in an intimate setting from top guitarists such as Gary Hoey. Details on new premium guitar equipment such as the Line 6 Relay Digital Guitar Wireless system will be presented, as well as other informative sessions on working in today's guitar industry.

Inside the lobby of the Bankhead Theater, a retrospective display of banners and posters chronicling significant events over the past 50 years in rock music history will be open to the public for free from noon to 4:00 p.m.

Outside on the plaza, as well as at Blacksmith Square, a manufacturers' showcase of exhibitors, including Mesa/Boogie, Voyage-Air, Robinsong, Godin and Branch Guitars, Line 6, and many others, will demonstrate the latest guitar gear.

Ticketed Events

Performances by Montrow (above right) and Gary Hoey (above) are sold out.

- Ronnie Montrose and Gary Hoey in Concert: Friday, September 17, 2010 at 8:00pm. Tickets range from \$27-49 with \$12 student tickets. **SOLD OUT**

- Guitar Player Magazine's Sixth Annual Guitar Superstar Competition: Saturday, September 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets range from \$23 to \$37.

- After-Parties at the Sapphire Restaurant and Lounge: Friday and Saturday nights following the concert and competition. Tickets \$5 per person, per night.

- Late Night Film Screenings at the Vine Cinema: "This is Spinal Tap" on Friday, September 17,

2010 at 11:30 p.m. and "The Wall" on Saturday, September 18, 2010 at 11:30 p.m. Tickets \$7 each. Both movies are Rated R.

All Saturday afternoon events, including performances, clinics and exhibits, are free admission. For more information, visit www.guitarplayerlive.com.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in Downtown Livermore. The ticket office is open Tuesday through Saturday from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. To purchase tickets, or for more information, call 925-373-6800 or visit the LVPAC website at www.bankheadtheater.org.

A Musical Miracle in San Jose

By Susan Steinberg

It's a miracle: a brand new opera that is richly lyrical, emotional, and unabashedly romantic. And it is just 45 minutes away, at Opera San Jose.

David Carlson's adaptation of Tolstoy's famous Anna Karenina wowed East Coast audiences at its 2007 premiere, and won NY Times praises for its "soaring vocal writing."

San Jose's opening weekend audiences agreed, giving the work an enthusiastic standing ovation.

A hugely lavish and expensive production, the performance features 18 scenes of luxurious aristocratic life in 19th Century Russia, with grand balls and splendid

private palaces, countless costly gowns for the ladies (with wraps, hats and jewelry to match), and costumes for an entire spectrum of Russian society, from peasants to priests to princes.

A uniformly impressive cast was headed by an unforgettably tragic Anna, company newcomer Jouvanca Jean-Baptiste, whose soaring final scenes drew tears from many. Sensitive singing and acting by Tori Grayum (Princess Dolly) and Khorri Dastoor (her sister Kitty), was balanced by Megan Stetson's brittle Princess Betsy and Kindra Scharich's puritanical Countess Lydia. Heather McFadden radiated earthy wisdom as the old country nursemaid.

The equally excellent male singers included an outstanding Isaiah Musik-Ayala as Anna's rigidly upright but emotionally conflicted husband Karenin, Torlef Borsting as her passionate lover Vronsky, and Alexander Boyer as Kostya Levin, Kitty's heartsick rejected suitor. Popular LVO singer Michael Mendelsohn deftly created the positive character of Dolly's straying husband Stiva with his doggedly optimistic philosophy.

Brilliant composer Carlson has done music an immense service with this beautiful and appealing opera, proving that modern works need not be off-putting or ugly.

Brad Dalton stage-directed the

seamless scene transitions and complex cast choreography, while Conductor Stewart Robertson drew amazing dynamics from an inspired orchestra. Bravo All!

Tickets, (rapidly disappearing) are available at Opera San Jose Box Office, 408-437-4450 or www.operasj.org, with a 10% discount for seniors. Remaining performances are 8 PM September 17, 23, 25 and 3 PM September 19 and 26, with free insightful lectures by General Manager Larry Hancock one hour before each curtain. The palatial California Theatre is at 345 South First Street, between San Carlos and San Salvador in downtown San Jose.

Art and Craft Fair at the Fairgrounds

The Harvest Festival Original Art & Craft Show® will be held at the Alameda County Fairgrounds this weekend, Sept. 17, 18 and 19.

Hours are Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Attendees can buy unique handmade products directly from top artisans, enjoy watching items as they are being crafted, experience great entertainment and satisfy their taste buds with delicious festival cuisine.

Festival organizers for the 38th annual Harvest Festival Original Art and Craft Show® have teamed with the Delta Patriots—a youth football and cheer organization—to deliver parent/child crafting fun in the annual Kidzone. The Kidzone will be open during normal festival hours throughout the duration of the event.

Free Child ID Kits offering fingerprinting and photos for your child's safety will be sponsored by New York Life.

The Harvest Festival has contracted with www.carpoolworld.com/harvest.html, which is an internet website that provides a public online trip matching service. Users can enter in their location, schedules and destinations and view a list of others with matching requests from the stored database. The philosophy of the company is threefold: Quality, Simplicity and Value. The Harvest Festival has absorbed the cost to bring "added value" to its customers and eliminate parking hassles.

The Alameda County Community Food Bank will sponsor a food drive for needy families. Bring nonperishable items to the event and receive discount admission. Attendees donated 1,335 pounds of food in 2009.

Nearly 200 artists will feature original and contemporary handcrafted items in all media, including: Accessories, Body Care Products, Ceramics, Children's Items, Fashion – Wearable Textiles – Decorative Furniture and Lighting, Glass, Gourmet Food Products, Jewelry, Leather, Metal, Mixed Media, Painting, Printmaking, Sculpture, Toys, Weaving and Wood

Tickets are adults: \$9, seniors (62+): \$7, youth (13-17): \$4, kids 12 and under: free (Tickets valid for re-entry all weekend)

For tickets and additional information, please call 415-447-3205 or visit www.harvestfestival.com or visit www.carpoolworld.com/harvest.html to sign up to carpool to the event.

Granada Senior Attends Global Young Leaders Conference

By Patricia Koning

When Granada High School senior Talia King attended the National Young Leaders Conference (NYLC) last spring, she said it was a life-changing experience. She wasn't sure what would compare to spending a week in Washington, DC with teens from across the country learning about the workings of government and current issues through hands-on, experiential activities—until she went to the Global Young Leaders Conference (GYLC) this summer.

"It was such an amazing experience," she says. "I didn't expect people to be so diverse, yet at the same time, we were all so alike, just a bunch of teenagers."

That "bunch of teenagers" was 360 students, ages 15 to 18, from nearly 100 countries around the world. GYLC, which is sponsored by the Congressional Youth

Leadership Council (CYLC), gave these students a unique opportunity to interact with each other and explore global leadership issues over 10 days in Washington, DC and New York City.

Talia and the other students participated in three simulations on the politics of trade, peace and security in Cyprus, and a global summit held in the United Nations in New York City. The students also participated in two debates on regulation of the Internet by an international controlling body.

They heard talks from different keynote speakers throughout the GYLC program. Talia was particularly impressed by Eric Glustrom, the founder of Educate! (www.experienceeducate.org), which seeks to empower youth in Uganda through education. "He was in high school when he first got the idea for Educate!," she explains. "It was

neat to see what someone our age could accomplish."

The students also spent time sight-seeing in both Washington, DC and New York City. In DC, Talia went to the Irish Embassy, Union Station, DuPont Circle, the National Mall, and the Holocaust Museum. In New York, she visited Times Square, Chinatown, and the Empire State Building. The students also saw a performance of "Mary Poppins" on Broadway and took a dinner cruise in the New York Harbor.

For Talia, the most amazing part of the experience was interacting with teens from across the world. In DC, she roomed with one teen from Canada and another from the Bahamas. In New York, her roommates were from Dubai, Cyprus, and Nigeria.

The whole experience, Talia says, was like being immersed in



Talia King is pictured with other conference attendees in NYC.

cultures from all over the world. "I've been out of the country a few times, to Mexico and London, but this was really different," she says. "I met people who believe in voodoo and kids my age who have been shot at for protesting their government."

Talia and her new friends are keeping in touch on Facebook and

hope to meet up in Europe in 2012. She plans to attend Las Positas College after she graduates from Granada next spring and eventually pursue a degree in Astrobiology at either UC San Diego or UC Berkeley.

For more information on GYLC, NYLC, or CYLC visit www.cylc.org.

Concert Band Entertains Sister City Visitors

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band will perform a special program, Visiting American Music, for the Pleasanton Tulancingo Sister City Association on Thursday, September 23, at 7:00 p.m.

The free concert will take place at the newly-dedicated Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton during the annual visit by the Sister City delegation from Tulancingo, Mexico.

The hour-long concert will feature an array of American pieces, including two favorites of

Mexican origin, selections from musical productions Carousel and Oklahoma, beloved melodies of Glenn Miller and songs by Cole Porter, and marches by John Philip Sousa.

According to Conductor Bob Williams, a highlight of the program will be Trumpet Polka featuring some of the band's musicians. "This was written by Paul Lavalle, founder and conductor of the Band Of America of radio fame in the 1940s and '50s and composer of their eponymous theme march," he said.

"We are honored to be among the first to perform at the new Firehouse Arts Center and to entertain our friends from Tulancingo," Williams continues. "Though the September 23rd concert is open to the public, seating will be limited. Another excellent opportunity to hear the band, however, will be at the free public Grand Opening of the facility on Saturday, September 18, 2010 at 10:30 a.m."

Detailed information about the Pleasanton Community Concert Band is available at www.pleasantonband.org.

Former Mayor Guest Speaker at Livermore Heritage Guild Dinner Meeting

The Livermore Heritage Guild will host its annual dinner and general meeting on Sat., Sept. 25 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the old Lincoln Highway/Duarte Garage.

The dinner will be catered by Strings Italian Cafe. Music will be provided by Jennie and Reggie Gaylord. The evening will be topped off with a talk by former Livermore Mayor Cathie Brown.

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. They can be purchased at the Carnegie Building on Third St., Livermore. The ticket price includes dessert and coffee.

Seating is limited. There will be a no host bar.

For more information, call 449-9927. The Carnegie Building is open Wed.-Sun. 11:30 a.m. to

4 p.m. and until 8 p.m. on Thursday.

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Displays, Classes, Special Presentations and More Highlight Annual 'Quilting in the Garden'

By Elizabeth Campos Rajs

Nationally recognized quilting artist Sue Nickels is the featured speaker and presenter at this year's Quilting in the Garden event at Alden Lane Nursery, Sept. 24-26.

Nickels, who has been quilting for 28 years, is a highly sought-after lecturer who has discussed her quilting nationally and internationally. On Friday, Sept. 24, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., she will talk about her approach to quilting and her collaborations with her sister, Pat Holly, who has a different artistic style.

In addition, Nickels will show some of her quilts, many of which have won quilting's highest awards, said Cyndee Carvalho, general manager at Alden Lane Nursery. The cost of the lecture is \$20 and

includes coffee and dessert.

"She's a very famous quilter," Carvalho said, noting that Nickels has also written several books on the subject and was booked for this lecture two years in advance. "To people who may not know her, I would say go, go, go! I am not a quilter, but I have learned something from all of the quilters who have come here before. They talk about their creativity, the way they look at life, where they find their inspiration and how they express that in fabric. It's very interesting and you do not have to be a quilter to enjoy it."

The weekend event, co-sponsored by Alden Lane Nursery and In Between Stitches, includes personal tours on Saturday and Sunday with Nickels as well as

local quilters Elizabeth Scott and Denise Sheehan.

For the personal tours, each of the artists will meet privately with a small group to discuss their work and then will take their group outside where they will talk in more detail about their quilts on display.

"You really get to know the artist better," Carvalho said of the private gatherings. Tickets for the personal tours are \$12 and can be reserved online at www.aldenlane.com.

The weekend event also includes as a number of specialty quilting classes on both Friday and Saturday, such as machine appliqué and beginning hand appliqué. Quilters Tracy Souza and Sandra Mollon will be offering classes,

said Melissa Emery, co-owner of In Between Stitches. The quilting shop, which opened eight years ago in Livermore and has been a co-sponsor of Quilting in the Garden ever since, is also bringing in several vendors who will be selling a variety of quilting and craft items, Emery said.

In addition, the weekend event will include displays by metal artist Jeff Krause and paper artist Romy Tam, plus a book signing by children's author Nancy Klaus.

For beginners, the event also includes a free quilting class demonstrating the basics of putting together a block. The class is specifically geared toward people who have never quilted before, Carvalho noted.

The prized event of the weekend is the quilt exhibit, featuring 200 quilts ranging in size from baby blankets to queen-size quilts. The quilts will be displayed throughout the nursery, suspended on heavy-duty clothes lines from Alden Lane's centuries-old oak trees. The sight is so beautiful, Carvalho said, that all weekend visitors to the nursery will appreciate it.

"When you see them up, it's like stained glass. It is so beautiful," Carvalho said. "With the nursery as the backdrop, it is just gorgeous."

Emery agreed, "It's a really beautiful show. You don't have to be a quilter to appreciate how beautiful the quilts are."

Alden Lane first started the quilt exhibit years ago as an add-on feature to its already popular Fall

Festival. Initially, it took a few phone calls to convince quilters to loan her their work for the budding display at the nursery, Carvalho said. One of the first to say "yes" was local artist Alex Anderson, and with her on board, several other quilters agreed to participate, she recalled.

Anderson has had her own show on HGTV.

The exhibit was such a hit that Alden Lane spun it off as a special event separate from the Fall Festival, Carvalho said. Now in its 13th year, the Quilting in the Garden is expected to draw 4,000-6,000 visitors to the nursery over the course of the weekend.

"It started with an idea and it just keeps growing," Carvalho said. "People start asking about it well in advance."

One year, Carvalho said, a group of motorcyclists passing through the area on Highway 84 saw the signs for the special event and stopped in for a visit. It was fun to see such an unlikely group of visitors to the quilting exhibit, she said with a laugh.

The quilting exhibit is a good fit for the nursery, Carvalho said, explaining that many quilters are gardeners and many gardeners are quilters.

"Both are about texture, pattern and color. I'm a gardener who would be a quilter if I had more time," she added with a laugh.

To register for the lecture, classes or personal tours, visit www.aldenlane.com or call the nursery at 447-0280.



Pictured at right are Beth & Andrew; (above) Rotarians on the completed wheelchair access ramp.

Rotary Club Project Helps Youngster Gain Mobility

The Livermore Rotary Club is constructing a wheelchair access ramp for Andrew Hewitt of Hanover Street, Livermore.

Andrew, only 3 years old, is a member of the Darryl and Beth Hewitt family. The couple is raising 6 children (4 adopted and 2 of their own) with ages ranging from 3 to 20. Andrew was born with 13 significant birth defects and is blind, deaf, and unable to walk. He needs assistance to be mobile

The local Rotary Club is constructing a wheelchair access ramp to allow his family to move him to their van. They are also saving their pennies to replace their old van (200,000+ miles) with a newer one which can be fitted with a hydraulic lift for Andrew's wheelchair. A local company will install a new hydraulic lift free of charge when they have their new van.

Beth Hewitt is home schooling all of the children. The Rotarians



involved with this community project include Don Wentz, Bill Nebo, Jim Doggett, Dale Miller, Steve Neef, Alan Frank, Steve Sweeney, and Peter Poulsen.

For further information contact Don Wentz, dlwentz@comcast.net

Fall Book Sale Set for Sept. 24-26 Weekend

The Friends of the Pleasanton Public Library will host the Fall Book Sale 2010 on Friday, September 24, through Sunday, September 26 at the Library's large meeting room.

The Friday night sale will run from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. for members only of the Friends of the Library, (memberships will be available at the door). The sale is open to the general public on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Because of the tight confines of the sale layout, no strollers are allowed.

More than 40,000 donated books and other media from best-

selling biographies to children's picture books will be for sale. Paperbacks will be priced at .50 cents each. Hardbacks and large-format paperbacks will be available for \$1. The books are in good-to-perfect condition.

The Friends of the Pleasanton Library is a 501c3 nonprofit organization created to support the Library. All revenue from the Book Sale will go to purchase new library materials, programs or equipment.

The Friends are seeking adult volunteers to help set up the sale and during the sale hours. For book sale or volunteer information, please call Nancy Bering, (925) 462-4368.

Veteran News Anchor Is Guest Host on Tri-Valley TV

Legendary broadcaster, Fred LaCrosse, a veteran news anchor, reporter, and talk show host in the Bay Area for past 45 years will serve as guest host for "Tri-Valley Community Focus" on Tri-Valley TV in September and October. The first show is September 17th and airs on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7:30 p.m. on Channel 30. Additionally this episode may be accessed via Video on Demand at www.trivalleytv.org.

"It's fun to be an interviewer because it's something I don't do now every day of my life since first starting in the television industry in 1956 in Chicago," said the Emmy winning LaCrosse who has worked at numerous television stations including KNTV, KGO and KICU. "My goal is to try to make sure that the guests are as comfortable as they can be so they can get their information out to the public. At the same time, you need to think about the viewer and what they want to know. You don't try to be a star, you're a facilitator."

"Tri-Valley Community Focus" is produced bi-monthly in partnership with Tri-Valley Community Foundation and Tri-Valley TV. Featured guests on the show beginning September 17th are Cedric Hurskin, Chief Operating Officer of Becton Healthcare Resources and Greg Pulliam, Chief Administrative Officer of First United Services Credit Union.

Guests appearing on the show starting on October 1st and running through October 14 are Sandra J. Wing, founder of Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation and Gracie Santos, a volunteer with the Pleasanton based organization and David Rice, President of Tri-Valley Community Foundation.

To watch TV 28, 29 and 30 or for more information about the station and its programming, visit www.trivalleytv.org.

'A Conservation Affair' to Feature 'Livermore Uncorked' Gold Medal Winners

This year's Tri-Valley Conservancy "Affair" to benefit open space preservation will have a unique twist: it will feature a wine tasting of the gold medal winners from the first ever TVC "Livermore Valley Uncorked" wine competition. All Livermore wineries that make Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petite Sirah and Zinfandel from the Livermore Valley and San Francisco Bay appellations (must state this on the label), are invited to submit their wines to be judged at the competition, which will be held at The Wine Steward on Sept 19. No barrel samples, please.

All entries must be submitted to the Tri Valley Conservancy (TVC) office by 4pm, Friday, September 17. Or, they can be delivered no later than 6pm on Saturday, Sept 18, to The Wine Steward in Pleasanton.

Hats off to Sharon Burnham of the TVC for helping create this first of its kind opportunity for wineries to showcase some of the heritage varietals of Livermore. The focus is on Livermore and local, something much needed to really hone in on what the region is doing well and where the gaps are. As a developing destination wine region, this is critical to establishing credibility in the minds

of consumers and prospective tourists. It also directly benefits the Tri-Valley Conservancy's fundraising efforts, which are critical in preserving the natural beauty of the area, making it even more attractive to visitors, and thus improving the economy for everyone living in the region.

Unlike all other wine competitions, this one is free for the wineries: there is no cost to enter, so there is no barrier to submitting a wine in each category, if you make all four varieties. Only one wine per winery in each category, please.

Livermore, let's uncork some fun! This is a great way for this appellation to focus on some of the varieties that do particularly well here, and to give restaurants and wine consumers a revealing snapshot of the region's strengths. The judging panel represents a variety of professional palates, and is sure to recognize wines of truly exemplary quality and balance.

Do your wines measure up? Only one way to find out. Get your entries in now. Don't be left out: if you snooze, you will certainly lose!

Complete "Livermore Valley Uncorked" Wine Competition Guidelines

1. Judging will be done in the

following four varietals: a) Chardonnay b) Petite Sirah c) Cabernet Sauvignon d) Zinfandel

2. Judging will be based on a blind tasting by six industry judges.

3. Entrants may enter all four categories but only one wine in each.

4. All wines entered into this competition must have Livermore Valley or San Francisco Bay Appellation on the wine label.

5. The entered wine must be a finished product that is ready for retail sale. It can be released or unreleased. Barrel samples will not be accepted.

6. Entrant is responsible for providing a tech sheet describing varietal composition.

7. All entrants must submit one (1) bottle for every wine being entered.

It is suggested that entrants submit two (2) bottles in case the first bottle opened should have a problem. If you submit two bottles and only one is used you may pick your unused bottle up after the judging is completed.

8. Wine should be delivered to Tri Valley Conservancy offices at 1736 Holmes St., Bldg. B, Livermore, CA no later than 4PM Friday, September 17th or they may be delivered no later than 6PM

Saturday, September 18th to The Wine Steward at 641 Main Street, Pleasanton, CA.

9. NO WINES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

10. The judging will be conducted on Sunday, September 19, 2010.

Judges for the TVC "Livermore Valley Uncorked" Wine Competition: Jim Denham, Buyer Wine Steward, Pleasanton; Nick Liang, V.P. of Operations/Wine Director Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard; Dave Everett, Program Coordinator for the Las Positas College Viticulture and Winery Technology Department; Chad Alexander, Winemaker; Michael Princevalle, Partner Coastal Viticultural Consultants; Russell Balch, Chambers and Chambers Wine Merchant; and Laura Ness, Wine journalist, critic and judge.

The Conservation Affair, featuring a wine tasting of the Gold medal winners from the Livermore Uncorked Competition, will be held on Thursday, October 7, 2010, 5:30PM.

Tickets \$95 each includes dinner, hosted bar, silent/live auction and music by The Front Porch

Tickets are booked in advance at www.trivalleyconservancy.org or calling 925 449-8706

Livermore Library Launches Book Clubs

The Livermore Public Library is starting two Book Clubs for adults. The *Historical Fiction Book Club* begins on Tuesday, September 28 at 7pm, in Community Room B. The *We're Talkin' Books! Club* kicks off on Thursday, October 14 at 7pm in the library's Storytime Room. Both clubs will meet bi-monthly at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. Registration will not be necessary to attend these book clubs.

The *Historical Fiction Book Club - Love, War and Loss*, led by local resident Carol Bloodworth, begins with a series of dramatic fiction written about life and love during World War II, and will examine common themes in these books, such as the use of family histories, the changing cultural and geographical settings, and the varying perspectives on the actual historical events of the War. No background in World

War II history required - just read the featured book and come ready to share your opinions. The first book discussion of the *Historical Fiction Book Club* on September 28 at 7pm will feature *The Book Thief*, by Markus Zusak. Narrated by Death, *The Book Thief* is about a young girl living in a small town in Germany during WWII. "Brilliant and hugely ambitious... It's the kind of book that can be life changing," raved the New York Times.

Find out what the *We're Talkin' Books! Club* is all about at a special Kick Off Party on Thursday, October 14 at 7pm. Please bring a title you would recommend to others. Judy Wheeler of Towne Center Books will share a few of her favorite titles and have copies of December's book to purchase at a reduced price. This will be a member centered book group led by a small group of book club

veterans, with reading selections based on member recommendations and consensus. No homework required - share your insights or just listen in! "When you discuss a book you've read with others, it adds a level of enjoyment and perspective that you're not likely to get on your own. Book

clubs are just about encouraging reading," says Susan Edgar-Lee, one of the facilitators.

For more information about the *Historical Book Club*, please contact Carol at 449-7860. For more information about the *We're Talkin' Books! Club*, please contact Susan at 337-1282.



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ART & ENTERTAINMENT



Don Eagling, pictured with his acrylic paintings, was incorrectly identified as participating in the Art in Carnegie Park event. He will be at Art in the Park in Danville the weekend of Oct. 2 and 3. More details in next week's Section II of The Independent.

ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

Call for artists, Fine Art Exhibition October 22 & 23 in the Center Court at the Stoneridge Mall in Pleasanton. Presented by Poetry On Canvas, sought are a handful of Unique Artists in Painting, Sculpting and Glass Work. Submit a sample of your work to PoetryOnCanvas@mac.com.

Artist Reception for local Pleasanton artist Rob Tomlinson (www.robtomlinsonart.com). Saturday, Sept. 18, noon to 5 p.m. Complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres at Serenity Stoneworks, 252 Main Street, Pleasanton.

Reception for artist Lily Xu and poet Jim Curcuro on Sat., Oct. 2, 3 to 6 p.m. John Christopher Cellars, Blacksmith Square, 25 So. Livermore Ave., Suite 103, Livermore. Admission is free. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, along with music in the courtyard by the band KNR. In addition to their individual work, both artists will be displaying a joint project entitled, "East meets West, Paintings and Poetry."

The Wild Vine. Taylor Common is the featured artist through September. Taylor's acrylic paintings draw the viewer in with colorful images and intend to generate an emotion, whether good or bad. "I want people to rethink what they see as beautiful, to see beauty in perhaps something that you have not considered before." Taylor received the 2010 PAL \$1000 scholarship award in recognition of her art and in support of her continued art practice. The Wild Vine is located at 2187 First St., Livermore.

Artist Diane Rodriguez is celebrating twenty years of painting trains, as she

shows her collection at the Wente Vineyards Estate Winery Tasting Room. The paintings will be on display and for sale from September 1 to September 29. Her husband Stephen will also have a toy train display in conjunction with the paintings. The Wente tasting room is located at 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore. It is open daily 11:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Museum on Main and Pleasanton Art League. Explore the imagination of Pleasanton's art community in an exhibit entitled *Imagination Expressed 2010*, showing through October 16 at the Museum on Main, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton. Thirty-five members of the Pleasanton Art League and the Museum on Main are partnering in this fourth annual showcase that is open Wednesdays through Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sundays 1-4 p.m. Additionally, artists will talk about and/or demonstrate their particular art form at various times during the course of the exhibit; phone the Museum for details. Artwork will also be for sale. For more information phone Pleasanton Art League members Carole Hilton at 443-3849 or Charlotte Severin at 846-6382, the Museum on Main at 462-2766 or email: office@museumonmain.org.

Deer Ridge Vineyards & Art Gallery Celebrates its 3rd Anniversary during this year's Harvest Wine Celebration Weekend and Features New Art Exhibition honoring vineyard landscapes with "Wine Country Views." Paintings are by artists, Margery Ammon and Nova Starling. The exhibit will be on view Aug. 7 to Oct. 1. Reception for artists with live entertainment Sat., Sept. 18, 2 to 4 p.m. Free. Open to the public. Deer Ridge Vineyards, 1828 Wetmore Rd., Livermore. 1-866-561-0838. www.DeerRidgeVineyards.com

Pleasanton Art League, inaugural show at Firehouse Arts Center will feature work by local artists, Sept. 17-Oct. 2. 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton.

Art in Carnegie Park, Sept. 18, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Livermore Art Association. Work by local artists on display and for purchase. Music, art demonstrations, etc. Free admission. 2155 Third St., Livermore.

9th Annual ArtWalk, Oct. 9, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in downtown Livermore. Over 150 artists will set up exhibits, displaying their work in boutique shops, wine bars, restaurants, sidewalks and parks throughout the heart of downtown. The event is a fund-raiser for the Bothwell Arts Center. More info is available at www.artwalklivermore.org; music event info at www.valleysingout.com. Follow it on Facebook by searching "ArtWalk Livermore."

MEETINGS/CLASSES

Karen Frey Watercolor Workshop, Oct. 20-22, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, Pleasanton. Presented in conjunction with the National Watercolor Society exhibit. Deposit of \$100 due by July 1. The fee for this workshop is \$295. Space is

limited to 16 people. Phone 925-449-4226 or e-mail lsbeach@comcast.net.

Figure Drawing Workshop, every Friday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Artists bring their own materials and easels. Open to all artists. Professional artist models (nude). No instructor. Students under 18 need written parental permission to attend. Cost \$20 per session. At the Bothwell Art Center 2466 8th St. Livermore, Ca. 94550. Coffee, tea and refreshments are available. Call or email Barbara Stanton for more info about the workshop, 925-373-9638 - microangelo@earthlink.net.

Art Critique and Coffee, every Friday, 10 a.m. at Border's Cafe, Rose Pavilion, Pleasanton. Information go to poetryoncanbas@mac.com.

WINERY EVENTS

Wente Wednesdays, Every Wednesday 5pm - 8 p.m. relax with friends and family on the newly renovated Estate winery grounds. Every Wednesday evening through September, enjoy live music with a glass of your favorite Wente Vineyards wine. Light snacks available for purchase, or bring your own picnic. Estate Winery Tasting Room, 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore, 456.2305, www.wentevineyards.com

Nottingham Cellars, 2245C South Vasco Rd., Livermore. End of summer art and wine meltdown, Sept. 18 and 19, noon to 5 p.m. Featuring local artists, musicians and restaurants. 925.294.8647, nottinghamcellars.com.

Muestra de Arte, Sat., Sept. 18, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the historic barrel room at Murrieta's Well. Features local artists and special library wine tasting. Admission is free for this event. Winetasting is \$10 for all guests, Silver Spur members are complimentary. For information, call 925-456-2395 or go to www.murrietaswell.com. 3005 Mines Road, Livermore.

Harvest Tour & Tasting, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 18 and Sept. 25. Rare behind the scenes tour and tasting during the upcoming 2009 harvest. Learn how Wente Vineyards produces world class wines. See the processing first hand and sample some current vintages from our small lot winery. Reservations required \$20 Public/\$15 Wente Wine Club. Wente Vineyards Estate Winery Tasting Room, 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore 925.456.2305 - wentevineyards.com

La Luna Friday! Sept. 24, Murrieta's Well wines served with Spanish-inspired tapas. Live music by Tomas Michaud. Tapas and wine service 6:00pm - 7:30pm; wine sales by the bottle until 8:45pm; music until 9:00pm. Reservations required. \$45 for club and \$55 for public. Reserve by September 19th. For reservations, directions, or more information, please call (925) 456-2395 or visit www.murrietaswell.com.

Red Feather Winery, 5700 Greenville Road, Livermore: calendar of events; **Open Mic and wine night,** 7 to 11 p.m. Oct. 1, . Food and wine available for purchase. All are welcome. **Ladies night in the barrel room** on Oct. 15, \$20, wine and food included, must purchase tickets in advance - clothes, jewelry, shoe swap. **Picking party and stomp** on Oct. 16, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Music by Frankie's Band, \$20. **Adult game night,** 7 to 11 p.m. Oct. 22, bring an appetizer to share, wine available for purchase, free admission. **Music and barrel tasting** noon to 4 p.m. Oct. 23, future wines. **Kids day at the winery,** 2 to 4 p.m. Oct. 29, games, costume parade, grape stomp, photo shots in the vines, and much more. **Annual costume party** on Oct. 30, 7 p.m. to ? Music to dance by Luna Fish, inside event with food and wine available for purchase. Information at 449-1871 or www.redfeatherwinery.com

MUSIC/CONCERTS

2010 Concert at Wente Vineyards, Don Henley, Sept. 20; Harry Connick, Jr., Sept. 21. Ticketmaster.com or by calling the Wente Vineyards Box Office at 925.456.2424. Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Rd., Livermore.

Music every Saturday in the tasting room from 12 to 4; open every day if the gate is open and for sure on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays 11 to 5. Red Feather Winery, 5700 Greenville Rd., Livermore. Information at 449-1871 or www.redfeatherwinery.com

Chris Bradley's Jazz Band, plays at The Sunol Jazz Cafe (In the Center of Sunol) the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month 7:30-9:30 pm. The band features real Jazz from the 1920's, 30's, 40's.

Pacific Chamber Symphony, concert Fri., Sept. 24, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Program of Beethoven and Schubert works. Tickets www.livermoreperformingarts.com or 373-6800.

Concerts on the Green, Summer Series, Tuesdays through Sept. 24. Music 5 to 8 p.m. at the Livermore Valley Plaza in front of the Bankhead Theater. Hummingbirdz, high octave blues. No admission charge. Each week, two Livermore wineries featured; also beer selected by downtown bartenders. Non-alcoholic beverages will be available. Restaurants will offer food for purchase. The Livermore Downtown Inc. website lists the restaurants, wine shops and tasting rooms at www.livermoredowntown.com.

Blacksmith Square Saturday Concerts, Thomas Coyne Winery, John Christopher Cellars, Swirl Tapas Bar and Victorian Olive Oil present live music in the Square, 3 to 6 p.m. Wine tasting (fee waived with purchase), food at menu prices. No outside food or adult beverages. Corner of South Livermore Ave. and Railroad Ave. downtown Livermore.

Spencer Day, singer, songwriter, Fri., Sept. 10, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.livermoreperformingarts.org or 925-373-6800

Annual Piano Recital, Saturday, September 11, 2010, 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 David Wu will perform music of Beethoven, Chopin, Liszt and Prokofiev. No charge for admission; refreshments served. Further information: (925) 443-2514.

Caledon, Three Tenors of Scotland, 7 p.m. Thurs., Sept. 23, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.livermoreperformingarts.org or 925-373-6800.

Earl Klugh - Guitarist - *The Spice of Life*, Friday, Sept. 24, 8 p.m., Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Tickets are \$35, \$40 and \$45. They may be purchased online at www.firehousearts.org up to three hours prior to the performance and, beginning September 10, 2010, by phone at (925) 931-4848 and in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office.

Mose Allison, Composer/musician, Fire-

Notice: the Sat., Sept. 18 performance of the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre's production of "My Way" will be a 2 p.m. matinee, not an 8 p.m. show. The performance is at the Studio Theatre, 1048 Serpentine Lane, Suite 309, Pleasanton. Call 462-2121 or go to www.trivalleyrep.com for tickets or information

house Arts Center, Sat., Sept. 25, 8 p.m. 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton. Tickets are \$22, \$27 and \$32. They may be purchased online at www.firehousearts.org up to three hours prior to the performance and, beginning September 10, 2010, by phone at (925) 931-4848 and in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office.

Deolinda, Fado music (Portuguese folk song). Sat., Sept. 25, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.livermoreperformingarts.org or 925-373-6800.

Evelyn Brancart, Chopin Piano Concert with Evelyn Brancart, Sun., Sept. 26, 3 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org
Award-winning Classical Guitarist Peter Fletcher will be performing a diverse program of music from four centuries on Sun., Oct. 17 at the Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Avenue, 2 p.m. This concert will feature selections from Fletcher's 2008 CD release on Tower Hill Records: Music of the Baroque. Other repertoire will include Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring from Cantata No. 147 as well as the Chaconne in D minor by J. S. Bach; Usher-Waltz, an unusual and intense piece by Russian guitarist and composer Nikita Koshkin; two works from Maurice Ravel's exquisite Mother Goose Suite, and music of Weiss, Albeniz, Villa-Lobos Ponce, Reusner, and Grieg. Free and open to the public. Information at 373.5500 or www.livermore.lib.ca.us/ The program will culminate with Koyunbaba.

ON THE STAGE

Eugene O'Neill Festival, Sept 10-26: Role Players Ensemble presents Eugene O'Neill "The Hairy Ape" at Danville's Village Theatre Sept 16-19 and 23-25. Reserve tickets at the box office (314-3400, weekdays only) or at VTboxoffice@ci.danville.ca.us. Lectures, concerts, art exhibit, and Saturday night Kurt Weill Cabarets are also scheduled. For details contact The O'Neill Foundation at 820-1818 or www.eugeneoneill.org.

Leading Ladies, Douglas Morrisson Theatre's production of Ken Ludwig's hilarious comedy "Leading Ladies," directed by John Maio, through Sunday, September 26. Show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. There will also be two Thursday evening performances, on September 16 & 23, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$24 for adults, \$22 for seniors, and \$15 for students. Group rates available. Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 North Third Street, Hayward. www.dmtonline.org. (510) 881-6777.

My Way, musical tribute to Frank Sinatra. Sept. 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, Oct. 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10. Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre Studio Theatre, 1048 Serpentine Lane, Suite 309, Pleasanton. Call 462-2121 or go to www.trivalleyrep.com.

Senior Players present: "The Boardinghouse" Welcome to the Home Sweet Home Boardinghouse, where life is anything but normal. It's a comedy full of colorful characters and villains, and will have you laughing from beginning to end! Friday, October 1st 7 p.m. - 9 p.m., Saturday, October 2nd 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., Sunday, October 3rd 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Advanced reservations \$9R/\$10NR at the door \$10R/\$11NR. Performances held at the Pleasanton Senior Center. For more information call 931-5365.

COMEDY

Comedy Uncorked, summer series hosted by Retzlaff Vineyards, benefitting the Open Heart Kitchen. Final show, Sept. 18. Shows begin at 7:30 p.m., doors open at 6 p.m. Complete show details and

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PREREQ: Break Dancing Competition. Saturday, September 18 from 1pm - 5pm. 171 J. St., Livermore. \$7 to attend. \$5 video/digital camera. \$15 to compete. \$250 cash prize. Raffle and give-aways. Presented by Altered Flux and It's All About Dancing.

Friday Night Dance Parties, themed parties each Saturday night from Salsa to Swing, includes an optional group dance lesson at 8:15. \$15 cover charge, 8:15 dance lesson, 9:00-10:30 for dance parties. It's All About Dancing, 171 So. J Street, Livermore. \$15 cover charge. 925-449-9292, or studio@itsalaboutdancing.com.

AUDITIONS/VOLUNTEERS

Livermore's 2011 Regional Talent Competition is now accepting applications. Top winners in each of two categories - youth (17 and under) and adults (18 and over) - will each take home \$2,500. This competition will feature singers, dancers, bands, pianists, magicians, comedians and other types of performances. Aspiring performers from anywhere are invited to audition and compete. Information and applications for auditions are available at LivermoresTalentCompetition.com. Applications must be received by December 31, 2010.

Auditions for roles in *The Princess and the Pea*, written by Kate Hawley and directed by Rebecca J. Ennals, will take place on Saturday, September 25, and Sunday, September 26, 2010. Children ages six years and older and adults are welcome. Audition packets are posted at ci.pleasanton.ca.us/community/arts/civics-arts. Those wishing to audition should call 415-865-4425 for an appointment. They will be asked to read from the script and participate in improvisation activities. They are asked to dress comfortably and come prepared to have fun.

Valley Concert Chorale auditions by appointment for the 2010-2011 concert season on Monday, September 20, at the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore. The church is located at the corner of 4th and L Streets. The Chorale is seeking experienced singers with sight-reading skills who enjoy singing exciting and challenging music. The Chorale performs a wide variety of music ranging from classical to contemporary, and folk to jazz. To schedule an appointment, call (925) 462-4205. The 2010-2011 concert season titled "Musical Reflections" will include an October performance featuring the songs of movies and musicals, "Carols of Comfort and Joy" in December, an "In Remembrance" concert in March marking the upcoming 10th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 tragedy, and finally in May "If Music Be the Food of Love." More information about the Valley Concert Chorale is available at www.valleyconcertchorale.org or by calling the general information line at (925) 866-4003.

MOVIES

This is Spinal Tap, Sept. 17, An American rock musical mockumentary directed by Rob Reiner about the fictional heavy metal band, Spinal Tap. At 11:30 p.m. in the Vine Cinema & Alehouse, 1722 First

Street, Livermore. Cost: \$7. Information: 925-373-6800 or www.LivermorePerformingArts.org.

The Wall, Sept. 18, The life of the fictional rock star 'Pink' is the subject of the visually evocative cult film based upon the music and visions of the group Pink Floyd as portrayed in the album of the same title. At 11:30 p.m. in the Vine Cinema & Alehouse, 1722 First Street, Livermore. Cost: \$7. Information: 925-373-6800 or www.LivermorePerformingArts.org.

Classic Film Series, Vine Cinema and Alehouse, 1722 First St., Livermore. Schedule: Oct. 14: Casablanca; Nov. 11: Raiders of the Lost Ark; Dec. 9: Gone with the Wind; and Jan. 13: Star Wars. All movies begin at 7 p.m. Information at www.VineCinema.com or 447-2545.

Going Places: A Classic Film Series, shown the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Pleasanton Library's meeting room through June 2, 2011. The program is a partnership of Las Positas College and the Pleasanton Public Library proudly present. Candy Klaschus, film historian and Coordinator of the Humanities Program at Las Positas College, is the host. There is no admission charge. 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. 931-3400. No registration required.

OPERA

Opera San José launches its 27th Anniversary Season with the West Coast premiere of *Anna Karenina*, an American opera by composer David Carlson with libretto by the late Colin Graham. Eight performances are scheduled from September 11 through 26 at the California Theatre, 345 South First Street in downtown San José. Opera San José will present *Anna Karenina* with a new scene added by the composer following the opera's 2007 world premiere at Florida Grand Opera. Tickets are on sale at the Opera San José Box Office, by phone at (408) 437-4450 or online at www.operasj.org. *Anna Karenina* is sponsored by a grant from the Carol Franc Buck Foundation and is made possible, in part, by a Cultural Affairs Grant from the City of San José.

Opera Live at the Library, Sun., Sept. 19, 2 p.m. in the craft room, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Meet and hear stars from the Livermore Valley Opera's production of Mozart's Don Giovanni. Generously by the Friends of the Livermore Library. Admission is free. For more information call 925-373-5505.

MISCELLANEOUS

Del Valle Campfire Program, Del Valle Regional Park, 7000 Del Valle Rd., Livermore. Campground Amphitheater. Various times, Friday, September 3, Saturday, September 18. Play games, hear stories and sing a song or two as you learn about the wonders of the natural world around you. Children should be accompanied by an adult. Non-campers welcome. Please park by the campground store. Informa-

tion: (510) 544-3249. September 18, 8-9 p.m.: Tarantula Travels, with Naturalist Cat Taylor—Enter the webby world of the eight-eyed and eight-legged as we learn about the amorous tarantulas of Del Valle.

38th annual Competition for Young Musicians, Livermore-Amador Symphony Association competition is open to instrumentalists and vocalists who reside or attend school in Livermore, Sunol, Pleasanton, Dublin, or San Ramon. Students are eligible through grade 12. If not enrolled in high school, the maximum age is 17. All instruments will be considered. The purpose is to select two young musicians who will perform as soloists with the symphony on Feb. 12, 2011. Each winner/soloist will be awarded \$250. The application deadline is Sun., Oct. 3, 2010. Completed applications must be accompanied by an \$8 application fee and a CD or cassette tape for preliminary screening. Additional information may be obtained by calling the competition chairperson at 447-1947.

Friends of the Dublin Library will hold a fall used book sale Sept. 17-20 at the library, 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin. Fri., Sept. 17 is members only night, 6 to 9 p.m. Memberships will be available starting at 5:30 p.m. The sale continues on Sat. Sept. 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sun., Sept. 19, 1 to 5 p.m. It concludes on Monday, Sept. 20, noon to 3 p.m. with Bag Day. Fill a bag (provided for \$4, or fill a special edition Friends of the Library canvas tote bag for \$13. Totes are also available alone for \$10. www.dublinfriends.org, or call the Library at 925-828-1315.

Pleasanton Poetry on Main: A Monthly Gathering of Poets, Sept. 16, once-a-month group for feedback and appreciation of each others' poems in downtown Pleasanton at Little Valley Winery. Marilyn Slade of Pleasanton, author of humorous poetry and prose, will co-host the gatherings. Bring two poems for critique. Free event. Soft drinks provided. No-host wine by the glass with ID. From 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Little Valley Winery, 739 Main Street, Pleasanton. Michelle Russo at mrusso@ci.pleasanton.ca.us or 925-931-5350 or Deborah Grossman at pleasantonpoetry@gmail.com or www.facebook.com/PleasantonPoetry.

Fourth Annual Wine & Equine benefit for SonRise Equestrian Foundation. Saturday, September 18, from 1-5 p.m., at the Charles Wilhelm Training Center in Castro Valley. SonRise Equestrian Foundation helps create connections between children and horses. At no charge to the children and their families, the Danville-based nonprofit provides riding and horse care programs to kids ages 8-18 with social, emotional and physical challenges. The Wine & Equine benefit provides the majority of SonRise Equestrian Foundation's annual income. In addition to the barbecue and desserts provided by Esin Restaurant, the afternoon includes a wine cellar raffle, live and silent auctions,

demonstrations and a horse show. Wines from Wente Vineyards and Murrieta's Well and hand-crafted beers from Drake's Brewing Company. Event sponsors include Murrieta's Well, Wente Vineyards and 95.7 The Wolf radio station. Tickets to the Fourth Annual Wine & Equine event are available for \$75 per person by contacting the nonprofit at 510-838-7433 or sonrise@sonriseequestrianfoundation.org. SonRise is located at the Charles Wilhelm Training Center, 6496 Crow Canyon Road in Castro Valley. For more information, visit www.sonriseequestrianfoundation.org.

Fiddlers' Jam, Fiddletown, Sat., Sept. 18, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Main Street. Free, includes fiddle music and entertainment by SideTracked and Extended Roots, food and craft vendors. Raffle with cash prizes. Information 209-296-0918 or www.fiddletownca.org.

Wine for the Cure, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation fund-raiser Saturday, September 25, 2010 at John Madden's Goal Line Productions in Pleasanton. Wines from the Livermore Valley paired with culinary dishes from a special menu created by Skip Hinsley of Girasole Grill and a Pampered Palate. The event includes at 5 p.m. VIP Lounge, 6 p.m. Main Event

at John Madden's Goal Line Productions, 5959 Coronado Lane, Pleasanton. To purchase tickets on line go to <http://mca.cff.org/wineforacure>, by phone, call: 415.989.6500.

Friends of the Pleasanton Public Library Fall Book Sale 2010, Friday, September 24, through Sunday, September 26 at the Library's large meeting room. Friday night sale will run from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. for members only of the Friends of the Library, (memberships will be available at the door). The sale is open to the general public on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Because of the tight confines of the sale layout, no strollers are allowed. Paperbacks will be priced at .50 cents each. Hardbacks and large-format paperbacks will be available for \$1. The books are in good-to-perfect condition. The Friends are seeking adult volunteers to help set up the sale and during the sale hours. For book sale or volunteer information, please call Nancy Bering, (925) 462-4368.

Wine for a Cure, Sat., Sept. 25, John Madden's Goal Line Productions, 5959 Coronado Lane, Pleasanton. Evening filled with exquisite wine, wonderful food, great (continued on page 10)

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friends, and an abundant auction, while helping fund a cure for cystic fibrosis. VIP Reception with Picazo Vineyards begins at 5 pm. Meet and greet with Billy Beane, General Manager of the Oakland A's. Main Event begins at 6 pm. For more information, contact Amy at 415.989.6500 or to order tickets online, visit: <http://nca.cff.org/wineforacure>

Quilting in the Garden, Sept. 25 and 26, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore. Presented by Alden Lane Nursery and In Between Stitches. Quilt display, classes, tours. www.aldenlane.com or www.inbetweenstitches.com.

Nostalgia Day Car Show, Sept. 26, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Downtown Livermore. Presented by the Altamont Cruisers as a fund-raiser for local charitable organizations with a focus on youth programs. Event includes over 700 cars, continuous deejay music, prize drawings, vendors of car products, arts and crafts and a parade of award winning vehicles. Information, call 461-2020 or go to www.altamontcruisers.org.

In the Shadow of the Raven: Edgar Allan Poe, Sept. 29, Broadway and film veteran Duffy Hudson brings his talent and fascination for Edgar Allan Poe to life in this one-man play. At 7:00 p.m. in the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, CA. Free. Information: 925-931-3405

A Conservation Affair, Thurs., Oct. 7, Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery, Pleasanton. Proceeds will benefit Tri-Valley Conservancy projects. Evening includes dinner, silent and live auctions, and music. Information and tickets at 449-8706 or www.trivalleyconservancy.org.

2nd annual "Party Palooza," 14 events benefit for Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation: "Under the Tuscan Sun," an Italian food, wine and Bocce party on Saturday October 2; "A Whole New You" salon and spa day on Sunday October 17; and "Abracadabra: A Magic Show for the Entire Family" on Saturday November 6. Back by popular demand, we will host the 2nd annual "Soups of the World" on Saturday October 23. The Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation offers grants for helpful treatments not covered by insurance including acupuncture, acupressure, guided imagery and meditation. Those treatments are used to treat cancer side effects such as neuropathy, pain, nausea, anxiety and fatigue. For more information see www.HealingTherapies-Foundation.org/palooza.

3rd Annual "Put A Little Love in Your Heart" fund-raiser for Open Heart Kitchen, Fri., Oct. 22, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Blacksmith Square, 21 South Livermore Ave., Livermore. Live music, wine tasting, appetizers, food and wine pairing, olive oil and balsamic vinegar tasting. Linda McKeever, Executive Director of Open Heart Kitchen, will be on hand to accept tax deductible donations. Checks, cash and credit cards will be accepted. 580-6793 or go to <http://www.openheartkitchen.org>.

12-year-old Inventor Lili Montes Hopes the Catchy Kahootz Catches On

By Patricia Koning

According to 12-year-old Lili Montes, most kids her age always carry around two things—a cell phone and a house key. Montes has solved the problem of keeping those two important items together, in a way that appeals to teens and tweens, with her Catchy Kahootz.

Catchy Kahootz is a beaded cell phone charm with a detachable split ring (the metal ring on which keys can be slid on and off) on the end. Lili invented the Catchy Kahootz this summer, after her mother Kristi Montes had given her a janitor's key chain to attach her cell phone and keys to her backpack.

"My younger brother loved it. For me, it was just too big and clunky," explains Lili. "I wanted something beaded and fun." She received so many compliments on her invention that she thought about making a few as gifts for friends. Then her parents suggested she go bigger and try selling her creation.

Lili had been looking for ways to earn money since last spring, when her mom asked her to choose between club volleyball and rec club soccer. Kristi explains that the family couldn't afford for her to take on both. "If she wanted to play club volleyball, then she needed to choose house soccer, which is \$200 less," she says. "Then Lili asked if she could earn the money to pay the difference."

Kristi agreed but admits she was dubious. Lili began babysitting and then branched out into math tutoring. Within two months, she had the \$200.

"I really loved making my own money," says Lili. "I was already providing services through tutoring and babysitting, so I wanted to branch out into a product."



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Lili Montes holds up one of her Catchy Kahootz attached to a cellphone.

Going from a few Catchy Kahootzes to a product line proved more complicated and detailed than Lili expected. "I sort of thought I'd put together a few and that would be it," she says.

Instead, she found herself researching sources for the different parts: the split ring, beads, and detachable clip. With beads, the possibilities were endless, although she quickly discovered that not all beads were suitable for her product and she needed to balance quality and cost.

She worked with a lawyer to file for a trademark and patent. A family friend helped create the Catchy Kahootz website (www.catchykahootz.com). "There are so many details that I never imagined, down to how it should be displayed in stores," says Lili.

She and her mother began brainstorming where to market the Catchy Kahootz, knowing the goal was to get it front of a lot of middle and high school students. Soccer, once again, came into the picture. "Everyone plays soccer, so

I thought a booth at soccer pictures would be a great idea," says Lili.

Kristi contacted Gentile Photography, who is running the Livermore Youth Soccer Leagues (LYSL) picture days this year. Patti Gentile, who owns Gentile Photography with her husband Sylvain, says she was happy to help. Selling the Catchy Kahootz at the soccer pictures will satisfy the requirement of a public sale for obtaining a trademark.

"A lot of folks in Livermore were very good to us when we were starting out. You can't forget where you came from. We were thrilled to give Lili the first opportunity to sell her product in public," says Patti. "She's a smart kid and it seems like a great product. I may even get one for myself."

Currently, there are over 15 different versions of the Catchy Kahootz, each with name that reflects its style. For example, the sinister skull features two small silver skull beads with a colored bead in between. Honey Bee has a large yellow bead between a pair

of small silver beehive beads. One of Lili's top sellers is Roll of the Dice—a large, clear bead between two smaller dice beads. She plans to expand her product line to include sports themes, letters, school colors, and possibly professional teams like the Raiders.

The Catchy Kahootz is not limited to keys—it can be used to hold anything that can go on a split ring, like a gym membership card or even a small wallet. When Kristi misplaced her car keys, which are connected to her cell phone via a Catchy Kahootz, she just calls her phone to quickly find them.

LYSL pictures will be held on Sunday, Sept. 19 from 9 am to 2 pm at Robertson Park (lower field) and on Monday, Sept. 20 through Thursday, Sept. 23 from 3:50-5:50 pm at Kellman Fields (Independence Park).

The Catchy Kahootz also is available at Berry Patch in Pleasanton and WoopsieDaisy Toy Shop in Livermore. For pricing and more information, and to order the Catchy Kahootz online, visit www.catchykahootz.com.

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Members of the National Charity League Pleasanton Chapter stuff 125 backpacks with school supplies for students in need to fulfill their organization's commitment to philanthropy and community service.

Mothers and Daughters Help Fill a Need with Backpacks

For many in Pleasanton, the back-to-school ritual includes shopping for a backpack and cool new supplies to put in it. However, there are many who can no longer afford the additional costs that accompany the return to school. Mothers and daughters lent a helping hand to the community by purchasing backpacks and then stuffing them with school supplies to be distributed to needy students in Pleasanton.

The Pleasanton Chapter of the National Charity League (NCL) delivered one hundred and twenty-five backpacks to the District Office, just in time for the 2010-2011 school year. The staff was pleased to accept this generous donation NCL provides to the community, but the past two years have been especially emotional for them. They see first hand how a brand new backpack stuffed with supplies can make a big difference for a child starting back to school. Students who have been identified with a need are invited to come and select a backpack of their choice

from the wide variety of brands, colors and themes.

This project would not have been possible without the generosity of local businesses, especially Office Depot, Office Max, Target and Walgreens, who supported this cause with gift cards, extended discounts, and price matching. Since this project is solely funded by NCL, better pricing equates to more items in each backpack. Each year, NCL attempts to include more supplies than the previous year, even when faced with a reduced budget.

During the spring, mother-daughter pairs of this philanthropic organization were encouraged to shop together to purchase one or more backpacks to donate to the cause. After all the supplies were bought this summer, members then volunteered their time to stuff all the backpacks for the appropriate grade levels. Necessary school items were included, ranging from pencils, paper and glue to composition books, folders, and notebooks.

McGrail Winery Earns Gold at International Competition

McGrail Vineyards and Winery took home a Gold Medal from the recent Indy International Wine Competition.

The Gold medal was awarded for their 2007 McGrail Vineyards Cabernet Reserve, a complex, rich, red wine that was aged in 90% new French, Hungarian, and American oak. The Indy International Wine Competition is the first gold medal received by McGrail Vineyards.

The McGrail Vineyards winning entry was among nearly 2,700 wines in the competition. Wine from 15 countries including France, Australia, Chile, and Spain were judged on appearance, aroma, taste, and aftertaste by 14 panels of judges. In all, 52 judges from the United States and Canada evaluated the entries, led by Professor Christian Butzke.

"With, Mark Clarin, our wine-maker on board, we are hoping to see many more gold medals," said Heather McGrail, McGrail's president. "His 30 years of experience and knowledge in premium wines will only help elevate our brand. We couldn't be more excited!" exclaims Jim McGrail, McGrail's owner.

McGrail Vineyards and Winery, located in the Livermore Valley, is owned by the McGrail family and specializes in their estate grown Cabernet Sauvignon. The McGrail's invite you to visit the tasting room between noon and 4:30 Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday.

For more information, please visit www.mcgrailvineyards.com.

Cafe Opens

Centro Properties Group (ASX: CNP) announced a 1,200 square foot Cafe Tapioca recently opened at Rose Pavilion Shopping Center, located in the northwest corner of the intersection at Santa Rita Road and Rosewood Drive in Pleasanton. Centro Properties Group is the owner of Rose Pavilion and was represented by Matthew Berger with Centro Properties Group.



At last Tuesday night's Dublin City Council meeting, Richard Lewis of Dublin, received an official commendation from the City Council and a check for \$250 from StopWaste.org for winning the "Ready, Set, Recycle" contest. The Ready, Set, Recycle contest aimed to increase resident awareness and incentivize participation with a cash reward in the City's recycling program. Lewis and his wife Sharon won the Dublin contest by having the least amount of recyclable or compostable materials in their garbage bin during the month of July 2010."

Valley Montessori School Leader Honored

Mary Ellen Kordas, Head of School at Valley Montessori School, has been named Entrepreneur of the Year in Livermore. The award is given by Bay Area nonprofit Women's Initiative for Self-Employment and recognizes successful women for their leadership and contributions to their community and the social economy. This award recognizes those who serve as examples and mentors to aspiring female entrepreneurs by having a positive impact on the local community, and advance their business through innovation.

Mary Ellen has served the families of the East Bay for over thirty years at Valley Montessori School. In an effort to continue to serve younger students moving into elementary and middle school and meet the growing demand for enrollment in VMS programs, Mary Ellen has led Valley Montessori School on a \$2.5 million Campus Expansion Project in 2010.

To fund the expansion, Mary Ellen worked with community leaders to secure financing for Valley

Montessori utilizing tax free bond funding, capitalizing on the low interest rates currently available in the market. This allowed the school to reduce expenses while expanding the campus, and inject money into the local economy.

The VMS Campus Expansion includes a new 9,000 square foot building with six additional classrooms and a half-court gym. For more information on Valley Montessori School visit www.valleymontessorischool.com. At VMS, Mary Ellen says, "Providing a respectful environment able to serve each child's unique needs is the most important thing."

A total of 587 women were nominated for the award throughout the Bay Area and nearly 50 women were honored with the award. For more information about the awards and a complete list of winners, go to www.womensinitiative.org. The Woman Entrepreneur of the Year Awards Ceremony will be held on October 4th at the Claremont Hotel & Spa in Oakland from 5:30 to 8:30 PM.

BULLETIN BOARD

(Organizations wishing to run notices in Bulletin Board, send information to PO Box 1198, Livermore, CA 94551, in care of Bulletin Board. Include name of organization, meeting date, time, place and theme or subject. Phone number and contact person should also be included. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday.)

Bells Across America, The Josefa Higuera Livermore Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will participate in the nationwide commemoration of the 223rd anniversary of the signing of the Constitution by ringing bells on Sept. 17 at 12:45 p.m. The event will take place at Asbury Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. This event will coincide with the 4 p.m. bell ringing in Philadelphia, where the Constitution was written and first read to the public on Sept. 17, 1787. The public is invited to brown a bell. Bells will be available for ringing. Please arrive by 12:45 p.m.

Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), Welcome Tea for prospective and current members on Saturday, September 25, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Avenue, Pleasanton. Interest groups will give short presentations. Gwen Locke, president, will describe the various programs sponsored by AAUW to help women in the pursuit of their education. Tea and refreshments will be served. There is no cost. However, an RSVP to 484-3321 is requested.

Gigantic Rummage Sale, Sat., Oct. 3, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Amador Valley High School Parking Lot, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Proceeds benefit Assistance League of Amador Valley, a philanthropic group. There will be hundreds of items for sale including furniture, household goods, books, toys, games, children's items, gardening, sporting goods, jewelry and more. There will also be an extensive assortment of Christmas decorations and ornaments. All money generated supports Tri-Valley children, teens and seniors through various philanthropic programs. www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org

Safety skills, In partnership with Kidpower, Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL) is hosting a free class teaching people safety skills primarily for people with disabilities. The class will be taught at the Livermore Multi-Services Center (front Conference Room) on Wednesday, September 22nd from 2pm-4pm. For more information and to pre register to ensure a place in the class, please contact Denicia Gressel at 925-371-1531 or Denicia.Gressel@cril-online.org. Please pass this on to your friends, consumers, or attend yourself. Space is limited to 25 people so if you or anyone you know is interested please contact Denicia to reserve your spot. All classes and services by CRIL are free of charge.

Livermore Valley Business and Professional Women, fall and winter fashion show at Nordstrom in Stoneridge Mall in Pleasanton on Sept. 29. The public is invited. This is a fund-raiser for a local re-entry woman to complete college. Dinner at 6 p.m. followed by the fashion show, \$35. For information and reservations, call Sally at 413-6065 by Sept. 14.

Project Read tutor training and orientation, Pleasanton Public Library needs adult volunteers to provide free tutoring to adults who want to improve reading, writing, and English speaking skills. Tutors have flexible hours, volunteer once a week and all materials are provided free of charge. Training will be Sat., Oct. 2, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tutor qualifications are: at least 18 years old; average reading and writing skills; interest in helping another adult. No teaching experience is needed. Please call to register for the Project Read orientation. For more information, call Janice Bauman, 931-3411 or email jbauman@ci.pleasanton.ca.us

Transfer Successfully Between Colleges, learn more in a short 1-day counseling seminar designed to help the community college transfer student. Parents welcome. Sat., Sept. 18, 1:00-5:00pm at Las Positas College in Livermore. To register go to www.laspositascollege.edu/communityed or call 925-424-1467 PT654 \$39.00 per person

Why the Economic Recovery is Faltering and a Deeper Recession is Inevitable, on Saturday, October 2, economist and author, John Rasmus, will be showing a filmed lecture based on this new book, "Epic Recession: Prelude to Global Depression." After the lecture, Rasmus will conduct a question/answer period. This

is Movie Night at the IBEW's October event. The IBEW Hall is located at 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Meet & greet potluck begins at 6:30 PM, the filmed lecture will begin at 7:00 PM. The public is welcome, the event is free (\$3.00 donations appreciated), and the hall is wheelchair accessible. For further information, call 925-462-3459.

Property Rights Advocate Michael Coffman will speak at a community forum sponsored by the SF Bay 912 Project on September 21, at 7 PM at Cattlemen's Restaurant, Livermore. Tickets are available in advance \$15 until September 17th. Admission at the door will be \$20. For further information, contact 912calgal@gmail.com. Register at <http://propertyrights.eventbrite.com>.

What to Eat When You're Grieving, Wednesday, September 22, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. How we eat, think about and prepare food can be impacted when we grieve. This workshop will provide ideas for nutritious eating habits that can help you through this difficult period. OPTIONAL: Bring a favorite easy-to-prepare, healthy recipe to share. Hope Hospice Grief Support Center, 6377 Clark Ave., Suite 100, Dublin. Information 829-8770.

3rd Annual "Put A Little Love in Your Heart" fund-raiser for Open Heart Kitchen, Fri., Oct. 22, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Blacksmith Square, 21 South Livermore Ave., Livermore. Live music by El Desayuno - Latin Jazz and Salsa. Wine tasting with John Christopher Cellars, Thomas Coyne and Little Valley Winery. Appetizers provided by Scotty's Catering. Food and wine pairing provided by Swirl Restaurant and Green Leaf BBQ. Olive Oil and Balsamic Vinegar tasting provided by Victorie Olive Oil Co. Michelle Bucket, of Michelle's Jewelry Box, will be selling her custom jewelry. Raffle prizes. Linda McKeever, Executive Director of Open Heart Kitchen, will be on hand to accept tax deductible donations. Checks, cash and credit cards will be accepted. For more information call 925 580-6793 or go to <http://www.openheartkitchen.org>.

ClutterLess Self Help Support Group, (CL) is a nonprofit, peer-based, self-help support group for people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions. Tentative guest speaker for Sept. 27 meeting is Emily Wilksa of The Organized Life. Meetings in Room 7 at 7 p.m. every Monday 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the St. Mary & St. John Coptic Orthodox Church, Room 7, 4300 Mirador Drive, Pleasanton. Just come or call our one of the volunteers: 925-200-1943, or go to www.ClutterLess.org.

"Growing Up Female" Workshop for Mothers and their 4th-5th grade Daughters, Mothers and their fourth- to fifth-grade daughters are invited to attend an uplifting workshop about body changes and the realities of being female on Tuesday, Sept. 21, from 4-6 p.m. at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, 777 Peters Ave. Led by RN specialist Amy Sluss, this two-hour workshop explores the normal changes that occur in girls as they go through the preteen and teen years, offers tools and tips for handling puberty, and connects girls and adult women together in a powerful and positive way. There is a \$75 fee per mother-daughter pair for the workshop, which includes \$50 worth of take-home material to continue the learning. For more information, call Sluss at 858-0702. Register online at www.fab2bfem.com

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., Sept. 18, 25 or 38 miles monthly Feather Pedals write, meet 8:30 a.m. at Blackhawk Plaza, Marty Lenzi, 324-3804 or Dean Bell 786-5710. Sun., Sept. 19, 50 miles from Livermore Airport to Sunol, Blackhawk and back, meet 9 a.m. at the airport, Bill Goodwin, 486-0521. Wed., Sept. 22, 35 miles outskirts of Livermore ride, meet 10 a.m. at the airport, 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.

Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group, meets 10 a.m. on Tues., Sept. 28 at Heritage Estates Retirement Community second floor conference room, 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Retired RN Carolyn Cash, a member of the Walnut Creek Support Group, will speak about balance difficulties and Peripheral Neuropathy. All are welcome. Contact is Ann Laye, 443-4098.

Full Moon Walk, Thurs., Sept. 23 John Muir National Historic Site up Mt. Wanda. Reservations are required for this walk. Time of walk will be provided when reservation is made. Call 228-8860.

"Talking to Your Kids About Sex:" A

Teleseminar for Parents, Amy Sluss, RN, and health and family life specialist, will lead a one-hour teleseminar on Tuesday, Sept. 21, a noon, that will offer tips on how to talk to your kids about sex. With the hyper-sexualized culture we live in, parents wonder how to address this sensitive yet important topic with their children. Tune into this one hour teleseminar to find out why you, as a parent, need to talk to your kids about issues around sex, sexuality, and sexual expression. Sluss will address the most common mistakes parents make, parent fears around talking to kids about sex, and exactly what kids need to know and at what ages. Connect from the comfort of your own home or car. There is a \$49 fee for the teleseminar. For more information, call Sluss at 858-0702. Register online at www.fab2bfem.com

"Growing up Female II: The Middle School Years" Workshop for Mothers and their 6th-8th grade Daughters, Mothers and their middle school aged daughters are invited to register and attend this uplifting workshop about body changes and the realities of being female on Tuesday, Sept. 28, from 4-6 p.m. at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, 777 Peters Ave. This workshop offers girls and mothers a safe haven in the midst of the complexities and struggles of middle school. A \$75 fee per mother-daughter pair covers the workshop, materials, and \$50 of take-home instructional materials to continue the learning. For more information call Sluss at 858-0702. Register in advance at www.fab2bfem.com

50s Dinner and Classic Car Show, Fri., Sept. 17, Livermore-Pleasanton Elks #2117. 5 p.m. cocktails and classic car show; 6:30 p.m. burgers, hot dogs, fries, salad bar, dessert; 7:30 p.m. dancing to the oldies. Tickets \$10. Elks Lodge, Livermore. RSVP to 455-8829.

San Ramon Valley Newcomers Club invites new and established residents to its monthly luncheon on Oct. 21 at Faz Restaurant, 600 Hart Ave., Danville. The speaker will be Gil Jardine, topic is wine and food pairings. 11:30-2pm. Cost is \$20. Call Susan, 925-718-5214, for reservations & information.

Beginning German Conversation Class: Learn to communicate in everyday German situations. Community Education at Las Positas College presents this 8-week introductory course which meets Monday nights from 7 to 9. The first class meeting is September 27. The fee is \$109. Contact 925-424-1467 for more information or register online at www.laspositascollege.edu/communityed.

German Conversation for Intermediate and Advanced Students: Reactivate the German you learned in high school or college. Livermore Adult Education presents this 10-week course on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9. The first class meeting is September 29. The fee is \$120. Contact (925) 606-4722 for more information or register online at www.livermoreadulted.org.

Tri-Valley Holistic Moms Network, meets 7 p.m. Sept. 20. Program presented by Nicole Valega, DC, HBCE Owner of Life With Harmony, www.lifewithharmony.com and Andrea Pritchett, DC, Owner of Vital Life Wellness, www.vlifewellness.com Topic will be Gentle Chiropractic: Nurturing the Whole Person - Emotionally, Mentally and Physically. Harvest Park Middle School, 4900 Valley Avenue, Pleasanton. This meeting is free for Chapter members and first time visitors. Meetings are held on the third Monday evening of each month. For further information, please visit: www.holisticmoms.org or email Tri-ValleyHMN@hotmail.com

Livermore High School Class of 1965 is celebrating their 45th year class reunion, "Together Again," September 24-26. There are a number of activities to choose from including a Saturday evening party and a Sunday picnic. The evening party will be held on September 25th at Beeb's Sports Bar & Grill, 7pm-Midnight. The cost is \$45 per person. The picnic will be held Sunday afternoon, \$15 per person. For more information contact Betty Gonzales Klino at 925- 443-0642 or nklino@hotmail.com

Pleasantonians 4 Peace Peaceful War Protest on the fourth Wednesday of the month, September 22 between 5 - 6 at the corners of First and Neal Streets. Call Cathie Norman at 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com; or kdowning@pacbell.net. www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org

Amador Valley High School, Class of

1980 will celebrate its 30 year class reunion on Saturday, September 18th, 2010. "Meet & Greet" Friday night at the HopYard Alehouse & Grill in Pleasanton beginning at 7pm. There will be a buffet dinner, cash bar and dancing to Rock & Roll music. Tickets are \$65 per person until September 8th; and \$75 thereafter. Classmates are encouraged to make their reservations early. The reunion will be held Saturday, September 18th at 6pm, at the Pleasanton Hilton; 7050 Johnson Drive, Pleasanton. Visit the Class Reunion website at www.valleyweb.org/1980reunion.htm or Facebook page for more information. The HopYard Alehouse & Grill is located at 3015 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. If you know where any of "lost" classmates are, please help get the word out. For more information on the reunion contact Mindy Gottesman-Smith email: minismith@aerosurf.net (951-453-7673) or Kelly Ornellas-Sleek at kellysleek@comcast.net (925-963-7088).

Tri-Valley Democratic Club meets Mon., Sept. 20, IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Doors open 7 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m. Democratic candidates on the Dublin, Pleasanton & Livermore November ballots will address the club. Q&A/discussion time permitting. The public is invited. Free admission & refreshments. wheelchair accessible

Exploring Non-Traditional Work Opportunities for Moms, Life Course Learning, offered through Las Positas College Community Education Friday, 9/17 6:30-9:30, 3 hour seminar explores new ways to work that allow flexibility and control over scheduling. \$39.00 registration & \$10 materials fee. www.lifecourselearning.com

Moms to Work, Life Course Learning, offered through the LARPD 9/21-9/30 (TTh) or 10/4-10/13 (MW) 9:00-11:00. This four part course for Mom's will examine how to return to work despite long absence and a tough economy. Learn how to update, polish and present yourself with confidence and prepare to tackle the job search! \$99 registration. Information at www.lifecourselearning.com

Senior Players present: "The Boarding-house" Welcome to the Home Sweet Home Boardinghouse, where life is anything but normal. Miss Harriet runs a clean, cozy home occupied by a zany cast of boarders. It's a comedy full of colorful characters and villains, and will have you laughing from beginning to end! Friday, October 1st 7 p.m. - 9 p.m., Saturday, October 2nd 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., Sunday, October 3rd 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Advanced reservations \$99/\$109R at the door \$10R/\$11NR. Performances held at the Pleasanton Senior Center. For more information call 931-5365.

San Lorenzo High School Class of 1965, celebrating 45th reunion on Sat., Oct. 9 at Castro Valley Moose Lodge, 20835 Rutledge Rd., Castro Valley. Theme is "Beach Party." 5 p.m. \$60 per person. No tickets at the door. Contact Jill Carnesi 510-673-2200, jcarnesi@webdesignsjill.com; Cyndee, 785-3397 or cyndeejdavis@aol.com; Paulette, 559-228-4713, allaboutme101@sbcglobal.net, or Sue, 916-826-6473, st859@aol.com.

Writing Essays that Shine, LARPD offers a "Writing Essays that Shine" class on Sunday, October 3 from 1:30-4:00. Learn techniques that will make writing more fun, and tips for making your essay stand out among hundreds or thousands. Register at www.larpd.dst.ca.us or call 373-5700 for more details.

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA., Birthday dinner in Dublin, Sept. 19, 4:30 p.m., RSVP by Sept. 17 to Marge, 828-5124. Margarita Party in Livermore, Sept. 25, 4:30 p.m., RSVP by Sept. 21 to Patti, 371-2612. Luncheon in Livermore, Sept. 29, 1:30 p.m., RSVP by Sept. 27 to Hilda, 398-8808. Annual picnic in Pleasanton, Oct. 23, 2:30 p.m., RSVP and send checks by Oct. 20 to Ruby, 462-9636.

Pleasanton Newcomers Club, open to new and established residents of the Tri-Valley. Activities include a coffee on the first Wednesday of the month, a luncheon on the second Wednesday of the month, bunco, Mah Jongg, bridge, walking and hiking groups, family activities and monthly adult socials. Information, call 215-8405 or visit www.PleasantonNewcomers.com.

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Bible Study, offered Wednesdays, 7:30 to 8:30 PM at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz, Pleasanton. Refreshments served at no cost. 925-305-9468.

Divorce Care, Valley Bible Church, 7106 Johnson Dr., Pleasanton. 13-week seminar and support group for people going through divorce or separation. A 30-minute video shown each night featuring experts on a variety of topics. Group meets Tuesdays 7 to 9 p.m. starting Oct. 5. There is a one time charge of \$25 for the workbook and other materials. Preregistration is required. Contact Mark Porter, 846-9693 or mporter@hotmail.com

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews: Saturday, September 18: Yom Kippur observance. 1-5 p.m. at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St. in Livermore. New format this year includes a short ceremony and a series of workshops for adults and children. The ceremony will include readings, music and a memorial. Adult workshops include discussions of guilt and forgiveness, how to decide what charities to support, and how best to influence social change. Those attending are encouraged to bring canned or boxed food for the food bank. Free to TVCJ members. \$10/adult (over 13) non-member. For information and reservations 925 485 1049 or reservations@tri-valley-culturaljews.org.

Meditation Study Group, Practice new meditation methods, based on teachings of Shinzen Young, using audio, video and hand-outs, 7:15-8:30 p.m., on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month, at Tri-Valley Unity's Gathering Place, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., #120, Dublin. Contact Gayle at gstaehe@comcast.net

Spiritual Reiki Group The Japanese system of Reiki is a spiritual practice which uses meditations, chanting, visualizations, and hands-on energy group work so that we can connect to our true nature. No prior Reiki experience is necessary. On the first and third Saturdays of every month, 10-11:45 a.m. at Tri-Valley Unity's Gathering Place, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., #120, Dublin. Contact Gayle at gstaehe@comcast.net.

Stepping Stones on Grief Journey Workshop, eight weeks, Thurs., Sept. 9 to Oct. 28 at 7:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. Meetings are open to all, regardless of religious orientation. Preregistration required. Space is limited. One-time donation of \$15 is requested. For registration or information, call Mary Hagerty, 846-5377.

Community Bible Study Class, book of Luke will be the topic of study in Pleasanton at Valley Bible Church. CBS is a non-denominational Bible study ministry open to all women, with a special children's program for ages 0-5 years old. The class meets on Thursdays from 9:30-11:30AM beginning 9/9/10 and goes until 5/12/11. More information about the CBS program and registration available by contacting Sharon at 925-399-5072, or email bobsharonmerrill@gmail.com.

Port Wine And Chocolate in the Sukkah, Sat., Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Emek. The fall festival of Sukkot is celebrated in temporary booths. The members of Congregation Beth Emek erect a structure on the patio for one week each year. At this sophisticated adult party under the stars, fine port and dessert wines from the Livermore Valley will be poured. All wines are matched with decadent chocolates and cheeses. Also enjoy gourmet hot chocolate, coffee with flavor shots, and chocolate desserts. The cost is \$20 per person, with a \$10 "no wine" option. 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. RSVP to Ellen Kiefer at 925-931-1055

Awaken Your Catholic Faith, six session series, learn and ask questions, all in a friendly and confidential setting with other Catholics. The Catholic Communities of Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, and San Ramon invite you to six Awakening Faith sessions, Wednesdays, 7:00 to 8:30 PM at St. Elizabeth Seton. It is for Catholics who have been away from their faith and also for Catholics who want to enhance their faith. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Father Joseph at (925) 846-4489.

Bible Study, All are welcome to the St. Charles/St. Michael's Bible Study beginning Monday, September 20th through November 1st from 7:30-9:30 pm. The topic is "How to Be Happy" in light of the Gospel of Matthew. Materials are \$10. For more questions or to reserve space, contact Julie at upatholic@aol.com or 925-447-4549 ext 114. St. Charles Borromeo is located at 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore.