

AgPark to Include Recreation and Education



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Jill Shepard of Baia Nicchia, a specialty tomato breeding company, shows off some of the tomatoes planted in the new AgPark. "We will produce a ton of tomatoes here. They will be sold to the Hayward Unified School District and also used for seeds," explained Shephard.

Plans have been announced to develop a sustainable farming area on an 18-acre parcel adjacent to the historic Sunol Water Temple.

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) and Sustainable Agriculture Education (SAGE) announced formation of the historic partnership last week. The creation of the Sunol Water Temple Agricultural Park (AgPark) springs from the synergy between the SFPUC's Preliminary Sunol Landscape and Recreation Plan and SAGE's Agricultural Parks model.

SFPUC's Plan for the area around the Water Temple includes recreation, public access, resource restoration, agriculture, and education goals.

SAGE's AgParks model, part working agriculture and part parkland, envisions places that provide affordable land, shared infrastructure, and direct marketing opportunities for small farmers, and fresh food and an educational, environmental, and aesthetic amenity for nearby communities.

"We have a responsibility to sustainably manage and protect our watershed lands," said SFPUC General Manager Susan Leal. "The Sunol AgPark reflects that commitment and expands public access, recreation and educational opportunities for the region."

The Sunol AgPark has come to life with the help of four East Bay groups. They are People's Grocery, Mo Better Food, Baia Nicchia (a specialty tomato breeder), and a Mien family (affiliated with the East Bay Asian Youth Center). They have all signed agreements with SAGE to grow 1-2 acres of crops. The open field that was home to deer and wild pigs just months ago is now planted with tomatoes, squash, beans, cucumbers, melons, and sunflowers. Additionally, a local beekeeper has installed hives. Farm Manager Peter Rudnick (formerly farm manager of Green Gulch Farm and The Garden Project's San Bruno Jail farm) developed a multiple-plot drip irrigation system and provides ongoing technical support.

Tim Koopmann serves as a project liaison for the SFPUC and helps by organizing local community support.

Beyond growing food, the Sunol AgPark is fostering connections with the land for urban residents. "Learning to farm organically and growing food using sustainable methods is a major breakthrough in our work of addressing problems of food access and healthy eating for inner-city residents," says Brahm Ahmadi, Executive Director of People's Grocery.

Mien farmer and Oakland resident, Cho Saephan, describes an additional benefit: "We are growing crops for our community for the first time since we farmed in Laos 20 years ago."

With the farming underway, the next focus for the SFPUC and SAGE is to develop an education program, mainly for school children. This program will include activities, interpretive programs, and educational signage that relate to agriculture, natural resource stewardship, the Sunol Water Temple, the

(See AGPARK, page 2)

Livermore Library Plans Teen Film Festival

As an offshoot of the California Independent Film Festival, the Livermore Library is organizing its own film festival, this one for teenagers only.

The event is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 18 at the library. The entries will be shown that evening and critiqued by a four-member panel.

The Livermore Public Library Teen Film Festival is open to youths aged 12 through 18. All of the work — writing, directing, production, editing, etc. —must be done by teenagers. All of the settings used in live filming must be in Livermore, though Livermore residency is not required of the film makers. Each film maker may enter two films. There is no fee. All entries must be no longer than five minutes. The films must be submitted by 6 p.m. Friday, September 22.

Organizing the festival is Mary Sue Nocar, who runs the library's teen programming. Nocar observes, "With the ad-

Nocar observes, "With the advent of certain technologies, kids can make movies without needing a lot of complex, expensive equipment. They can make them using even a cellphone. It's something for not just the few, but a lot of kids can do it. Websites have arisen where they share their films with others. "A couple of years ago when the California Independent Film Festival came to town, I began thinking a teen film festival would be a fun thing to do." The librarian said the turning

point came recently when she was organizing an Art Expo and three girls submitted a DVD disk entitled "Monday." She loved the film, as well as another short film for which the girls had won a prize in last year's California Independent Film Festival. The girls — Kelly Targett, Mallory Morelli and Diandra Silva competed against film makers from around the world, placing



(See FESTIVAL, page 3)

\$1 Million Filmless X-Ray Is Star Of New ValleyCare Facility

Doctors, the press and interested public were given a tour of ValleyCare Medical Center's new coronary catheter room this week.

Catheter is a generic name for any tube used in hospitals. They range from the larger, rubber tubes used to fee patients through the nose to tiny tubes the size of the body's arteries.

The catheters used in ValleyCare's new \$1.8 million facility are at the tiny end of the

spectrum. The catheters can be inserted in a patient to replace small arteries, or to substitute for a clogged heart artery. This procedure prevents the need to go to the more complicated open heart surgery.

Advances in technology over the past 15 years have enabled more non-invasive procedures to be used, thereby reducing the number of open heart surgeries in the Bay Area, said Dan Leong, ValleyCare's vice president of ancillary support services.

The non-evasive procedures have been around for quite awhile at ValleyCare. Now the hospital personnel will be able to see sharper pictures of patients for diagnosis and for conducting the procedures.

ValleyCare Health System has acquired a state of the art X-ray machine, which accounts for (See X-RAY, page 3)

Kids Leave Their Illnesses at the Door

The Taylor Family Foundation subscribes to the theory that laughter is the best medicine.

One place where laughter is used to improve the lives of children who have to deal with chronic and critical illnesses is Camp Arroyo. The camp was built by The Taylor Family Foundation six years ago. Since it opened, over 9,000 children have attended.

At the camp the children have an opportunity to just be kids. They meet children with similar conditions, learn to live with their disease, and make long lasting friendships. The camp also provides parents or guardians a break from the constant care the children require.

June Johnstone is executive director of the Taylor Family Foundation. She points out that each group of children who comes in is very different, with different needs. When groups come in, they supply their own counselors and medical staff who are geared and trained to take care of the children. The camp provides housekeeping food service, lifeguard and other program leaders. Some groups require a one-to-one ratio of child to adult, others four-to-one.

Children with the following (See FOUNDATION, page 5)



Horseback riding is just one of the activities campers can take part in at Camp Arroyo.



This royal couple was just one of the many entries in last week's Pooch Parade in Pleasanton. The parade was held as part of the First Wednesday Party.

Filing Slow for November Election

The final date for residents to file a declaration of candidacy for the November 2006 election is Friday, August 11 at 5 p.m.

As of Tuesday, two of the races had only incumbents showing interest in running.

There are two seats open on the Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees. Current Board members Pat Kernan and incumbent Jim Ott are ap-

parently the only two candidates for office. Ott has qualified for the ballot. Kernan has taken out papers.

The three incumbents on the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board, Scott Kamena, Maryalice Faltings, and David Furst, have all filed their nomination papers. No one else has taken out papers.

vices District's two incumbents have not taken out papers. They are Jeff Hanson and Tom Ford.

Four candidates have stepped forward for three seats open on the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Board. They are incumbents Bill Dunlop and Anne White, and challengers McKinley Day and Kate Runyon. Runyon is co-president (See ELECTION, page 4)

The Dublin San Ramon Ser-

Pleasanton Counctil to Consider Circulation

The draft traffic circulation element for the updated general plan will be discussed by the Pleasanton City Council at its August 15 meeting.

The council will consider refinements to the "working draft" General Plan circulation (roadway) network, and will provide direction to staff regarding the modeling of traffic impacts.

According to Mike Tassano, traffic engineer, the council will be asked to confirm if the pre-

ferred base road network is still acceptable. The council approved the base road network last September.

The council okayed an option that is basically the current gen-

(See CIRCULATION, page 3)

Professional Basketball Comes to Livermore

The International Basketball League will bring its fast paced brand of basketball to the Tri-Valley for the 2007 season. The new team will be called the Tri-Valley Titans.

The Titans will play games at Las Positas College. The gym seats about 1200.

Majority owner Ward Farris is moving the team to Livermore, because he is moving here. Coowner Jerome Rogers already lives in Livermore.

Ward said fans can expect to see a higher scoring game than the NBA version. Farris, says that doesn't mean that there is no defense. There are rules that lend



themselves to more scoring. There is a 22 second shot clock; and an 8 second backcourt violation rule. The IBL scoring average per team in 2005 was 127 points per game.

Several rules will shorten the game, as well as add to the fast pace of the action. Each team is allowed only one time out per quarter. The referee will not have to handle the ball on each inbound play.

League Commissioner Mikal Duilio, states, "The IBL philosophy is that basketball should be an athletic game that ebbs and flows rather than tiptoes along in unnatural stops and starts. A basketball game loses its athleticism, flow and perspective when the game lasts more than two hours."

Players are allowed only five fouls.

The Titans competed in the IBL last season as the Tri City (See TITANS, page 2)



The Purest and Best Beer

What motivated our ancestors to give up their nomadic lifestyle and plant cereal crops? Some botanists claim breadmaking and others beer brewing. The Egyptian hieroglyph for food combines the symbols for bread and beer. Pressed into a Mesopotamian clay tablet dated approximately 1800 BC, the earliest known written recipe is for beer. Livermore citizens could once buy a beer brewed in their hometown, although not from this ancient recipe

In downtown Livermore, on the south side of First Street between J and K streets, brass letters spelling the word "brewery" are embedded into the sidewalk in front of the store at 2127 First. In December 1873 Charles Schwerin and a Mr. Schobel founded the Livermore Brewery. Wendell Jordan, a native of Germany, came to Livermore and bought the brewery from Charles Schwerin in June the following year. In December 1875 Jordan also acquired a single-story building to the west, William Sinkwitz's saloon. Jordan used it as a saloon where the customers' choices included his local beer, Bavarian Lager.

Ten years later, Jordan tore down the old brewery and rebuilt. His new building on First Street at the site of the surviving sidewalk letters had two stories, with the brewery below and family living quarters on the second floor. Originally, the brewery machinery was run by horses; in December1882 Jordan had added a six-horsepower steam engine to put the machinery in motion. The brewery capacity at that time was 400 barrels per year.

He took time off from his enterprise in April 1883 to marry Gertrude E. Bearer in San Francisco. When the couple returned to Livermore, friends met them at the depot and held a reception for them at their home.

In 1889 Jordan built an ice house at the back of the brewery to keep beer cold in the warm months. According to the Echo, he bought a "splendid" new brewery wagon made by local blacksmith F.A. Schrader in February 1896. In January 1897 he advertised in the Herald that the brewery carried Weiland's, Fredricksburg and United States lager beer, in kegs and large and small bottles that could be delivered to any part of town or vicinity.

Jordan helped to organize the Livermore Fire Department and acted as foreman for more than 20 years. He also served as a town trustee for six years including a two year term as mayor.

Fred Tretzel remembered as a child stopping at the old brewery, but not for beer. "Your mother sent you to school with your lunch in a five-pound lard pail, and asked you to stop at Wendell Jordan's brewery on your way home to get some yeast in your pail, and she would make biscuits for supper.

On Saturday January 19, 1901, the Herald lead article stated, "One of the most terrible accidents that has ever occurred in Livermore, deprived the town on Thursday of one of its most respected citizens, Wendell Jordan." On Thursday morning Jordan had started cooking a new batch of malt. After the malt was boiling in the vat, he began to clean out a small tank nearby. Somehow he fell into the boiling malt.

By the time his assistant had drained the vat enough for rescuers to pull Jordan out, his "flesh was literally cooked and the features were so badly disfigured as to be unrecognizable. Although death was not instantaneous, it is likely that the fatal plunge was not attended by any suffering as he must have become unconscious the moment he came in contact with the boiling malt as he evidently struck head first." His wife and daughter, Ada, age 17, survived him. He was only 56.

Livermore businessman Dennis F. Bernal bought the brewery from Mrs. Jordan in July 1901. In the June 4, 1902, United States Health Bulletin, Dr. Amos Gray wrote an article entitled "A Safe Drink for Summer" that recommended beer. After having tested beer from all over the United States, Gray concluded, "The result of the investigation has proven the proper beer to drink and the purest and best to be the beer from the Livermore Brewery, Livermore, Cal.

In November 1908 the brewery building burned down, along with the one-story saloon next door. Bernal and his family, who had been sleeping on the second floor above the brewery, barely escaped the inferno in their night clothes.

There was a bright spot in this sadness, however. Josephine Bernal told her husband that she had been saving a portion of her household allowance each week in a receptacle behind the chimney. When Bernal looked, he found \$2,000 in gold coins, which had only been slightly discolored by the fire. The Bernal family did not rebuild. The Livermore Brewery went out of business. Keeping in mind our dual theme of beer and bread, C.J. Stevens built the first flour mill in town in 1869, so for Livermore, bread came first.

More Than 1000 Back Proposal To Take Over Cemetery

More than 1000 Pleasanton residents have expressed an interest in having the city take ownership of the Pleasanton Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

The city was approached by Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery, Inc., a nonprofit foundation with an interest in assuming responsibility for preserving and caring for the cemetery. The Pioneer group has an option to purchase the site for \$1 from the Oddfellows Lodge in Livermore, the current trustee. They are asking the city to exercise the option, provide maintenance funding, and contract with the foundation for operations.

The Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery, Inc. organization is gathering signatures as a way to show the city how much support there is for the idea. The committee has placed a banner at the pioneer cemetery, and left petitions on a clipboard there so people can come by and sign their names.

The Pioneers were concerned about the deteriorating condition of the cemetery. It is a non-endowment cemetery, which means that it has no trust fund held to maintain the property. Payment is only for burials. The group financed a study to formulate ideas on how the Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery group might partner with the city to operate the cemetery.

At a May meeting, the City Council expressed interest in purchasing the Pleasanton Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

At that time, they put off a fi-

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region's water system, and the

area's rich history. "In partnership with the

SFPUC, we are developing the Sunol AgPark into an outstanding agricultural and educational resource. We expect it to be a model for other Bay Area AgParks," said Sibella Kraus, Executive Director of SAGE and founding director of the Ferry Plaza Farmers' Market and CUESA (the Center for Urban Education about Sustainable

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Ballers, and were the top team in the West Division with a 14-4 record.

Farris coached the Tri City Ballers to the best record in the West Division last season. Farris will coach the Titans this season.

Farris has a diverse background as a professional coach and athlete. Farris played basketball in Innsbruck, Austria, and in the USBL under the legendthe Tri-Valley community by producing a product that provides exciting and affordable family entertainment," said Farris. "The fans can also expect to watch a contender for the title, as this was an excellent team last season."

nal decision pending additional

information concerning operating

and capital costs, potential risks,

and the legal ramifications of ac-

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Pleasanton City Council meet-

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support is provided by Hanson

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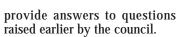
valued urban-edge amenity.

The Pioneer committee is call-

quiring the cemetery.

Agriculture).

He says the team will be comprised of 15 players. "Playing in the IBL allows these athletes to develop as players. They collect film on themselves and shop their skills around to other leagues overseas and the NBA," according to Farris. Open tryouts will be held September through January. The first tryouts will be Sept. 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at LifeStyleRX, 119



Howard Neely has been collecting signatures in support of taking over the cemetery.

A report on options for the cemetery is expected to be on the

city's web site on the Friday before the council meeting. People seeking more information from the ad hoc committee may call Chris Beratlis at 8464400. E-mail contact can be made with Howard Neely at neelys@greenisp.com.

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New Rail Service to **Begin This** Month

Altamont Commuter Express will debut a new round-trip schedule this month. There will now be four round trip options.

Beginning on Monday Au-gust 28, a fourth train will depart Stockton Monday through Friday at 9:30 am making all stops en route to San Jose and arriving there at 11:40 am. Returning, this new train will depart San Jose at 12:05 p.m. and arrive back in Stockton at 2:15 p.m.

For the first time in 34 years, Amtrak San Joaquin passengers can travel by rail to connecting service in San Jose.

Funding for this new service comes in part from Caltrans to help absorb congestion from motor traffic on I-205 during the 3 year construction project. Funding also will come from Amtrak whose passengers connecting to and from the San Joaquin trains #711 and #716 will be carried on this new train.

According to the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission, "The additional service will enable our customers to get to work later when necessary, or get back home sooner for important appointments. It will allow new customers the opportunity to make shopping trips to Pleasanton or San Jose, or spend the day at a museum or Paramount's Great America."

Aggregates, the Sunol community, CA FarmLink, the project SAGE has been developing the concept for 'farm-ready' advisory committee, and the San AgParks for several years and re-Francisco Bay Area Chapter of cently released the Urban Edge Les Dames d'Escoffier, which has Agricultural Parks Toolkit as a adopted the Sunol AgPark as its Green Tables Initiative Project. comprehensive guide for public and private landowners who

A community event to raise funds for urban-edge agriculture is scheduled for September 10 in Sunol. For further information, please contact Sibella Kraus at 510-526-1793 or visit the SAGE website at www.sagecenter.org.

E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. The league is comprised of thirty teams. Play is March 2007 through mid-July.

The IBL has created the unique 'cluster' scheduling method whereby teams can play opponents from all over the nation, but only have to fly one time. The IBL recruits teams in geographical 'clusters'. A cluster is defined as two or more teams within driving distance. The result is an affordable schedule with an excellent variety of opponents, as teams do travel to play out of region teams

(Readers can reach me at am3homan@yahoo.com.)

ary Tiny Archibald. He also had a short stint with the Golden State Warriors. Farris spent six seasons as a professional football player in the arena football league playing for the San Jose Sabercats.

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

DSRSD Water Rates Changed

After five years without a water rate increase, the Dublin San Ramon Services District Board of Directors approved a change in water and wastewater rates at last week's meeting.

The Board made the following rate adjustments:

• \$1.00 decrease, (approximately eight percent), in single family residential customers' bimonthly local sewer charge, effective September 1, 2006;

• \$1.00 decrease (approximately six percent) on fixed monthly water charge for all water customers with a 5/8-inch meter (mostly single family residential customers);

• Effective January 1, 2007, for all water customers, a \$0.02 increase to each tier (tiers measure consumption, the higher the tier, the greater the amount of water consumed) then a \$0.05 increase effective January 1, 2008 and another \$0.05 increase effective January 1, 2009 to each tier; District Adjusts Rates

• Implement an energy charge of \$0.19 per hundred cubic feet (748 gallons) of water pumped to Zones 2, 3 and 4 (Note: six percent of the District's increase in costs is due to the increase in PG&E rates).

Single family residential customers who consume an average amount of water (36 ccf which is 26,928 gallons) in the two month billing period living in Zone 1 will save \$0.14 per month. If they live in Zones 2,3, or 4, on hillsides or hilltops where it costs the District more to pump the water up to them, they will pay an additional \$3.28 per month. Single family residential customers who consume a low amount of water (15 ccf, 11,220 gallons) and live in Zone 1, will save \$0.35 per month while the same customers living on the hills will pay an extra \$1.08 per month.

Child Molestation Charge

Michael Todd Smith, owner and an instructor at T-Kanes Karate, was arrested last week by Livermore Police.

He was arrested on two felony counts of lewd and lascivious acts with a minor. Detectives will also seek a complaint against Smith for one misdemeanor count of annoying and molesting a child.

Two juvenile victims reported that Smith had inappropriately touched them while they were at the karate studio. Based on the report, Smith was interviewed at the Livermore Police Department. During the interview, he admitted to inap-

propriately touching one of the juveniles. The police are asking that anyone who knows the suspect and feels their child may have been inappropriately touched by him to call the Livermore Police Detective Bureau at 371-4700. It is recommended that parents not question their children prior to contacting the police.

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eral plan with gateway con- Alameda County with regard to straints and intersection mitigations. It does not include the Stoneridge Drive extension and West Las Positas interchange. Rose Avenue is not extended. The base road network includes 31 intersection modifications and 23 new traffic signals. This option is predicted to reduce con-

the Staples Ranch and Stoneridge Drive extension. In the MOU Pleasanton has agreed to preserve the right-of-way for a possible future Stoneridge Drive extension.

The council was to readdress the draft once a preferred land use option was designated by the council. There are 1686 units left

under the voter approved hous-

ing cap. Of the 1686-units, 113

are reserved for the Busch prop-

Van Donated to Open Heart

The Holtz family of Pleasanton has donated their 1994 Suburban to support Open Heart Kitchen's weekend boxed lunch program.

Open Heart Kitchen Executive Director, Carol Beddome, says she has breathed a sigh of relief because the organization was relying on a 30year old, deteriorating van to transport boxed lunches prepared by volunteers to families in Livermore and Dublin.

"With the money saved by their generous contribution, our dedicated staff and volunteers will have the resources to address hunger issues for low-income children of our community."

Karen Holtz commented, "We hope the Suburban serves Open Heart Kitchen well in the years ahead.

The Suburban was the "family car" for the Holtz's and their five children for many years. It was no longer needed.

Open Heart Kitchen handled all the paperwork in transferring the vehicle. The donation of the Holtz's Suburban demonstrates just one of the ways that people in the Tri-Valley community are making an impact on the lives of others.

Open Heart Kitchen, a 501(C) (3) non-profit agency, is dedicated to providing nutritious prepared food to families and individuals in need in Livermore, Pleasanton, and Dublin. Through four free hot meal programs, a weekend box lunch program for school children, and dinner meal service to seniors in Pleasanton, Open Heart Kitchen is working to address hunger in our local community. A small staff and hundreds of volunteers prepare and serve over 2,500 meals every week. Open Heart Kitchen is actively seeking additional donations of time, talent, and money.

Contact Executive Director Carol Beddome at 925-580-1616 to volunteer, to help or for more information.

Irrigation Workshop

On Wednesday, August 23, Zone 7 Water Agency and the national Irrigation Association will be hosting a SMART Technologies for Irri-

gation Management Workshop. The workshop is open to irrigation system professionals, and do-it-yourselfers interested in learning the best way to improve irrigation efficiencies. The workshop runs from 8:00 am 5:00 pm and will be held at Zone 7 Water Agency headquarters, at 100 North Canyon Parkway in Livermore.

The cost is \$150 for members of the Irrigation Association, and \$200 for non-members. Participants will earn 8 Irrigation Association Continuing Education Credits.

To register, contact the Irrigation Association at 703-536-7080 or Andy Florendo of Zone 7 Water Agency at 454-5065, or register online at www.irrigation.org.

> view way, rather than each film individually. Their discussion BART station, 240 for Staples will focus particularly on the best Ranch, up to 250 for the eastside, films — why they're so good, 100 each for downtown infill and what makes them work. redevelopment of senior hous-The panelists will be Glenn ing, with the remaining 333 going to Hacienda Business Park. Davis, general manager of TV 30;

None of the zoning has been approved by the council. Models to test the base circulation plan will be run as part of the environmental impact review. To

date, there have been no models

would have to be revised road

improvements based on the final

land use plan.

Tassano anticipated there

run on the preferred land use.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman (center) and John Hofstedt, 1st Vice Commander of American Legion Post 237 (left), and Dave Hamm (right), Commander of VFW Post 6298, look over items found in a time capsule buried behind the cornerstone of the Veterans Memorial Building. The time capsule was unearthed during a cornerstone ceremony last week marking the start of renovation work on the building. The mayor is holding a VFW magazine from 1932.

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third with a short film entitled "Livermore: Life in the Fast Lane ... Snail Style.'

October. The date of the teen fes-

tival was chosen to coincide with

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goes on, I expect to see more and

more entries. Hopefully, we'll

grow into something really big."

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There will be no first, second,

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Ted Kaye, former head of Disney

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out," Nocar said.

Nocar said she won't be dis-

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"They were such great films," Nocar exclaimed. "Seeing them

Community College.

For more details, Nocar may be reached at (925) 373-5500, 5583, extension or www.livermore.lib.ca.us.



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really spurred me on. They made me really want to do this teen film

head of Goal Line Productions of Pleasanton; Sandra Myers, film instructor at Las Positas

TV productions; Joe Madden,

gestion and delays while allowing the city to collect traffic impact fees to cover the costs of the proposed changes.

One change since then has been an approval of a memoran-place 200 units in reserve, desigdum of understanding with nates 350 units for the West

X-RAY

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\$1.2 million of the new catheter room's price tag. The remaining sum was used to remodel the 800 square feet of existing space and install related equipment. ValleyCare had already budgeted funds for the catheter room and equipment.

The new X-ray machine provides medical personnel a finer, more detailed picture than that provided by previous equipment. The new machine does not use film. Instead it creates images on a digital receiving screen, which is placed below the patient. Above the patient is the camera. The whole rig is shaped like a

letter C. The patient is in the open part of the C.

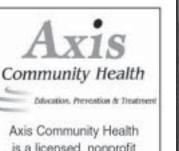
Now there is more flexibility and ease in working with the patient. A computer on the new machine coordinates the movement of the camera and the screen area in conjunction with each other, instead of relying on manual manipulation, as was the case previously.

The machine won't be limited to heart procedures. It can also be used in assisting with such things as biopsies and certain non-surgical ways of treating spinal fractures.

ValleyCare continues to per-

form open heart surgery when a diagnosis shows that it is needed.

The hospital was set up to provide emergency heart surgery in the past, said Leong. However, a heart surgeon on call has it been scheduled open heart surgery. The first such surgery was in June, he said.



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- Low-fat yogurt: A great source of muscle-building protein and bone-building calcium, plus beneficial bacteria that help boost the immune system.
- Onions: Full of quercetin, a powerful flavonoid that protects against cancer; research indicates eating onions may also reduce heart disease risk.
- Chili peppers: Their heating element, capsaicin, appears to inhibit inflammation, clear congestion, and reduce the risk of dangerous blood clots.
- Parsley: More than a garnish, packed with Vitamin C, hearthealthy beta-carotene, and cancer-fighting folic acid.

For more tips on eating well, check out the Kaiser Permanente Healthwise Handbook, which can be accessed in Spanish and English through my Web site at www.kp.org/mydoctor/lide.

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EDITORIALS

Coming Home

Michael Callahan wants to build a winery under the Ruby Hill name on Vineyard Avenue in Pleasanton near the site of the original Ruby Hill Winery.

The winery opened in 1887. It was associated for many years with a salt-of-the-earth vintner named Ernest Ferrario. In recent years, the winery's trademark was in Wente's possession. Callahan has now acquired it.

Callahan lives next to the Mitchell Katz Winery, also on Vineyard Avenue, and is a silent partner in that winery. He will have to build Ruby Hill from the ground up. The landmark brick building where Ernest Ferrario made wine was destroyed by fire in the 1980s. His plan calls for a winery and tasting room and a 19,000square-foot events center, to be located about 500 feet east of the entrance to the Ruby Hill housing development. The project is currently before the Pleasanton Planning Commission.

We wish Michael Callahan success. It's wonderful to see that Ruby Hill Winery is coming home.

Teen Film Festival

Rarely do you see a public library putting on a film festival, but that is indeed what the Livermore Library has embarked on doing.

Under the leadership of Mary Sue Nocar, who is in charge of the library's teen programming, plans are underway for the Livermore Public Library Teen Film Festival, to be held October 18 at the library. Young people aged 12 through 18 are eligible to submit up to two short films (no longer than five minutes) each. There is no fee. For rules, contact Nocar at 373-5500, extension 5583, or www.livermore.lib.ca.us.

The Livermore based California Independent Film Festival, which also takes place in October, played a big role in spurring Nocar to undertake the teen festival. It's a testament to the way the arts can enrich a community, sending out ripples that create related events and involve more and more of the community.

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of the Livermore Valley Education Foundation. The other incumbent whose term expires is Julie Orvis. She has not taken out nomination papers.

In Pleasanton, one new candidate for city council has taken out papers. Cheryl Cook-Kallio had not returned the papers as of Tuesday. Cook-Kallio is a high school teacher in Fremont, where she coaches the Irvington High School "We the People . . . " team.

Other council candidates are incumbent Jerry Thorne and planning commissioner Brian Arkin, both of whom have officially qualified, and Dan Faustina, who has yet to return papers. In the mayor's race, incumbent Jennifer Hosterman has qualified for the ballot. Challenger, Councilmember Steve Brozosky was expected to return his papers on Wednesday. East Bay Regional park District, Ward 5 incumbent Ayn Wieskamp has taken out papers. A potential challenger, Frank Pirrone, has also taken out papers.

PLEASANTON BAC PAC ENDORSES JILL BUCK

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce Business & Community Political Action Committee (BAC PAC) has voted to endorse Jill Buck, the Republican candidate for the 18th Assembly District seat. The eleven-member Board of Trustees decision was unanimous

Mary Hayashi is the Democratic candidate.

"After reviewing the two candidates, the decision was clear," said the President and CEO of the Pleasanton Chamber David Bouchard. "Jill Buck is a candi-

Panel Studies Two Open Space Parcel Requests

East Bay Regional Park Dis-trict (EBRPD) would like a Valley committee to contribute money for two open space land acquisitions.

The Altamont Landfill Open Space Advisory Committee (ÂLOSAC) met July 21 at Dublin city hall and heard proposals from EBRPD for acquisition of 103 acres on the Pleasanton Ridge and 32 acres at the gate to Brushy Peak Regional Preserve. No action was taken by the committee. There was a continuance to allow the panel's Sierra Club representative more time to bring the proposals back to his club for discussion.

ALOSAC was created by a lawsuit settlement over the Altamont Landfill's environmental impacts. The panel advises on projects that could merit revenue from a tipping fee charged at the landfill. Eighty percent of the open space revenue portion of the tipping fee goes to Livermore area projects. The other 20 percent is split between Pleasanton, a party to the suit settlement, and Dublin, on a 50-50 basis.

The 50-50 split between Pleasanton and Dublin came up during discussion of the ridgetop property. The land includes Tehan Falls, on Pleasanton's side of the freeway. The panel already provided money to EBRPD to acquire land near the Tehan Falls. If Pleasanton takes another turn at more revenue, it could put Dublin far behind on any land acquisition it wants on its side of the freeway.

However, Dublin Mayor Janet Lockhart, a committee member,

said she was comfortable with the Pleasanton area acquisition. However, Lockhart did "want to remind people to look at the total amount (of money available) and make sure we are not keeping the balance close to zero in case there is an opportunity on

the Dublin side.' "We are not saying there is no money to do this. It's just a reminder that it can't be spent all on the south side of the freeway. We do have one parcel we are looking at. When the owners are ready, we want to make an offer, to add to the trail system going to Contra Costa. But I don't think that will happen this year. That's why we don't oppose it (the money for the ridge acquisition)," said Lockhart.

Total price tag on the Tehan Falls parcel would be \$790,000. ALOSAC is being asked for \$200,000. EBRPD would pay the remainder.

Latest figures in the ALOSAC fund show that the west valley has \$701,860 and Livermore has \$4,634,899 in funding available. The west valley figure is 13 percent of the total of the two funds, but only because of the amount spent earlier to benefit Pleasanton. The two figures were current as of May 30.

The money is collected by Waste Management Inc., which operates the landfill. The firm sends the checks to the county, which keeps track of the account-

ing. The other parcel under discussion is on Laughlin Road in Livermore's sphere of funding

from the landfill revenue. The land is at the entrance to the road to Brushy Peak, and across the road from the staging area for the preserve. The 32-acre parcel was acquired by a court trial as part of the eminent domain process.

Nancy Wenninger, EBRPD land acquisition manager, said it was only the third land acquisition, of about 100 in the past 10 years, that went to eminent domain, and one of only two to go to trial. Wenninger told the Independent that unlike the controversial issue of using eminent domain to turn land over to private parties in redevelopment districts, this purpose was a public one, namely preservation of the open space at the regional preserve's gate.

The property owner, a realtor who took an option on the land in a swap, had plans to build a large house there, said Wenninger. The park district wanted to keep the viewshed confined to the historic ranch buildings it has preserved there, she said.

There was some concern by politicians at the meeting that they didn't want to be connected to land acquired by eminent domain, said Wenninger. However, EBRPD was asking only for onehalf of the \$624,000 that was appraised at fair market value.

The jury award was \$730,000 to the realtor who owned the property. The park district would pay the entire difference between the jury award and the fair market value, so that ALOSAC would not be paying any of the eminent domain award, said Wenninger.

Chris Gray, chief of staff to supervisor Scott Haggerty, said that the aim of keeping that parcel open doesn't seem to fit the committee's criteria for openspace grants, which usually involves things such as habitat preservation.

However, Wenninger said that keeping it open makes a larger preserve, and prevents fragmentation.

On another item, Livermore resident Clarence Hoenig asked the committee to take a look at acquiring open space in Doolan Canyon. The land is in neither the Dublin nor Livermore spheres of influence for planning.

Both cities signed a memo of understanding declaring a hands-off policy toward developing there, unless each city explains its intentions to the other city, said Lockhart.

Lockhart had no comment on the idea of acquiring the Doolan open space, but pointed out that there would have to be willing sellers in the area.

One of the Livermore City Council's priorities is to preserve open space and greenbelt areas in North Livermore. Among the proposals to preserve greenbelts, such as Doolan Canyon, would be to purchase the development rights as part of the transfer of development credit program.

A Sierra Club representative said that a higher priority may be to preserve critical areas, such as one in north Livermore that plays host to the endangered bird's beak plant species.

MAILBOX

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Majority **Kathy Chase** Livermore

The last sentence in Evelvn Murphy's letter says it all. "Again, whatever happened to majority rule and working for the greater good?" Well, Evelyn, it's alive and well in Livermore.

The council listened to the anti-airport faction a year and a half ago and in deference to their noise complaints they installed a hotline to verify the validity of those complaints. The resultant data a year and a half later was quite revealing: 63% of all calls made to the hotline came from Pleasanton-with one household making 26% of all callsand only 36% came from Livermore; twenty houses made 68% of the calls to the hotline; and four houses in Pleasanton and one in Livermore made 49% of all calls. Given that limited number of households making multiple complaints, wouldn't you conclude it's a very small minority? Therefore, you cannot make the argument a "majority" of Livermore residents are being ignored. Quite the contrary. I'd say the council voted in the best interest of the vast majority of Livermore taxpayers. Even if there were 1500 people there trying to bully the council to their position, it's still less than 2% of the population of Livermore. Noíse monitoring equipment would cost \$233,000+ and would only confirm data already gained in two previous noise studies. Guess what?! The freeway has more noise impact than the airport, and the airport is already proven not to be a noise impacted facility by any criteria. If the anti-airport faction wants noise

monitoring, I suggest those who have made the calls kick in the money themselves, proportion-ate to the number of calls each household has made, and that way they can bear the burden of proof, not taxpayers who, in the majority, don't even think about airport noise as a problem.

The hangars replace tiedowns being taken away. The net increase in based aircraft is zero.

No, Evelyn, the Livermore City Council acted very responsibly in favor of the majority of Livermore residents. They listened to your arguments, gath-ered documentation and found out the vast majority of people living in this valley don't think the airport is a problem. Those making airplane noise a focal point of their lives are in a very small minority.

their valued and continued support of the Scottish Games.

The 23rd annual Livermore Old Fashioned 4th of July Cel-ebration, co-sponsored by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District and the City of Livermore, was also a crowd pleasing event. The event took place on Tuesday, July 4, 2006 from 4:00-10:00 PM at Robertson Park in Livermore. The event was well received by all that attended. David Martin's House Party had people up off their feet dancing and the Pleasanton Balloon Platoon was an attention getter for people of all ages. The band played into the night, lead-ing up to the beautiful aerial fireworks display. LARPD would like to thank

all the organizations in the community for their participation and attendance at both events. These events are possible because of wonderful communities such as

other. Why do we complain about speeders on our block yet speed on someone else's?

Forced Annexation Terry and Gail Campbell Unincorporated Alameda County

(Livermore area)

We are two of the landowners that The Independent mentioned in their Editorial on August 3, 2006, and I am writing to set the record straight about the forced annexation of our land and the land of our neighbors.

First, The Independent and the Livermore City Council need to stop spreading the falsehood, the blatant lie, that we and our neighbors ever want to be annexed to the City of Livermore. We do not want annexation and we have never asked to be annexed to the City.

The statement made in The Independent that "they will seek annexation to obtain sewage treatment" is a lie. We ought to know what is truth and what is a lie - we are the landowners after all. Independent - why don't you report objectively, come to us and ask us before perpetuating lies in your newspaper? We and all the landowners have no interest in hooking up to Livermore's sewage system. Why would we want that financial hardship, that huge expense, and the increase in our property taxes, when we do not need it? Secondly, let it be known that the City of Livermore never had any interest in annexing our land and or our neighbors' land until June of this year. We have lived here for 10 years, and some of our neighbors have lived here more than 20 years, and yes, our homes sit on the ridgelines of the hills. And yet, lo these decades have past and the City never wanted to annex our area - not once, not ever. Even the "Tri-Valley Conservancy" once told us and we quote: "We have no interest in your land." The City has initiated a forced annexation against the will of all of the landowners. The City did not come to us landowners to negotiate or use diplomacy in this matter, but instead chose to force itself upon us by using a law that the City Council even admitted they have never used before in order to procure land. With regard to the "scenic" corridor that the City seems to feel to so precious - we ask two questions - why is the land from Airway to Greenville covered in the commercial sprawl of big-box stores, car dealers, fast food restaurants, motels and gas stations instead of lovely, low-density housing and parks and perhaps some pleasant "boutique" shops? And, City of Livermore, if your 'scenic" corridor is so precious to you - why did you bend the rules (as published in the Tri-Valley Herald in August 2005) so the Shea Homes could build 600 extremely high-density homes north of I-580, and why is the City cutting deep grades into the hillsides there to make way for the Shea homes development and the extension of Portola to Las Positas College? Again, the City could have easily chosen a

If any incumbent in a nonpartisan election fails to file by the close of the filing period, the period will be extended to 5 p.m. on Aug. 16.

Forms are available from the Alameda County Registrar of Voters Office in Oakland for the school district and park district races. Papers for the Livermore school board may also be picked up at the Contra Costa County Registrar of Voters office.

Candidates for Pleasanton city offices, may pick up papers at the city clerk's office.

date that is business friendly and can be trusted to spend hard earned tax money responsibly."

Buck is a Pleasanton resident. The Pleasanton Chamber of

Commerce Business & Community Political Action Committee was launched in Spring of 2004 and was devised to support various local candidates who promote and benefit businesses. When considering candidates, the board also considers issues such as education, health, transportation and local economy, among others.

McNERNEY ENDORSED BY GENERAL WES CLARK

California 11th Congressional District candidate Jerry McNerney (Democrat), received the endorsement last week of General Wes Clark.

Republican Richard Pombo is the incumbent.

Clark stated, "Californians deserve a partner in Washington who values sustainable, clean energy, a sound national security, and a robust economy." He praised McNerney's plan to move America away from the dependence on foreign oil.

New Barcode System Makes It Easier to Detect Biowarfare Agents

Detecting biowarfare agents in the field will become a lot easier because of a new barcode system based on biosensing nanowires developed by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory researchers.

The researchers, led by Jeffrey Tok of LLNL's BioSecurity and Nanosciences Laboratory, built submicrometer layers of different metals including, gold, silver and nickel that act as "barcodes" for detecting a variety of pathogens ranging from anthrax, smallpox, ricin to botulinum.

The team included researchers from Stanford University and UC-Davis Center for **Biophotonics and Nanoplex** Technologies. The team used the multi-striped metallic nanowires in a suspended format to rapidly identify sensitive single and multiplex immunoassays that simulated biowarfare agents.

The researchers produced nanoscale wires by electrochemically depositing metals within the tiny cavities of porous mineral solids. They then layered the gold and silver in a specific way

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to produce nanowires with different characteristic stripe patterns depending on which pathogen they were trying to identify.

The reflection pattern and fluorescence from each stripe sequence can later be clearly recognized, similar to a barcode on a retail product.

Antibodies of specific pathogens attach themsevles to the wires, said Tok, principal author from LLNL. "This produces a small, reliable, sensitive detection system that can easily be taken into the field.'

The system not only applies to biowarfare agents, but could also be used during an outbreak of an infectious disease.

The research appears in the Aug. 4 issue of the journal, Angwandte Chemie.

Dennis H. Vied Livermore

This letter is in response to Evelyn L. Murphy who asked, "What ever happened to majority rule and working for the greater good?"

Well, as a matter of fact, it is alive and well. Mayor Kamena and the city council saw fit to exercise that majority rule in determining that only 11 percent of households are disturbed by airport noise, and more citizens are concerned about garbage truck noise and pollution than those who are concerned about airport noise. Five households, four of them in Pleasanton, generated 50 percent of airport noise complaints.

Mayor Kamena and the city council have rightfully concluded that in the grand scheme of things, airport noise and pollution are not at the top of the majority's list of concerns. Would Évelyn L. Murphy have us believe that majority rule only occurs when it agreed with our own individual opinions?

Evelyn's question is asked and answered. She doesn't have to like it, but the majority opinion does rule.

Thank You **Livermore Area Recreation** and Park District

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District would like to thank the Tri-Valley community for their time and efforts in the public support of the 2006 Livermore Scottish Games and Celtic Celebration and the 2006 Livermore Old Fashioned 4th of July Celebration. The continued support in attendance and par-

ticipation is deeply appreciated. The third annual Livermore Scottish Games and Celtic Celebration, co-sponsored by LARPD and the Tri-Valley Scotian League, was a successful event. The event took place on May 20-21, 2006 at Robertson Park in Livermore. The many fun festivities included Jousting, the Living History, Clans, Vendors, Heavy Athletics, the new Children's Glen, and Scottish food and music. There was fun for the whole family. LARPD would like to thank the City of Livermore and Alameda County dignitaries for

those in the Tri-Valley area. Thank you for your continued support of the Livermore Scottish Games and the Livermore 4th of July Celebration. We look forward to seeing you in 2007.

Show a Success Gail H. Ruvalcaba **Chairman, Art Under the Oaks**

Thank you so very much for the extensive coverage you gave Art Under the Oaks in your paper. Any regular Independent reader could not have missed news about our show. We greatly

Speeding Traffic Leo M. Mara Livermore

appreciate your support.

At a Town Hall Meeting where Traffic Calming on Charlotte Way was the topic of discussion, I was shocked to hear account after account of the prevalent lawlessness on a typical Livermore street. The most appalling example was that of drivers speeding and ignoring the stop signs adjoining the rear entrance to Arroyo Seco Elementary School.

An impressive array of methods for coercing drivers into obeying the thirty miles per hour limit was presented, including enforcement. However, enforcement was immediately discounted because it was said to be too costly. What message do we send when we allow lawlessness? What message when we allow our children to be put at risk by outlaws and the indifferent?

Why are law abiding citizens saddled with the costs of law enforcement, especially in the arena of traffic offences, I asked? Why aren't these costs shouldered by the offenders? Fines for breaking the law should be high enough to pay for its enforcement. Those who break laws should pay all the costs involved in policing them.

We were informed that often money paid to the city for traffic fines is used to pay for expenses outside of law enforcement. I think this is improper use of such monies. It's no wonder 'enforcement is too costly'.

One last point: we need more of a feeling of community and a better understanding of each

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more "scenic" option of lovely, low-density housing (perhaps one house per acre), nice green parks and some pleasant boutique shopping - throw in some grapevines and some olive trees and then you would have a scenic corridor that is truly scenic, instead of the commerical sprawl corridor that now exists. Which is it, City of Livermore? Scenery or sales tax? Seems at every turn, the City of Livermore has chosen sales tax revenue over scenery along I-580. As many people we have asked say, "driving through Livermore on I-580 looks like one long truck stop" -Livermore is the city people drive past to get to places like Yosemite and Lake Tahoe, places of true scenic beauty.

It is our understanding that the policy of LAFCO is not to create vacant lots adjacent to already built-up areas within the Urban Growth Boundary, yet this is exactly what Livermore is attempting to do by its forced annexation of our land - to create permanent vacant lots full of dry, brown weeds, rodents, and litter from the surrounding commercial stores - scenic? We think not.

Sprinklers? James Art, P.E. Fire **Protection Engineer Livermore**

Will the reconstructed Kolln

Hardware building have fire sprinklers?

I know Livermore has an ordinance requiring fire sprinklers for most new buildings (including homes), and significant remodels. This has saved Livermore taxpayers more than three million dollars every year, just in reduced Fire Department staffing costs, in addition to the reduced fire damage and the lives saved.

But I wonder if this building project in Pleasanton will be sprinklered?

Kamena & Church Expansion **Albert Rothman** Livermore

What is there about becoming a mayor in Livermore? Cathie Brown, while a Council member and mayor, was an important part of the controlled growth movement in town. Then for some reason she made an about-face. She appointed Lorraine Dietrich to the Council, a fellow fast "growther," who almost invariably supports developers. Cathie lost the next election.

Is Marshall Kamena heading in the same direction? I see that he favors the expansion of Cedar Grove Church into the vineyardsprotected area. There are so many reasons to oppose this incursion, including the immense size of the proposed building, a parking lot for 500-plus cars, and the violation of the Urban Growth Boundary that he originally promoted. Of course, the church has a place, but not in the vineyards.

When Kamena ran for mayor, I supported him, including financially, but it seems to me that he has stepped over the line. I would have to be convinced next election.

Town Mayor **Peter Kotsinadelis** Pleasanton

Each week in your Mailbox there is always someone from the "I Love Jennifer Hosterman" committee who tries to justify what she is doing. Never has there been a more controversial figure in Pleasanton. In Response to the letter Critics of Hosterman, I find it interesting that the same person who condemns those who use name calling, smear tactics, etc. refers to those who talk do not agree with her view as Joe McCarthy types and goes on to infer that others are basically terrorists because they do not agree with Ms. Hosterman political views.

As a resident of Pleasanton, it is disappointing to see one of our locally elected officials ignore their role and use that position

as a means for personal political gain. Yes, I know Hosterman's fan club will surely disagree, as they all join in their weekly Kumbaya sing-along holding hands and envisioning a new world where everyone is happy and ready to join them. Come election time I will be looking to vote for a town mayor, not a political Ambassador.

Real Mayor **Doug Miller** Pleasanton

A letter from Marjorie Muentz (August 3, 2006) has accused me of writing a recent letter to the Independent critical of Mayor Hosterman. While I didn't write such a letter to this paper, I am happy to take the opportunity to do so.

Mayor Hosterman has used her office to establish her liberal credentials for higher office. In the past year she has staked out a classic Berkeley style anti-war position relative to Iraq (our troops are the problem) and encouraged Pleasanton residents to bring issues like global warming, nuclear weapons and "peace" before our city council for discussion and debate. She has traveled on city funds to promote her personal agenda without consulting with the council. At the

Vegas, she sponsored a resolution to prohibit oil drilling in Alaska which was defeated, and another which asks Russia and China to stop targeting our cities. To rationalize her trip to Las Vegas, she has bragged about stopping to chat with Norm Mineta to ask for more federal transportation funding. Mr. Mineta has since resigned and departed from the Bush administration, but undoubtedly Mr. Mineta remembered to tell his temporary replacement about this casual conversation.

US Conference of Mayors in Las

Mayor Hosterman likes to say that she supports our troops, just not what they do. More recently she said that she supports the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, just not what they do there. Both statements are intellectually dishonest. Ms. Muentz' letter falsely claimed that the mayor worked with Oracle and prevented any layoffs at the Pleasanton campus after Oracle acquired PeopleSoft. Some 656 former local employees in Pleasanton would disagree or maybe even call that statement a 'lie'. On March 25, 2005, the San Francisco Chronicle reported in detail about the layoffs in Pleasanton.

Pleasanton needs a real mayor, not someone who is using and abusing her position to run for Congress or for a position at the United Nations.

Correction George C. Wilson Livermore

In regards to your recent ar-

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ticle, Livermore Extends Medical Pot Dispensary Moratorium, it stated that I opposed extending the moratorium.

In fact, I urged the Livermore City Council to extend the moratorium to have the necessary time to work out all legal questions and other matters relating to this issue.

Livermore should limit the number of dispensaries to a maximum of five and probably require them all to operate within a central retail zone for easy policing purposes.

If the City Council did not extend the moratorium it would have opened Livermore up to a stampede of operators from all over and in unlimited numbers.

I would urge all concerned citizens of Livermore to attend the September 11th Livermore City Council meeting which is when they will be addressing certain factors of this issue again.

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attend Camp Arroyo: asthma, autism, Chron's & Colitis, developmental disabilities such as down syndrome, diabetes, bereavement, heart disease, hemophilia, HIV/AIDS, and skin disease.

Johnstone provided an example of some of the issues the kids face. "Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB), is a rare chronic autoimmune blistering disease of the skin and mucus membranes. The children are wrapped in bandages that must be changed every day. It is a three hour process that is so painful that the children are first heavily medicated," said Johnstone.

To handle medical issues, the camp has built a state-of-the-art infirmary.

What is important about the camp, said Johnstone, is not the focus on what problems a child may face, but the fun they can have despite the problems. "While at camp, they concentrate on what an awesome time they are having. It's a happy time when they come here. They check their illnesses at the door. They don't worry about what others think or what they look like. Some kids who come are in their final stages of life," she added.

and take the children for rides. The campers are also taken to Lake Del Valle where they can take advantage of any of the equipment available including fishing poles, kayaks and motorboats.

Johnstone said she has been told by parents their children come home empowered by what they are able to do at camp.

And the counselors themselves are impacted. "They (counselors) come having had no contact with people who have these illnesses. While at camp they have to feed, bathe, change diapers and carry children on their backs. They learn some good lessons in life. Most can't wait to come back to be one-onone with a child for a week who may not speak or use the restroom on his or her own,' Johnstone said. She said that the parents of ounselors have sent notes saying their children have been transformed by the lessons they learned.

Attendance at Camp Arroyo is free. The Taylor Family Foundation raises the money. The camp is run in partnership with the YMCA of the East Bay, which operates an environmental education program during the school year, typically for grades 4 to 6. The outdoor education is conducted on weekdays during the school year, leaving the week-ends open for the The Taylor Family Foundation.

money raised goes directly to the kids.

New construction continues at the camp. "We figure out what the kids need and build it," said Johnstone. Underway is a reflection garden for children who have been lost. The names of the children will be put on rocks. It will be a place for children to go for meditation or to just be alone.

A shade structure over a big picnic area is another construction project.

On the wish list for the future are lodging for parents and staff that would provide a little more privacy. Fencing is also needed. In the dining hall, Johnstone would like to locate a little computer and video area. "Many of the kids can't be outdoors all day.

In the past, the kids asked for an amphitheater and bocce ball. They have been built. The amphitheater is used for talent shows, showing movies, and to hold nightly campfires.

John and Virginia Madden along with Top Grade Construction, Central Concrete and Signature Properties built the bocce ball court. Johnstone quoted Madden as saying, "All I want is good access and shade.

"That's how things happen

McConnell. And, a signature Harley-Davidson motorcycle is always

a big hit, added Johnstone. Serving as masters of ceremony will be Narsai David, Cheryl Jennings and McConnell. Honorary chairpersons are Brandi Chastain, Steve and Gayle Mariucci, and Steve and Barb Young.

Seventy vendors will be on hand offering premium food and wines.

There is a large silent auction, as well. Raffle tickets can be purchased for a chance to win a \$40,000 Lexus IS350 donated by Lexus of Pleasanton. Only 2000 tickets will be sold.

Tickets are \$175 per person or \$2000 for a table. The Foundation is still looking for auction items and sponsors. For information contact Johnstone at kids@ttff.org.

At this rate...

Amy Saia, Community Relations, stated, "Coming to camp takes the focus off their illnesses.

There is an educational component to the camp. Humor is part of the process of learning. For example the Chron's & Colitis group refers to itself as the "gut busters."

Another educational element includes the medical community. The camp is a training group for medical staff from UCLA and other medical institutions around the country.

The environment is important as well. The camp was constructed using green building principles. No paper is used at the camp, with the exception of napkins. Everything is recyclable. Food waste is composted.

Each group organizes itself in contacting families with children who might want to attend a camp session. The camp provides a variety of programs. The groups select from among the programs offered at the camp such as swimming, horse back riding, and boating.

The camp brings in the kids during the summer for a week at a time. Over the year, weekends are open to camping. Next year, fifteen weekends are booked. "It is taxing for kids to take part in a whole week. Many have never been away from home. We generally start new groups with a weekend camping experience," explained Johnstone.

Programs popular with the campers include swimming. "I think some of them would spend all day every day in the pool," commented Johnstone.

There is a sports court and a ropes course that children enjoy as well. The ropes course, said Johnstone, is particularly popular. There are high and low challenge elements. "Every child has the opportunity to master the course. Some don't have fingers or toes, some are in power chairs. However, they can still use the rope course with assistance," she explained.

There is another program where a group of volunteers, affectionately called "The Giddyup Gals" bring horses to the camp

The land is owned by the East Bay Regional Park District.

The foundation was established by Elaine and Barry Taylor in 1991 to raise funds for the HIV/AIDS program at Children's Hospital Oakland. "They realized the kids loved to go to camp. The Taylors started supporting camps at other locations. That led to the idea of building their own camp. About eleven years ago they decided to build a camp. It took five years to complete," said Johnstone.

Funds needed to finance the camp are raised during Day in the Park, an auction fund-raiser. This year's 16th Annual Day in the Park will be held Sunday, August 27 at Camp Arroyo. The auction raises about \$1 million each year. Half of that goes straight to direct services for kids. The rest is used for construction and to provide some small grants to Children's Hospital Oakland and UCSF. Ninety percent of the

here. We don't pay top dollar. We figure out who in the community will be able to partner with us to make things happen."

About 250 volunteers help make the fund-raiser a success. Most come back every year. Johnstone said there is actually a waiting list to volunteer.

Auction packages are pretty amazing. Visitors can bid on an 80-foot yacht in the Sea of Cortez, an Elton John Oscar Party, there are tickets to see Barbra Streisand perform in Las Vegas, or to Cirque du Soleil's newest show Beatles LOVE, also in Las Vegas. These packages include a private jet flying winning bidders to and from the location.

A Jet Blue Airways flight will take another winning bidder to and from New York and front VIP tickets to a Rolling Stones concert and attendance at the Jersey Boys Broadway show.

Bids will be taken on a backroads trip with Doug McConnell to the Grand Canyon. The 9 winning couples will appear on KRON-TV's "Bay Area Backroads," hosted by

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SPORTS NOTES

SoccerTournament Action

Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club U15 White: In their first tournament of the season, the U15 Ballistic White team of the season, the U15 Ballistic White feam captured 4th place. The team played lean and mean with only 1-2 subs at any given time. In their first match on Saturday, Ballistic battled the newly organized Mustang Alli-ance team from Danville. Although they took several shots on goal, nothing found the net and they settled for a 0-0 tie. In the second game of the day, the Ballistic met up with the local team, the Central Valley Jaguars. The Jaguars took an early lead but Ballistic fought back with a nice goal by Gustavo Molina. Ballistic turned up the heat in the second half and Molina would net his second goal of the game bringing the team within 1. Ballistic kept hammering the goal with shots that either fell wide or high. In the end, they fell on the short side of a 3-2 loss.

In Sunday's action, Ballistic faced the In Sunday S action, Danistic racea inc Central Valley Storm and went up early in the game with a nice goal by Ryan Parsons. Several key midfielders helped moved the ball up setting up the goal — Cody Hoster, Nik Thompson, Chris Hewitt, David Meyer, and Krichna Pracea Defonse was kant tight and Krishna Prasad. Defense was kept tight with Brian Johnson in goal, Nick Anderson, Cory Beck, Cory Thomas, and Bryan Bui providing additional support. Edris Bemanian was a scoring threat through the entire game. The Ballistic let a goal in during the waning minutes of the game and settled for a 1-1 tie.

Moving into the consolation game, they faced the Santa Cruz Spartans. An early penalty led to a Santa Cruz goal and that would be all the scoring for the game. Ballistic had some opportunities but just could not convert.

Top Offensive Players: Corv Thomas. Ryan Parsons, Gustavo Molina, Edris Bemanian; Top Defensive Players: Cody Hoster, Brian Johnston, Chris Hewitt, David

Meyer. The Livermore Elite Explosion U12 **Division 1** Girls soccer team competed in the Tracy United Girls Invitational and finished in second place with a record of 2 wins, 1 tie and 1 loss.

El Dorado United Eclipse 3, Livermore Explosion 1. Livermore controlled their end of the field offensively in the first half with well-executed passing plays by Audrey Walke, Danielle Lacombe and Alex Boucher. After a scoreless first half, El Dorado got on the board with a break-away goal. Livermore shortly afterwards tied the game when Carli Floris drove the ball deep in the net for the score. Explosion fullbacks Gabi Macias and Rachel Tabarraci played good defense in the match.

Livermore Elite Explosion 3, SYSA Blue Lightning 1. In this match tables were turned as SYSA controlled offensively in the first half. Trailing 1-0 at the start of the second half, Livermore did not despair and put their hearts in it scoring 3 goals. Kaley Olsen crossed to Alex Boucher whose goal shot was deflected by the goalie and followed in by Cierra Comfort to tie the game. Livermore took the lead when Kylee Southwell rushed the net and scored from a corner kick. Southwell minutes later drove a nice ball right beyond the Lightning fullbacks and Carli Floris broke away & brought it all the way up and in the goal to seal the victory. Sierra Cassels and Gabi Macias' key defense along with keeper Holly Lamb held the Blue Lightning scoreless in the second half.

Livermore Explosion 2, Tracy United 2. It was a hard fought match versus the eventual tournament winners. Key play early in the game as Explosion keeper Holly Lamb jumped to deflect a high free kick out of the net. Tracy shortly after took advantage of a break-away and scored the first goal of the game. Liver more tied the game with a cross by Carli Floris that came off the keepers hands and followed in by Kylee Southwell for the goal. Cierra Comfort later fed the ball back to Alex Boucher who shot in for the go ahead goal. In the second half, Tracy came back to the deal goal. In the second half, Tracy came back to the deal goal. Livermore, the game ended in a tie. Stopper Jessica Floyd and mid fielders Kassidy Peters

and Karley Luce played well for Livermore. Livermore Explosion 2, Oakdale United Scorpions 0. In a must win to medal situation for the Explosion, the team showed their hearts once again. Livermore's first goal came when Kylee Southwell drove the ball just beyond and over the sweepers head allowing Cierra Comfort to break away and score. Southwell later delivered a perfect cross to Carli Floris who followed it into the net. The second half remained scoreless as Livermore's offensive and defensive pressure kept the lead in check. Jennie Harmison was on her defen-sive game in this victory. Saturday morning game against the East Diablo Fury. The Fury came back and tied the game 1-1 early in the second half before Olivia Mowry scored off of an assist from Audrey Christian. The Rampage defense led by Breanna Diaz, Kelsey Carzoli and Courtney Holsen held the Fury in check for the last 10 minutes of the game and a 2-1 Rampage win. In the Saturday afternoon game, the

Rampage took on an over matched Patterson Revolution team and led 4-0 at the half. Olivia Mowry had two goals on assists from Sissi Gonzalez and Katrina Kalantar while Audrey Christian added a third goal with an assist from Olivia Mowry and Jennifer Wakefield added a fourth of an assist from Sara Slabaugh. Jennifer Wakefield completed the natural hat-trick with two more goals in the second half and a 6-0 Rampage

victory. The Rampage took on the Lodi Navigators in a windy Sunday morning match to determine who would move on to the championship game. The Rampage had the wind at their backs in the first half and took advantage with an Audrey Christian goal off of a Jennifer Wakefield centering pass for a 1-0 lead. The Navigators took the wind in the second half and kept the pressure on the Rampage defense. But a Rampage 5 fullback line of Katie Dubowy, Kelsey Carzoli, Courtney Holsen. Breanna Diaz and Jennifer Wakefield bent but never broke in the last few minutes and the Rampage came out with a 1-0 win

The Sunday afternoon championship game pitted the Rampage against a tough Oakdale United Inferno team that had won the other group in the U14 girls division. Both teams were evenly matched and battled to a scoreless tie after 60 minutes of play resulting in a shoot-out for the championship. The teams remained even 2-2 after 5 penalty shots with Courtney Holsen and Sissi Gonzalez scoring for the Rampage. Both teams missed their sixth shot and the Inferno were stopped on their seventh shot by Rampage goalie Katelyn Krueger who stonewalled 5 of the 7 Inferno shots. Audrey Christian then stepped up for the Rampage and calmly put a shot past the Inferno goalie and a 3-2 penalty shot win and the tournament championship. **Dublin Fighters U12, Class 1:** In tour-

nament play over the weekend, the Dublin Fighters placed first in the GU12-Silver division of the San Ramon Valley Cup. They went undefeated in all 4 games, recording 3 shut-outs, and only allowing one goal. Scores: 4-0 v. San Ramon Express, 4-0 v. Castro Valley Ravens, 2-0 v. Walnut Creek Twisters, 3-1 (own goal) v. Benicia Arsenal.

Top Offensive Players: Amanda Garcia-6 Goals, Rebecca Beasley-5 Goals, Adriana Nugen-1 Goal, Megan Zummo-1 Goal. As-sists by Olivia Silva and Annie Jones. Dominating the mid-field with their passing and controlling the pace of the game were: Mikhaila Constable, Nikki Moheibi, Adrianna Nugen, Allison Mitchell, Hailey Zumo and Joanna Giron. Top Defensive Players: Shutting down the opposing strikers were Heather Seeley-Goalie, Veronica Highsmith, Allison Mitchell, Hailey Zummo, Ioanna Giron, and Annie Iones

The Mustang Strikers U-16 boys took lst place for the second straight year in the Juventus-Tournament of Champions soccer tournament this weekend August 5-6.

tournament this weekend August 5-6. In Pool Play, Mustang defeated the home team Juventus United 5-1. Nadav Kariv had a hat trick for Mustang along with an assist. Dillon Mullaney and Chris Bernardi also added goals. Assisting on goals were Ashwin Subramanian, Alex Alvarez and Shaun Daut. In Game two versus Bay Oaks, Mustang came waay with 3.0 victory. Michael Ingridien away with 3-0 victory. Michael Janggian started off the scoring for Mustang. George Mayer and Gerardo Garcia each added header goals to shut out the Bay Oaks team., Assisting the goals were Mike Janjigian, Chris Bernardi and Naday Kariy. In Came 3 Chris Bernardi, and Nadav Kariv. In Game 3 of pool play Mustang came away with a tie against the San Juan Lightning—2-2. Gerardo Garcia scored unassisted and Jessie Rosdahl scored for Mustang assisted by Nadav Kariv.

In the Championship match, Mustang came away with a 3-0 victory over Central Marin FC 91. Gerardo Garcia started off the scoring assisted by Jessie Rosdahl. Chris Bernardi added goal #2 assisted by Nadav Kariv and Gerardo Garcia put the game away with goal #3 unassisted. Ryan Rivera re-corded all the victories in the nets for Mustang making several key saves. He was supported with awesome defensively play by Michael Jangigian, Renee Hernandez. John Wainscott. Shaun Daut and Ashwin Subramanian. George Mayer, Alex Alvarez and Victor Salinas controlled the midfield play for Mustang providing continued pressure and scoring White 0; Pleasanton 6, SCC Breaksters 91 White 0.

The Pleasanton Rage U-16 Premier Team finished second in the San Diego Surf Cup soccer tournament. This is a premier tournament, nationally and internationally recognized, designed to promote the highest level of competition available in youth soccer. The Rage lost 1-0 in the finals to the So Cal Slammers in a fast physical match up. The Rage advanced to the finals by

winning their pool that contained teams from Hawaii, Southern California and Colorado. Rage beat the team from Hawaii 2-1 with both goals scored by Ashley Loughmiller. One goal was unassisted while Asha Smith assisted the other. Rage also beat the West Coast FC 1-0 by a free kick that Amanda Luxford put in the net from 30 yards out. The Rage finished pool playing to a 1-1 tie with Real Colorado. Olivia Klie scored the lone

Rage goal. The quarterfinals matched the Rage with the Georgia State Champions from Atlanta. The final score was 3-0 with goals scored by Klie, Carlee Payne, and Megan Jurado. In the semi final game against San Diego Surf, the Rage played to a 0-0 tie in regulation then played two ten-minute quarters with no score. The game was decided by penalty kicks. Goalkeeper Maddie Fox saved one attempt and Sophie Metz made her penalty kick for the win

Babe Ruth All Stars

Tri-Valley Babe Ruth 15 year old all-star run ended last week, with a third place finish After going into the losers bracket, TVBR beat Rohnert Park 8-0. Brian Kruger went 6 innings to get the win. Drew Helenihi had the hot bat hitting 2 doubles, a triple, and scoring 3 runs, Matt Meyer had 2 hits. Next up Vallejo, TVBR pulled away early, knocking out Vallejo, 9-4. Justin King pitched the first 4 giving up just one run, Scott David came in to close after Vallejo scored 3 runs in the 5th. Grant Saunders, Kyle Gallegos, and Drew Helenihi each had two hits.

Playing in their 5th day in a row in the 100+ degree heat finally got to TVBR, losing to Mountain View 7-0, the score was 3-0 until MV broke the game open in the bottom of the 6th. TVBR finished 4-2 to place 3rd.

Granada Gold

The Granada Gold Junior 80's Elite team went 4-2, winning three on their games in their last at bat, to take third place in the end of season Granada Gold Tournament. The Gold Junior 80's posted a record of 29-13 for the entire season

In the opening game of the tournament, Granada beat SRV, 10-5. Granada grabbed the lead by scoring two runs in the bottom of the first when Kyle Van Schaack singled and Brett Wagner walked. Then Kevin Stein picked up an RBI single to score Van Schaack, and Eddie Horn reached on an error, scoring Wagner. Granada batted around in the bottom of the fifth, scoring four runs to go ahead, 6-3. Granada took advantage of four hit batters and three walks, as Adam Dickinson and Ryan Rogers delivered key singles to keep the inning alive. Granada scored four more runs in the sixth to put the game out of reach, as Max Kurth, Dickinson, Stein and Horn all picked up RBI hits. Stein got the win, going six innings, while Rett Cortez closed things out for the save. Dickinson and Stein picked up true bits each and Lam Stein picked up two hits each, and Horn doubled for Granada.

In the second game, Rett Cortez doubled in Kevin Stein with the winning run in the top of the eighth, as Granada edged the Colt 45's, 5-4. Granada took a 4-0 lead in the fourth when Brandon Fread reached on an error, stole second and then scored when Van Schaack delivered his second straight RBI single. The Colts came back to tie the game. That set up the eighth inning heroics, when Stein reached on an error, stole second and then scored the winning run on Cortez' blast over the right fielder's head. The Colts had a chance to tie the game in the bottom of the eight, but Wagner ran down a deep shot to center for the first out, and Cortez stuck out the last two batters to get the win. Van Schaack pitched six strong innings before leaving with the game tied in the sixth, and also picked up two hits. Kurth went 3 for 5 on the night.

In the third game, Mission San Jose took a quick 4-0 lead in the first inning and then held on to edge Granada 5-4. Max Kurth led off the first with a single, stole second and then scored on a single by Brett Wagner. Kurth singled again in the third, stole second er RRI single Then Kevin Stein drove in Wagner with a single to left center, making the game, 5-3. Eddie Horn then delivered a two out single to score Matt Epps and close the gap to 5-4. Epps went 4 1/3 innings for Granada. Wagner pitched 2 2/3 innings of hitless relief, and also went 3-5 at the plate. Kurth, Stein and Epps all picked up two hits for Granada. For the second time in the tournament, Rett Cortez delivered a two out hit in Granada's last at bat to beat the Colt 45's in game 4. Kyle Van Schaack pitched six innings of scoreless relief, scattering just five hits, as Max Kurth, Kevin Stein, Brandon Fread and Cortez all had multi-hit games for Granada. Fread scored the tying run when he raced home on a wild pitch, narrowly beating the throw at the plate. Then Kurth singled, as Martin advanced to third. Cortez delivered his clutch two out hit to score Martin with the winning run.

the tving run on third base. Kurth made a diving snag of a hard grounder to third, throwing the runner out at first by a step to seal the win.

Livermore American All Stars

The Livermore American Little League 11 y/o All Star team completed a superb post-season run. The team played 20 games in 30

days, putting together a record of 14-5-1. The team placed third overall in the District 57 tournament. The Granada tournament was next. The boys made it to the championship game, but their bats went cold and they could only secure a second place finish. The team next entered the 3rd annual Brett Slinger invitational tournament in Danville. The all stars accrued the highest point total (78 out of a possible 80) through the weekend in 115 degree heat. They lost in the championship game in a 9-inning mara-thon. Finally, the LALL all stars achieved another second place finish in the Tassajara "Turf and Dirt" tournament the last weekend of July. Congratulations on an extremely successful season

The 2006 LALL 11y/o all stars: Brenton Arndt, Anthony Dubberly, Ryan Faulk, Nick Gaul, Brandon Hunt, Will Jaureguito, Devin McMahon, Zach Moore, Matt Puls, Jack Sawyer, Joel Schmierer, T.J. Sims, Jhett Sposetto, and Chris Wilson. John Jaureguito served as manager, with Bryan Arndt and Jim Sposetto as coaches.

Pleasanton Seahawks

Most of the Pleasanton Seahawks swim-mers finished out their season at Far Westerns held in Concord last weekend. Brandon Fischer represented the Seahawks well, taking home high-point honors for his age group. Brandon's 100 and 200 Breast swims qualified him for Nationals this week, where he and Jen Narum swam in the company of Natalie Coughlin, Michael Phelps, Brendan Hansen, and Aaron Piersol.

At Far Westerns, Brandon swam to 2nd in both events, as well as the 400 IM (WZCT) and 200 IM (WZCT). He also took 1st in the 1500 Free. Melissa Bonnel swam to a new AA time in the 400 Free. Catherine Breed turned in a best time in the 800 Free with a new Far Westerns time. Pat Darrow clocked a best and new AA time in the 400 Free. Kayleigh Foley took 1st in the 50 Free (WZCT) and 2nd in the 100 Free (WZCT). Chris Guido recorded new best times in the 200 Free, 200 Fly, 400 and 800 Free. Tory Houston swam new best times in the 400 IM 100 Breast, and 400 Free (new Far Westerns time)

Rachel Knowles clocked new best times in the 50 and 100 Fly. Josh Meints turned in new best in the 200 IM, 50 Free, and 1500 Free. Jen Narum took 1st in the 1500 Free and 2nd in the 400 IM. Neda Nguyen streaked to new best times in the 100 and 200 Breast, and 400 Free. Logan Rivenes earned a new best and A time in the 400 Free. Andrew Seitz swam a new best time in the 50 Free. Nick Silverthorn knew the number 3, as he swam to 3rd in the 100 Fre, 200 Free, 100 Back, and 50 Free.

Galen Sollom-Brotherton took 2nd in the 1500 Free and 3rd (and new best time) in the 800 Free. Ryan Walker swam a new best and A time in the 800 Free. Caleb Wang clocked new best times in the 100 Breast and 50 Free. Karen Wang took 4th in the 200 Back and 100 Back (new best time). She also turned new best times in the 200 IM, 500 Free, and 800 Free. Natalie Wong swam new best times in the 200 and 800 Free. Jacob Wooldridge placed in all of his events, taking 4th in the 400 Free and 100 Fly (new best times), 5th in the 50 Fly, 200 IM, 200 Free, and 50 Free, and 6th in the 100 Free and 50 Breast. Jeffry Yen swam a new best time in the 400 Free.

ClubSport Defends Title

The Tri-Valley Swim League held its 2006 Swim Championships at the Robert Livermore Pool on Saturday Aug. 5th. At the end of the day, Club Sport Pleasanton, defended its 2005 Championship with a

convincing win. A total of 10 League records fell, with Club Sport claiming six of the new records. Individual records were broken by Marissa Bergh of Briarhill, - Girls 11-12 50 free with a time of 27.38 , Iris Chang of DBAC - Girls 11-12 50 fly with a time of 30.13, Ben Wooldridge of Club Sport Pleasanton - Boys 6&U 25 fly with a time of 17.73, Kyle Kozloski of Club Sport Pleasanton - Men's 15-18 50 Fly with a time of 25.29, and Daniel

BH, 18.66. 25 Yard Breaststroke: Lukas Haley, BH, 18, 34, 25 Yard Butterfly: Horrillo Kristin, BH, 16.19. 100 Yard IM: Jensen, Kirsten, RHST-CC, 1:23.34. 200 Yard Freestyle Relay: Briarhill Swim Team 'A' (Lukas, Haley 10, Horrillo, Kristin 10, Bergh, Hannah 10, Achziger, Brittney 9), 2:14.49. 100 Yard Medley Relay: Ruby Hill Swim Team-CC 'A' (House, Sydney 10,

Swini Team-CC A (riouse, Synney 10, Mooney, McKalee 10, Jensen, Kirsten 10, Seams, Courtney 9), 1:11.24. Girls 11-12 50 Yard Free: Bergh, Marissa, BH, 27.38, 50 Yard Backstroke: Bergh, Marissa, BH, 33.25. 50 Yard Breaststroke: Bergh, Marissa, BH, 33.25. 50 Yard Breaststroke: Chang, Iris, DBAC-CC, 36.46. 50 Yard Butterfly: Chang, Iris, DBAC-CC, 30.13#. 100 Yard IM: Chang, Iris, DBAC-CC, 1:10.23. 200 Yard Freestyle Relay: Club Sport Pleasanton-CC 'A' (Tang, Natalie 11, Martin Berradine 11, Owagn, Ellen 11, Martin, Bernadine 11, Ouyang, Ellen 11 Taylor, Jackie 11), 2:03.48. 200 Yard Med ley Relay: Club Sport Pleasanton-CC 'A' (Tang, Natalie 11, Martin, Bernadine 11,

Girls 13-14 50 Yard Free: Schmitz, Hannah, CSP-CC, 26.93. 50 Yard Back: Alvari, Danielle, CSP-CC, 32.07. 50 Yard Breaststroke: Alvari, Danielle, CSP-CC, 36.06. 50 Yard Butterfly: Schmitz, Hannah, CSP-CC, 30.18. 100 Yard IM: Alvari, Danielle, CSP-CC, 1:10.59. 200 Yard Freestyle Relay: Club Sport Pleasanton-CC 'A' (Hernbroth, Alison 13, Martin, Theresa 14. Miller, Rachel 13, Schmitz, Hannah 13) 1:52.66.200 Yard Medley Relay: Club Sport Pleasanton-CC 'A' (Alvari, Danielle 14, Hernbroth, Alison 13, Schmitz, Hannah 13,

Miller, Rachel 13), 2:07.73. Women 15-18 50 Yard Free: Csongor, Stephanie, DBAC-CC, 27.27.50 Yard Back: Venema, Amanda, CSP-CC, 30.90.50 Yard Breaststroke: Cech, Cindy, CSP-CC, 34.16. 50 Yard Butterfly: Peterson, Taylor, DP-CC, 29.24. 100 Yard IM: Cech, Cindy, CSP-CC, 1:07.35. 200 Yard Freestyle Relay: Ruby Hill Swim Team-CC 'A' (Allen, Marina 16, Schoch, Sara 15, Wu, Ali 15, Bloom, Audra 17), 1:49.85. 200 Yard Medley Relay: Club Sport Pleasanton-CC 'A' (Venema, Amanda

16, Cech, Cindy 16, Bianchi, Jaclyn 16, Gilliam, Kelsey 15), 2:04.20. Boys 6 & Under 25 Yard Free: Wooldridge, Ben, CSP-CC, 16.68, 25 Yard Back: Tucker, Diversion of the second seco Ben, CSP-CC, 16.08.25 Yard Back: 1ucker, Blake, PMST-US, 24.27.25 Yard Breast-stroke: Wooldridge, Ben, CSP-CC, 22.91. 25 Yard Butterfly: Wooldridge, Ben, CSP-CC, 17.73#. 100 Yard Freestyle Relay: Piranhas-CC 'A' (Heidari, Paarsa 6, Relic, Lucas 6, Gupta, Aditya 6, Huang, Timothy 6), 1:37.14. 100 Yard Medley Relay: Club Sport Pleasanton-CC 'A' (Reznick, Cole 5,

Jhong, Christopher 6, Wooldridge, Ben 6, Skinner, Nick 5), 1:42.54#. Boys 7-8 25 Yard Free: Geasa, Jack, PMST-US, 16.56. 25 Yard Back: Pedersen, Jax. DBAC-CC, 20.56, 25 Yard Breast stroke: Sabatini, Tommy, DP-CC, 21.77. 25 Yard Butterfly: Pedersen, Jax, DBAC-CC, 18.19. 100 Yard Freestyle Relay:, Pleasanton Meadows-US 'A' (Geasa, Jack 8, Bosse, Thomas 7, Rhoads, Tyler 7, Tucker, Nicholas 8), 1:12.93, 100 Yard Medley Relay: Club Sport Pleasanton-CC 'A' (Martin, Michael 7, Jhong, Anthony 8, Clark, Nicho-las 7, Lee, Justin 8), 1:25.14.

Boys 9-10 50 Yard Free: Kurotori, Cameron, DP-CC, 33.33. 25 Yard Back: Fernainy, Christopher, DUB-CC, 19.44. 25 Yard Breaststroke: Huang, Daniel, DBAC-CC, 19.89. 25 Yard Butterfly: Toney, Jorell, DUB-CC, 15.86. 100 Yard IM: Huang, Daniel, DBAC-CC, 1:24.00. 200 Yard Freestyle Relay: Ruby Hill Swim Team-CC 'A' (Sornsen, Sam 10, Bergmann, Tyler 10, Hewitt, Myles 9, McLaughlin, Kevin 10), 2:21.36. 100 Yard Medley Relay: Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Goard, Andrew 10, Veit, Connor 10, Crispell, Kevin 10, Kurotori, Cameron 10), 1:14.02. Boys 11-12 50 Yard Free: Hildebrand, Eric, CSP-CC, 27.72, 50 Yard Back: Hank,

David, RHST-CC, 35.59. 50 Yard Breaststroke:Nespor, Christopher, DP-CC, 36.53. 50 Yard Butterfly: Udinski, Michael, FAST-PC, 33.91. 100 Yard IM: Hildebrand, Eric, CSP-CC, 1:11.95. 200 Yard Freestyle Relay:, Ruby Hill Swim Team-CC 'A (Psinakis, Alec 12, Hank, David 12, Sornsen, Ben 12, Johnston, Nick 11), 2:07.37. 200 Yard Medley Relay: Club Sport Pleasanton-CC 'A' (Reyes, Nathan 12, Romine, Kevin 12, Cretney, Nolan 11, Hildebrand, Eric 12), 2:23.02.

2:23.02. Boys 13-14 50 Yard Free: Bahls, Jake, DP-CC, 24.44. 50 Yard Back: Gates, Eric, DP-CC, 31.28. 50 Yard Breaststroke:, Wilkinson, Kagan, DUB-CC, 33.65. 50 Yard Butterfly: Reed, Brent, BH, 27.06. 100 Yard IM:, Bahls, Jake, DP-CC, 1:03.48. 200 Yard Freestyle Relay: Del Prado Stingrays1 and fighting through the loser's bracket to

Jalen Hallman, Hayward, was named the MVP of the World Series as he collected four wins on the mound. In the championship game against the Longview Texans he pitched five shutout innings, while throwing a stingy 38 pitches. He also went 11 for 25 at the plate with a home run and 17 RBIs. Blade Kurilick, Concord, was named top offensive player, going 15 for 24 with two home runs and

countless drives to all parts of the field. Five players were named to the All-Tournament Team, including Richie Rodriguez, Antioch (8 for 17); JD Loughran, San Leandro (10 for 22 with four doubles); Brian Beaman, Danville, clutch hitting and pitching; Jake Cardoza, Livermore (devastat-ing fastball/slider); and Joe Mello, Dublin (10 for 23 with sparkling defense and a home in the final game).

The 13U team, now 14U, automatically earns a bid into the Elite 24 in 2007, the top tournament in the country.

Pleasanton Phantom

Pleasanton Phantom Girls Softball Rose 12U C team came in 2nd place finishing 4-1 over the weekend in the 2006 Up in Smoke 12U "C" Softball tournament in Livermore. It was Phantom Roses' best finish of the season that saw them participate in 9 tourna-

ments and play 36 games. In the opening round of pool play, Phantom Rose defeated Quicksilver Black 9 - 4 coming from behind as they trailed 4 - 0. Jessica McKeehan, Courtney Dodge and Aria Crawford all had 2 hits with Crawford chipping in with 3 rbi's. Kelly Taylor hit a double to spark the game winning rally. Lyndsay Godwin picked up the win pitching. Phantom Rose then beat North County

Raptors 17 - 6 which included a season high 14 run first inning. Lauren Bennett had 3 hits and Phantom Rose got 2 more from McKeehan McKeehan also drove in 4 runs. Ellen Freitas, Hayley Bradley and Godwin all reached base 3 times each. Aria Crawford picked up the win pitching. Phantom Rose then followed with a 16

-4 win over the Lamorinda Menace in the last game of pool play. Kara Schott led the way with 3 hits and 3 runs. McKeehan and Crawford added 3 hits each with Crawford driving in 3 more. The Phantom Rose was also supported with 2 hits apiece from Kiera Melton, Dodge and Godwin. Dodge picked up the win pitching.

In the semi finals, Phantom Rose de-feated the Pajaro Valley Tremblers 9 - 1 Godwin. Dodge rapped out 4 more hits and Freitas, Taylor, Bradley, Melton, McKeehan and Godwin all had 2 hits apiece to spark the offense

In the Final, Quicksilver Black avenged the earlier defeat and beat Phantom Rose 9 -0 behind a 7 hit, 8 strikeout performance from Gianna Cavallaro. The championship game was highlighted with several outstanding defensive plays from both teams and included plays turned in by Phantom Rose players Schott, Crawford, Taylor, McKeehan, Melton and Freitas. For the tournament, Phantom Rose hit .543 as a team with all players batting above .375. Brooke Quesinberry and Brienna Brown were other Phantom Rose players who contributed to the team's success during the tournament season but were not able to play in this Livermore tournament.

Briarhill vs. FAST

Briarhill Barracudas swim team had a great win with a total of 647 points to 320 for the Foothill Area Swim Team (FAST) Dolphins 320.

First place finishers: Girls 6-under: 25 free: Bella Mairs, BH; 25 back: Bailey Faggiano, FAST; 25 breast-stroke: Claire Larsen, FAST; 25 butterfly: Laura Belichak, FAST; Girls 7-8: 25 free: Paige Heacox, FAST; 25 back: Caroline McMorrow, FAST; 25 breaststroke: Fiona Somerville, BH; 25 butterfly: Caroline McMorrow McMorrow

Girls 9-10 50 free: Haley Lukas, BH; 25 back: Kristin Horrillo, BH; 25 breaststroke: Haley Lukas, BH; 25 butterfly: Kristin Horrillo, BH; 100 IM: Brittney_Achziger, BH; Girls 11-12: 50 free: Marissa Bergh, BH; 50 back: Marissa Bergh, BH; 50 breaststroke; Rebecca Viazzo, BH; 50 butterfly: Karoline Van der Zee, FAST; 100 IM Marissa Bergh BH.

Girls 13-14 50 free: Monica Barbadillo BH; 50 back: Ann Kenney, BH; 50 breast-stroke: Shannon Corrigan, BH; 50 butterfly: Kendra Hartsuyker, FÅST; 100 IM: Kendra Hartsuvker FÅST Women 15-18–50 free Haley Burgardt, BH; 50 back: Haley Burgardt BH; 50 breaststroke: Jennah Vidovich, BH: 50 butterfly: Whitney McMurdie, BH; 100 b) butterfly: Whitney McMurdie, BH; 100
IM; Haley Burgardt, BH.
Boys 6-under: 25 free: Joey Grywczynski, BH; 25
back: Joey Grywczynski, BH; 25
breaststroke: Andrew Voit, BH; 25 butterfly:
Andrew Voit, BH; Boys 7-8: 25 free: Mathew Grywczynski, BH; 25 back: Joey Grywczynski, BH; 25 breaststroke: Alexei Pacholuk, BH; 25 butterfly: Matthew Grywczynski, BH; 25 butterfly: Bobby Guerra, BH; 25 back: Jeffrey Liebman, FAST; 25 breaststroke: Jeffrey Liebman, FAST; 25 butterfly:
Boby Guerra, BH; 100 IM: Bobby Guerra, BH; 50 by Guerra, BH; 50 breaststroke: Giordi Vsoske, BH; 50 breaststroke: Kevin Standart, BH; 50 butterfly: Michael Udinski, FAST; 100 IM: Michael Udi Hy: Michael Udinski, FAS1; 1001M: Michael Udinski, FAST. Boys 13-14: 50 free: Brent Reed, BH; 50 back: Joey Ugarte, BH; 50 breaststroke: Nicholas Kouri, BH; 50 butterfly: Brent Reed, BH, 1001M; Brent Reed, BH; Men 15-19: 50 free: Travic Scationchary, BH; 50 back. 18: 50 free: Travis Scrimshaw, BH; 50 back: Travis Scrimshaw, BH; 50 breaststroke:

The Pleasanton BUSC U17 Black set the bar high for this season with a terrific showing in the Livermore Summer classic. coming in second place. In game one, Balliscoming in second place. In game one, bains-tic came out jumping with lots of pressure on the Livermore FC net. A spectacular sequence early on a set piece had Kieren McEntee just miss finishing a highlight play. Aaron Scott drove the right side and sent one across the box that Trevor Dawson ran down and put healt toured the net Krier Taruph flicked the back towards the net. Kris Tayyeb flicked the cross past the startled keeper for the 1-0 lead. GK Nate Weber had to make a big save soon after to keep the score 1-0. Shortly after halftime, a red card had BUSC playing down for most of the second half. Despite being down a man, Ballistic was able to keep pressure on and rene lany attacks and hald on pressure on and repel any attacks and held on for the win. Leading the charge in the backfield were Willie Berger, Tim Gaisor,

Jay Guilmart, and Bryant Dante. Game two was against the Patterson Palmeiras, and the Black did everything but break the game open. There were plenty of chances, but not until Eric Lobao slotted a pass to Scott, who converted, could BUSC take the lead. In the second half, a defensive lapse allowed a ball to drop between 3 defenders and Patterson converted for the eventual 1-1 tie.

Game three was all Ballistic as they jumped out to a 3-0 lead against Soquel in the first half. Dante sent a floater into the offensive third that Kamron Behzadi ran down and converted for goal number one. Matt Carlucci turned the corner shortly thereafter and drew the defense towards him, then laying a cross at the feet of Behzadi, who converted again. Carlucci was rewarded for his helper by later stealing an attempted clear, setting up with a fake, and knocking one inside the right post. Soquel was able to get one for the 3-1 final. Kurt Lenamon, who had a monster day in both games, led the defen-

sive charge. The Black advanced to the championship game against Dublin, and it was a barn-burner. Dublin had a PK in the 7th minute but it hit the crossbar. Both teams were playing hard, and Ballistic had several chances set up by Dawson, Scott, and Guilmart, but the half ended at 0-0. In the second half, Dublin was To their credit, Ballistic did not, Dublin was able to score on a set piece to take the 1-0 lead. To their credit, Ballistic did not fold, but ratcheted up their plan. The Dublin GK had to make several outstanding saves on Gaisor, Carlucci, and the rest of the swarming Black including a late chance on a corner kick, and the game ended 1-0. The Livermore Rampage played in

their first tournament of the season and won the U14 girls division 3 championship in exciting fashion at the Tracy United Girls Invitational tournament. Jennifer Wakefield opened the scoring for the Rampage when she took a pass from Olivia Mowry and pushed it past the goalie just before halftime of their

opportunities for the offense of Chris Bernardi Nadav Kariv, Dillon Mullaney and Gerardo Garcia

The Pleasanton Rage U14 AC1 team kicked off the new season at the San Ramon Valley Cup Tournament. In first game action vs. the Stockton Stars, the Rage dominated the first half play and took a 1-0 lead on long and looping direct kick goal by Ari Gordon. Celia Ochoa made a steller defensive stop on a certain goal just before halftime to preserve the lead. Caylee Heller's gritty defense along with strong net play from Heidi Johns held off the Stockton offense but the Stars were able to get 2 second half goals to win 2-1.

In second game action, the host San Ramon Azzurre showed off their speed and all around team play that proved to be too much for the Rage with Azzurre winning 4-0. The Rage then battled the San Ramon Storm and unveiled a high pressure offensive attack that had the hustling Blair Stiers showing off some great passes and and setting up her teammates for numerous shots. Though the Rage looked good, in the end the Storm reigned 2-0.

Top Offensive Players: Ari Gordon, Blair Stiers, Top Defensive Players: Heidi Johns, Caylee Heller, Celia Ochoa. Ballistic Black U12's first tournament as a team yielded a 3rd Place win in the Desificat United Cost Cur Tourscence tour

Pacifica United Coast Cup Tournament over the weekend with 3 shut outs and 12 total points scored. A winning game over Mustang Revolution (4-0), Cade Debenedetti made 2 goals, Christian Stills 1 goal, and Tucker Reiland 1 goal, setting the Ballistic Black off on a great foot for the remainder of the tournament.

Winning the 2nd game against ARYSL Fair Oaks Quakes (6-0), Ballistic Black scores included Danielle Bennett with 4 goals, Isaac Flazbaum and Christian Stills both 1 goal each.

Game 3 was played with a great deal of passion and ended in a loss for the Ballistic Black team. This loss prepared our U12 team for the moves necessary to win the consola-tion game against Castro Valley United with a score of 2-0. Cade Debenedetti and Shavan Koeksal each scored 1 goal bringing the

weekend to a spectacular end. Exceptional plays were made by Ballistic Black defenders Christopher Thomas, Kevin Costello, Avi Hanel, and Connor McCarthy. Midfielders that brought the opposition to their knees were Jacob Shafi, Dominic Giordano, and Nick Lombardi. And, without hesitation, Josh Pease protected our goal with unwavering enthusiasm and coura

Pleasanton BUSC Class 1 U15 captured the championship of the SCC Breakers Cup in Santa Cruz over the weekend.

Pleasanton defeated the SCC Breakers 91 Blue team 3 to 1 in a hard fought final. The goal was the only one given up by a stingy Pleasanton defense and goalkeeper. Other scores: Pleasanton 4, Walnut Creek Azzurri 0; Pleasanton 0, Santa Clara Sporting 91

Pleasanton American scored six runs in the top of the first and knocked Granada out of the championship game by a score of 6-1. Adam Dickinson went 2 for 3 and Wagner doubled for Granada. Ryan Rogers' single in the sixth inning led to Granada's only run of the game, as Wagner's double scored pinch runner Rett Cortez. The loss sent Granada to the consolation round, where they were matched up with Mission San Jose.

In another come from behind victory in their last at bat, Granada beat Mission San Jose 2-1 to take the third place trophy. Kevin Stein pitched four innings of one run ball. Rett Cortez held Mission San Jose scoreless for 2 1/3 innings. Granada was down 1-0 as they headed into the last inning. Ryan Rogers opened with a walk, and Brett Wagner came in to pinch run, promptly stealing second. Dickinson's second hit of the game moved Wagner to third, where he scored on a wild pitch and a close play at the plate. Max Kurth walked, which set up the big blast from Stein, scoring Dickinson with the go ahead run. I the bottom of the seventh, with two men on, and only one out, Kyle Van Schaack came in to close things out. Van Schaack got a strikeout for the second out of the inning. Then, with

Romine of Club Sport Pleasanton - Men's 15-18 50 Back with a time of 26.76. Five relay records were also broken.

relay records were also broken. The Girls 7-8 100 Free Relay in 1:06.87 by Club Sport Pleasanton's Kelsey Ouyang, Lexi Venema, Jacqueline Wood, and Danielle Taylor), Boys 6&U 100 Medley Relay in 1:42.54 by Club Sport Pleasanton's Cole Reznick, Christopher Jhong, Ben Wooldridge, and Nick Skinner), the Boys 13-14 200 Free Relay in 1:43.58 by Del Prado Stingrays, Jack Payan, Eric Gates, Stephen Mallory, and Jake Bahls, the Mens 15-18 200 Medley Relay in 1.49.05 Club Sport Pleasanton's Daniel Romine, Kyle Schempp, Joe Luke, and Kevin Ambrose, and the Mens 15-18200 Free Relay in 1:34.42 by Del Prado Stingrays, Jason Plummer, Alex Beatty, Jeff Compton, and Michael Pestana.

Along with all the league records that were broken, many team records also fell.

Were broken, many team records also ren. Event Winners-Girls Girls 6 & Under 25 Yard Free: Jensen, Jessica, RHST-CC, 22.22. 25 Yard Back: Jensen, Jessica, RHST-CC, 26.72. 25 Yard Breaststroke: Taylor, Maddie, CSP-CC, 31.64. 25 Yard Butterfly: Wood, Julia, CSP-31.64. 25 Yard Butterfly: Wood, Julia, CSP-CC, 25.66. 100 Yard Freestyle Relay: Ruby Hill Swim Team-CC 'A' (Sowers, Taylor 5, Coching, Lauren 6, Bergmann, Alyssa 6, Jensen, Jessica 5), 1:37.38. 100 Yard Medley Relay: Piranhas-CC 'A' (Kilkenny, Madison 6, Goodman, Audrey 6, Uhl, Halle 6, Takahashi, Sarah 6), 1:54.59. Girls 7-825 Yard Free: Taylor, Danielle, CSP, CC 15 70, 25 Yard Free: Taylor, Danielle,

CSP-CC, 15.79.25 Yard Back: Doi, Megan, DP-CC, 20.16.25 Yard Breaststroke: Chung, Eva, DBAC-CC, 22.90. 25 Yard Butterfly: Taylor, Danielle, CSP-CC, 17.06. 100 Yard Freestyle Relay: Club Sport Pleasanton-CC
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BH, 31.13. 25 Yard Back: Horrillo, Kristin,



Cody 14), 2:03.57. Men 15-18 50 Yard Free: Kozloski, Kyle, CSP-CC, 22.95. 50 Yard Back: Romine, Daniel, CSP-CC, 26.76#. 50 Yard Breaststroke: Hung, Cordon, DUB-CC, 31.09. 50 Yard Butterfly: Kozloski, Kyle, CSP-CC, 25.29#. 100 Yard IM: Kozloski, Kyle, CSP-CC, 57.76. 200 Yard Freestyle Relay: Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Plummer, Jason 18, Beatty, Alex 16, Compton, Jeffrey 17, Pestana, Michael 18), 1:34.42#. 200 Yard Medley Relay: Club Sport Pleasanton-CC 'A' (Romine, Daniel 17, Schempp, Kyle 16, Luke, Joe 17, Ambrose, Kevin 17), 1:49.05#.

World Series

The Headfirst Baseball Gamers 13U team traveled to Dallas, Texas, and won the USSA Majors Western World Series. The Gamers beat teams from other states, including Ar-kansas, New Mexico and Texas, going 8 and







Spencer White, BH; 50 butterfly: Travis Scrimshaw, BH; 100 IM: Michael Hart-shorn, BH.

Fast Moving Tsunami

A small group of Tsunami Aquatics USA Swimming team members had some very impressive results at the Blue Dolphin Swimming Mid Summer Splash meet, held Au-gust 6, at the Robert Livermore Community Center pool. This one day, pre-seeded meet brought out swimmers from 16 teams where Tsunami swimmers swam away with many of the top awards.

Alexander Gonzalez, 8 and under, took first place and a new A time in the 100 yard IM, first in the 25 yard Butterfly and first with a new A time in the 25 yard Backstroke. Gonzalez also swam to a 3rd place in the 25 yard Breaststroke. Kayla Lindsay cranked up the heat by taking first in the girls 100 yard IM, first in the 25 yard Backstroke and 25 yard Freestyle and 3rd in the 25 yard Breaststroke. Fresh off the Summer League swim season, 8 year old Sarah Swanson swam to a 2nd place finish in the 100 yard IM, 3rd in the 25 yard Backstroke, 2nd in the 25 yard Breaststroke and 2nd in the 25 yard Freestyle.

Matt Carlo represented Team TSU in the Matt Carlo represented Team TSU in the boys 9-10 age group with all top 8 finishes. Carlo whipped out 2nd in the 50 yard Breaststroke, 4th in the 50 yard Backstroke, 2nd in the 50 yard Freestyle, and 7th in the 100 yard Individual Medley. Maggie Woods, 11-12 girls, grabbed 2nd in the girls open 200 Yard IM, 6th in the 100 yard Backstroke, 6th in the 100 yard Erestyle

yard Backstroke, 6th in the 100 yard Freestyle and 3rd in the 50 yard Freestyle. Shelby Swanson stoked the crowd with her rock solid AA time 1st place finish in the 50 yard Butterfly, Swanson also took home 3rd in the 100 yard IM, 4th place 50 yard Breaststroke

and 4th place 50 yard Freestyle. Kyle Lindsay, 13, walked away with first place in the 100 yard Freestyle, and 2nd place in the 200 yard IM, 100 yard Backstroke and 100 erest Pacetter by Erest Stroke and 100 yard Breaststroke. Fourteen year old Evan Carlo kept the pressure on with his 5th place 200 yard Individual Medley finish, as well as 6th place in the 100 yard Backstroke and 100 yard Breaststroke. Carlo finished off the day with a 7th place in the 100 yard Freestyle.

Bowling News

Four bowlers rolled perfect games during league play at Granada Bowl in Livermore. The Gene's Pro Shop league saw Thomas Grubbs row his first 300 game and four game set of 959; Gene Bruihl followed with his second perfect game of the season. Tony Braga, Classic, also turned in his second 300 game of the summer season and Tim Piper, Getaway league, made the twelve strike game for his career third perfect game.

James Murphy came within one strike of perfection with the last eleven strikes for a 290 game to go with 253-219-257 and a 1019 series. The Classic league also saw Greg Veon open with the first eleven strikes for a 296 game then rolled an nine strike game of 275 and four game set of 1008 set. The Wednesday Business league followed Greg Manchester's games of 258-267-224 for his 749 series. In the Guys and Dolls league, Martin Allen upped his 169 norm with a award winning 278 game.

Youth bowler Brandon Klinefelter im-roved his 165 par with a 227 game. Randol Tigrett, 141 norm, rolled his career high game of 257. The Strikes and Spares were led by Greg Kwasniak and John Moore with Kwasniak Greg Kwasnak and John Moore With Kwasnak posting games of 269-248-238-755 set and Moore 259-217-243-719 total. John Mossett, A & H Billing Specialty league, used a 258 game for his placement at 686. Senior kegler Rich Baguio led the Sirs and Sirettes with 242, and 292 biefs for his 64 cortics 243- and 223 highs for his 654 series. The Cocktail League saw John Eudy, 151

averager, post a 232 game and 611 series. Tory Heal, Championship Trio, had highs of 277-257 fro his four game total of 933; Landon Lawson was close by with 258-223-222-2224 for his 927 total. The Waite family starred in the Primetime Seniors as John Waite posted a 612 series with highs of 236-221 and wife Hiroko, 124 average, a career high game of 212. Chris Hogue, Sunday Rollers, made it to the 694 level with highs of 254-246. Aaron Fick, Getaway loop, rolled an eleven strike game of 279.

Baseball Training

Pleasanton/Livermore/Dublin Pony Base-

Roller Hockey

Valley Roller Hockey is taking registra-tion for the fall season on Sat., Aug. 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the rink located behind Junction Ave. Middle School in Livermore. More information is available at 925-443-1500 1500

Leagues start the week of Sept. 11th and

Leagues start the week of Sept. 11th and run through Nov 11th Mites- ages 6 and under-Saturday Morn-ings at 9am. Free. Players learn the basics of skating and hockey skills in a fun non-competitive environment Squirts-ages 7-9- Tuesday Nights 6pm/

Saturday Mornings at 10am — \$110 Players placed on teams and play a regulation game with referee/scoreboard etc. On Tuesday Nights. Players are taught the fundamentals inline hockey by patient coaches on Saturdays.

PeeWees-ages 10-12-Monday Nights / Saturday Mornings at 11am—\$110 Players placed on teams and play a regulation game with referee/scoreboard etc. On Monday Nights. Players are taught the fundamentals of inline hockey by experienced coaches at Saturday practices. Playoffs and Championships for all.

Bantam-ages 13-15-Thursday Nights / Saturday Early Afternoon— \$110 Players placed on teams and play a regulation game with referee/scoreboard etc. On Monday Nights. Players are taught the fundamentals of inline hockey by experienced coaches at Saturday practices. Playoffs and Championships for all.

Midgets-ages16-19-Tuesday Night Games/ Free Friday Night Pickup—\$110 Fast Action for players 16-19. Teams coach themselves at this age. Practices are replaced by having Friday Night Drop in Fridays 6:00-7:00. Playoffs and Championships for all.

Fall Ball 2006

Livermore National Little League is taking registration for players wanting to play fall ball. Players eligible should be 7 before August 1, 2006 and are 14 prior to the same

tate. The teams play at Junction Avenue Middle School September 10 through Octo-ber 19. Teams will be formed in early August. Fee si \$100, which includes a shirt and hat.

Those who are not currently playing with the league should are required to send a copy of the child's birth certificate with registra tion. The league is open to all Livermore residents. Coaches are needed at all levels. Games will include San Ramon and Dublin

leagues. Mail registration forms are available at www.lnll.us.. For more information, call 443-LNLL,

go to www.lnll.us or email John at fixitman13@yahoo.com.

Pony Baseball Managers

The Pleasanton/Livermore/Dublin PONY Baseball League are now taking manager resumes for the 2007 travel team manager resumes for the 2007 travel team season. The 2007 program will represent four elite teams representing 11U, 12U, 13U and 14U players. Interested parties must send their resume to the following address: P.O. Box 1043 Pleasanton, CA. 94566. Resumes must be received by August 15th to qualify. All manager candidates must be available for interviews the last week of August interviews the last week of August.

Swim Camps

Livermore's Tsunami Aquatics USA Swimming Team will offer two swim camps in August for summer league swimmers and for those interested in year-round swimming and competition. The camps will be directed by Steve Clossick, an ASCA certified coach and USA. Segriterad swimmers. The camps and USA-S registered swimmers. The camps will cover all 4 competition strokes, starts and turns. Camp 1 will be August 7-11, with Camp 2 running August 21-25, from 3-5 pm at the Livermore Valley Tennis Club. Call 443.1755 ext 1003 for more information. Supami causaics Livermore's caldest pop-Tsunami Aquatics is Livermore's oldest nonprofit, parent managed USA swimming team.

Rowing Team

The 2006 National Team roster has been set, USRowing announced on Monday. In total, 26 crews will represent the United States at the 2006 FISA World Championships scheduled for August 20-27 in Eton, England.

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SHORT NOTES

Citizens Academy Signups

Enrollment continues for the fall 2006 session of the Pleasanton Police Department's Citizens' Police Academy. It begins on Thurs., Sept. 7 and concludes on Dec. 14. This will be the fourteenth academy the department

has presented since 2000. The goals of the program are to create closer partnerships with the pub-lic, explain law enforcement proce-dures, and discuss the importance of public involvement in the policing process

All 14 segments of the academy will be held on Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. be held on Inursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Police Department with the exception of Nov. 23, Thanksgiving. The classes are pri-marily taught by department person-nel. They cover a wide range of topics including community policing, patrol procedures, radio communications, SWAT, narcotics investigations, crime prevention, traffic enforcement, K-9s, evidence collection, use of force issues, animal services, and the DARE program.

The academy is open to adults only. Applicants will be carefully screened. Participants must live or work in Pleasanton. They must be free of any felony convictions, have no misdemeanor arrests within one of application, successfully complete a background investigation check, sign waiver forms, and be approved by the Chief of Police.

Applications are available either by going to the front counter at the Police Department, calling Sgt. Brian Laurence at 931-5169 or sending an email to blaurence@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

Fairgrounds Events

August events at the Alameda County Fairgrounds include: Californai Championship Wrestling Live Pro Wrestling, Aug. 12, 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. \$10 general admission, \$5 kids, \$8 parking. Ten-man California rumble to determine the #1 contender for the CCW Heavyweight Championship. Information. www.californiachampionshipwrestling.com.

Scrapbook Expo: Aug. 17-19, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thurs-Fri., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat. \$8 general admission; Free to children 12 and under; \$8 Senior Citizen; \$8 parking. \$2 discount coupon available at participating scrapbook stores. Thousands of scrapbook supplies available for purchase direct from the manufacturer and scrapbook stores. Workshops and crop parties available.

www.scrapbookexpo.com Goodguys 20th Texaco/Havoline West Coast Nationals, August 25-27, Goodguys Rod & Custom Association. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Fri - Sat); 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Sun). Over 3,500 rods, customs & classics thru '54 vintage. Vendors/ Exhibitors swap meet & cars for sale. Nightly parties with live music. Saturday Night Hot Rod Party & Fireworks. \$15 general admission; \$12 Seniors (60+): \$6 children (7-12); free to children 6 and under; \$8 parking. Infor-mation 925-838-9876 or www.goodguys.com.

New Bank Alliance

Tri-Valley Bank has reached a strategic alliance with Nationwide Ex-

change Services (NES) in the handling of Tri-Valley Bank's tax-deferred 1031 exchange business. NES is a Qualified Intermediary providing an industry leading suite of 1031 tax-deferred exchange products for individual invectors the products for individual investors through major US Corporations.

"We take great pride in our new relationship with NES. This strategic partnership is part of our continuing effort to offer value-added services to Tri-Valley Bank customers," states Bill Nethercott, President & CEO of Tri-Valley Bank. "By aligning ourselves with NES, we are blending two busi-nesses which focus on providing cus-tomers competitive products delivered

and the Museum On Main, and other places where apparitions have been

sighted over the years. Tickets are \$10/person. Tickets will be available at the museum during regular hours, Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday,

All tickets must be pre-paid with cash, check or credit card. Tickets may be purchased by credit card in person or by phone. Remaining tickets will be sold the night of each walk but group size is limited to 20 so pre-purchase is strongly recommended

For information, call the museum at (925) 462-2766.

Twilight Jaunt

A "Twilight Jaunt" is planned for Sun., Aug. 13 in Sycamore Grove Park. Meet Ranger Dawn Soles at 7:15 p.m. at the nature area entrance. The program will begin with a talk about some of the critters that wake up at this time of day and take over the night shift in our parks. Then participants will take a walk to see if they can spot some of these night time critters. This is a leisurely walk for families with children. The walk will be not be on paved paths, so no strollers, please. Wear comfort-able shoes. Flashlights are not needed. This program will last approximately 1 1/2 hours.

Call (925) 960-2400 for reserva-tions. No "Hoot Owls," please. This program is presented by the

Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff. There is a \$3 per vehicle parking fee. A \$2 donation is requested to help support the pro-grams. Participants may call (925) 960-2400 for more information.

Summer Open House

Thomas Coyne Winery will host its annual summer open house on August 19 and 20. The winery will be open from noon to 5 p.m. at the historical tasting room at 51 E. Vallecitos Road, Livermore. Two new wines will be released, a 2003 Livermore Valley Cabernet and 2004

Lodi Mourvedre. A selection of fine fruits and cheeses will be served. For more information go to

www.thomascoynewinery.com

Authors and Books

Towne Center Books in Pleasanton will host the following events: Gloria Lambert, author of Planet Widow, will be at the store on Mon., Aug. 14 from noon to 2 p.m. Planet Widow is about the author's journey as a young widow. This is a free event.

Light refreshments will be served. A new Captain Underpants Party will be held to celebrate a new book in the series, Captain Underpants and the Preposterous Plight of the Purple Potty People, on Tues., Aug. 15 at 10 a.m. There will be fun, games and some great reading. Reserve a copy and place at the party by calling 846-8826.

Miriam Engelberg, author of the graphic memoir Cancer Made Me a Shallower Person, will be at Towne Center Books Fri., Aug. 18 at 7:30 p.m. Miriam says "In 2001 I was first diag-nosed with breast cancer and started creating cartoons about what it was like to face a cancer diagnosis and go through treatment. Over time those cartoons became the book "Cancer Made Me a Shallower Person." Towne Center Books will be donating a por-tion of the sales of this book to Breast Cancer Research through the Tri-Valley Socks.

Betty Birney, author of the Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs will be at Towne Center Tues., Aug. 22 to cel-ebrate the wonders found in Pleasan-ton. It's not too late to start. Remember the Seven Wonders are made by humans so we're looking for those human things or experiences that make Pleasanton special. Write them down, draw

Color Expert/Artist

A&R Floor To Ceiling will host color expert and world-renowned art-ist Dan Westervelt on Thursday, August 17th and Friday, August 18th. Westervelt's artwork has become so widely touted that it is now being produced as posters, limited edition lithos, jigsaw puzzles, tapestries, rugs and fabrics.

Westervelt will be at the Downtown Livermore Farmers Market in the District's Merchants Booth with Premier Home Theater, County Charm and A&R Floor To Ceiling. Westervelt's artwork will also be available for purchase and signing.

On Friday, August 18th, Westervelt will be on location at the A&R Floor To Ceiling store all day, as well as at the Color Elegance Event on Friday evening from 6:30pm - 8:00p.m, which includes a seminar, wine, dessert and artwork signing. Please contact A&R Floor To Ceiling to secure a reservation.

The showroom is located at 2106 First Street in Livermore. For more information, please contact Sharon Hagler at 925.455.1660.

Home Study Program

Vineyard Alternative Home Study Program will host a Parent Orientation to register for the 2006-2007 school year. The orientation will be on Tuesday, August 15 at 10:00am in Room 8, 1401 Almond Ave., Livermore.

Vineyard is an alternative school serving the Livermore School District. The elementary and middle school program for grades 1-8 is designed to assist parents who wish to instruct their children at home. A credentialed teacher meets regularly with the student and parent to assist with the individualized student learning plan. There is no cost for this District

program. For more information call 606-4740.

Openings on Fair Board

The Board of Directors for the Alameda County Agricultural Fair As-sociation announced its intent to fill two positions on the Board that are being vacated by retiring members. All interested parties are required to complete and submit a formal application by October 13, 2006. Applications are available by calling the CEO's office at (925) 426-7500. Applicants should include information on their community involvement, as well as brief detail how their experience and professional expertise would be of benefit to the Fair Association. Applicants must reside within the County of Alameda. Submissions may be addressed:

Board Applicant, Attn: Executive Committee, Alameda County Fair Associa-tion, 4501 Pleasanton Avenue, California, 94566.

Both retiring members served as Board President and Vice-President. Mary King of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors appointed Billie Sherwood to the Board in 1989. Sherwood has served the Board as a representative of Castro Valley for 18 years.

Jim Coelho provided the Board of Directors with 25 years of service. Coelho was a teacher at local Liver-more High School and Los Positas

Grape 'Hang Time' Topic of Next **Quest for Excellence Workshop**

Tri Valley Conservancy and Livermore Valley Wine Growers Association will be hosting a Quest for Excellence Quality Wine Growing Educational Series. The purpose of this series is to assure the highest quality of

College, where he taught the importance of Agriculture. Just last year, the California Chamber of Commerce awarded Coelho the 2005 Livestock Man of the Year. Coelho, a resident rancher of the Fremont area, served as Board President from 1990-92.

The Board of Directors recently announced the elections of a new Board President and Vice President. Anthony Varni, currently Board Vice President, will take on his new role as President heading into 2007.

Current Board Member Anthony Pegram moves into his new role as Vice Pegram was appointed in President. 2001 by the Alameda County Board of Supervisor Nate Miley.

Animal Adoptions

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue offers animals for adoption every Saturday and Sunday, excluding most holidays

at the following locations:. On Saturdays, Pleasanton Farmers Market at First Street, offers dogs and cats, from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. Four locations showcase cats: PetSmart in Dublin, from noon to 4:00 pm, Pet Food Express in Dublin from noon to 4:00 pm (excluding 4th Saturday of the month), Pet Food Express in Livermore, from noon to 4:00 pm, and Pet Extreme in Livermore from noon to 4:00 pm (excluding 2nd and 4th Saturdays)

On Sundays, Petco in San Ramon, offers cats and dogs from 12:00 to 4:00 pm, cats are available at three locations: PetSmart in Dublin, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, Pet Food Express in Dublin, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, Pet Food Express in Livermore, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, and Pet Extreme in Livermore, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. We hope to see you there! For more information, call TVAR at (925) 803-7043 or visit our website at www.tvar.org.

Top Firm

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage has been ranked number one among all residential real estate brokerages in the San Francisco Bay Area for sales and transactions by REAL Trends in its annual Real Trends 500 report, according to a press release issued last week.

With 33 offices and more than 2,300 sales professionals in San Francisco Bay region, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage accounted for \$15.2 billion in closed sales volume and 15,835 closed transaction sides in 2005. This ranking establishes Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage as the top brokerage among all companies in the Bay Area, according to the REAL Trends 500 report.

In addition to its success in the San Francisco region, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage turned in \$7.3 billion in sales volume and 8,575 closed transaction sides in the company's Sili-

Now in its 19th year, the REAL Trends 500 presents the results for the largest residential real estate services firms in America. The report is com-piled and distributed by REAL Trends, Inc., a publishing and communications company considered to be a leading source of analysis and information on the residential brokerage industry.

Livermore Community Center, located at 4444 East Åvenue in Livermore. The topic will focus on Grape Physiology associated with "Hang Time" presented by Douglas Adams. Adams received his Bachelor's in Bio-

Pleasanton/Livermore/Dublin Pony Base-ball and The Pitching Center are presenting Tiger Baseball Training 2006. This is a new four month off-season baseball program for players entering high school or the 8th grade in 2007. This program will offer 136 hours of professional, college and high school level instruction followed by local tournament play. A spring and summer program for 8th play. A spring and summer program for 8th

play. A spring and summer program for 8th grade players will be offered. A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday August 16, 2007 (7:00pm) in Pleasanton at the Pitching Center; 7070 Commerce Circle, Suite B. TPC Coaches and instructors will present the program plan and answer all questions. Registration forms will be available at the meeting.

Foothill Golf

Foothill High School will host the first annual Golf Classic on Saturday, October 7th.

Registration is \$125 per person. Spaces are limited. Sponsorships are available. Contact Jaylene Groeniger at JayGroeniger@aol.com or 925 426-5680, or Chris Faubion at 925 462-9161 or cfaubion@pleasanton.k12.ca.us, for more information on registration and sponsorship opportunities.

Pleasanton Little League Blitz

Pleasanton Little League will be offering a new fall baseball program designed to provide a superior baseball training and competitive, tournament style baseball experience in the off-season. This special eight week held on Sundays

will include Advanced Baseball Training, Tournament Style Baseball, High School Rules and 80 Foot Diamond. The program is open to ages 12 to 14 with 12's participation optional. Instruction will be given by leaders in the local baseball community. In addition, a special guest speaker will attend he BBQ blowout on the final Sunday after a full day of extreme tournament play. For more information about the program,

go to: www.pleasantonamerican.org

Hykel won silver in the lightweight women's Hykei won silver in the lightweight women's double sculls last year and will be looking for another podium finish this year, as will women's single sculler Michelle Guerette, who won a bronze medal in Japan.

Girls Basketball

Livermore Girls Basketball Association presents girls' basketball camp for 4th-8th grade at Granada High School August 7-18, M-F from 10:00am-12pm. Cost is \$225 Contact Casey Rush at 925-367-8573 or LGBA@comcast.net.

CYO Basketball Signup

Registration for players, coaches and referees for the 2006-07 St. Michael's/St. Charles CYO basketball season ends August 20. Registration is on-line at www.smsccyo.org. Players must live in the City of Livermore or attend CCD at either parish. Tryout dates can be found on-line. For additional information, contact the CYO hotline at 417-5429 or email vince@teamwpd.com.

Football Signup

Pleasanton Junior Football League is now registering players for the Fall 2006 now registering players for the Table 2000 season. Entering our 37th season the PJFL offers leagues for cheerleading grades 3-8 and Contact & Flag Football grades 2-8. All games are played at the Sportspark in Pleas-anton or at Hart Middle School (there is no traveling required). To league more or to traveling required). To learn more or to register as a player or coach visit www.PJFL.com.

Swimming

LifeStyleRX is looking for fall rec swimmers and year round swimmers. The program starts August 14. Nonmembers are being accepted. For information, contact Hope at 454-6342 ext. 5174 or 454-6342 454-6342 ext. hwhalen@valleycare.com.

by qualified professionals." Tri-Valley Bank is a commercial community bank with offices in San Ramon and Livermore.

Job Opening

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District is seeking a part-time Public Information Aide for LARPD. The position will be located at the Robert Livermore Community Center. Duties include: coordinating and maintaining District Public Information Program elements which include occa-sional newsletters, ongoing press releases, general publicity, small special events, and other responsibilities as required. This individual also is the single point of contact between the webmaster and staff for updating and maintaining LARPD website. Pay range is \$15-\$20 per hour depending upon qualifications, 25 hours per week with benefits.

Applications may be found on the LARPD website-www.larpd.dst.ca.us or picked up at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Request an application for the Public Information Aide.

Please visit the LARPD Website: www.larpd.dst.ca.us

GhostWalkTickets

Tickets are now available for "GhostWalk," that will be presented by the Museum On Main, 603 Main Street in Pleasanton every half hour starting at 5 p.m. on Friday, October 13 and Saturday, October 14. The last guided tour begins at 8:00 p.m. and each tour

lasts about one and one-half hours. This "spirited" tour will visit the Kottinger Barn, Old Train Station, Rose Hotel, Pleasanton Hotel, Gay 90's Pizza

a picture, take a photo. Find them and bring them to Towne Center Books. For information about any of these

events, call 846-8826 or go to http:// townecenterbooks.com. Towne Cen-ter Books is located at 555 Main Street, Pleasanton.

wine grapes and wines are produced by Livermore Valley Wine Growers and Vintners.

The next Quest for Excellence seminar will be held on Thursday, August, 24th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Robert

chemistry and his M.S. and Ph.D degrees in Plant Physiology.

The session will have a fee of \$10 to help cover the cost of materials. Please RSVP by August 21st to the Livermore Valley Wine Growers Association at (925) 447-WINE (9463).





Next History Talk Focuses on 'A Place Called Sunol'

Connie De Grange, co-author with her father Allen De Grange, will give a talk on their book, "A Place Called Sunol" at 7 p.m., Thursday, August 17 at the Museum On Main, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton.

The book is a collection of pictures, interviews, facts and stories about a town with a strong community spirit and sense of place. It traces the history of Sunol from the Ohlone, who lived peacefully for thousands of years in the Sunol Valley, through the rough-and-tumble changes brought by gold rushera immigration, railroads and water-projects to the small community it is today.

De Grange said that her favorite part of writing the book, aside from working with her father, was interviewing the old-timers and recording their stories. "A Place Called Sunol" includes stories from several residents who passed away only months after the book was published. Their stories told of a time when Sunol was an important stop on the route from the Bay Area to the Sierra foothills. It was a time when residents made their living from local resources, and when growth seemed inevitable.

A native Californian, De Grange and her husband have made Sunol their home for 25 years, raising two children who are now in college. Connie De Grange is employed at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. She believes the best of Sunol is also the best of California, that Sunol's history reflects California's history, and that history told through stories is history brought to life.

Admission to this program is \$5 for museum members and \$10 for non-members. Memberships will be available for purchase that night. Reservations are requested. Call (925) 462-2766.

OBITUARIES

Gale Holladay

Gale Holladay died following a long illness on August 1, 2006, at Kaiser, Walnut Creek, his wife and daughter at his side. He was 79.

Gale was a Tucson, Arizona native, a graduate of the University of Arizona, who moved to Seattle to work for Boeing. There he met Patricia Halvorsen. They married in 1955. He came to work at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory as an electrical engineer in the summer of 1957 and retired in 1990. He obtained his master's degree at 'Teller Tech.'

He enjoyed working with the Boy Scouts when his sons were young, Friends of the Library after retirement, and his passion for decades was Scottish Country Dancing. He liked to say that he attended church faithfully, more often than most church members, by rarely missing a Monday night RSCD class. He loved travel and in his later years took frequent trips to Alaska. The summer of 2005, he took his family on a two-week cruise to Southeast Alaska. His last trip was in mid-July when he and his wife attended the Carmel Bach festival with an Elderhostel group.

He was predeceased by his son, Carl Holladay, his parents, one sister, and two brothers. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, of 51 years, son Erik Holladay and daughter-in-law Ana Moreno of Richmond, Texas, daughter Karen Holladay Durham and son-in-law Patrick Durham of Sacramento, California, and grandchildren Matthew Holladay, Lauren Holladay, Catherine Durham, and Gareth Durham. He also leaves one sister, Beth Holladay Taysom, and numerous nieces and nephews and their families. A memorial service is planned for Friday, August 11, at 2:00 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth St., Livermore. He will have a private military burial at sea Gifts may be made in his name to Scottish Country Dancing Scgolarship, RSCD Scholarships, c/o Nancy Page, Secretary, 534 Mira Vista Ave., Oakland, California 94610, or a charity of your choice.

(Dickie) Medeiros of Honolulu, HL

Funeral services were held August 7 in Pleasanton. Burial was at St. Michael's Cemetery in Livermore.

Donations may be made to Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd., Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Henry Otsuki

Henry Hitoski Otsuki, a longtime resident of Livermore, passed away on July 23, 2006. He was 83.

He retired from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in 1985 after 33 years of service.

He is survived by his wife, Kiyo of Livermore, daughter Lauren Otsuki and her husband Christopher Blake, and grandsons, Darren Blake and Sean Blake, all of San Diego; and a son H. Keith Otsuki and wife Marge Gambino of Livermore.

A private memorial service is planned.

Virginia May Englin

Livermore native and lifelong resident Virginia May Englin died July 26, 2006 in Livermore. She was 58.

She loved to make others smile and will be deeply missed by all who knew her. She attended Pentecostal Way of Truth and raised children through their principles. Her hobbies included music and dancing. She is survived by daughters Anita Doron of San Ramon and Mitres Englin of Hayward, sons Art Englin of Livermore, Demitres Englin of Hayward and Jaron Englin of Vacaville, a sister, Pricillia Cornish of Sacramento, two grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Youth Living at Livermore Affordable Housing **Benefit from Innovative Tech Learning Program**

Nonprofit affordable housing graduating a group of nine young veloper Eden Housing, Inc. is people who have completed this developer Eden Housing, Inc. is honoring the very first class of graduates from its innovative program for teens who live at Eden's Livermore's Owl's Landing.

Originated by national nonprofit One Economy Corporation, Eden's Livermore Digital Connectors Program will be

Two More 'History by Heather' Walks Scheduled

Two more "History By Heather" downtown walking tours are scheduled for August and September due to the great success of the first tour in July.

They will be held at 9 a.m. on Friday, August 18, and Friday, September 15 beginning at the Museum On Main, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton. Tickets are \$10 per person and reservations are recommended for the twohour walks as each group is limited to 25 people. Call (925) 462-2766.

education program. The program is a replication of Eden's program at its two large San Jose affordable housing developments, where Eden also has onsite technology learning centers. The event will take place at the Owls' Landing community building at

in-depth, hands-on technology

Heather Haugen Rizzoli, the museum's education director, will lead the tour that includes a historic look at the people, places and events of days gone by.

During the school year, Rizzoli gives local history lectures about the Ohlone, Mexican and Spanish eras and early Pleasanton to public and private grade-school students; conducts tours at the museum and downtown for seniors and special

Expo to Greet Las Positas College Students

Las Positas College (LPC) in Livermore will host Expo LPC 2006 on Tuesday, August 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:20 p.m. Expo LPC is a one-half unit college orientation that includes a tour of the 147-acre campus, a preview to college life, college suc-

cess strategies, important academic information, an opportu-

nity to meet faculty, staff and fellow students, food, and fun activities.

All new and re-entry students enrolled in 6 or more units are

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 organiza-tion, meeting date, time, place and theme or subject. Phone number and contact person should also be included.

ABWA Express to Success Network, meeting Tuesday, August 15, 6:00-8:30 p.m. Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, 5115 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. Hands-on Women In Business Networking session. Bring plenty of business cards. Event is free for members and \$5 for non-members. Resrequired ervations are not info@expresstosuccess.org for more information

Mation. **Movie Night**, on August 26th, two short films, "Mighty Times: The Legacy of Rosa Parks," and "Chisholm '72: Unbought & Unbossed," about Shirley Chisholm's run for president in 1972, will be shown to commemorate the 19th amendment's 86th bitthday. Ontional bitthday calco pathock birthday. Optional birthday cake poluck begins at 6:30 PM. "Mighty Times" starts at 7 PM. "Chisholm '72" begins at 8 PM. This event is open to the public, wheelchair accessible, and located at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. For more information, call 925-462-3459.

Free Group Weight Loss Coaching and Fitness Walk - Enjoy some of the most beautiful neighborhoods of Pleasanton with this brisk, hilly walk while learning simple and effective permanent weight loss strate-rise Monder, August 29 gies. Monday, August 28, noon. Coffee Beans and Bistro, 401 Main St, Pleasanton. Presented by Dan Taylor, ACE certified fitness trainer and ACE faculty member, of Tri-Valley Trainer. Information at Dan@TriValleyTrainer.com, www.TriValleyTrainer.com or (925) 413-2268.

ing at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Lin is the nephew of Huei-Chun Sun of Pleasanton and Grace Brown of Lincoln. Richard K. Pruett has graduated from the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, Pa. The college is the Army's senior educational institution. The 12-month curriculum of the Army's senior officer school prepares officers of all the services, as well as civilian officials of the federal government, to serve in top-level command and staff positions with the U.S. armed forces throughout the world. Pruett is a deputy chief of mission assigned to the American Embassy, Kolonia, Federated States of Micronesia. He is the brother of Bruce R. Pruett of Livermore. In 1973, he graduated from Amador Valley HighSchool, Pleasanton, received a bachelor's degree in 1978 from California State University, Hayward. **Reverse mortgages** a mystery to you? Free seminar offered by reverse mortgage expert, Maggie O'Connell of Seattle Mort-

gage. Learn how to live more comfortably in retirement. A seminar will be held at the Robert Livermore Community Center 4444 East Ave. Livermore on Wednesday, August 30th at 1:00. To sign up, call Seattle Mort-gage at 1-800-489-0986.

Amador Valley Quilt Guild will meet on Saturday, August 12, at the Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Avenue, Pleasan-ton. The featured speaker will be quilt artist Tami Bower. Tami is noted for her innovative techniques in creating mosaic quilts from photographic images. On Sunday, Tami will conduct a workshop to share her techniques. The guild is a non-profit educational associa-tion for quilters of all skill levels. Anyone interested in quilting may attend. For further information about the guild or upcoming speakers, please visit our website, http://

NAMI Tri-Valley, Parent Resource and

ders 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Pathways To Wellness, 5674 Stoneridge Rd., Suite 116,

Pleasanton For further information, please contact: Suzi Glorioso at (925) 443-1797, e-

mail: glorios4@comcast.net. Meetings will be every first Tuesday. The Parent Resource

and Support Group is a committee within the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

Tri-Valley affiliate. NAMI is a non-profit organization dedicated to advocating, educat-

ing and helping families and individuals affected by mental illness. The group is parent

facilitated, informal and provides an open

agenda discussion format at most meetings

based, self-help, support group for people

with difficulty discarding unwanted posses-

sions. Cluttering is a psychological issue,

not an organizing issue. Meetings are every Monday 7:00 to 8:30 pm at Pleasanton

Presbyterian Church, Rm 7, 4300 Mirador

Drive. Just come, or call:925-297-9246 or

925-426-5311 Note: no meeting Labor Day

two volunteer/shelter orientations in August

at East County Animal Shelter (ECAS), 4595 Gleason Drive in Dublin from 1:00-

2:30 p.m. They take place on Saturday, August 12th, (2nd Saturday of the month)

and Sunday, August 27nd (4th Sunday of the month). For information, contact Cathy

Bergren at calicocathy@yahoo.com or (925)

4th Tuesday of each month (August 22nd) at

7 PM at the Livermore Library, 1000 S. Livermore Ave. The August selection is "How Would A Patriot Act?:Defending

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860 Herman Avenue, Livermore. The Owl's Landing onsite Computer Learning Center was equipped with a grant from AT&T when it was Pacific Bell.

The "Digital Connectors" candidates are selected from several applicants because of their special interest in technology, their experience in prior classes, their grades, volunteer back-

groups, and presents a monthly speaker's series for museum volunteers and docents.

Rizzoli, a graduate of Amador Valley High School, has been a Pleasanton resident for 36 years.

Prior to joining the museum as education director, she worked as on-air personality, anchor, reporter, director and producer at radio station KOHL-FM in Fremont. She was a radio personality and morning news anchor for KSJQ FM in Manteca.

encouraged to register for the August 15 Expo orientation (PSCN 24 section - course code CRN# 21155). For more information, please call Veronica Jennings at (925) 424-1421 or the Counseling office at (925) 424-1400.

ground, and other criteria. They receive a toolbox and a stipend while in the training program, and have an opportunity for an internship after graduation. They also provide free computer support for the other residents of their buildings. This year's program was funded by a grant from Wells Fargo Bank Foundation.

Old Fashioned Ice Cream **Social Slated**

The public is invited to attend the annual Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 13, noon-4 p.m., at the Ravenswood Historic Site, 2647 Arroyo Rd., Livermore.

There will be ice cream, hot dogs and sweets for sale. For kids, there will be miniature horse and buggy rides, a petting zoo and face painting. In addition, there will be Victorian croquet, docents in 1890's costumes, the Liver-Heritage Guild more Historymobile and music by the **Pleasanton Community Concert** Band and the Valley Banjos.

This event is presented by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District and the Ravenswood Progress League. For more information, please call (925) 443-0238 or visit the LARPD website at www.larpd.dst.ca.us.

American Values From a President Run Amok." by Glenn Greenwald. For more information, call 462-7495.

Pleasanton/Tulancingo Sister City BBQ Fund-raiser: Sat., Aug. 12, Alameda County Fairgrounds BBQ area, 4501 Pleas-anton Ave. 5:30 to 11 p.m. No host bar, tritip BBQ dinner with all the trimmings; silen auction, live auction and music by DJ Gary Hanson. \$30 per person in advance, \$35 at the door (limited availability); \$240 table for eight with sponsor sign. Mystery door prize. Tickets available at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce or Pleasanton Downtown Association. For event or ticket information, call Alice Pryor 462-5786 or Jorge Victory 462-6723

RELIGION

First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore, has worship services on Sundays at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary, located at 4th and L Streets. Adult Bible study is at 9 a.m. and Sunday school is held at 10:30 a.m. For details, call (925) 447-2078

Our Savior Lutheran Ministries, 1385

So. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. Tri-Valley Bible Church, 2346 Walnut St., Livermore, holds Sunday worship at 10 a.m. with Sunday school for all ages at 9 a.m. Children's classes during adult worship service. AWANA children's program Wednes-days at 6 p.m. 449-4403 or www.Tri-ValleyBibleChurch.com. Unitarian Universalist, 1893 N. Vasco

Rd., Livermore. Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. Information 447-8747.

Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m Sunday worship. Information 447-1950. **Congregation Beth Emek**, 3400 Ne-vada Court, Pleasanton. Information 931-

United Christian Church, 1886 College Ave., Livermore. Worship each Sunday at 10:30 am. Children are welcome. The community is welcome Information 449-6820

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

Sunset Community Church, 2200 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Sunday worship service at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Derek Meekins. Nursery and children's church provided. A "Night of Worship" first Sunday of each month at 6 p.m. Wednesday night program for all ages at 7 p.m. Information, call 447-6282.

St. Michael's Cemetery, 3885 East Ave., Livermore; last Saturday of each month, 10 a.m., join with those praying five decades of the Rosary for the intention of saving the lives of unborn children at risk of being aborted by their mothers. Meet at the Infants'

Place at the end of the road. Call 443-9768. Design4Living Conference, August 11th and 12th, Cornerstone Fellowship 348 N, Canyons Parkway Livermore. Fri. 6:3010 10 .m.; Sat., 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fee \$78 includes all main sessions, breakout selections, Point of Grace Concert, Saturday morning coffee and Saturday lunch. Design4Living is a Spiritual growth confer-ence for women. Authors and speaker from around the country will be featured covering topics that fall into one of four categories: Heart, Soul, Strength, or Mind. Some of the speakers are; Debbie Alsdorf, Julie Barnhill, Ellie Lofaro, Judy Hampton, Marcia Ramsland and Pam Farrell. Register online at www.cornerstoneweb.org Or Call 925-447-3465. Vacation Bible School, August 14th -August 18th, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (Monday evening registration starts at 6:00 P.M.) at the Livermore Adventist Church, 243 Scott Street. Theme is The Fruit of the Spirit. Open to 4 years to 12 years old (or 4 years old through 6th grade.) (Younger siblings are invited if accompanied by a parent who stays with them.) Activities include crafts, stories, songs and snacks. "Nature Nugget" nightly which includes a raccoon story. For addi-tional information contact Sophia Niggemeyer (VBS Director) (925) 209-7810 or Sammy Chilson (925) 337-0178.

Arrangements by Wilson Family Mortuary.

Violet Conley

Violet Conley died August 2, 2006. She was 83.

The native of Honolulu, had lived in Fremont for 30 years and in Pleasanton for the past two years. She was a wonderful homemaker who enjoyed crocheting and painting.

She is survived by her sons: Arthur Moss of Bandon, OR, and Douglas Neves of Myrtle Point, OR, daughters LaVerne Nourse of Pleasanton, Linda Kripal of Coos Bay, OR, and Billie J. Conley of Manteca; a sister, Lydia Madeiros of Manteca, and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren all over Hawaii and California. She was preceded in death by her husband of 35 years, Billy R. Conley, who died in Fremont in November 1991, and her son, Richard

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A memorial service was held August 4 in Livermore. Burial was private.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Hazel Leon Berglund

Hazel Leon Berglund died August 7, 2006 in Walnut Creek. She was 90.

The Nebraska native had lived in Walnut Creek for 16 years. Prior to that she lived in Concord. She worked as a retail sales clerk at Hilson's Dept. Store in Concord and Smith's Men's Clothing in Walnut Creek. She was a member of the Concord Presbyterian Church and Hi-Steppers. Her hobbies included painting, photography, ceramics, knitting, cooking, camping, boating, water skiing and spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She is survived by sons Robert Berglund and Thomas Berglund, a daughter, Roberta Kinney, and grandchildren, Scott and Brad Kinney and Reed Berglund, and five great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Barlow Berglund, who died in Walnut Creek on Aug. 27, 2005.

Private services are planned. Please sign the guestbook at

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Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., Aug. 12 newbie ride, 25 mile Sycamore loop from San Ramon through Danville and Dublin, meet 9 a.m. Central Park, Liz Marcoux, 895-1295. Sun., Aug. 13, 38 miles San Ramon to Livermore, meet 9 a.m. Central Park, Peter Rathmann, 828-1973. Wed., Aug. 16, 30 miles Coyote Hills Park, meet 10 a.m. in Niles, Linda Longinotti, 510-582-4030. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Women's Stock Investment Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month in Livermore. Club follows NAIC principles for studying stocks and investing for the long term while having fun. For time, location and further details, please call Barbara at 484-

1319 or Eleanor at 846-6911. Perseid Meteor Shower Walk, Sat., Aug. 12, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the top of Mt. Wanda at the John Muir National Historic Site. Meet the rangers at the entrance to Mt. Wanda, Caltrans Park and Ride lot, corner of Alhambra Ave. and Franklin Canyon Road, Martinez. Admission is free. Dress in comfortable clothing. Wear sturdy walking shoes. Bring a blanket to sit on, water, and a flashlight. It is a one-mile uphill walk to the viewing area. Information, 228-8860.

Home Equity Conversion Counsel-ing, individual counseling for senior eowners or other interested parties, 10 a.m. to noon Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Thurs., Aug. 17. Impartial education about reverse mortgages and other forms of home equity conversion. Counseling by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, call the senior center at 931-5365. Services provided by ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing counseling agency. In-formation 51-271-7931.

Vineyard Alternative Home Study Program will host a Parent Orientation to register for the 2006-2007 school year. Please join us on Tuesday, August 15 at 10 a.m. in Room 8. Our address is 1401 Almond Aye. Livermore, Vineyard is an alternative school serving the Livermore School Dis-trict. The elementary and middle school program for grades 1-8 is designed to assist parents who wish to instruct their children at home. A credentialed teacher meets regularly with the student and parent to assist with the individualized student learning plan. There is no cost for this District program. For more information call 606-4740.

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Pleasanton Presbyterian Church, 4300 Support Group. Starting Sept. 5, a monthly meeting for parents of children who are diagnosed with bipolar or other mood disor-Mirador Dr., Pleasanton. Two Sunday worship services: 8:30 a.m. service will have a classic emphasis and nursery care for children under 3 will be provided. The 10:15 a.m service will have a contemporary emphasis and nursery care, as well as Sunday school classes for preschool through high school age children will be provided. For more info, call the church office at 846-4436.

Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton. Sunday school 9:30 a.m., worship with Pastor Glenn Matlock a 10:30 a.m. (nursery for both Sunday school and worship); children's church (age 3-12) at 11:15 a.m.; women's Bible study, Wed. at 10 a.m., Wed. evening programs; choir 7:15 p.m. (boys and girls mission club K-6).; seniors 55 Plus meet Thursdays 7 p.m. Information 846-8650.

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, affiliated with the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations (csjo.org). Information, Rabbi Judith Seid, Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, 485-1049 or EastBaySecularJews.org. United Christian Church worships on

Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m., at 1886 College Ave. All are welcome. Partnership church of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and United Church of Christ. For further information contact 925-449-6820. Tri-Valley Unity Church now meets at

the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. Sunday service and children's school at 10 a.m. Ongoing classes and groups. Rev Mary Anne Harris, minister. All are welcome. Call (925) 829-2733 or visi www.trivalleyunity.com.





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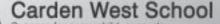
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Moliere Farce Magnifique!

by Susan Steinberg

It's impossible to imagine a finer version than Las Positas College's triumphant production of Moliere's timeless comedy, 'The Imaginary Invalid.'

Coming at the finish of a superb summer of classical theater in the Valley, this show may be last, but certainly not the least in its overall level of excellence.

Like Shakespeare, Moliere wrote not only to entertain, but also to enlighten his audiences. And just as the Bard used comedy to skewer human foibles, the satirical French playwright employed rapier wit to deftly disembowel the hypocrites of his soci-

ety. Unctuous and covetous "men of God" had already been exposed and condemned in "Tartuffe," earning Moliere the enmity of the Church. In this final work, the dubious practitioners of medicine and law are both ridiculed and pilloried.

As a sick man, Moliere had undoubtedly endured the horrific and useless treatments of his day, usually consisting of endless bleedings and purges, accompanied by enough Latin mumbojumbo to impress patients.

A dying man as he wrote and starred in this play, Moliere used especially harsh words for the famous quacks who collected high fees and delivered no healing. He has one confess that he prefers not to treat the highborn Court nobles for, in their exalted positions of privilege, "they actually expect to be cured."

As the hypochondriac's cynically rational brother observes, Argan the supposed invalid, must actually be in very good health. If not, the usual debilitating treatments would have killed him by now.

A well-reputed doctor even brags that his dimwit son Thomas has been pushed through Paris's prestigious School of Medicine, and now "clings like a limpet" to the great rock of medical knowledge. The image is certainly not confidence-inspiring.

Hilarious stage business amply illustrates the youth's ineptitude, as he tries to take the pulse of an armchair, rather than that of the patient. Yet Argan has chosen this booby for his son-in-law just to have a no-fee doctor in the family for constant medical attention.

As in "Tartuffe" and "The Miser," an obsessed father believes he can force his daughter to a husband of his choosing. And sadly, this was often true, with the convent a girl's only alternative to a hateful marriage.

But, as in the earlier plays, the daughter has dreams of her own, and allies to help thwart her father's selfish plans: a shrewd and scheming servant, a sympa-

Final Weekend

Las Positas College production of "The Imaginary Invalid," Molière's 17th Cen-tury French farce satirizing both hypochondria and the contemporary medical pro-fession, concludes this weekend with two performances.

The show is staged out-doors in the college's per-forming arts patio. The final two performances are Sat., Aug. 12 and Sun., Aug. 13. The Green Show begins at 6:30 p.m. with the perfor-mance at 7 p.m.

The Green Show preced-ing the play will highlight music and dance entertainments as performed at the court of King Louis XIV.

Bring a picnic or purchase light snacks.

Tickets are \$10.00 gen-eral, \$7 seniors/students. Tickets can be purchased at the campus bookstore, 3033 Collier Canyon Road, at the door, or at Fine Fretted Friends in Livermore.

Las Positas College is located at 3033 Collier Canyon Road, Livermore.

thetic sibling, and of course, a handsome suitor.

The customary "voice of reason," Argan's brother Beralde, is a very convincingly sensible Dustin Halterman. Speaking for Moliere, he condemns both his brother's pigheaded foolishness and the wickedness of those who seek to mislead and defraud him, including his greedy second wife.

Andrew McReynold's Argan is a marvel of daft hypochondria, paranoia, bluster, and impotent rage. This exaggerated character, a real mutton-head in the old Commedia dell'Arte style of Pantaleone, is also played with enough realism that we suddenly recognize the essence of crotchety old codgers we actually know. Bravo!

Other characters are equally invested in their roles, far above the average level of little theater troupes. Producer Wendy Wisely and her dedicated team have created a true repertory ensemble, with special attention to good clear diction and precisely-timed stage interactions, (unlike Berkeley Rep's recent expensive and disappointing "Miser")

Especially noteworthy is Terra "Taz" Balbyena's resourceful maid Toinette, who also pulls off an amazing switch to become a renowned Italian physician, complete with accent.

The other "real" doctors are just as outrageously funny: a

preening Adam Vergino as Argan's own physician, and Jordan Adelman as his vacantbrained son Thomas, whose comically robotic rote speeches and gestures sent the audience into hysterics.

Thomas's uncle, the famous Dr. Purgeon, (another play on purging), is the wonderfully overbearing Brian Luce, who delivers a short but memorable paean to his own superior skills. Swetha Dixit as his apothecary could provoke laughter just be brandishing her monstrous enema syringe.

A last delightful charlatan is Bonnefoy (Goodfaith), the crooked lawyer hired by the wicked wife. Peter Barrett, a voice-over artist and storyteller, clearly relishes every oily word as he describes the legal obstacles to his client's plan. But after a courtly bow to the law's great majesty, he slyly adds that a clever lawyer can easily find a path around, over, or under it. Sounds sadly familiar and contemporary, doesn't it?

Argan's older daughter Angelica and her ardent suitor Cleante (Alandra Hileman and Kvle Burgess) are curly-wigged cuties with their lovestruck mooning and improvised stratagems, aided by Brenna Gomer's bugeyed ingenue younger sister Louse.

The ultimate hypocrite is Beline, Argan's young wife, who professes unselfish love and tenderness while grimacing her disgust to the audience. A honeyvoiced Emilie Frybarger plays the perfect conniving gold-digger, only revealing her true feelings when Argan feigns death and she rejoices.

In a grand comic finale, a solemn parade of pretend doctors spouting spurious Latin quiz Argan on his medical knowledge. His response for every disease is "I purge," so naturally he qualifies to "graduate" and is awarded his dunce cap of office. Now that he's a physician able to treat himself without a fee, Angelica is free to marry her beloved and inherit daddy's fortune - the expected happy ending.

Valley families have only one more weekend to enjoy this highly entertaining presentation, on Saturday and Sunday, August 12 and 13, at 7 p.m. A Green Show at 6:30 p.m. features period music and dance - great fun for young and old alike, including the seating of the evening's honorary Louis XIV on the royal throne.

The show takes place in the enclosed (wind-proof) courtyard of the Las Positas Theater Arts Building. For more information, visit www.laspositascollege.edu/ performingarts. Tickets will be sold at the door. Comfortable seats are provided for the summer's best bargain. Don't miss it!

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Georgi and the Roughweek (left) and Roger Kardinal (above, right) will perform a concert to benefit the **Livermore Valley Opera Guild.**

Rock and Roll Benefit for Opera

The Livermore Valley Opera Guild will present "Rock & Roll in the Vineyard" for its up coming fund-raiser on Sunday, August 20, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Cedar Mountain Winery, 7000 Tesla Road, Livermore, will be the venue for this concert.

Listen and dance to the sounds of blues and rock with Georgi and the Rough Week and the voice of Roger Kardinal.

Bring a low chair or blanket. Lawn and table seating is available on a first come basis. Audience members are encouraged to bring picnic suppers. There will be wine and desserts for sale. (No outside wine permitted)

This event will help fund Livermore Valley Opera's production of "The Magic Flute" in the fall.

Tickets at \$20 per person can also be purchased at Cedar Mountain Winery, Fine Fretted Friends, and at the door. Children under 12 are admitted free. For tickets and information, call 960-9210 or go to www.livermorevalleyopera.org.

& ENTERTAINME ART

Valley Concert Chorale will hold auditions by appointment on Sept. 11, 18 and 25 in Livermore for experienced singers interested in singing. There will be an open rehearsal on September 18. The open rehearsal provides an opportunity to experi-ence singing with the chorus prior to scheduling an audition. The Chorale is looking for singers who enjoy performing a wide range of music from classical to contemporary, from folk to jazz. If you have sight reading skills and enjoy singing exciting and challenging music, call 925-462-4205 to schedule an appoint-

ment. Art show, Aug. 1-31, "Wine Country Wildlife," works by artist Kathleen Hill. Wente Vineyards Estate Winery tasting room, 5565 Tesla Road, Liv-ermore. Sales of artwork to benefit

Tri-Valley Conservancy. Informa-tion, 925/456-2305 Livermore Art Association, members show at the Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. August 1-31.. No admission charge.

Heritage Days Summer Music Festi-val, Aug. 26, noon to 4 p.m. Coyote Hills Regional park, Fremont. Multicultural music, activities and food. Festival is free. \$5 for parking. Good for all ages. Scheduled acts include The Mossy Creek Band, Kaweh, Layce Baker and his Black Diamond Band, and Rafael Manriquez and

Grupo Amaranto. **Crosswinds Benefit Concert**, Sat., Aug. 19, benefits Assistance League® Operation School Bell®. Three bands: Aja Vu, Faldo's Toy, and Jerry Jennings Band. Evening of rock/arg.afsign Crosswinds Audi rock/jazz afusion, Crosswinds Audi-torium, 6444 Sierra Ct., Dublin. oors open 6 p.m. Concert ıt 7 p.m.

diums including watercolors, pastels, oils, colored pencils, jewelry, photography, and textiles. Artists are Marge Barta Atkins, Jean Bidwell, are Marge Barta Atkins, Jean Bidwell, Sharon Dwyer, Susan Helmer, Denise Oyama Miller, Kathy Ries, Marcia Ritz, Donna Sanson, and Cindy Sul-livan. Alexander's Main Street Gal-lery is located at 610 Main Street in Pleasanton. The Gallery is open Monday-Friday 10 to 6, Saturday 10 to 5, and Sunday 12 to 4. For information contact the Gallery at (925) 846-6015. (925) 846-6015.

Movies at Wente: August 15: Jurassic Park; Based on Michael Crichton's best-selling novel. The feature (1993, Rated PG-13, 127 minutes) is pro-ceeded by a 5-minute Independent Film Short. Pre-show dinner and movie fare available at The Reel Classics Café followed by a screening of The Goonies. The movie is sheduled for Tuesday, August 15, with dinner at 6:30 p.m., and the movie at 8:30 p.m. Suggested dona-tion is \$9 adults, \$5 children. Information wentevineyards.com

Ravenswood Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social, August 13, Ravenswood Progress League and LARPD. Mu-

Progress League and LARPD. Music, entertainment, carriage rides, food for sale. Ravenswood Historic Site, 2647 Arroyo Road. Maryalice Faltings - (925) 443-0238.
Summer Series Under the Stars, August 13, Voices in Harmony Barbershop Chorus. Alameda County Fairgrounds amphitheater, Pleasanton. Presented by the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center and Alameda County Fairgrounds, 7:30 p.m. Adults \$12, seniors age 62 and over and youth age 8 to 12, \$8; age 7 and under free. Free parking. Gourmet picnic style dinners available for purchase 5 to 7:30 p.m. Fund-raising

lectures.htm.

Day in the Park, presented by the Taylor Family Foundation, fund-raising for Camp Arroyo, a camp for children with life threatening illnesses and disabilities. Sun., Aug. 27, noon to 6:30 p.m. at the camp in Livermore. Silent auction, live auction, gournet luncheon, wine tasting, lo-cal celebrity guests, music, camp

tours. Tickets or sponsorships, call 455-5118 or go to www.ttff.org. Macbeth auditions, Las Positas College will hold auditions for its fall semester main stage production, *Macbeth* on Wednesday and Thursday nights, August 23 and 24. Au-ditions will be held from 7:00-9:30 PM in the Theater. Actors are encouraged to bring a short prepared monologue. They will also read from the script. Since the play will be set in a contemporary setting, some of the male roles may be cast female. Wendy M. Wisely is directing the production; Ken Ross is producing. For more information, call (924) 424-1166. Las Positas College, 3033 Collier Canyon Road, Livermore. kross@laspositascollege.edu. uditions: The Douglas Morrisson

Auditions: The Douglas Morrisson Theatre, "The Gifts of the Magi," a musical based on the stories of O. Henry. Book by Mark St. Germain, Music by Randy Count, lyrics by Randy Count and Mark St. Germain, Setundar, August 12, & Sunday Saturday, August 12 & Sunday, August 13 at 1:00 pm. Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 North Third Street, Hayward. Roles are available for 2 women 18 or older, 2 men 18 to 50+, and one boy 13 to 18 years of age. Prepare one song from any musical. Bring your music to the audition. Open Call - No Appoint-ment Needed. A pianist will be provided. Directed by Toni Tomei. Information at (510) 881-6733 or

Jazz at the Ridge, Popp Ridge Golf Course, 4280 Greenville Road, Liv-ermore. Every Thursday 6:30 to 8:30

emote. Every Thusday 0.50 to 0.50 p.m. Smooth jazz from Two Guys. Information, 456-8215 or info@poppyridgegolf.com.
Annual concert, Saturday, September 16, 7:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Average Approximate Approxima

enue, Livermore. Annual concert co-sponsored by Alameda County East Branch of the Music Teachers'

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"Thoroughly Modern Millie' Cast includes First Livermore Idol

The final performances of the musical, "Thoroughly Modern Millie," will be this weekend.

The August 10, 11 and 12 curtain time is 8 p.m. at the Ohlone College amphitheater in Fremont.

Natalie Hawkins, the first Livermore Idol, appears as Dorothy in the production.

The story is set in New York City in 1922, Thoroughly Modern Millie tells the story of young Millie Dillmount, played by Courtney Stokes, who has just moved to the City in search of a new life. It's a New York full of intrigue and jazz – a time when women were entering the work force and the rules of love and social behavior were changing forever.

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Barbershop Singers Entertain at Fairgrounds

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center will host, "Summer Series Under the Stars" concludes on August 13 with the Harmony Barbershop Chorus performing.

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ognized as Northern California's premiere men's a Capella chorus with over 100 voices performing. The performance will be held

at the Alameda County Fairgrounds amphitheater in Pleasanton. The show begins at 7:30 p.m.

third solo CD, Lovely Nancy, with

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on guitar and vocals, the high

energy of traditional folk songs

features Paul Kotapish on man-

dolin, Charlie Hancock on accor-

dion and piano, and Brian Rice on

percussion. Chuck Ervin joins the

group on double bass and vocals.

for this event. It will be presented

There is no admission charge

Sylvia Herold and Euphonia Featured In Livermore Library Performance

Cafe-style combo Sylvia Herold and Euphonia will perform at the Livermore Library on Sunday, August 13 at 2 p.m.

Sylvia Herold uses her voice and guitar skills to draw on the diverse traditions of swing, jazz and traditional folk and Celtic music.

Her earthy, nostalgic interpretations span a variety of musical styles that have earned her critical acclaim over a successful music career spanning 25 years. She is known as a singer of folksongs, as well as a swing chanteuse and guitarist.

In 2005 Herold released her

Those attending are welcome to dine on the nearby grounds prior to the event with picnicstyle dinners for purchase from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Tickets to each performance are \$12 adults, \$8 seniors age 63 and over and youth. Children age 7 and under are admitted free. No advance tickets are needed. Free parking is provided.

For more information about the Summer Series go to www.livermoreperformingarts.org or visit the Fair website at www.AlamedaCountyFair.com.

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\$20. Online at www/Ticketweb.com. Keyword is Crosswinds or Assistance League, or contact Philomena, 443-2224 or Tawnya at 454-2927. Sandwiches, coffee, tea, soft drinks and water available for purchase at a very reasonable price. There will be no alcohol.

Diverse Directions a show of new artwork by Artists 7, a group of award-winning women artists in the East Bay. Saturday, August 5 through Sunday, August 20. Variety of me-

Pleasanton Concert Band Plans Program for a Sunday Concert

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band will be performing Sunday, August 13, 2006 at Ravenswood Historical Site, 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore, during the annual Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social.

The concert will start at noon. Director Bob Williams has selected music appropriate for eating ice cream in the park. The program will include "Gaslight Gaieties," "Merry Wives of Windsor Overture," "Marriage of Figaro Overture" and marches by Sousa. Other popular music of the era will provide a pleasant listening experience.

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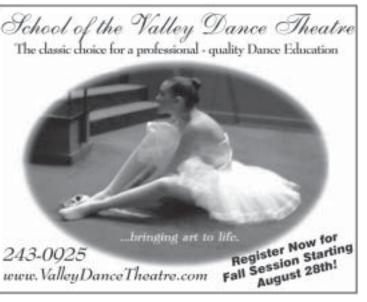
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- Locals Only, art show devoted to local artists. Worthington Gallery West, 739 Main St., Suite J, Pleasanton. July 14-August 26. Artists include Avital Barak, Shelley Barry, Kim Chew, Tim Clare, Erin Davis, Sue Evans, Roy Francis, Patti Heimburger, Tricia Leonard, Daryl Lura, Dave McLaughlin, Danielle Munro, Kim Pace, Gail Ruvalcaba, The Schuler family, MJ Wilson, Barbara Van Slyke, Mame Wisniewski and others. Public is invited. to attend. Portion of pro-ceeds go to PLAID (Pleasanton Lives Art in Downtown.) Information, 485-1183
- **Tuesday Tunes** 6 to 9 each Tuesday. Free concerts at the Flagpole Plaza Lawn area, located at Livermore Avenue and First Street. The entertainment is sponsored by Livermore

Downtown Inc The following bands are scheduled: August 15: Chosen; August 22: Gabe Duffin Band; and August 29: The Hummingbirdz; Sept. 5: Big Breakfast; Sept. 12: Stones Throw; Sept. 10: Moreality/Genera-tion Blue; Sept. 26: Zendeavor; Oct.

- 3: Disposition Of. **Dublin Summer Concert Series,** free, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the fountain plaza at Dublin Civic Center. Information at 833-6620. Aug. 4: East Bay MUDD.
- The Imaginary Invalid, by Moliere. Las Positas College summer produc-tion, 3033 Collier Canyon Rd., Livermore. through August 13 on cam-pus. Pre-show will highlight music and dance entertainments seen in the court of King Louis XIV. Saturdays and Sundays 6:30 p.m. for green show. The play begins at 7 p.m. I n f o r m a t i o n www.laspositascollege.edu/ performingarts or call 424-1166. Blues on the Patio, Thursdays from 5:50-9:30 pm. Rhythm and Blues bands for listening and dancing. BBQ

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Music on Fridays, Trio at Stony Ridge Restaurant, located at the Stony Ridge Crooked Vine featuring live music every Friday night thru October, weather permitting. Appetizers, dinner entree, wine, beer and sangria offered. No cover charge. menu Check at www.trioatstonyridge.com featured entertainment or call for 925 449-0660

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Comedy Night, Elliston Vineyards. Fri., Sept. 15, 6:30 to 10 p.m. Food, wine and laughter. S65 per person plus gratuity and tax. \$57.00++ for Club 200 members! Price includes a buffet dinner from 6:30-7:30pm with the show opening at 7:45pm. erages will be available for purchase at the event. Tickets Available by calling (925) 862-2377. For more information go to www.elliston.com. Mark: A Dramatic Performance of the Gospel of Mark," Michael Reardon and Patrick Lane will per-form their dramatic presentation of the Gospel of Mark at St. James' Episcopal Church on Saturday, Sep-tember 9, at 7 p.m. The performance will feature a powerful blend of voice, light, music and costuming. It is a contemporary translation of scripture, proclaimed in the oral tradition of the early church. General admis-sion tickets are on sale now for \$10, \$15 at the door. Children under age 5 are admitted free of charge. For ticket information, or to purchase or reserve tickets, call the St. James' office at 510-797-1492 or visit www.saintj.com for more information. St. James' is located at 37051

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a. Present Name: Jens-Uwe FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT Jens Maassen

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by:husband and wife

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Handcart travel was a faster and less expensive way to cross the plains than oxen-drawn wagons. Between 1856 and 1860, nearly 3,000 people, mostly emigrants from Europe and the British Isles, traveled in a total of ten handcart companies with little mishap

Kathy Cambruzzi, a Pleasanton resident who, along with her husband Tony, acted as "parents" to a group of teenagers during the Pleasanton Stake's trek July 13-15.

Cambruzzi reports, "In an effort to understand the faith of the early Mormon pioneers who trekked across the wilderness of the American Midwest to the Salt Lake Valley, approximately 100 teenagers from the Pleasanton Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints abandoned their iPods and baseball caps for pioneer clothing for three days. With 25 adults walking with them, they completed a 16-mile trek in the beautiful Sierra Nevada mountains.'

Belongings were placed into a

4-by-5-foot handcart. "The forested terrain, occa-

sional steep grades, and rocks

provided a memorable experi-

ence. We hoped to emulate in

some small way the pilgrimage

of the Mormon pioneers who fled

religious persecution in Nauvoo,

Illinois, and other communities.

Unlike the pioneers, we were not

subjected to extreme cold

weather, over 100 days on the

trail, or extreme fatigue and ex-

of our trek we reached the top of

the first hill and each youth

learned that the rest of the family

was depending on him or her. Everyone else suffered if one of

was given a baby doll by a

mother on the trail who could go

no further and the new addition

was welcomed into the family.

"At some point each family

"Within the first 30 minutes

haustion.

the slacked off.

The teenagers were divided into families of 9-10 youth.

The main job of "parents," according to Camruzzi, "was to be the spiritual and emotional direction for the family and to help them enjoy the experience. I have to say it was one of the most spiritual and life-changing experiences I have ever had.

Each person was allowed a gunny sack for our clothing and bedding. They carried 5 gallons of water, cooking equipment, and a ration of snacks. The lack of modern-day conveniences helped participants to better experience what those who had gone before us had gone through.

"infant" to meals and evening campfires and ensuring warmth at night. "The conditions were authen-tic as possible. The food was

The youth needed to care for the baby during the trek, bringing the

authentic, minimal but enough to sustain each individual. The dust was authentic and the physical difficulty was authentic. The youth rose to the challenges and were fully engaged in the whole process," said Camruzzi.

Each youth walked to trek for either a pioneer ancestor or someone who had been in a handcart company. They each shared a brief description and history of the person with the family, and then talked about the trials they experienced that day and in their own lives.

In 1846 the U.S. government conscripted all healthy men and boys into the army for the pur-pose of fighting in the war against Mexico. Five hundred Mormon men left their wives and children to continue the journey westward without them.

"History was repeated on our trek. At one point the men and boys were taken to a vantage point where they watched helplessly as the women and girls pushed and pulled the handcarts up a steep incline. Many were moved to tears and later told us that they were amazed that the girls could push the cart up the hill. They had a new respect for them and their accomplishment," explained Camruzzi.

A fully loaded handcart weighed about 350 pounds. Af-ter about 1/2 mile, the men and boys were allowed to return and take over, pushing the carts the rest of the way to the top. Activities were organized to

help the youth experience games and activities of the era such as archery, log sawing, horshshoes, calf roping, and cat's cradle. A hoedown was held on Saturday night.

"This trek was a chance for the youth to connect with their ancestors, but most of all with themselves as they discovered what they were personally made of, physically, mentally, and spiritually. They experienced firsthand what it was like to work as a team as they went through many hardships while trying to maintain a cheerful and willing attitude.'



Photo - Doug Jorgenser

Peace activists marched to the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory last Sunday as part of a rally protesting nuclear weapons research conducted at the Lab. The rally and peace march are held each year on the anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima.









Photo - Doug Jorgensen This colorful artwork was among the paintings and other art displayed during "Montmarte, A Little of Paris in the Park." The show and sale was hosted by the Livermore Art Association.



PET OF THE WEEK: HOLMES Holmes Guacamole is a friendly and playful 15-month old Chihuahua mix weighing in at about 12 pounds. He is happy, loving, cuddly, and likes his belly rubs. He can be very active also, and likes to run and play catch. He likes other dogs, gets along with cats, and also likes children, but can be shy at first meeting. His life has been a bit unsettled lately, and has recently been kept outdoors or in the garage. As a result, he needs a refresher course on his housetraining, but seems quick to learn. For more information on Holmes (ID# D-997), call Valley Humane Society at (925) 426-8656 or stop by the Adoption Center at 273 Spring St. in Pleasanton. Hours are Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. and weekends 12 to 4 p.m.





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