

Pleasanton Wants Discussions about Airport

The Pleasanton City Council held off on making a decision on whether or not to help fund a system to monitor noise generated by activity at the Livermore Airport.

Pleasanton would like a memorandum of understanding about establishing a noise baseline, how information gathered during monitoring would be used, and how the airport would continue to work on various issues.

Other issues would include flight patterns, hours of operation, number of flights, and kinds of planes that fly in and out everyday. There would also be conversations about mitigations and measured that could be put in place.

The vote was unanimous with Mayor Jennifer Hosterman absent.

Pleasanton was given until August 31 to respond to a request from Livermore to help finance noise monitoring of activities related to the Livermore Airport. Mayor Marshall Kamena stated, "Regardless of whether Pleasanton says 'yes' or 'no' to helping to finance the monitoring, Livermore will make the decision whether to proceed."

The Pleasanton council concluded there is a value in the data that would be collected in any monitoring program and in meeting to talk about issues.

Pleasanton Councilmember Matt Sullivan had expressed support for

Pleasanton helping to pay for noise monitoring. "I think there is some value in collecting data. Right now it is all subjective. Normally I would agree with staff that Pleasanton shouldn't help pay. People who create the problem should pay for mitigation. Pleasanton residents complain. However, Pleasanton has never said it would help solve the problem."

Sullivan said the message should be that it is Pleasanton's intention to approve funding for noise monitoring. He asked, "Unless we're willing to put our money where our mouth is, what is the incentive for Livermore to proceed." He eventually agreed with other

councilmembers to ask for meetings first.

Sullivan declared that the Pleasanton council needs to be more proactive about Livermore's plans for the airport and the impacts on Pleasanton.

Pleasanton staff had recommended that Pleasanton not help fund the noise monitoring system. Pleasanton should work with Livermore to place monitors, but not help pay for them. Director of Public Works Rob Wilson told the council there would be some benefits to citizens of Pleasanton to find out where the noise comes from. However, there is no enforcement ability. Data could be used to track down pilots and talk to them about their behavior in the air.

Wilson pointed out that other airports have tried restricting hours of landing. The FAA no longer allows that to happen.

City Manager Nelson Fialho said that he believes Livermore has an open mind on the level of participation Pleasanton would like to have. "There are very few things Livermore can do to influence operations at the airport. I suggest that the council not allocate money for noise monitoring." He recommended that the council move forward with meetings out of which would come the MOU.

Fialho added that the airport impacts our citizens. At the same time it is a re-

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Flood Plan Includes Habitat and Recreation Elements

The Zone 7 Water Agency board approved a stream management master plan aimed at protecting communities from floods through planned buildout at 2034. The plan includes elements to improve water quality, wildlife habitat and public recreational and educational opportunities.

The stream management plan represents a new approach to flood protection. Rather than focus on wide, straight channels to move water through the valley as quickly as possible, the new plan emphasizes minimizing erosion and sedimentation and reducing peak storm water flows.

The master plan identifies 45 projects on various streams and channels that could be completed over the next decades. A key component of the new plan calls for diverting storm water into a series of gravel pits between Livermore and Pleasanton, which, as mining operations are completed, will become a chain of lakes. The stored water would be released downstream after storms pass through the areas. The result is that arroyos can be kept in a more natural state.

Ten projects would remove or modify fish passage barriers in Arroyo Mocho, Arroyo del Valle

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Father Ismael Gutierrez (far right) hands out candy to residents.

St. Michael's Group Helps Make Dream Happen

Father Ismael Gutierrez and his Hispanic ministry at Saint Michael's Catholic Church are helping bring a housing project in El Salvador to fruition.

The development will provide new homes for 25 impoverished families.

Father Ismael and six of his parishioners visited the Salvadorans in July for two weeks.

"It was very sad to see," said Father Ismael, referring to the living conditions he and his group witnessed. "It shocked me. I was

very moved.

"And the people suffer even worse during the winter rains. Every year they have to be evacuated."

Under the name Mission a El Salvador, Father Ismael's group has volunteered to raise funds for the housing development. They've been doing a broad range of fund-raising activities: sales of Salvadoran food treats, raffles, a special dinner and more.

"The community has been

very generous," Father Ismael reports.

The recent trip to El Salvador was for the purpose of delivering the money that has been raised — nearly \$30,000.

The funds were used to acquire the land where the homes will be built. The construction will take place over the next two-three years. The homes are to be built in Habitat for Humanity style (though that organization won't itself be involved), with

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Sides Differ Over Cedar Grove Issues

The Cedar Grove Church application to build in South Livermore is characterized as a land use issue by some and a religious issue by others.

The Alameda County Planning Commission took further testimony on the issue at its Monday meeting. The commission then continued the matter until Oct. 2 at 6 p.m. The evening start time was chosen to allow for more people to be able to attend the hearing.

The land on which Cedar Grove Church proposes to construct new facilities is located within Alameda County's jurisdiction and the South Livermore Valley Area Plan. The church is planning for 75,000 square feet of new construction, plus a parking lot that accommodates 508 cars.

Supporters of the South Livermore Plan told the commission that land use is the issue. They cited the plan in stating, "The county shall prohibit additional development in the unincorporated portions of the South Livermore Valley unless it will directly further the purpose of expanding and enhancing cultivated agriculture."

On the other side, a representative of the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty called the effort to have the church's application denied a violation of federal law. They referred to the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA) of 2000 which says that no govern-

ment shall impose or implement a land use regulation in a manner that imposes a substantial burden on the religious exercise of a person, including religious assemblies or institutions absent the least restrictive means of furthering a compelling governmental interest.

On its website, The Becket Fund declares, "Religious exercise is virtually impossible without a physical house of worship — and any house of worship needs to use land. Religious assemblies and institutions face growing pressure by municipal authorities to limit their physical presence in America's cities and towns. They're excluded from downtown areas because they do not attract enough traffic to generate retail and tax revenues; they're excluded from residential districts for creating too much traffic; and they're excluded from agricultural and other areas as being "incompatible" with a rural lifestyle."

The Becket Fund has already filed a federal lawsuit against Alameda County for its denial of Redwood Christian Schools application to build a school in Castro Valley.

Attorney Roger Gaither stated, "The county will be on the wrong side again if they turn down Cedar Grove." He pointed out that Cedar Grove tried to expand at its present site, but was unable to do so. They found a larger property and want to build.

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New Business Council CEO Says He Doesn't Envision Change in Direction

The Tri-Valley Business Council (TVBC) has hired Tobias Brink as its new President and CEO.

Brink currently serves as the President and CEO of the San Ramon Chamber of Commerce. He will be replacing Tom O'Malley, who has served as the President of the TVBC for the past eight years. Tom was the Founding Chair of the Business Council and has served on the Board of Directors since 1994.

"We're excited about the experience, skills, and passion that Toby brings to the organization," said Ken Mercer, Chairman of the TVBC Board. "While at the San Ramon

Chamber, Toby increased membership, revenue and prominence of the Chamber, and we're looking forward to him bringing these skills to the TVBC. His background in fund-raising and politics, will also allow the TVBC to play a prominent role in shaping the future of the Tri-Valley region."

Brink said he did not anticipate any change in direction. "If they were to be any changes, I don't think they would be drastic," he commented, adding, "essentially the Vision 2010 Project will continue. My job will be to beef up the organization, to work with businesses and city governments to implement Vision 2010."

His goal he said is to grow the influence of the organization.

One of the reasons he was hired is that he has a history of growing organizations. Brink said it generally takes two to four years.

His career began in politics, working first on Dianne Feinstein's campaign, then as a staff member.

Brink pointed out that you can sit and talk about utopian plans. "If the money and will aren't there, they won't happen. All you're having is an intellectual discussion. Everyone has to be at the table to make it work. However, anyone who is excited

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Fireworks and hot rods will be at the fairgrounds. For the story, see page 3.

Rock Climbing Gym To Close In Livermore

The rock climbing gym at Sunrise Mountaineering will be torn down sometime soon, taking away one activity that has proven popular for all ages.

Climbers as young as two and a half have clamored up the wall in downtown Livermore.

The space will be rented out to a new establishment.

Jason Ryder, who manages the climbing wall, said it is a matter of economics. "Kim Grandfield, the owner of Sunrise, has let the gym exist as long as possible."

The gym opened nine years ago. At that time it was one of only two or three gyms in the Bay Area. Now there are eleven, many of them much larger. Ryder comments, "Our membership is larger now and we are getting more walk-ins. It is a niche gym. Birthday parties kept it going. We can't compete with the themed parties offered at other establishments."

Ryder is concerned about the long time members of the gym.

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Rancho Elementary School Gets Fit

By Patricia Koning

Students of Rancho Las Positas Elementary School in Livermore returned this week to find a brand new outdoor fitness center. Rancho is a proud recipient of the Project Fit America (PFA) program, which includes the outdoor equipment, PE curriculum, and indoor equipment such as fitness cups, weighted hoops, and pacer cadence tapes.

"I'm really excited about having Project Fit America at our school," says Rancho Principal Cheryl Bolling. "This will bring a comprehensive physical education program back into our school. We've been hurting in that area ever since PE teachers were eliminated."

The outdoor equipment consists of seven permanent stations: a pole climb, vault bar, horizon-

tal ladder, sit up station, step test station, parallel bars, and pull up bars. PFA designed the equipment to work upper body, lower body, abdominal strength, cardiovascular endurance, and flexibility, all areas of weakness in many children.

The equipment is structured to be multi-age, suitable for first graders through adults. Many of the stations, such as the horizontal ladder and parallel bars, are built at a pitched angle for increased challenge as children grow older and stronger.

To introduce the school and local community to its new exercise area, the school will hold a dedication ceremony on Sept. 6 from 5 to 8 p.m. in conjunction with the Rancho Roundup back-to-school barbeque. Dignitaries

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Design Review to Take a Look at Livermore Village Development

The proposed Livermore Village goes to the Design Review Committee (DRC) for a public hearing on August 31.

The Livermore Village is proposed for the Old Lucky center. The first phase is being reviewed by the DRC.

Issues raised during a recent workshop with the Planning Commission will be discussed.

According to Kevin Roberts, economic development director for the city, the issues include the four story buildings, extension of K Street, and the open space area, which the commissions felt should be larger.

The first phase is to include 118 of the 281 units. It is a mixed use development. Some will be

flex units that could be used for retail, as live/work spaces or fully residential. There are live/work units with a bottom floor for retail and a separate entrance for the home. Studio flats and two story condos are also in the mix. There is 6000 square feet of retail.

Construction of the first phase would be on the eastern portion of the site, from the old grocery store east.

The historic Southern Pacific Train Depot is located on the site. However, no consideration of its future is part of the first phase. Roberts said that the land and the building belong to separate owners. Phase two would require re-

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Water Tank Finance Plan Delays Decision

A plan for an 8-lot subdivision in the Vineyard corridor was conditioned on approval of construction of a water tank on one of the lots.

The vote for the development was unanimous. Mayor Jennifer Hosterman was absent. Councilmember Steve Brozosky was recused, since he owns the adjacent property.

The water tank issue, discussed prior to the development, was not approved. Since only three councilmembers were present, a unanimous vote was required. Councilmember Cindy McGovern voted against the staff's proposal. She did not like the idea that there was no concrete plan to pay for the water tank. "I don't know of a business that would put out a \$4 million project without knowing how it would be paid for," McGovern

commented. "I think we get ourselves in trouble when we approve a project without a finance plan."

The city would pay to build the water tank and be reimbursed. The question is how it would be reimbursed. One potential would be to increase fees on future development within the Vineyard Specific Plan. Other options would be to increase water rates or float a bond.

Property owner Greg Reznick asked that the approval not include a condition that the water tank be approved. He was concerned that it could take too long to resolve the issue, holding back his development.

City Manager Nelson Fialho said that if it appeared development could be held up, the council could reconsider the condition.

Councilmember Matt Sullivan

said he was not completely comfortable with staff's proposal to move forward with the water tank without a finance plan. However, there is a need.

The matter will be returned to the council for discussion at its September 5 meeting, when Hosterman will be back.

The development and water tank issue are tied together. In exchange for land on which to build the water tank, the city would build the road for the development. Staff had recommended moving forward prior to the council approving a finance plan, because of the escalating costs of construction.

Director of Public Works Rob Wilson noted that the bids were 200 percent higher than anticipated. There are fewer contractors bidding. The costs of mate-

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Do You Remember?



By Anne Homan

"You Shouldn't Ought to Do It, Girls."

Early feminists who advocated clothing that gave women more freedom of movement had a detractor in one Livermore editor. In April 1895, according to the *Echo*, "a woman clad in a 'dress-reform suit'—otherwise pantaloons, and other articles of dress supposed to be used exclusively by men," rode by the newspaper office on a bicycle. "She didn't look a bit nice or attractive."

Two years later the same editor noticed two young ladies on an evening promenade of First Street in a spirit of "girlish fun and thoughtlessness clad in men's attire." He commented, "You shouldn't ought to do it, girls, for people will talk."

Feminists, however, had a more important concern than clothing reform—they wanted to be able to vote.

The management of the brick Livermore Farmers' Union building at the corner of North Livermore and Railroad Avenue allowed the Ladies League of Progress free use of their second-floor theater for a woman's suffrage meeting in May 1896. The space was "neatly decorated for the occasion with flags and drapery," the *Livermore Herald* reported. Miss Ariana Moore, teacher and vice principal at Livermore Union High School, gave the opening address. She was followed by Mrs. Alice M. Stocker of Sunol, president of the Alameda County Woman Suffrage Association.

The program continued with a persuasive speech by George S. Langan, a Livermore attorney. Mrs. Mary Singer of New York gave the closing address "which fairly bristled with the most forcible arguments in favor of woman suffrage."

Despite grassroots community efforts like that held in Livermore, a California statewide referendum advocating suffrage for women failed in November 1896. Many negative voters had connected the possibility of women voters with the possibility of prohibition.

Nevertheless, California women continued their campaign. Early in 1911 they organized a statewide council to coordinate events that publicized passage of another referendum in the November election. Up and down the state during 1911, suffragists worked hard to garner votes: parades, rallies, door-to-door canvassing, press coverage.

In the San Francisco Labor Day parade, according to the Women of the West's Museum, the Wage-Earners' Suffrage League prizewinning float was drawn by six black horses and covered with yellow streamers symbolizing the suffrage newspaper *The Yellow Ribbon*.

On September 30, 1911, suffragists held an open air meeting near the flagpole in Livermore. Local committee members Miss Emma Smith, Mrs. Julia Fassett, Mrs. Bertha Anspacher, and Mrs. Mary I. Beck greeted visitors. Several downtown merchants turned on their brilliant electric arc streetlights for the evening event. A large audience attended.

Philip B. Anspacher loaned his car for a platform for the speakers; the major ones from out of town were Professor E.O. James of Mills College and Mrs. Cornelius Fisk of New York. Fisk was a "suffragist of national reputation," said the *Herald*, "and while she dealt in the stock arguments of the suffragists she did it in a very pleasing manner which held the attention of her hearers."

The *Herald* did not publish an editorial about the issue. However, the newspaper did publish a long article called "The Amendments" by E.P.E. Troy, which strongly urged passage of the referendum. There was no rebuttal.

California male voters passed Constitutional Amendment 8 in the November 1911 election although Murray Township, the political entity which included Livermore, Pleasanton, and the Altamont area, voted against the amendment, 187 to 101. California was the sixth and largest state so far to approve woman's suffrage in the United States.

On their first opportunity on January 20, 1912, 106 local Livermore valley women appeared at the Sweeney Opera House to register as voters with the county clerk. The Native Daughters of the Golden West came as a group. The *Herald* told of another "coterie" of women who had a registration party before voting and a dinner party afterward. Most registered in the afternoon; a few came in the stormy evening.

By April, out of 47,200 voters registered in Alameda County, 19,982 were women. The national vote for women was not approved until 1920 with the passage of Constitutional Amendment 19.

Women's Equality Day is this coming Saturday, August 26. The California Suffrage Parade Coalition is inviting women to take part in a parade in Sacramento similar to early ones that helped gain support for woman's suffrage. Their hope is to recreate as closely as possible the 1913 parade of about 8,000 women in Washington, DC, featured in the film *Iron Jawed Angels*. The Sundance film stars Hilary Swank and Anjelica Huston; Huston won a Golden Globe award for her portrayal of suffragist Carrie Chapman Catt.

Some members of the coalition will wear period costume and represent historical women in the Sacramento parade; organizers suggest that participants dress in the traditional suffragist white with purple sashes. At 9:30 marchers, musicians, and floats will meet at Southside Park (8th and T Streets) and proceed to the western capitol steps where speakers will address the general theme—a comparison between the challenges that faced women then and those women face today.

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Hot Rodders to Gather at Pleasanton Fairgrounds

Hot rodders will once again flock to Pleasanton bringing thousands of street rods, customs, classics, and hot trucks to the Pleasanton Fairgrounds on August 25-27 for the 20th edition of the Goodguys West Coast Nationals.

The Goodguys West Coast Nationals will draw more than 3000 cars (through 1954) to Pleasanton, some wild, others mild, some are chopped and dropped, painted and plated, modified and customized. Entries will motor in from across the United States and Canada.

In addition to enjoying the rods 'n' customs, spectators and participants will see exhibit halls and outdoor midway areas that will showcase more than 300 manufacturer and commercial exhibits.

A special Saturday night fireworks display will light up the night sky over the fairgrounds Saturday night, August 26th to celebrate the event's 20th birthday.

Other feature events include model and pedal car displays, a vintage toy show, arts & crafts exhibits, and live entertainment throughout the weekend featuring the Livermore based "Pendeltons," as well as national touring group "Daddy O." Special themed automotive showcase areas include the Deuce Doins (for 1932 era hot rods), Ya Gotta Drive 'Em (for rodders who drove over 500 miles to the event), Good Wood (for woodies) and the Young Guys area, for car builders 25 years of age and younger.

In addition, Goodguys will be honoring a true hot rod hero: Vic Edelbrock of Los Angeles. Edelbrock took the reigns of his family's performance automotive company in 1962 at the age of 26 following the death of his father Vic Sr.. Today Edelbrock is the world's largest manufacturer of aftermarket speed parts, employs 650 people and is traded

on the NASDAQ. Edelbrock will participate in a question and answer forum at 10am Saturday. He will sign autographs at the Edelbrock booth from Noon to 2pm Saturday as well.

Children can participate in activities jumpouses to face painting to coloring contests.

Several rodders from around Contra Costa and Alameda Counties will be participating. Pleasanton resident Walt Nakamura will bring his 1930's era streamliner, originally built for land speed racing. Nakamura belongs to the event's host club – the P-Town Pushrods based in Pleasanton. Other car clubs participating in the event include the Danville Dukes club, which was started in the early 1980s by three Danville rodders, one of which was Goodguys President Gary Meadors, the Swanx of Vallejo, Satan's Angels of San Leandro and many others.

Goodguys will crown "America's Most Beautiful Street Rod" on Saturday evening, August, 26th at 8pm. The AMBSR award goes to the event's most celebrated street rod of 1949 and earlier vintage.

Boyd Coddington will be coming to Pleasanton to select his "Pro's Picks." Coddington, star of the Discovery Channel show "American Hot Rod" will hand pick the event's top 20 cars. Over 100 award winners will be paraded in front of the amphitheater stage Sunday afternoon for the West Coast Nationals awards ceremony.

Fairground gates open Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. General admission is \$15; seniors, 60+, \$12; children 7-12, \$6; and children under 6 are free. Fairgrounds parking fee is \$8.

For more event information, contact Goodguys 925/838-9876 or visit www.goodguys.com



PET OF THE WEEK: RASCAL
Rascal is a very friendly and "talkative" 6-year old shorthair Manx. He likes people just fine and wants to be someone's special pal. While he gets

along with other cats, he would definitely prefer to be the only Kitty Prince in the Palace. Like other Manx cats, he has a distinctive gait, and kind of hops when he walks. He is well-behaved, uses his scratching post, and has always lived strictly indoors. For more information on Rascal (ID# 6335), call Valley Humane Society at (925) 426-8656. Valley Humane Society holds mobile pet adoptions for dogs and cats at Pet Extreme in Livermore every Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Hotel to Host Roses to Grandparents

The Rose Hotel will host a Roses to Grandparents event on Sunday, September 10, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. The event is a celebration of National Grandparents Day, which is observed the first Sunday after Labor Day each year.

Grandparents are invited to visit the hotel for cake and coffee and a long-stemmed rose. They will be treated to tours of the hotel, with special attention to the vintage photos of downtown Pleasanton that adorn the walls of the balcony above the

circular staircase. A drawing for a complimentary night's stay will be held at 4:00 p.m.

"We look forward to honoring some of the persons who have created the fabric of Pleasanton as it is today and who helped put the "home" into our hometown," says General Manager Phyllis Grisham.

Detailed information and reservations are available at (925) 846-8802 or info@rosehotel.net. Hotel tours are available upon request at any time.

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Furniture Store to Remain

Owners of the furniture store where Trader Joe's plans to locate want to assure their customers they will remain open.

Dean La, owner of the furniture store, said that Trader Joe's will take over one-fifth of the 60,000 square foot site at 1122 E. Stanley Blvd. in Livermore.

Ag. Park Celebration

A celebration is planned for the Sunol Water Temple Agricultural Park on Sun., Sept. 10 from 4 to 6 p.m.

Visitors will be able to meet the farmers and tour their 1 to 2 acre plots: People's Grocery, Mo Better Food, Baia Nicchia, Mien Farming Collaborative, and Swarm Catcher. There will be an opportunity to taste local tomatoes and melons, olive oil and cheeses, as well as local wines.

Information will be provided on plans for resource conservation, public education and recreation at the site. It is part working agriculture and part parkland.

Tickets in advance are \$25, \$35 at the door. To RSVP please go to www.sagecenter.org.

Combs RCD Board President

Jocelyn Combs was elected President of the Alameda County Resources Conservation District (District) at a recent Board of Directors meeting. Combs says she is committed to strengthening the mission of the District to provide leadership in the County about natural resources conservation and agricultural issues through education, technical resource services, and partnerships. She promotes the application of the working landscape planning framework in her various positions.

Combs is serving her second term on the Board. She brings years of experience in public service, having served for many years as Director of the East Bay Regional Park District. In addition, she sits on the Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) board as the representative for special districts. The Board of Supervisors appointed Jocelyn as the recreation representative to the Alameda County Agriculture Advisory Committee.

Virginia Coelho, a Fremont rancher is serving her third year as Vice President. Brenda Vieux, also a Fremont rancher is Treasurer. Norman Marciel, Livermore farmer and Rod Tripp, natural resources manager for East Bay Municipal Utilities District are the other Directors.

Resource conservation districts (RCDs) are independent, non-regulatory, special districts of California, locally governed by appointed, independent boards of directors. They are authorized by Division 9 of the California Public Resources Code to provide resource conservation leadership. RCDs enable USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to provide Farm Bill cost-share programs and other technical assistance for local landowners and other users.

Decoy Operation

The Pleasanton Police Department along with an investigator from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control conducted an undercover minor decoy program. The program is aimed at stopping the sale of alcohol to minors.

During the course of the evening, the underage decoys acting in concert with police officers entered eleven businesses in Pleasanton and attempted to purchase alcoholic beverages. They were able to purchase alcohol in six of the locations. In all but one successful attempt, the decoy was not asked for identification. The ages of the decoys were eighteen and nineteen. They carried their true identification and were told to show them if asked. In addition, they were told to give their real age if asked.

Successful purchases were made at Pleasanton Liquors, Express Liquors, Hopyard 7-11, Perry's Liquors, Shell Gas Station Mini Market at Hopyard Rd. and Owens Dr., and the Sunshine Saloon. The clerk or employee who completed the transaction was issued a citation in each case. In addition, the businesses may face an administrative action against their ABC licenses by the Department of Alcoholic Beverages Control.

The success of the minor decoy program is measured by how many employees refuse to sell to the decoy, not by how many sales are made. All business owners are encouraged to instruct employees regarding the lawful sale of alcoholic beverages. If help is needed in training employees, individuals may contact the Pleasanton Police at 931-5100 or the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control at 916-263-4216.

Mother Arrested in Death of Newborn

Livermore Police arrested 18-year-old Carmen Gil for the alleged murder of her newborn child.

The child was discovered last Wednesday in a trash can behind where Gill resided.

During a police interview, the mother admitted to delivering the baby in the bathtub of her Albatross Avenue home. The baby was delivered alive. Gil told police the pregnancy was the result of being raped by a family friend in Mexico last December. No one knew she was pregnant. She said she was embarrassed and did not want to bring shame to her family. Gil said she knew she could not provide for the child.

Gil told police that she wrapped the open end of a plastic bag around the baby's head and then tied a knot to secure this bag around the baby's neck, saying she did not want the baby to suffer. She then placed the baby in a garbage can in the side yard of the residence. Gil then went back inside. Fifteen minutes later she checked on the baby and found it was not breathing.

Investigators are still in the process of following up on this information.

Gil was arrested and subsequently transported to the Santa Rita Jail facility in Dublin.

DREAM

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the community and the 25 families participating. The families have formed a committee to oversee the project.

Though the home building phase has yet to begin, the land is already being put to good use. The families have planted it in corn. After the corn is harvested, they plan to move there, where they will be closer to town and on ground less vulnerable to the rains, according to Father Ismael.

"All 25 homes will be built together," he observed. "We don't want to create a situation where some families seem to be

enjoying privileges over the others — where we carry out the development three or so homes at a time and make the rest wait."

Father Ismael serves many immigrant families from Mexico and El Salvador through his Hispanic ministry at Saint Michael's. He himself grew up in Mexico, in the state of Jalisco, though he was born in Orange County. His family returned to California when he was 21, settling in Union City. He has been at Saint Michael's since his ordination two years ago.

He and his group plan to make

other trips to El Salvador as the project progresses.

"We want to keep up on it," he said. "It's a challenging project, and much good will come of it."

"When we were there one person said something very moving to us."

"This is like a miracle for us. We had never dreamed we would have our own homes," he told us.

"We're making a dream possible," said Father Ismael. "We bring these families hope that they can have their own homes."

BUSINESS

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trema is going to be disappointed. There is a need to find a middle ground," according to Brink.

O'Malley will continue with the TVBC on a part time basis to manage the Vision 2010 Project through the next six months.

Components of the vision include enhanced agriculture and preservation of open space. Brink believes they are important to the quality of life in the Tri-Valley. "Successful agriculture is an effective open space preservation policy," he stated.

Brink said that he is interested in looking at a variety of ways to make agriculture sustainable. One example he provided would be the reuse of agriculture waste in compost that would in turn be used to generate energy. This is already being done in Marin County he pointed out. "I think there needs to be more research in that area."

Brink, a longtime Rotarian, has served on the Board of the San Ramon Business Enterprise Center and as President and Program Director of the Economic Round Table of San Francisco. He received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of San Francisco in 1991 and recently graduated from the Leadership San Ramon Valley Program.

In other changes at the TVBC, Ken Mercer, ValleyCare Vice President, is assuming the role of Chair of the Board. He will be replacing Phil Wenthe who has served as the Chair for the past 6 years.

Mercer served as a mayor and city council member of the City

of Pleasanton over a sixteen year period. In addition, he is Past-President of both the Pleasanton and Livermore Chambers of Commerce. A public relations and marketing professional, Mercer has held management positions in major utilities, insurance and hospital/health care organizations.

"We have made great strides towards preserving the prosperity of the Tri-Valley", said out-

going Chair Phil Wenthe. "The work of our committees has established a solid foundation for the Vision 2010 Program. I am thrilled that a man of Ken's stature has agreed to take over the reins as Chair of the TVBC Board. His long-standing ties to the Tri-Valley community and his record of accomplishment bode well for the future of the Tri-Valley Business Council."

Charter School Seeking New Board Members

The Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS) is presently seeking individuals to serve on its Board of Directors.

The candidates must be committed to the concept of a "Charter School," and have excellent communication skills. In its press release, LVCS notes that there is particular interest in candidates

from the community with skills in the following areas: education, finance, legal, facilities, and health and welfare. He/she should be available to attend two board meetings per month, as well as various LVCS school functions.

The school currently serves 737 students in grades K-7, with a waiting list of nearly 400. LVCS

will expand to K-8 in Fall 2007. LVCS is a public school that does not charge a fee or tuition to attend.

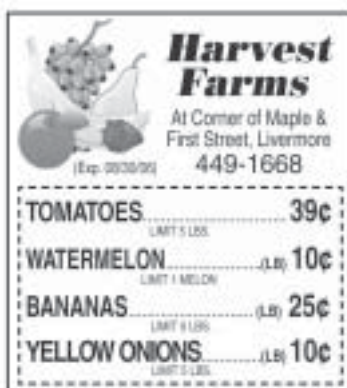
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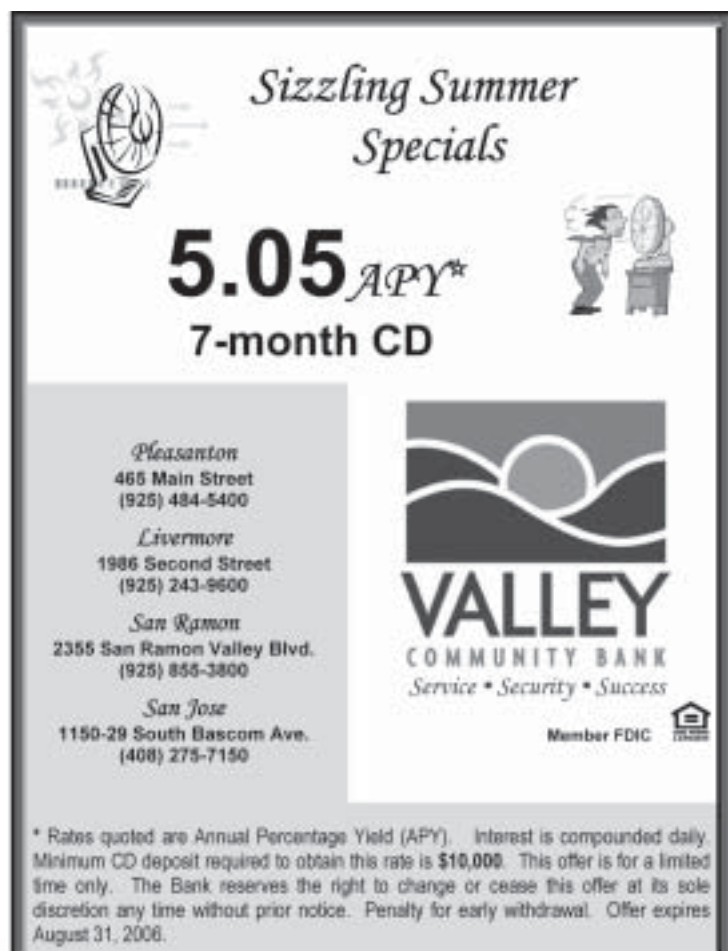
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EDITORIAL

Karen Sweet's Win-Win View

The Partnership for Land Conservation and Stewardship (PLCS) is getting underway under the leadership of Karen Sweet, executive director of the Livermore based Alameda County Resources Conservation District.

The PLCS will hire a "conservation facilitator" who will hook up agricultural landowners with grants and easements that are available if they're willing to provide such things as trail access and habitat preservation.

Sweet has some ambitious ideas. She observes that young ranchers tend to look outside the Valley because the land here is too expensive. She thinks the PLCS could work with a land trust to set up ag properties where the new wave of ranchers would be encouraged to farm.

A five-member advisory committee is currently being formed to work with the PLCS. At last word, the committee had openings for two agricultural landowners and a rural environmental specialist.

There is considerable talk these days about preserving the agriculture of our Valley. Karen Sweet, who is herself a lifelong local rancher, has stepped forward with a win-win perspective about programs that could benefit both conservationists and landowners. She seems to be saying the possibilities have barely been tapped.

Go Karen!

CAMPAIGN '06 NEWS

The Zone 7 Water Agency board last week voted to support two bonds on the Nov. 7 ballot related to water and flood protection: Propositions 1E and 8A.

Proposition 1E is part of a larger \$37 million infrastructure package placed on the ballot by the Legislature and Gov. Schwarzenegger. It provides \$4.1 billion in bond funding for flood-related programs, primarily to shore up the state's deteriorating levee system in the Bay-Delta. If levees should fail, it could impact a key drinking water supply source for Zone 7. Zone 7 could also qualify for some of the \$500 million to measure earmarks for local flood protection projects.

Proposition 8A, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control River, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, would provide \$5.4 billion for a wide range of water quality and nature resource related programs and projects throughout the state. The measure, which qualified for the ballot by voter initiative, would make \$2.71 billion available for water management projects, including \$800 million for levee and flood protection, and \$2.67 billion for resource and conservation programs including protection of rivers, lakes and streams.

BUCK ENDORSED

Hayward Chamber of Commerce Political Action Committee

has endorsed Republican State Assembly Candidate Jill Buck.

Mary Hayashi is the Democratic candidate.

In addition to the Hayward Chamber of Commerce endorsement, Buck has also received the endorsement of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, both encompassed by the 18th Assembly District.

"I am thrilled to have the Hayward Chamber endorsement. The organization plays a significant role in the local community" said Buck. "I look forward to working with the Chamber on other such issues that will enhance the Hayward area."

CANDIDATES FORUM

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce will host a Candidates Forum for both mayoral and city council candidates on Tuesday, October 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The candidates will deliver their campaign platforms and answer questions.

The luncheon will be held in the Palm Pavilion building at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Cost is \$25 per person. The general public is invited to attend. Sponsor a table of (8) and receive recognition in event marketing materials, onsite at event and email communications. Cost to sponsor a table for eight is \$250.

For additional information, call 846-5858.

WATER

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In addition, the size of the tank has been increased, because water use is higher than originally estimated for homes built in the Vineyard corridor area. Wilson noted that the high water use has been seen throughout the city on large lots. The large lots use 3000 plus gallons per day in the summer. The original estimate was that they would use 618 gallons per day.

The two adjacent property owners, Brozosky and Mary Roberts, were concerned about the financing.

Roberts stated, "Everything was fine, until I read the finan-

cial plan. It is becoming rather onerous to those who have yet to develop." She suggested increasing water rates or floating a bond.

Brozosky spoke as a member of the public. He called it bad policy to approve a project without a finance plan. "You can't go back and make people pay for things. The water tank will benefit those outside the specific plan."

City Manager Nelson Fialho wanted the council to move forward in approving the water tank. "We have the money to build the water tank. One of the options at the end of the day, we eat the cost." We're the last to be reimbursed."

CLIMBING

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He also wonders where kids on the climbing team, who range in age from 7 to 17, will train. There is no other team in the area, explained Ryder. He is the head coach and is proud that the team recently won its first regional championship. There is even a national champion on the team, Matt Tyler, age 12, he commented.

The kids on the team are so intent on keeping the gym open, says Ryder, they have been plotting to hold bake sales and run lemonade stands to make enough money to keep it open one more day.

"The environment of a climbing gym is a positive one. Thou-

sands of volunteer hours have gone into making sure it continues to exist. Kids bring their homework and they can get help with it.

"The thing that really kills us is this will take away one thing for high school and college age kids to do in Livermore," Ryder stated.

A going away party is being planned for the gym. "It's been a long run. The tentative date for the party is September 30," he said. After that date, the climbing wall could be torn down at any time.

People interested in attending the party should call Sunrise to confirm the date and time.

Council Continues Outside Vote Policy Debate

The Pleasanton City Council continued to snipe at each other over how councilmembers represent the city at outside meetings.

There was to have been a discussion of the issue at last week's meeting. However, the matter was delayed until September when Mayor Jennifer Hosterman would be present.

Councilmember Steve Brozosky raised the issue of Hosterman's travels to conferences and the topics on which the mayor votes at the conferences. In June, Brozosky asked the council to discuss council rules regarding travel to outside organizations and the use of city funds to attend. His concern was whether the mayor or a

councilmember was reflecting his or her own opinion or those of the city when voting on issue or resolutions.

He contends that if city funds are used to attend, there is an obligation to represent the city. Information to be voted on should be put before the council first.

Brozosky represents Pleasanton on the League of California Cities. The league votes on a variety of issues.

At the June council meeting, Matt Sullivan suggested that Brozosky should provide the council with issues that he would be voting on at a League meeting.

Brozosky recently emailed councilmembers listing the vari-

ous issues to be considered at the League's next meeting.

Cindy McGovern said she had no issue with the votes.

Sullivan, on the hand, said he did have an issue. "I thought this would be a consent calendar item and the text of the resolutions would be included. A summary and recommendation from a councilmember is not the same as coming from staff."

Brozosky replied that he felt it would take too much time for staff to deal with the resolutions. He said there was never any decision that League resolutions would be a consent calendar item. "It's never been done in the past with other board meetings where councilmembers represent the city."

"The problem is the process," stated Sullivan. "Boards have different purposes."

Brozosky said he didn't want staff to spend time preparing reports on every meeting the councilmembers attend. "We said we wanted to discuss the matter when the mayor was present. I'm surprised (that Sullivan brought it up)."

"You're not hearing what I'm saying," replied Sullivan. "I can't weigh in on the issues before the League. I don't have sufficient information."

Another issue to be discussed by the council will be the use of an elected title. Brozosky contends that when using a title, the person should state that he or she is representing his/her own views.

CEDAR GROVE

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He believes that RLUIPA allows them to do so.

Gaither believes that the government cannot provide a compelling argument to turn down Cedar Grove's plans. He provided an example. If a church moves into a warehouse area, the city can require certain safety features such as sprinklers and exits. Those are compelling government interests. A preference would be if the same city says a church cannot place a cross or a sign on its building, now the city is interfering with the right to advertise the building is a church.

In an earlier interview with the Independent Henry Mutz, business manager for Cedar Grove Church, pointed out that under the county's general plan, a church is a permitted use on a parcel zoned agriculture. He added, "I don't believe the church is an urban use. It is a religious institution."

Sharon Burnham, executive director of the Tri-Valley Conservancy, said the land trust board had voted unanimously to oppose the land use proposed by the church. "It's not about the church. It's about a nonconforming land use. There is nothing wrong with the church. The use is just not in the best interest of the South Livermore Plan," she said in an interview.

Burnham explained that the conservancy was created in part in order to make sure the South Livermore Plan is upheld. She said that the board is concerned with any use that could threaten easements held by the land trust. "Anything that breaks the South

Livermore Plan threatens the easements," according to Burnham.

She quoted one speaker who noted that agriculture land is cheaper than land in an urban area. "That could create a huge problem with other churches who might want to build in South Livermore. Once you start changing zoning, you are looking for trouble. If restrictions on uses are removed, you could have ten churches. That creates a totally different environment than if there were ten wineries," said Burnham.

Gail Shearer, who owns property on South Livermore Avenue, has written a letter questioning the findings of the draft environmental impact report. Among them were the economic and social effects. "If visitors no longer can immerse themselves in the rural wine country ambiance of the area, they will stop coming," she commented. She also noted that while land prices may be lower now, if an urban use were allowed, land prices would increase driving out potential agriculture uses. She was also concerned that allowing a use other than agriculture would discourage investment in wineries and vineyards.

David Kent of the Wine Group echoed that view in an earlier statement, noting that urban uses constitute a competing vision for South Livermore Valley. "In 20 years, this vision might very well look like large tracts of preserved, yet barren land, checkered by islands of high density urban development. This competing vision will kill any hopes for fu-

ture investment in our Wine Country and severely cripple the existing winegrowers."

The church for its part believes it is improving the land on which it proposes to build. Mutz said that the church is taking an eyesore and creating a beautiful facility that will be landscaped with vineyards and olive trees. The 75,000 square feet is the total size of six buildings. They include a sanctuary, adult education building, fellowship center, children's building, youth building and an administration building. The buildings are designed to be very low profile. The first phase would be 40,000 square feet.

Dale Turner, a member of Cedar Grove Church, said in an earlier interview, "I think the church would fit in nicely with the vintners. We would not compete. For example, we would not hold wedding parties except for members of our own church. We're nice neighbors. We will plant grapes, and will undertake street improvements. The buildings will be located at the rear of the property."

The church has received support for its plans from other churches in the area.

Bob Baltzer responded to arguments that RLUIPA would require the county to approve the Cedar Grove proposal. He stated, "As long as the policy is applied in furtherance of a compelling government interest and is applied equally to similar uses, it is not in violation of RLUIPA. The government interest in this case is the preservation and expansion of viticulture and agricul-

ture on the compatible soils of South Livermore. The event centers, to which the church compares itself and that have been approved, have all been in direct conjunction and support of a viticulture or agricultural use."

Baltzer argues further that turning down the development does not cause a severe burden. Proponents of the project who advance this argument are contending there are no alternatives within the city. In fact, there are places for churches to locate. They do not have to be placed in areas inimical to agriculture and rural qualities.

Baltzer continued, "Even if the church building itself were allowed under the RLUIPA, the event facilities could not be. The mega social center proposed does not promote agriculture because it is not tied to a winery or olive orchard, for instance. Therefore the social center portion of the project would have to be declined."

The final point to be made, according to Baltzer, is that the RLUIPA is unconstitutional. He quotes a legal expert who has said that the First Amendment has two prongs. The first provides for freedom of religion. The second prohibits government from establishing religion.

Baltzer explains, "If you say religion can trample other uses, then you're discriminating in favor of religion. This statute goes against the First Amendment, because it gives a preference for religion."

AIRPORT

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gional asset. "The issue is communities need to get together and hammer out what the playing field will be. If Livermore finds we are sincere in working with them, they may hold off on deciding on whether monitoring is needed. We do need to recognize it is their asset."

"I don't think \$93,000 (Pleasanton's share) will address our constituents need - stopping the noise," Fialho continued.

He told the council that noth-

FLOOD

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and Arroyo de la Laguna. Others would restore natural stream flows, replace plants with native vegetation, stabilize stream banks, create wetlands and other habitat, and install trails and educational kiosks near the arroyos.

Sediment would be routinely removed to maintain creek flow capacity and improve water quality.

The overall cost is estimated at \$726 million, of which \$479 million is for flood control, \$127 million for habitat and environment improvements, and \$120 million for such improvements as water supply, water quality and recreation, trails and education.

Zone 7's fee on new development will raise only a portion of the amount needed to finance the flood control portion of the plan.

Next will be development of an implementation plan to prioritize projects for completion in the next five to ten years and to identify a financing plan. Board members commented that completion of any project or portion of projects is contingent on adequate funding and community support.

Projects that include recreation, public education and habitat will require partnerships with other agencies for implementation and funding.

Detailed design and environmental review will be required for the implementation of any

ing prevented Pleasanton from conducting its own noise study. Pleasanton did conduct a noise study in 2003. It concluded that the noise levels were below average.

Councilmember Cindy McGovern said she was looking for remediation. She pointed out that other airports have provided triple paned windows and air conditioning to nearby homes.

McGovern said Pleasanton should not hand over \$93,000 without a plan about noise level and how to mitigate it.

Wilson said he believes the Livermore Airport has been pretty aggressive in its approach to pilots in an effort to keep in

certain flight corridors.

Councilmember Steve Brozosky suggested that Livermore consider making hangar rental conditioned on adhering to airport guidelines regarding flight patterns and times. In that case, he stated, monitoring may make sense.

Several speakers urged the council to help fund the noise monitoring, noting that if the city writes a check that sends the message that Pleasanton is serious about the issue.

Terry Smith declared that it is important to have data points. "Information is power. It can be used to get what you want. Small planes don't bother me. It's the

jets. We're not saying close the airport." Smith was concerned about the approval of a new fixed base operator, which she said would try to bring in new business. "It's a gas station. They want people to fly in and out."

Smith pointed out that Pleasanton residents have the biggest complaint log. "If we're not going to pony up money to help pay for noise monitoring, Livermore won't take us seriously."

Joe Ely, who has also spoken at Livermore council meetings, said that noise monitoring was to be used to establish a baseline to determine whether there is more or less noise as the result of any changes at the airport. He said the Livermore council had promised to conduct noise monitoring. "While it's not fair for Pleasanton to have to pay, in this case it is necessary."

One speaker on the other side said that monitoring will only confirm what we all know, that planes make noise.

RANCHO

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will include Livermore School Superintendent Brenda Miller, national PFA trainer Steve Cox, and possibly Mayor Marshall Kamena.

A host of athletic mentors will be at the dedication to demonstrate physical fitness. Local soccer star Troy Dayak, head coach of the California Cougars indoor soccer team and technical director of the Livermore Youth Soccer League, will be there, along with members of the Cougars. Also showing off their prowess will be members of the Tri-Valley Titans, Livermore's new international league basketball team, and gymnasts from the California Gymnastics Academy, which is located just down Jack London Boulevard from the school.

"I think these athletic role models will really entice the kids to stay fit and start some healthy competition," says Melissa Schaible, fundraising chair for Rancho and the organizer of the dedication ceremony. "Maybe Rancho will become the most physically fit school in the District this year."

Acquiring the PFA equipment proved to be a demonstration of commitment and persistence for Rancho's EdFund Board, which

seeks out grants and donations in support of school programs. Two years ago EdFund President Ray Souza applied for a PFA grant, but the school lost out to an elementary school in San Leandro.

Souza continued to search for other sources of funding and learned of a grant opportunity through Kraft Foods from DeeDee French, a Rancho parent and Kraft employee. The countless hours of work that Souza put into both grant applications paid off in early 2006: the school was awarded \$15,000 from Kraft, enough to bring Project Fit America home.

"The theme of this project has been against all odds," says Schaible. "We didn't get the PFA grant, but we kept working until we found another source of funding. We don't have a PE teacher, but the staff is committed to making this part of their weekly curriculum. Next year's goal is to hire a PE teacher."

Rancho is one of only 20 schools to self-fund the Project Fit America program. Currently over 500 schools nationwide participate in the Project Fit America program.

For more information on Project Fit America, see <http://projectfitamerica.org/>.

VILLAGE

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location of the depot. "The city is looking for a site that makes sense, near a railroad," he explained.

An earlier project on the site had proposed bulldozing the depot. Residents organized to save it. Out of the effort, the Livermore Heritage Guild was created.

Roberts said the plan is moving forward. The owners are trying to gain entitlements by the end of the year. Some other pieces of land could be added to the project to provide for parking.

Roberts noted that while the shopping center land is in private ownership, the parking lot is used by many people shopping or dining in the downtown. There may be property adjacent to the Lucky site where the city could put in a parking structure. The city is trying to create additional public parking to serve existing businesses.



ALAMEDA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY (ACTIA)
CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE
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Alameda County voters approved a ballot initiative in November 2000, Measure B, to continue the 1/2-cent transportation sales tax to implement a 20-year Expenditure Plan. Responsibility for managing Measure B funds rests with the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA), made up of 11 elected officials from within Alameda County.

Measure B provided that a Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) review all expenditures of ACTIA, including projects and programs, to monitor compliance and timely delivery. From this, we report to the public how the funds are being spent.

The CWC has been meeting regularly since June 2001. Meetings are open to the public. Meeting schedules and agendas are posted on the website and the public is invited to attend. This fourth annual report covers ACTIA expenditures from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005, and CWC actions during Fiscal Year 2005/2006.

SUMMARY

ACTIA's financial statements for fiscal year ending 2005 were audited by independent auditors. The auditors issued an unqualified opinion (no accounting issues were identified), which can be viewed at the ACTIA website at www.actia2022.com.

CWC members have reviewed the Audited Statement of Revenues and Expenditures under Measure B from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. Of the \$104.3 million recorded as revenue, \$15.8 million has been set aside for future expenditures, and \$88.5 million was allocated for local governments, capital projects, and administration. At our request, a separate audit shows ACTIA to be in compliance with the 4.5% overall administrative cost ceiling, and under the 1% administrative staff cost cap mandated by Measure B, for which we commend staff.

By December 31st each year, recipient jurisdictions are contractually required to submit a report summarizing programmatic compliance, an independent audit of ACTIA funded programs and a compliance opinion stating material compliance with the ACTIA contract signed by an independent auditor.

CWC also reviewed independent audits of all jurisdictions receiving Measure B funds. Four agencies, the Cities of Berkeley, Dublin, Fremont, and Hayward did not submit their complete financial audits in a timely manner, delaying CWC's review of their expenditures. As of May 2006, all jurisdictions submitted their complete reports and were in compliance. We conclude that recipient agencies had spent the monies in accordance with the terms of Measure B under agreements drawn up by ACTIA. [use this last sentence as a call out box]

We note that of the 27 ACTIA capital projects, nine are at-risk due to funding uncertainties, totaling \$833.3 million (see Table 1, Projects At-risk projects). Last year, we deemed ten at-risk.

CWC ACTIVITIES

CWC does more than review financial statements. We convene special ad-hoc committee meetings focusing on projects at-risk, and projects or programs of concern. We also make formal recommendations to the ACTIA Board. We review projects and programs to monitor conformance with the Expenditure Plan approved by the voters. In November 2005, CWC met with ACTIA's new independent auditors to review their auditing processes.

Ad-Hoc Committee Review

Over the last year, we implemented a new process for raising issues of concern with project sponsors through the use of ad-hoc committees. In May 2006, CWC held two ad-hoc committee meetings and received focused presentations from BART and AC Transit on each topic raised by CWC. We report that there are no bases for CWC action on these projects. The following issues were raised:

- BART Oakland Airport Connector Project: Concern over the security of Measure B funds if BART enters into a public/private funding partnership where a private entity would enter into contract with BART to design, build, finance and operate the project.
- AC Transit: There were three issues raised regarding AC Transit
 - o Bus signal priority on its Rapid Bus system and the effect on the safety of pedestrians crossing the street
 - o Bus Rapid Transit on Telegraph/International/E.14th Street including project implementation schedule changes and how the project will coordinate with other local projects, such as bike lane projects on Telegraph Avenue
 - o Accessibility of Van Hool buses for seniors and disabled.

CWC Recommendations

Although CWC has no financial concerns regarding the AC Transit and BART projects noted above under CWC Activities, CWC encourages continuing public involvement in review of BART's performance measures in the proposed public/private partnership agreement for the Oakland Airport Connector project. Visit BART's website at www.bart.gov/about/projects/airport.asp for more information. Environmental documents for the AC Transit Bus Rapid Transit project are scheduled to be available in Summer 2006. Visit AC Transit's website at www.actransit.org for more information.

Keeping Watch-Projects

In order to ensure timely delivery of projects, the 2000 Measure B Expenditure Plan requires that projects receive environmental approvals and have a fully funded project by April 2007. Projects that cannot meet this requirement may appeal to the ACTIA Board for one or more one-year time extensions. CWC is closely monitoring project readiness to meet this directive. See Table 1, Projects At-Risk. Given the number of projects at risk, the CWC again recommends that the Board consider a public process for making decisions about project extensions or deletions to ensure that the voters have a say in the Measure B expenditures.

Keeping Watch-Programs

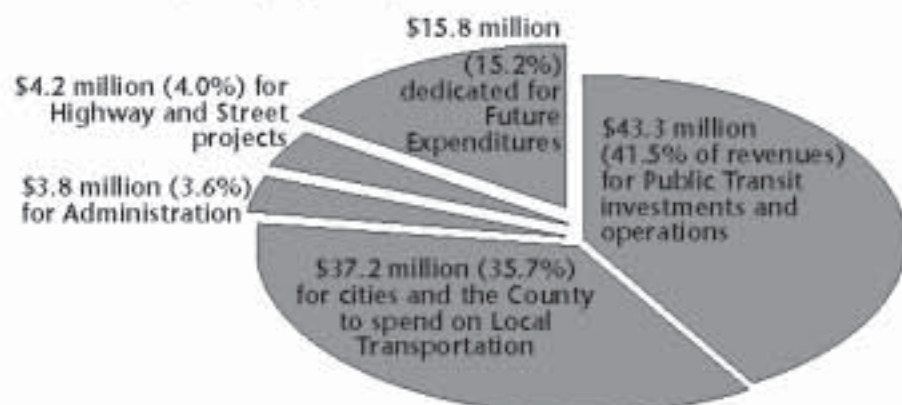
Regarding expenditures on local streets and roads, CWC expressed concern that some cities spent a very high percentage (more than two-thirds) of the funds received on administration. However, Measure B does not prohibit such use.

THE 2004/2005 FINANCIALS AT A GLANCE

Total revenues for fiscal year 2004/2005 were \$104.3 million. Expenditures were \$88.5 million for the year ending June 30, 2005.

- \$43.3 million (41.5% of revenues) for Public Transit investments and operations,
- \$37.2 million (35.7% of revenues) for cities and the County to spend on local transportation,
- \$4.2 million (4.0% of revenues) for Highway and Street projects,
- \$3.8 million (3.6% of revenues) for administration, and
- \$15.8 million (15.2% of revenues) funds dedicated for future expenditures.

The remaining \$74.8 million fund balance, which includes \$59 million from previous years, is reserved for future capital and program expenditures.



ACTIA PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

Measure B funds are separated into two broad categories. Project funds and Program funds are allocated by percentage of the total revenues.

ACTIA Projects

The voters approved 26 projects throughout the county committed to infrastructure improvements such as highway expansions and BART extensions or transit vehicles. In 2003, the ACTIA Board added the Vasco Road Safety Improvement Project from the Emergency Congestion Relief Fund included in the Expenditure Plan. Four of the 27 projects have been completed: Fruitvale Transit Village parking garage, Newark Local Streets, San Leandro's Hesperian/Lawelling widening, and San Leandro's Westgate to Williams Street Extension. Three projects are under construction and CWC is monitoring all 20 remaining projects.

At Risk

Last year, we reported that ten Measure B projects were at risk due to uncertainties in state, federal, and other funding needed to complete the projects. Nine projects still at-risk are shown on Table 1. Detailed information on the project-by-project status of all the projects, including the level of funding risk, can be found on the ACTIA website at www.actia2022.com.

ACTIA Programs

Program funds are passed through to municipal jurisdictions, the county, and transit agencies on a monthly basis or distributed via grants. These funds are often leveraged as the local match for state and federal grants, extending the value of local Measure B dollars.

Mass Transit (22% of net sales tax revenues)

Monthly allocations fund transit operations for AC Transit (including specific funds for meeting the needs of people transitioning from welfare to work - 1.46% of the funds), WHEELS in East County, Union City Transit, Altamont Commuter Express Rail, and the Oakland-Alameda Ferry. These funds

are distributed through fixed percentages of the net revenues collected.

A countywide grant program was instituted in 2006 for the Express Bus Funds. Grants totaling \$3.2 million for Express Bus services were awarded to WHEELS (\$1.6 million) and AC Transit (\$1.6 million).

Local Streets and Roads (22% of net sales tax revenues)

Monthly allocations fund millions of dollars worth of local transportation improvements in every Alameda County jurisdiction. These are the most flexible Measure B funds and can be used for local transportation priorities. Each jurisdiction uses these funds differently to meet their local needs.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Funds (5% of net sales tax revenues)

The funds for Bike/Pedestrian Safety and for Special Transportation are allocated both monthly and through grants. ACTIA began development of the first ever Alameda County Strategic Pedestrian Plan to guide pedestrian investments for countywide funds through 2030.

Special Transportation for Seniors and Disabled (10.5% of net sales tax revenues)

Innovations in providing and improving special transportation services have been possible because of Measure B Gap Fund grants. In May, the Paratransit Advisory Planning Committee recommended approval of \$3.5 million in service gap closure grants (Gap grants) and \$9.7 million for on-going special transportation services, both of which the ACTIA Board approved in June 2006. Providing return trips from medical centers, creating paratransit waiting areas at medical centers, travel training, and increased availability of "same day" trips are examples of new services for Alameda County residents.

Transit Center Development (0.19% of net sales tax revenues)

Policies for implementation of the Transit Center Development Program were completed in 2006, resulting in over \$90,000 awarded to the Cities of Alameda, Pleasanton, and San Leandro as local match funds for an MTC grant to create station area plans for transit hubs.

Public Involvement

ACTIA continues to support public participation in delivering the ACTIA projects and programs through four public committees composed of 90 people: the Citizen Watchdog Committee, the Citizen Advisory Committee, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, and the Paratransit Advisory Planning Committee. Committee chairs report to the ACTIA Board at its public meeting held on the fourth Thursday of the month.

THE FUTURE

On-going difficulties still exist in securing local, state and federal dollars to provide the balance of funding for Measure B projects. Examples include the failure of a sales tax measure in Santa Clara County which jeopardizes ACTIA funding for the BART to Warm Springs Project. Additional funding sources, such as a statewide bond measure on the November 2006 ballot, or additional legislation increasing the vehicle license fee, may affect Measure B projects. Stay tuned.

Good News

In fiscal year 2004/2005, sales tax revenues exceeded expectations. The original budget expectation was \$99.7 million; actual totaled \$104.3 million. In addition, over \$24 million were received from the reauthorization of the federal transportation bill.

Bad News

Measure B projects are dependent upon a variety of funds. Nine projects are still facing funding shortfalls. If outside funding is not assured by April 2007, the Board will have to decide whether or not to re-allocate the ACTIA funds.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The complete Expenditure Plan and this report are available on the ACTIA website, www.actia2022.com. Copies are also available, as are audits for each agency, at the Authority offices at 426 17th Street, Suite 100, Oakland, CA 94612, telephone 510-893-3347. Information on Measure B-funded program expenditures can also be found on the website of each jurisdiction.

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Measure B ACTIA Projects Designated to Receive State Funds currently "At-Risk"

**Funding "at risk" is subject to the programming and budgeting process of the various funding agencies, and could change.*

	(in \$ millions)				Funding Sources	Percentage of Funds "At-Risk" to Total Current Project Cost
	Total Project Cost	Measure B Expenditure Plan Commitment	Measure B 2004/2005 Strategic Plan Commitment	State Funds "At Risk"		
BART Extension to Warm Springs	695.1	165.5	211.3	55.5 82.5 84.7 145.0 367.7	Future STIP-RIP TCRP RMI Reserve San Mateo Buy-In Total	53% at risk
BART Oakland Airport Connector	380.5	65.8	83.5	38.0 10.0 31.5 141.5 221.0	Programmed STIP-RIP Programmed STIP-RIP RMI Reserve Private Financing Total	58% at risk
Union City Intermodal Station	42.4	9.2	11.9	10.1 1.9 12.0	Programmed STIP-RIP TCRP Total	28% at risk
I-680 Express Lanes (SB Demonstration Project only)	36.5	25.8	33.1	12.4 (\$14.0 for SB Demo) 6.3 18.7	Programmed STIP-RIP Future Federal Total	51% at risk
I-880/Broadway-Jackson Interchange	28.3	4.0	5.2	19.8 19.8	Future STIP-RIP Total	70% at risk
I-880 Route Reliever and Route 92/Clawiter Rd. - Whitesell Dr. Interchange	67.0	19.5	25.2	4.0 37.8 41.8	RMI Reserve Local Funds Total	62% at risk
Isabel - Route 84/I-580 Interchange	98.8	20.0	25.2	15.0 20.2 35.2	I-580 Corridor Other Funds Total	36% at risk
Dumbarton Corridor Improvements	308.2	14.7	18.2	34.0 44.0 12.0 15.0 105.0	Future STIP-RIP SCVTA Capitol Corridor JPA Local Funds Total	34% at risk
Vasco Road	22.4	NA	1.5	3.9 6.4 1.8 12.1	Programmed STIP-RIP TCRP To Be Determined Total	54% at risk
TOTAL	1679.2	324.5	415.1	833.3		50% at risk

State Funding Sources:

- STIP - RP: State Transportation Improvement Program - Regional Improvement Program
- STIP - AP: State Transportation Improvement Program - Interregional Transportation Improvement Program
- SHOCP - State Highway Operation and Protection Program
- TCRP - Transportation Congestion Relief Program

Regional Funding Sources:

- RMI - Regional Measure J

County Funding Sources:

- CAM TIP - Alameda County Congestion Management Agency Transportation Improvement Program
- SCVTA - Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
- JPA - Joint Powers Authority

SPORTS NOTES

Youth Soccer Tournament Results

The Livermore Rampage girls U14 division 3 team took their second tournament of 2006 when they traveled to Sacramento and won the Greenhaven Summer Cup last week-end.

Competing in a field of 12 teams split into 3 different brackets, the Rampage began the tournament with a 4-1 victory over the Manteca Mustangs. Olivia Mowry started the Rampage scoring off of a nice feed from Katie Dubovy before Manteca tied the game at 1-1. Sissi Gonzalez put the Rampage ahead 2-1 with a penalty kick just before half time. Rampage put the game away for good in the second half with two more goals. Sara Slabough saw an open side of the net and scored on a pass from Katrina Kalantar. Jennifer Wakefield followed that up with a breakaway goal off a high booming drop kick from goalie Katelyn Krueger.

The Rampage had a much tougher go of it against a determined California Rush Heat team in their Saturday afternoon game. The Rampage back line defense of Kelsey Carzoli, Breanna Diaz, Courtney Holsten and Becca Woll held the Heat offense in check while the Rampage offense constantly pressured the Heat with 21 shots on goal. Katie Dubovy drove a shot past the Heat goalie from outside the box for the only goal of the game and a 1-0 Rampage victory.

Sunday morning pitted the Rampage against the EVFC Intero at Renfrew Park with a trip to the championship game on the line. The two teams battled evenly for 45 minutes until Jennifer Wakefield crossed a pass to a streaking Olivia Mowry who drew the goalie to her right and buried a shot into the left corner of the net and another 1-0 victory.

The California Rush Lightning came into the championship game against the Rampage with momentum from three consecutive shutout wins. The Rampage stunned the Lightning with two quick goals. Olivia Mowry took a pass from Serena Claudio and put it past the Lightning goalie 5 minutes into the game. Two minutes later Sissi Gonzalez headed in a corner kick from Courtney Holsten and the Rampage were up 2-0. The Lightning came back with a second half goal and a furious charge in the last 10 minutes of the game. The Rampage held on for a 2-1 victory and the tournament championship.

The Pleasanton Rage U14 Div. II had all cylinders firing and completed a 4-0 sweep at the "Soccer By The Bay" tournament in Burlingame with wins over Stanford Fold (3-0), Sallinas Stars and Stripes (1-0), Newark Magic (2-0) and Sacramento United Extreme (3-2).

The opener vs. Stanford, the Rage utilized a ball control offense with the hustling Allie Rodriguez scoring twice, one assist coming from Brittney Guillory. Andrea Glaeser added the third goal. In game two vs. Salinas, the Rage kept up the offensive pressure, dominating ball possession but managed only a single goal by Brittney Guillory. In game three vs. Newark, Ari Gordon was the hero with a goal and a PK goal and Andrea Glaeser scoring a second goal on a Casey Curtis assist. Sara Court went horizontal to stop what appeared to be a certain Newark goal.

In the final, the Rage got down 1-0 on a quick Sacramento goal but roared back through three consecutive scores by Brittney Guillory, Andrea Glaeser (assist Guillory) and Blair Stiers. Heidi Johns went the distance in the nets for the Rage with 3 shutouts with several key saves in the final.

Top Offensive Players: Brittney Guillory, Andrea Glaeser, Ari Gordon; Top Defensive Players: Sara Court, Celia Ochoa, Brooke Brown.

The Pleasanton Rage U12 Premier Girls traveled to Mission Viejo for the West Coast Futbol Classic Tournament.

Game one was against the United Strikers team in which the Rage held their own but ended up losing 2-1. The Strikers went up 1-0 in the first half, despite some strong shots on goal that just missed by Nicole Heller and Julia Rogers. The Rage tied the game in the second half with a goal by Julia Rogers assisted by Dani Roe. Shannon Malindzak and the Swinkel twins, Jesse and Nicki demonstrated very strong defensive play, as did Payton. The Rage finished with some remarkable stops. The Strikers 2nd goal came in the second half with the Rage running out of time.

The Rage met the Poway Vaqueros for their second game and lost 1-0 in a game they should have won. Goalie Brooke Quesinberry had a strong performance during the second half, keeping the Vaqueros scoreless after their lone first half goal. The Swinkels showed her versatility with a great offensive cross and shots on goal. Always in the right place at the right time was Laura Klein on the defensive end. The Rage came up short in spite of their hard fought effort.

Sunday morning the Rage faced their toughest opponent the West Coast FC who had defeated both the Vaqueros and the Strikers. The Rage played with great intensity and good ball movement. Holding their positions well, The West Coast Teams scored on a long outside goal to make the score 1-0. The second half saw more strong play from Rage with Summer Shelton on throw-in to Nicole Heller, who crossed to assist Emmy Rodriguez in a well deserved goal for the Rage tying the game at 1-1. The outside midfielders, Alaina Urban and Lauryn Hayashi did a great job of getting the ball up the line and crossing to the middle. Haley Jackson and Alyse Ketter contributed with strong offensive hustle as did Laura Byron on the defensive end. The final score was 1-1 and was the Rage's best game of the three.

Top Offensive Players: Julia Rogers, Emmy Rodriguez, Nicole Heller, Dani Roe; Top Defensive Players: Nicole Swinkels, Jesse Swinkels Payton Thomas, Brooke Quesinberry.

Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club U-13 team competed in their own Summer Classic tournament this weekend.

On Friday they opened with a frustrating performance against the Mount Diablo SE Earthquakes. They played a nice brand of soccer, but conceded a goal in the first minute then spent the rest of the game dominating play, creating chance after chance without ever managing to equalize. The afternoon game against the Foothill FC MVLA Raptors was a much more satisfactory affair. Ballistic continued to display the poise and control that had been a feature of the morning game, but this time they converted their chances. They opened the scoring with a clinical finish by Nandor Krause on an assist by Toby Harvey. Just before half-time, Michael Viebeck scored a penalty to preserve the lead. In the second half Alex Lutz extended the lead with a fine strike which the keeper fumbled into his own goal, by the end, Ballistic were so dominant that they were able to send defender Erik Knaggs up into the attack in search of his first goal in years. He duly obliged, watching in disbelief as his shot trickled into the net for the third and final goal.

On Saturday, Ballistic's opponents were the Santa Cruz Breakers Blue team, who provided a much stiffer challenge. The Breakers were a tall fast team that delighted in long-range shots. Ballistic goalkeeper Viebeck performed heroics to limit the scoring and was saved on three occasions by the woodwork. The Breakers still ran out winners by a score of 3-1. Ballistic did derive some consolation from a late goal by Robby Dancaster on an ace piece free-kick. Santa Cruz had not conceded a goal in their previous matches.

On Saturday afternoon Ballistic faced Central Marin in what would ultimately prove to be their final game of the weekend. Ballistic conceded a goal after ten minutes. They fought back with great determination and equalized when Edgar Henriquez fired home off the cross-bar. A defensive lapse left keeper Viebeck exposed one-on-one with a Marin forward who scored. Marin added a

third just before the final whistle on a quick breakaway. Overall the team showed glimpses of the style of soccer they are developing under new coach Todd Higley.

Dublin United Class I Soccer U12 competed in the Soccer By The Bay Tournament. The U12/Gold Girls Dublin United Fighters went down 0-9-3, losing 1-4 to Burlingame Heatbreakers, 0-1 to the PYSK Blue Lightning and 0-3 to the SCC Breakers 94C White. Rebecca Beasley scored the lone goal vs Burlingame. Outstanding performers were turned in by midfielders Joanna Giron and Hailey Zummo.

Top Offensive Players: Rebecca Beasley, Amanda Garcia, Megan Zummo, Veronica Bossio, Mikhaella Constable, Gabriel Tracy, Adrianna Nugen. Top Defensive Players: Joanna Giron, Annie Jones, Christine Laymon, Nikki Mohebi, and Hailey Zummo were tenacious in defense while Goalie Heather Seelye made numerous exceptional saves.

Livermore Atomics U14 Class 3 team competed over the weekend in the Newark Referee Classic 2006 Tournament.

The weekend was highlighted with a major showing Sunday morning against the Santa Cruz Flames with a 6-0 win. Darren Sanchez drove the ball to the back of the net for a quick lead. Christian Gonzalez stepped up with a solo run from half, dribbling past three defenders finishing with a beautiful chip shot over the goalie to make it 2-0. The back field held the line with solid defense from Kurt Cofer, Jeffery Felker and Michael Carroll stripping the ball and playing the angles for few shots on net. A new addition to the team this year, Adir Magidish, Adir displayed his speed and team play with two back-to-back goals with great support from Connor Runnels, Christian Gonzalez and Alex Milinkovich. The Atomics continued their strong momentum with a great run from Sam Fox, driving the ball off the post to Alex Milinkovich for the finishing touch and goal. Mitchell Lowrey, in the mid field, contributed with solid play down the line and two way play to keep the momentum on Livermore's side. Making it 6-0 was Alex Barto, coming out the net for a run in the field.

Saturday saw Livermore play their first games of the 2006-2007 season. With strong competition, the day ended with a 0-2 loss to FC Central and a 2-5 loss to the ABCS Panthers.

In the Atomics - FC Central game, Kyle Day led an early attack from the back of the field making a strong run and pass to Christian Gonzalez. Christian made a quick chip to Adir Magidish, who showed strong skills. Sam Fox, the speedy striker followed up with a fast run up the line, only to be denied. Chris Freitas and Darren Sanchez displayed solid 'give and go' play up the line to press the attack. Alex Barto is leading off in the goal keeper position this year, and started off the game with a solid display of net minding. He dove, kicked and punched at the ball through numerous attacks, keeping FC Central off the score board. Benj Wood displayed his experience by anticipating the developing plays and heading off the attacks before they threatened. With a penalty kick outside of the goalie box, Barto quickly snatched the ball out of the air for a clean save. FC Central kept up the attack for a goal, followed by another off a penalty kick inside the box for a 0-2 win.

The second Saturday afternoon game of the tournament saw Livermore play the ABCS Panthers to a 2-5 loss. Livermore started off strong with a penalty kick inside the half way marker. Sam Fox followed through after a rumble of players trying to break the ball. Darren Sanchez ceased the opportunity and drove the ball in the net for a 1-0 lead. After this wake up call the Panthers stepped up their play with long passes up the middle to split the defense. The goals started to develop. With it now 1-4 for the ABCS Panthers, Benj Wood adapted his play and gave the Panthers some of their own, with a quick run up the middle and a chip shot to the striker Alex Milinkovich. Alex ran full bore and placed the ball in the upper right corner to make it 2-2. A Benj Wood came in with one more to close the game off at 2-5.

As Sunday closed with a 6-0 win against the Santa Cruz Flames, the Livermore Atomics were now starting to talk on the field to build more dynamic plays and executing their strategy. Pleasanton Rage U13: In their first tournament of the year, the Rage U13 posted 1 win, 1 loss and 1 tie in this weekend's Santa Clara Rotary Cup.

The Rage came out ready to play in their first game and quickly went up 1-0 off a great goal from Stephanie Little. Danielle Homan would make it 2-0. Danielle LaMarche, Kristen Dumanski, Jessie Hopson, Elena and Marissa Victor, Autumn Whitney, Katey Cloonan, and Kelly Parsons all played well in midfield. The defense was held tight by Lauren MacDonell, Mesiha Clark, and Katelyn Lutz. Aria Crawford, Danni Ramirez. Although the Rage did not advance to the consolation game, they played well and look forward to next weekend's play in the Soccer City Warmup in Pleasanton.

Top Offensive Players: Danielle Homan, Stephanie Little; Top Defensive Players: Megan Clark, Devon Lutz, Kristin Dumanski.

The Ballistic White Class 3 U15 captured 3rd place in the Consolation game at this weekend's Santa Clara Rotary Cup. Ballistic was red hot both days scoring 11 goals in 4 games while only giving up 2. It was only due to a fateful twist of the draw that Ballistic did not advance to the Championship game. They thoroughly dominated their opponents and never lost a game in the weekend's play.

In the consolation game, Ballistic White faced the Heritage Velocity. It was very even match and at half the score was 1-0 with the lone Ballistic goal coming from David Meyer assisted by Brian Johnston and Cory Thomas. Heritage tied it up early in the second half off a nice corner kick. Ballistic turned up the heat and dominated the rest of the second half. The second and decisive goal came when Etris Bemanian cut through the defense and punched in a goal that hit the cross bar and then dropped into the goal. There were several other great runs at the net by Nik Thomas, Ryan Parsons, Cory Thomas, Drew Hall and Chris Hewitt. The 2 Ballistic goals were all that were needed to secure the team's second trophy in as many weeks.

In an earlier semifinal game, the Ballistic scored 6 times to post a 6-0 win over the Central Valley Storm. Jared Lutz scored twice, and Drew Hall, Ryan Parsons, Nik Thompson, and Cory Thomas each had 1 goal apiece. This game highlighted text book soccer with great passes and heads up defense. Cody Hoster, Nick Anderson, Tiago Abreu, Cory Beck, Chris Hewitt, Patrick Yee, Bryan Bui, Brian Johnston, Etris Bemanian, and David Meyer all contributed to the effort. Evan "The Wall" Zolfarelli was in goal throughout the tournament and nabbed everything that came his way.

In the early games of the tournament, Ballistic beat Mustang United 2-0 with goals from Cory Thomas and Etris Bemanian. Ballistic posted one tie in the tournament. The Ballistic White now waits for league play to begin as they look to defend their title as league champions. Top Offensive Players: Cory Thomas, Etris Bemanian, Jared Lutz, Drew Hall, Ryan Parsons; Top Defensive Players: Cody Hoster, Patrick Yee, Nick Anderson, Evan Zolfarelli.

The Livermore Elite Titans, U13 Class 1, placed fourth in the BUCS Summer Classic in Pleasanton, Calif., this past weekend. The Titans made it to the semifinals by going 2-1 in the preliminary round. They defeated Sacramento United Arsenal 6-1 in game 1 on goals by Jesse Morales (4), Tyler Amick and Yan Carlos Trujillo. Julio Naranjo, Greg Crusco, Joey Martinez, Tsuyoshi Kohlguber, Amick and Trujillo get credit for the assists.

In game #2, the Titans powered past East Diablo Lightning 5-0. Oscar Garcia scored two goals, one of which was a header and Victor Reyes, Amick and Morales also scored off assists from Juan Guerrero, Chase Martinez, Morales and J. Martinez. The Titans lost to DeAnza Force 93 Blue 3-1.

Garcia scored on a breakaway off a pass from Morales. Even though the Titans lost, they still had enough points to advance to the quarterfinals.

In the quarterfinals, the Titans faced Mavericks Alliance Fusion. The game was a defensive struggle. Goal keeper Naranjo shut out the Mavericks with assistance from his sweeper Trujillo and defenders Garcia, C. Martinez, Aaron Growald and midfielders Steven Dubberly, Douglas McNeill, Daniel McNeill, Kohlgruber, and Crusco. Strikers Michael Kronenberg, J. Martinez and Morales also dropped back to help out. The game ended in a scoreless tie at the end of regulation play. The winner would be decided by penalty kicks.

Trujillo, Naranjo, Morales and Garcia were able to convert and Naranjo was able to stop one of the Mavericks shots to move on to the semifinals.

The Titans faced Tecos '93 in the semifinals. The Titans played tough but lost 3-1. Garcia scored the Titans lone goal off a direct kick from Morales.

The U-12, AC-3 Livermore Elite Lightning opened their soccer season in back to back tournaments, the Tracy Summer Classic and Pacific United Coast Cup.

Their first tournament in Pacific featured a 3-1 victory over the South City Xtreme. At the onset of their debut game, the Lightning came out strong, striking their first goal in the opening minutes of the game by a direct kick. From the top of the circle, Daniel Toscano rocketed the ball to the back of the net. Toscano also scored the Lightning's second goal. Near the end of the game, the third and final goal for the Lightning finished with an assist pass from Tristan Lewis in the middle to Tyler Ellis who put it in the back corner of the net. The Lightning's attack was supported by midfielders Morgan Melendez, Christopher Sund, Justin Moore, Gerald Cuyle, and Jason Stearns; and strikers Jeff Gellerman and Jose Zavala. Ricky Martinez and Lee Wood played a double duty of both offense and defense positions. The rest of the defense was rounded out by strong play from Cody Martinez and Tyler Ellis, with Tristan Lewis and Gerald Cuyle sharing the goalie spot.

The Lightning's second soccer tournament was the Tracy Summer Classic, where they posted a 2-2 record. In their first game, the Lightning shut out the Modesto Ajax United Fury with a 2-0 victory. Only two minutes into the game, Gerald Cuyle came up with the rebound, and from about 25 yards out, kicked a powerful shot to score. A couple minutes later, from the middle Jose Zavala passed the ball to Morgan Melendez who scored. The Lightning continued their dominance. Controlling the midfield well were Daniel Toscano, Morgan Melendez, Hugo Guerrero, and Christopher Sund. Jason Stearns, Tyler Ellis, and Jose Zavala added their efforts to the attack up top. The defense held a tight, defensive game, enabling the Lightning's first shutout. Defender Cody Martinez was an imposing presence. Sweeper Jeff Gellerman constantly cutoff his opponents. The defense was rounded out by Ricky Martinez, Justin Moore, and Lee Wood whose key efforts and plays shutdown the attack.

Goalies Tristan Lewis and Gerald Cuyle secured the win by making key saves. The Lightning struggled in their second game against the Patterson Pumas, but did not give up, coming on strong at the end with a push toward their goal. The third game started out lightning quick, with two goals scored in the first few minutes of the game. Tyler Ellis led the way, taking the first shot. Jeff Gellerman scored the rebound goal ball up with the goal. Then Daniel Toscano scored the second goal. Lending offensive support were Jeff Gellerman, Hugo Guerrero, Morgan Melendez, Jason Stearns, Christopher Sund, Daniel Toscano, Lee Wood, and Jose Zavala. Cody Martinez, Ricky Martinez, and Tyler Ellis; and goalies Tristan Lewis and Gerald Cuyle all played strong defense. The game ended in a 2-1 victory over the Tsunami.

The Lightning's fourth and final game was a rematch against the Modesto Ajax United Fury. This time, the results were the opposite. Still, the Lightning was able to hold the Fury scoreless for three-quarters of the game. The Livermore Elite Explosion U12 Division 1 Girls soccer team continued their preseason tournament play this past weekend in Castro Valley at the 2006 Summer Shootout.

Livermore Explosion 1, Heritage Gold Rush 1. Livermore's defense played outstanding in the battle vs. Heritage. Fullbacks Gabi Macias and Sierra Cassels were in sink with sweeper Cassidy Peters and stopper Jessica Floyd. Despite only a few shots on goal, Heritage scored and took the lead in the first half. Trailing 1-0 through most of the match, Livermore's offensive drive was persistent but could not find the back of the net. Livermore tied the game near the final minutes of regulation from a penalty kick by Carli Floris that rolled off the keeper's finger and into the net.

Livermore Elite Explosion 1, SYSA Blue Lightning 1. Livermore had put out their best aggression on the field vs. the physical Lightning. It was a hard fought match to the end. After a scoreless first half Livermore took the lead first with an assist from right half Danielle Lacombe who lifted the ball up and over the defender allowing forward Cierra Comfort to run on to and take it in for the score. Livermore forward Kaley Olsen, keeper Holly Lamb and fullback Jennie Harmon all stood out in this game.

Livermore Elite Explosion 0, Castro Valley Ravens 0. Livermore needed a victory to advance and despite total control of the game and their opponent, the Explosion could not finish offensively. Outstanding hustle and play from Explosion forwards Alex Boucher, Kyle Southwell, Kerry Stein and midfielders Audrey Walke and Karley Luce. Livermore's defense once again was outstanding holding the Ravens to only a couple shots on goal.

The SAYSO Livermore Flame U12 girls took third place in the Soccer By The Bay 2006 Tournament this past weekend. The Flame beat OV Storm 3-2 in their first game, with 2 goals by Jacqueline Summers and 1 by Yesica Morales, assisted by Melissa Summers.

In game #2 the Flame beat Juv. Firebrands Black 94 7-0. The Flame started off on fire with Missen Marple scoring 2 goals in the first 5 minutes of the game. Jacqueline Summers added 2 more goals and 1 each by Spenser Jaye, Jaime Turrentine, and Morales. In game #3 against CV Revolution, the Flame couldn't put the ball in the net resulting in a 0-0 tie. Morgan Ebbitt scored the lone goal on an assist by Jac Summers to win the consolation game 1-0 against DVSC Black 94.

Solid play by Amanda Nunes, Jasmine MacDonald, Kaylee DeMayo, Melissa Summers, Tressa Morgan and goalkeeper Emily Slominski added to the Flames success. The Mustang Strikers U-16 boys team had a tough weekend coming away with 2 wins a tie and a loss in soccer tournament action this weekend at the Ballistic United Summer Classic Tournament.

In pool play Mustang defeated CVS

Cyclones 1-0. Scoring for Mustang was Juan Lopez assisted by Dillon Mullaney. Mustang lost game 2 versus MVLA 1-0. In game 3 Mustang came away with tie versus Ceres Real Madrid. In the consolation game, Mustang came back strong and defeated UCYSL Union City United by a score of 5-2.

Chris Bernardi scored a hat trick. He was assisted on goals by Jesse Rosdahl and Juan Lopez. Nadav Kariv added a penalty kick and George Mayer scored the final goal of the game unassisted.

Ryan Rivera recorded the victory in net for Mustang assisted on defense by Michael Janjigian, Jay Jafarpour, Renee Hernandez, John Wainscott, Shaun Daut and Alex Alvarez. The U14 Rage Division 3 team took home third place in this weekend's Santa Clara Rotary Cup. Advancing through a pool of 16 teams, Rage faced off against Walnut Creek Velocity Gold in the final. The score remained tied 0-0 in regulation time and through two overtimes. However, Rage scored the tie-breaker penalty kicks, holding Velocity scoreless.

Top scorers for the weekend were Kristen Desprez, Cassandra Iniguez, Jessica Johns, Noelle Malindzak, Julie Price, and Madeline Weber. Goalkeepers Alex Villanueva and Jessica Johns held their opponents to 3 goals for the weekend.

Pleasanton BUCS Class 3 U14 participated in the 49er Classic Tournament finishing with a 4-0 record. BUCS 4, Rocklin Knights 1; BUCS 3, 49er United Strikers 1; BUCS 1, Netbreakers 0; BUCS 4, 49er Arsenal 0. The team scored twelve goals while allowing only 2. Nine separate players scored for Pleasanton. Top Defensive Players: Jason Scott and Abert Lin.

Livermore Smoke

Livermore Smoke 12-U Red captured second place in the Turlock Tournament NSA Bullets Invitational Tournament. Ceres Sizzle 10, Livermore Smoke 1: Offensively the Smoke offense got a slow start, rallied and scored one in the 4th and left the bases loaded to end the game. Offensive standouts were Jessica Olsen picked up a hit in the second and Sara Smith with an RBI hit in the 4th. Defensively Jordan Hansen pitched with 3 K's and 1 BB. Standout Katie Drascher picked up 4 put outs at 2nd. The Sizzle aggressive base running kept the Smoke off balance and tallied the win.

Oakdale Valley Magic 8, Livermore Smoke 2: The Smoke bats came to life early in the 1st inning, with a lead off hit by Morgan Monaghan followed by an RBI hit by Madison Hinrichs. Then the Magic shut down the Smoke in 3 innings. Defensively Morgan Monaghan pitched with 2 K's and 4 BB. Defensive stand out was Mackenzie Hubert at 2nd with 4 outs.

Livermore Smoke 19, Stockton Diamonds 7: The Smoke offense got a chance for some hitting practice in this mismatch game. The Smoke had some fun at the plate and everyone hit and scored at least twice. Defensively for the Smoke Morgan Monaghan pitched with 2 K's and 3 BB. Defensive stand out was Veronica Knowlton at short with 2 put outs and a force at 2nd. The mighty Smoke picked up a bit of confidence in this game to carry them into Sunday's bracket.

Sunday, August 20, 2006. Game 1 Livermore Smoke 5, Oakdale Valley Magic 3: In a balanced attack the Smoke scored in each inning and picked up 2 in 3rd inning to move the Smoke ahead by 3 and then to win. Big RBI hits were tallied by Madison Hinrichs, Jordan Hansen, Amanda Morris, and Alyssa Cunningham. Defensively Jordan Hansen pitched for the Smoke with 5K's and 3BB. Veronica Knowlton tore up short with 4 key put outs and a great catch from Amanda Morris in center to shut down the Magic as time ran in the 4th.

2nd Place Win - Sunday, Game 2 Stockton Roadrunners 16, Livermore Smoke 2: The Smoke, with spirits high, got off to a great start in the 1st scoring 2 to go ahead by 1. Lead off hits by Morgan Monaghan and a Madison Hinrichs RBI tallied the scores. The Roadrunners in their 3rd game for the day stepped up in the 2nd and challenged the Smoke defense hitting the ball, and rallying for 6 runs. The Smoke had trouble bouncing back and the Roadrunners ran away with the win in a crushing 4th inning. Defensively Jordan Hansen started as pitcher and Morgan Monaghan relieved. Defensive stand out was Madison Hinrichs snagging 2 pop ups and grabbing and stretching for 6 throws to herat 1st. The Roadrunners simply overwhelmed the Smoke, in this season finisher for the Smoke.

Phantom Girls Softball

Tryouts for the 2006 Pleasanton Phantom Girls Softball League Fall Ball program will take place on Sunday, Aug 27. Teams

will be formed in two age groups: girls 14 and under and girls 12 and under. For the 14U team, girls must be 14 or younger on 12/31/06. For the 12U team, girls must be 12 or younger on 12/31/06. The Fall Ball program will take place from Sept. 16 thru Nov. 4. Check the website for time and place of tryouts: www.pleasantonsofball.org.

Diablo Gymnastics

Members of the Diablo Gymnastics Level 4 team competed in the Judges Cup in Sacramento over the weekend.

Among team members is Katherine Marotto of Pleasanton. She placed second in all around with a score of 34.2 in the younger age group. In the competition, Marotto was 7th in the vault 8.6; 3rd bars 8.475; 1st beam 8.750, and 5th floor exercise 8.375.

Endurance Riding

Learn about the sport of equestrian endurance riding in a local environment, that operates exactly like the real thing. On Saturday, October 14, 2006, The Del Valle Culture Venture Endurance Ride will be hosting a 15-mile Fun Ride in Del Valle Regional Park, Livermore.

This ride is designed for people who want to learn more about endurance riding and give it a try! The ride is limited to 25 riders and will be held in conjunction with an AERC sanctioned 30-mile limited distance ride and 50-mile endurance ride.

For more information, please contact Jane Cloud (209) 852-9327 or cloudy@aol.com. Entries will be mailed upon request.

Rowing

Three United States crews won their heats and two others advanced directly to the semifinals to highlight the second day of competition at the 2006 FISA World Rowing Championships on Dorney Lake in Eton, England.

The women's eight, men's eight, and lightweight women's double sculls all won their heats in convincing fashion, while the men's quadruple sculls just missed winning its heat by less than a tenth of a second.

Julie Nichols (Livermore) and Renee Hykel (Haverford, Pa.), who won silver at last year's world championships, got off to a strong start by winning their heat of the lightweight women's double sculls by a boat length. The duo dominated from the start, building a two-second advantage on Ireland by the 500-meter mark. The U.S. continued to increase its advantage during the second quarter of the race, building an open-water lead at the 1,000-meter mark. Ireland was able to cut into that lead during the second half of the race, but the U.S. was never really challenged and held on for a boat-length victory. Nichols and Hykel clocked 6:57.71, while Ireland crossed the finish line in a 6:59.56. Nichols and Hykel advanced directly to Friday's semifinals.

Fall Roller Hockey Signups

Valley Roller Hockey in Livermore will be having signups Saturday, Aug 26th at the rink from 10am-1pm. The rink is located behind Junction Ave. Middle School in Livermore off Ladd Ave. All ages and experience levels welcome. www.valleyrollerhockey.com 925-443-1500 Season starts the week of September 11th.

High Hopes Golf

The 12th annual High Hopes Golf Tournament will benefit Hope Hospice. The tournament will be held September 16th at The Course at Wente Vineyards. There will be golf, dinner, dancing 4 hole-in-one

contests, entertainment, raffles and auctions.

Sign in and putting contest is at 9 a.m. with the tournament's shot gun start at 12:1 p.m. The dinner and awards presentation will begin at 5 p.m. There will be an auction as part of the evening. Dancing begins at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$250 per person which includes golf, lunch, a golf shirt and dinner. Dinner only is \$50 per person. Reservations are due by August 31. Please call Blaise Lofland at 846-6500.

Charity Bike Ride

San Jose Police Amateur Athletic Foundation (PAAF) will host the First Annual "Tour De Vendage" Bike Ride.

The bike ride, benefiting the Hydrocephalus Association, will be held September 2nd, 2006 in Livermore.

The Tour is a gentle 50-mile bicycle course passing through the rolling hills and wineries of the Livermore Valley. The ride is suitable for any level of rider.

Entry fee is \$40. To register go to www.active.com. For event information email Sgt. Rich Mongaro at SJPAAF@aol.com.

Event Details: Saturday, September 2nd Robertson Park 1100 Arroyo Road Livermore, CA \$40.00 Entry Fee Register at: www.active.com

Bowling News

Jim Ferrero, rolling in the Classic Singles League, used a 10 strike 280 game to score a 987 set, topping all bowlers at Granada Bowl last week. Jim's series also included games of 257 and 248 and 202.

Jeff Strah was not far behind with a 945 series while Dave Thompson had a 928. Kevin Stapp topped his 193 norm with a 913 series and Glen Thompson rolled a 912 Series.

In the Monday Family Affair League, Tim Ross had a 268, 257 and a 215 to complete a 740 Series. Mike Ford's 711 series included a 247 and 246 games. Mariam Bertelsen had a 234 on her way to a 619 series. Debra Moore rolled a 230 game en route to a 561 set and Shelly Wilkins improved her 116 average when she rolled a 200 and a 500 series. Erica Smith bowled a 225 on her way to a 560 Series.

Youth Bowler Travis Cooper rolled a 214, followed by a 213 game as part of his 600 series.

Football Signup

Pleasanton Junior Football League is now registering players for the Fall 2006 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 Sports Park in Pleasanton or at Hart Middle School (there is no traveling required). To learn more or to register as a player or coach visit www.PJFL.com.

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SUN., SEPT. 10th Pony Baseball will hold player evaluations to drafting its "Fall Ball 2006" teams.

Coaches from the 2006 spring teams will evaluate all players including newcomers to the PONY program. ALL PLAYERS are placed on teams. WE ARE LOOKING FOR TEAM MANAGERS & COACHES IN ALL DIVISIONS!!

By FRI., SEPT. 15th players from all levels will be placed on teams & receive a call from their coach to get their uniform shirts & hats.

SUN., SEPT. 17th games will begin. Games will be played each Sunday through & including October 22nd. Most game times start after 11AM.

On the final day a family BBQ will be held & sign up forms will be available for the 2007 spring season.

All players and coaches receive a Pony Baseball "Shirt & Hat". Players supply their own "gears". Total number of participants is subject to field availability. Form must be received by mail prior to 9/4/06 or delivered to All Star Sports at 3037 Hopyard Road. Number of players and teams may be limited due to field availability.

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The League of Women Voters Is Still Advocating After 86 years

August 26th marks the 86th anniversary of the day that the U.S. Constitution was amended to grant women the right to vote. "The anniversary of the 19th amendment, Women's Equality Day, provides us with an opportunity to reflect with pride on the progress made on voting rights in the past 86 years, including our very recent success in renewing the Voting Rights Act," said LWV of Livermore-Amador Valley, President Barbara Hempill. "It is also a time to acknowledge the work that still needs to be done."

"Our democracy is at risk. Questionable expansion of executive power, questionable influence of special interest money, and dishonest legislators has caused Americans to lose faith in government. Citizen participation in government has faltered when it is more critical to safeguarding our democracy than ever before. "The League is in a unique position to influence both local and national policy because our participation starts with local boards and commissions. We follow issues from the ground up

and we thoroughly research all aspects of civic issues before we speak," said Hempill. "The League's network of energetic and engaged members in communities across the nation is dedicated to making an impact from their own communities to Washington, D.C. We need more of this kind of participation," said Mary G. Wilson, newly elected national League president. The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and

active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership in the League is open to men and women over 18. With more than 86 years of experience and 850 local and state affiliates, the League is one of America's most trusted grassroots organizations. For more information about the Livermore-Amador Valley League, call 925-443-8683 or e-mail lavlww@comcast.net.

Life and Times of John Muir

Experience the life and times of John Muir, environmentalist and founder of our national parks system, at the 9th annual Muir Heritage Ranch Days at the John Muir National Historical Site in Martinez will provide an opportunity to experience the life and times of John Muir, environmentalist and founder of the national parks system. The event will be held on Saturday, August 26th from 10 am to 4 pm. Muir's home and ranch will be decked out for a journey back in time. Presented by the John Muir Association and the National Park Service, Muir Heritage Ranch Days brings back the spirit of the Turn of the Century (20th century, that is) with music, dancing, art, and activities of the era - including handicap accessible horse drawn carriage rides led by John Muir's Great-grandson, Michael Muir. Admission is free. Muir's home and ranch, a national historical site, will feature new exhibits showcasing Muir's work as an artist, conservationist, and botanist. Visitors will learn about the life and legacy of Muir as a pioneer of the environmental movement and expe-

rience life on Muir's fruit ranch in the 1880s. John Muir Impersonator, Frank Helling, will give life to the inspiring works of Muir, the writer. Michael Muir will be on hand to share stories and tall tales about the adventures of Muir, the outdoorsman and adventurer. Muir Heritage Ranch Days will also feature a wide variety of entertainment, demonstrations and activities of the era. There will be vintage carriage rides, cornbread and fresh squeezed lemonade making, in addition to many games. Music for the day will be provided by "Spinning Wheel" - an ol' time string band from the Martinez area. The New World Scottish Dancers will perform. There will be guided tours of Muir's home and ranch, a film about the life and work of John Muir and new exhibits of his botanical contributions. More information about Muir Heritage Ranch Days at the John Muir Historical Site in Martinez is available by calling 925-639-7562 or visiting www.JohnMuirAssociation.org. The John Muir National Historical Site is at the corner of Alhambra and Franklin Canyon in Martinez.

Celebrating Women's Equality Day in Sacramento

August 26th is the anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, when women achieved the hard-fought right to vote. Since 1971, America has observed this date as Women's Equality Day. While women gained suffrage all those years ago, equity is still an issue today. Women's Equality Day is a time for all of us to remember that women weren't "given" the vote;

they fought fiercely for that right. And women's votes are a vital tool they can use to shape the policy issues that affect them everyday. Women have a lot at stake each time they go to the ballot box, from educational equity, preserving Social Security, and a fair and balanced judiciary to civil rights, reproductive rights, and equal pay. It's critical we

make our voices heard at the polls. Several women from the Tri-Valley NOW Chapter (National Organization for Women) will be participating in a parade in Sacramento on Saturday, August 26 to commemorate the brave women who fought, sacrificed and were even imprisoned to win this important right for today's women.

NOW, The League of Women Voters, and AAUW are all working to make women's voices heard. I join with the American Association of University Women to use this opportunity to not only celebrate this critical moment in history, but to call on women to use and value this hard-won right.

SHORT NOTES

Nature Program

"The Birds of Summer," is the topic of a nature program offered by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District on Sunday, August 27. Meet Ranger Pat Sotelo at Veterans Park at 8 p.m. Visitors will look high and low for the feathered jewels flitting and flying through the forests and over the fields of the parklands. Don't forget your binoculars and field guides. A few will be available to lend. Beginning birders are encouraged to attend. This bird walk will last about two hours. There is a \$3 per vehicle parking fee. A \$2 donation is requested to help support the programs. Participants may call (925) 960-2400 for more information.

Grief Support

Hope Hospice offers Grief Support Activities for Youth and Families. Children, teens, and their family members who have experienced the death of a loved one find new ways to face their loss through Hope Hospice Grief Support groups. Through age-appropriate activities, games, talking circles, and creative arts, the program gives children and teens an outlet for all their feelings, a peer group who understands, and new coping skills. Interested families should call Hope Hospice soon as possible to set up an intake meeting before the 8-week program begins - the last week of September. Space is limited. Separate groups are held for children ages 6-8 and 9-12, and for teens ages 13-19. Support groups for parents/guardians take place on the same evening, to address their own grief and parenting issues. Snacks and art/education materials included. No charge for participation, although donations are gratefully accepted.

For information, call 829-8770.

Launch Party

The launch party for Oxygen Murder, the latest installment in the Periodic Table Mysteries, by Camille Minichino will be held at the Towne Center Books on Sun., Aug. 27 at 2 p.m. There will be games, prizes, refreshments, and of course a discussion. She is currently on the faculty of Golden Gate University, San Francisco and on the staff of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Camille is President of NorCal Sisters in Crime and on the Board of the California Writers Club. This is her eighth periodic table mystery. For information, call 846-8826 or go to <http://townecenterbooks.com>. Towne Center Books is located at 555 Main Street, Pleasanton.

Hats Off America

A Hats Off America Red T-Shirt 10K Run/5K Walk will be held beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 9 at the Sycamore Valley Park, 2101 Holbrook Drive, Danville, rain or shine. Entry fee is \$35 per person. All runners and volunteers will receive a red t-shirt plus a barbecue lunch after the run. Volunteers are needed as spotters and to pass out water. There is no entry fee for volunteers. Run with Sparky George, the Bear Flag Runner, to raise awareness and money for the Hats Off America (HOA) nonprofit organization. HOA raises money for families of soldiers who have died in Afghanistan and Iraq. The run is another way that Hats Off America lets the families know that they and their loved ones will not be forgotten. For information or to register or volunteer, contact Sparky George at (925) 855-1950 or thebearflagrunner@yahoo.com Visit www.hatsoffamerica.com. The site includes links to other organizations that support our troops. Hats Off America is a nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization.

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Story Deadline

The Pleasanton Library is accepting original stories by children entering Grades 1-8 for its 2006 Newcott-Caldebery Book Award Program. Young authors and illustrators have until Saturday, September 16 to write or draw a story and deliver their entry to the Children's Desk. This is the 31st year of the Pleasanton program which takes its name from the national Newbery Award for writers of children's literature and the Caldecott Award for children's book illustrators. All young authors will be recognized at an awards ceremony to be held on October 25. With the family's permission, their child's book will be added to the library's collection and made available for general checkout. Their child's name will also be entered as an author in the computer catalog. Entry forms will be available at the Children's Desk or call (925) 931-3400 x 8 for information.

Recycling Guide

StopWaste.Org is offering their free 2006-2007 Recycling Guide to Alameda County residents. The guide is a resource for Alameda County residents looking for places to recycle anything from old batteries to hazardous materials to yard debris. Also featured in the guide are compelling stories profiling local residents who are helping divert waste to local landfills by composting yard debris and food scraps, practicing Bay-Friendly Gardening, and collecting


recyclables. The 2006-2007 Recycling Guide is available by calling StopWaste.Org at 1-877-STOPWASTE. Residents can also order from the website, www.StopWaste.Org, or pick up at city and county offices (including libraries) sanitary districts, and various retail locations throughout Alameda County.

Child Care Programs


Child Care Links provides free workshops to employers in Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin. Workshop facilitators will provide valuable information on important issues to parents at their work site. Workshops are available on a variety of topics and can be tailored to the needs of employees. The length of each workshop can range from 45 minutes to 2 hours. Workshops can be during the lunch hour, or at another time arranged by the employer. Child Care Links can also provide a series of workshops. Training Topics include: Choosing Child Care, Parenting Skills, Child Development, and Work/Family Balance. A Child Care Links facilitator will present the curriculum, related handouts, resource materials and answer questions. Child Care Links' staff is available during business hours to answer further questions, provide free child care referrals and community resources. Employers or employees are encouraged to call for further information on this free service. For more information contact Shauna Brown at (925) 249-3925. There is no charge for this service.

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Fall 2006




Who:	2006-07 any high school or 8th grade player <i>(Ages 14-15 years of age as of 5/1/07)</i>
What:	September-January Baseball Training Team(s)
Teams:	One or two teams based on registration (14-28 players)
Coaches:	Kim Eppard, Oscar Miller, Jeff Hollar, Dr. Doug Gardner, Randy Green, The Pitching Center Staff, Pony Baseball Staff
Where:	Practices & Scrimmages will be held in Livermore
Calendar:	Tryouts & Interviews / Sept. 9 & 16 (Player may attend one or both) Fall Training Week / Wed-Sat, Sept. 20-23 Twice Weekly Practices Begin Sept. 27 Controlled Competition Weekly Beginning Nov. 4 Three (3) Tournaments in January Program Finishes at the End of January
Cost:	\$35 for tryout (\$20 returned if player does not make the team) \$1,500.00 for program / \$300 monthly payments
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- **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, heart-healthy 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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Program at Livermore Library Features 'Gifts from Russia'

"Gifts from Russia," a blend of music reflecting the rich, sometimes stark, and often mysterious sounds of Russian music, will be performed at the Livermore Library on Sun., Aug. 27.

Piano compositions and choral pieces accompany the narration of a fictional Russian immigrant as he reflects on his life experiences: aristocratic rule, wars, harvests, the effects of 1000 years of Christianity, through the ocean crossing and drastic cultural change. The musical background embroiders the tapestry of his life from the 1890s to the 1920s.

Concert pianist Melinda Morse will play pieces by Rachmaninoff, Scriabin and Gershwin, as well as a bonus of Chopin and Ravel. The A capella Choral Ensemble from St. Innocent Orthodox Church of Livermore will perform selections by Raptis, Lvovsky, Rimsky-Korsakov and Tchaikovsky, as well as some ancient Russian Chants. The songs will be performed in English. The ensemble is directed by Susan Anderson.

The program begins at 2 p.m. in the Craft Room of the library, 1188 So. Livermore Avenue. There is no admission charge.

For more information, contact Joyce Nevins at 373-5500 ext. 5577.

John Palowitch Trio Performs At the Pleasanton Library

The John Palowitch Trio will perform at the Pleasanton Public Library on Sunday, August 27 at 2 p.m.

The group is comprised of high school students with extensive musical experience. The Trio will perform a mix of jazz standards, contemporary jazz and originals.

John Palowitch will be a junior and Eric Ford a senior at Amador Valley High School. Jonathan Stein will be a junior at Skyline High School in Oakland.

Each member has had numerous achievements. These include Jonathan's full scholarship to the Stanford Jazz Workshop, and John's acceptance into two All-State Jazz Bands and the Monterey Jazz Festival Next-Generation Jazz Orchestra.

The program is free. It is open to the public and lasts about one hour.

For more information call Teresa Parham, Teen Services Librarian at 931-3404.

Crooked Vine and Stony Ridge Wineries Releasing New Wines

Crooked Vine and Stony Ridge Wineries at 4948 Tesla Blvd. in Livermore will host an Open House weekend Aug. 25-27 during normal tasting room hours, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

As part of the festivities, owner Dale Vaughn-Bowen will release five new wines. Admission is \$7 for the general public, with Stony Ridge and Crooked Vine Wine Club members admitted free.

Live music will be featured on Saturday and Sunday. There will be complimentary hors d'oeuvres all three days.

Crooked Vine is releasing three Cabernets, all of a 2003 vintage. One has fruit from McGrail Vineyards, another is from Antigua Springs, the third is a combination of grapes from five different vineyards. They will retail for \$37-40 per bottle.

Stony Ridge will introduce a 2005 Mouvedre and a 2004 Merlot. The Mouvedre is priced at \$19 per bottle and the Merlot is \$16.

Vaughn-Bowen was honored with 23 awards this summer from various wine competitions, including three best of class medals. The wineries are located at 4948 Tesla Rd., Livermore.

Volunteers Sought for Annual Harvest Wine Celebration

The biggest visitor weekend in Livermore Valley Wine Country is just a few weeks away when the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association and 35 Livermore Valley wineries welcome over 10,000 visitors to the 25th Annual Harvest Wine Celebration, September 3rd and 4th from Noon to 5:00 p.m. each day.

The Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association is looking for the last few volunteers to help welcome visitors to Livermore Valley's wine country community.

Volunteers serve as Wine Country Ambassadors, riding in air-conditioned shuttle buses and talking about the Livermore Valley and winery stops on that route. Detailed scripts will list fun facts about the winery activities, what wines are being poured, musical entertainment, vendors, etc.

Customer service oriented volunteers will serve on the Logistics Team, working at the main transportation hub and transfer stations providing information to guests. Volunteers receive a volunteer event T-shirt, free tickets to the Harvest Wine Celebration, and a Volunteer Recognition Dinner after the event. To volunteer, please call 925.447.WINE(9463).

Retzlaff Opens Downtown Boutique and Tasting Room

Retzlaff Winery will host the grand opening of the new Downtown Boutique and Tasting Room.

The new tasting room is located in the newly refurbished Blacksmith Square at the corner of Livermore Ave and Railroad Ave right in heart of downtown Livermore.

The celebration will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Fri., August 25.

Music and appetizers will be provided. The address is 25 Livermore Avenue, Blacksmith Square, Livermore.

Studio 7 Fine Arts Is Expanding

Some changes and new additions are currently in the works for downtown Pleasanton. Studio 7 Fine Arts in downtown Pleasanton.

Owner Jaime Dowell credits the growth of her business to her unique display of artwork, along with the gallery's reputation for impeccable customer service. With double the space, the new gallery will be the largest in the Bay Area. Construction is expected to be completed in early September.

Christine Saldivar, director of the Pleasanton Downtown Association, stated that she is very excited about the expansion and believes that it will have a tremendous economic impact on the area. "I think this will really

help to create a destination point that will draw more visitors and locals," she said.

Dowell, who recently took over management of the family-owned business, has worked for the past several years to bring art culture to the community, hosting local and national exhibitions and artist receptions at the gallery. Her largest and most popular event last year was The Art of Dr. Seuss, a three-week national touring exhibition that chronicles the life and career of Theodor Seuss Geisel. The exhibition featured nearly seven decades of work, including never-before-seen pieces from the Secret Art collection of the celebrated American icon.

As a board member of the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foun-



Photo from Museum collection.

New Exhibit at Museum Focuses on Chinese Experience

"The Chinese Experience in the Valley," an exhibit at the Museum On Main, 603 Main Street in Pleasanton, will be on display from September 17 to December 3, 2006.

The exhibit is a collaborative effort between the Museum On Main, the Livermore Heritage Guild, and the Chinese American Cooperation Council.

Through photos, text, artifacts and items on loan, the exhibit traces the Chinese experience from the early California Gold Rush to modern day.

Visitors will learn about the Chinese community today and the immigrant experience through the eyes of a genealogist. Materials from an archaeological dig at the Hexcell site in Livermore give clues and insights as to what life was like for the Chinese in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Find out about the latest wave of immigrants-baby girls.

Admission to the museum is a \$2 per person requested donation. Museum hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. The museum's phone number is (925) 462-2766 and email is valleymuseum@sbcglobal.net. Visit www.museumonmain.org for more information.

Posters Offer a Glimpse of Hindu Culture

Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh presents An Exhibition on Hindu Culture and the Dharmic Traditions of India at the Pleasanton Library on Thurs., Aug. 24 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Hindu civilization is one of the most ancient civilizations of the world. Over the millennia the Hindu culture evolved philosophies, religions, sciences, arts and architecture etc., contributing to almost every field of human endeavor. This exhibition provides a bird's eye view of the vast Hindu cultural heritage and the Dharmic traditions of India.

Thirty posters on different themes will be on display in the Pleasanton Public Library's meeting room, for one day only: temples, ancient roots and architecture, art, dance and music, contributions in mathematics and science, Yoga and Ayurveda Dharma in nature, and service role of Hindu women. Admission is free, all are welcome.

The library is located at 400 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton.

For more information, please call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.

dition, Dowell also is actively involved with fundraising efforts for the new Firehouse Arts Center planned for downtown.

Other positive changes to the downtown area this year include the recent arrival of Day Art Studio, which offers a variety of three-dimensional art classes for all ages. Scheduled to open in September is Pans On Fire, a purveyor of gourmet kitchenware and provider of cooking classes, and the Redcoats Pub, which is expected to be in business by the holiday season.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

Competition for Young Musicians. Livermore-Amador Symphony's 34th annual competition. Application deadline is Sun., Oct. 8, 2006. Open to instrumentalists and vocalists who reside or attend school in Livermore, Sunol, Pleasanton, Dublin, or San Ramon. Students are eligible through grade 12. If not enrolled in high school, the maximum age is 17. All instruments will be considered. Purpose is to select two young musicians who will perform as soloists with the symphony on Feb. 3, 2007. Each winner/soloist will be awarded \$200. Completed application forms must be accompanied by a cassette tape, CD, or DVD for preliminary screening, and a \$5 fee. Application forms and information at www.livamsymph.org, or call 447-1947.

The Livermore Art Association is hosting a group show in the Artists' Row Gallery of the Livermore Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore from August 1 to 31. The exhibit features watercolors, oils, acrylics, and 3-dimensional works. For more information, call Linda Jeffery Sailors at (925) 449-7274.

Poet's Showcase. Pleasanton Poet Laureate Cynthia Bryant. Towne Center Books, Pleasanton on Wed., Aug. 30. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. Cynthia will read from her book of poems, "No Time to Shoot the Poets," as well as answer questions. Light refreshments will be served. There is no admission charge. Books will be available for purchase at \$12 each (Small Poetry Press). Towne Center Books is located at 555 Main St., Pleasanton. For information, call 846-8826.

Bridging the Jazz Gap. 6th Annual East Bay Traditional Jazz Festival. Sat., Sept. 30, 10:45 a.m. to 7 p.m. Swiss Park, 5911 Mowry Ave., Newark. Supports youth scholarships, youth programs and promotes the continuance of New Orleans style music. Devil Mountain JB, Jazzinators, Mission Gold JB, Natural Gas JB, San Francisco Feetwarmers and youth bands. Vintage costume contest, scholarship raffle, cakewalks. Tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. 510-657-0243. Make checks payable to East Bay Traditional Jazz Society, 5562 Paseo Navarro, Pleasanton, CA 94566.

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 experience 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 appointment.

Teen Film Festival: An Independent View. entries are being accepted in this new event hosted by the Livermore Library. Screening and reception Wed., Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. Teens between ages of 12 and 18 may submit up to 2 original films in DVD format no more than 5 minutes in length. Entries will be viewed by Glenn Davis, Ted Kaye, Joe Madden, and Sandra Myers. Selected films will be critiqued the night of the festival. In addition, films will be shown during ArtWalk 2006 in downtown Livermore and at a special screening at the Robert Livermore Community Center. Entries due by 6 p.m. Sept. 22 at the Livermore Library. Entry forms and rules at www.livermore.lib.ca.us. Information, 373-5500, ext. 5583.

Friday Nights in August. 6 to 9 p.m., beer and wine tasting, live music. Beeb's Sports Bar & Grill, 915 Clubhouse Drive Livermore, (925)455-7070.

Heritage Days Summer Music Festival. Aug. 26, noon to 4 p.m. Coyote Hills Regional park, Fremont. Multi-cultural 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.

Day in the Park. presented by the Taylor Family Foundation, fundraising 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, gourmet luncheon, wine tasting, local celebrity guests, music, camp tours. Tickets or sponsorships, call 455-5118 or go to www.tif.org.

Macbeth auditions. Las Positas College will hold auditions for its fall semester main stage production, *Macbeth* on Thursday, August 24. Auditions 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.

Our Town. Pleasanton Playhouse Studio Theatre, 1048 Serpentine Lane, Suite 309, Pleasanton. Sept. 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30; Oct. 1, 6, 7, 8. This winner of the Pulitzer Prize, by Thornton Wilder, is perennially one of the most popular selections for high school productions, was received in 2002 on Broadway starring Paul Newman. Tickets 462-2121 or www.pleasantonplayhouse.com

Jazz at the Ridge. Poppy Ridge Golf Course, 4280 Greenville Road, Livermore. Every Thursday 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Smooth jazz from Two Guys. Information, 456-8215 or info@poppyridgegolf.com.

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 29: The Hummingbird; Sept. 5: Big Breakfast; Sept. 12: Stones Throw; Sept. 10: Moreality/Generation Blue; Sept. 26: Zendeavor; Oct. 3: Disposition Of.

Blues on the Patio. Thursdays from 5:50-9:30 pm. Rhythm and Blues bands for listening and dancing. BBQ menu and full bar. Our 11th Season of Blues. No reservation required. Come early for table seating. Schedule: Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St., Pleasanton, 925-846-8106.

Poetry Open Mike Night. 3rd Thursdays. All poets, young and old, raw, simmering or stewed are welcomed every third Thursday of the month, 7pm-9pm at The Bookstore, 2911 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, off Valley. Bring up to ten minutes of poetry to share. The evenings are free, light refreshments will be served. Call Cynthia Bryant at 925-398-8846 or email her at PoetsLane@comcast.net for more information.

Tommy T's Pleasanton. 5104 Hopyard Rd. 227-1800 or www.tommyts.com. Aug. 31-Sept. 3: Rakphie May, Thurs., 8 p.m., \$20; Fri/Sat. 8 and 10 p.m., \$25, Sun., 8 p.m., \$20.

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Comedy Night. Elliston Vineyards. Fri., Sept. 15, 6:30 to 10 p.m. Food, wine and laughter. \$65 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. Beverages will be available for purchase at the event. Tickets Available by calling (925) 862-2377. For more information go to www.elliston.com.

Travel Around the World Summer Concert Series. Garré Winery, 7986 Tesla Road, Livermore. Includes 4-course dinner menu to match the theme of the evening, live music. Schedule: Sept. 1: An Evening in Portugal featuring Internationally Acclaimed Portuguese Songstress. Sept. 8: The Italian Scallion with Live Guitar. Sept. 15: Turkish Delight with Twos Guys Jazz Duo. Each event per person price is \$34.95. Reservations required. Seatings from 6-8pm; music until 9pm. Outdoor seating available. 371-8200, garre@garrewinery.com.

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 menu offered. No cover charge. Check at www.trioatstonyridge.com for featured entertainment or call 925-449-0660.

Retzlaff Vineyards, full moon dinner on Sept. 23, 6 p.m. Dine under the stars. Dance to the music of "Second Nature," sip handcrafted wines. \$80 per person. Reservations required. 447-8941. Winery at 1356 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore.

Concerts at Wente Vineyards: Aug. 28: Slyx; Sept. 5: Sara Evans; Sept. 6: The Doobie Brothers; Sept. 7: Heart; Sept. 10: Jazz at the Vineyards; Rick Braun & Brian Culbertson & Mindi. Concert guests can choose either a four-course dinner in the award-winning The Restaurant at Wente Vineyards, followed by reserved, stage-front seating, or a buffet-style dinner at tables of ten on the lawn. For more

information visit www.wentevineyards.com or call (925) 456-2424. To purchase tickets visit www.ticketmaster.com.

Garré Winery is offering music and dinner series with a worldly theme. "Travel Around the World" music and dinner series highlights the culinary and musical influence of a different particular region of the world every Friday night. Includes 4 courses of gourmet cuisine. Friday, August 25th- Havana Nights with Live Cuban Guitar; For information or to make reservations call Garré Winery, 925-371-8200, or check their website at www.garrewinery.com.

Playin' on the Patio at Tesla Vintners every Friday and Saturday continues through October (weather permitting) from 6-9 p.m. Wines from Fenestra, John Christopher Cellars, Little Valley, Red Skye, Thomas Coyne, and The Singing Winemaker available for tasting. Caterer, Cassandra's is now offering dinner specials along with the finger foods every Friday and Saturday night. Music is a mixture of local talent, including the Singing Winemaker. Plenty of room for kids to run free and play. Aug. 25: Big Rain, rock/pop/blues; Aug. 26: The Singing Winemaker & Friends with an appearance by the Steve Shyshka Trio (Dinner Special Herb Roasted Tenderloin); Sept. 1: Mud Daddy; Sept. 2: Roger Kardinal (Dinner Special Pork Loin). Tesla Vintners, 5143 Tesla Rd., Livermore. 925-606-WINE(9463).

Cedar Mountain Winery will present the 2006 Summer Concert Series concludes with Blue Truth on August 26 with their program of blues. Shows start at 7 p.m., gates open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$30 day of the show; \$80 for a season pass, \$15 for CMW Wine Club members in advance; children under age 10 are admitted free. No outside alcoholic beverages are allowed. Cedar Mountain Winery is located at 7000 Tesla Road, Livermore. For information, call 373-6636 or go to www.wines.com/cedarmountain.

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Signature of Registrant: /s/George C. Wilson
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Signature of Registrant: /s/JianPing Pan and ZhongJian Guo
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