

# Cinema, Theater, New Dining Opportunities Near

## Cinema and Madden Buildings Opening This Fall; Park Plaza, Performing Arts Theater Moving Forward

Construction of a new dining, retail, and office complex and the 13-screen cinema next to it Downtown Livermore is slated for completion in October, according to the developers.

Work is moving forward on the Park Plaza and a 500-seat performing arts theater, all located on the Golden Triangle.

Mike Madden, who heads the Red Bear development firm, said that although construction is on schedule for October delivery to him, it doesn't mean the offices and restaurants will fill up right away. However, Madden said that he already has a contract signed with

Fire & Ice, a Mongolian grill restaurant that will occupy 5500 square feet on the main floor of one of his three new buildings just east of the flagpole on First Street.

Platinum Funding, a mortgage funding firm, has also signed a lease for office space.

This will be the first operation for Fire & Ice in the Bay Area, said Madden. He has been to their operation at Lake South Tahoe, the only other location in northern California, and said it's excellent. The chain, which cooks its barbecue in an open area in the dining room, operates primarily in New Eng-

land.

The cinema, with architecture in an art deco style, is being constructed by Cinecon, a specialist in building theaters and other large enterprises. Paul Nellany, project superintendent for Cinecon, said it will be completed in early October.

The movie theater is projected for a public opening on Thanksgiving, a traditionally big box-office day for films.

Plans are to show some of the same movies in two different rooms, with different starting times for audience convenience, said Dave Corkill, owner of the Cinema West independent chain,

which is building the cinema. The biggest room in the theater will seat 300. There will be three smaller rooms devoted to independent films and smaller release pictures.

Corkill said that the smaller venues could be ideal for some of the screenings to be shown as part of the California Independent Film Festival, which is held each October in Livermore's wineries. "Next year, we'd like to include them," he said.

Corkill said he is excited to be a partner in the area with Madden's development. "The community will appreciate the Golden Triangle district," he said.

People will be well-served by the combination of available films, restaurants, the performing arts theater, and the nearby parking garage.

"Residents in Livermore will have a focused recreation area in downtown. The city has done a great job of improving the downtown areas through the redevelopment plans. We are happy to be a part of that," said Corkill.

Work will also be underway soon on the public plaza, which will link the Madden development and the movie theater to the third piece in the Golden Triangle, the 500-seat performing arts (See DOWNTOWN, page 4)

## New Arts Center Open for Business

The Bothwell Arts Center opened officially on September 1, providing a place for the arts to grow in the community.

It is envisioned as a low-cost rehearsal/performance center with classrooms, an auditorium and studio/gallery space. The Center is located at 8th and H Streets in Livermore.

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board unanimously approved a lease agreement at its August 30 meeting enabling the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center to run the Center.

Board President Scott Kamena noted that after several years of negotiations, the two groups have come to an agreement.

Under the agreement LVPAC will pay the district \$1,000 a month to lease the facility. LVPAC would in turn rent out space to various groups. The district itself and other regular user groups would pay \$12 per hour. There was some discussion as to future rent increases. It was determined that all increases would be a cost of living increase.

Len Alexander, interim executive director for LVPAC, stated, "We are trying to help the arts community by putting to use the facility. LVPAC will lose on the order of \$20,000 a year to make the building available. We are willing to do that."

He added that the partnership between the district and the nonprofit LVPAC fulfills a desire on (See BOTHWELL, page 4)



Crowds enjoyed the fruits of the harvest in the tasting room at Concannon Vineyard during the annual Harvest Wine Celebration. Photo - Doug Jorgensen

## Eight Livermore Schools Top 800 in API, Two Schools Enter Program Improvement; Charter School Scores 888

By Patricia Koning

For the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, the 2005/06 Academic Performance Index (API) results contained mostly good news but some bad. The Districtwide API score was 782, up seven points over the previous year and well above the statewide average of 720.

However, five schools—Altamont Creek, Portola, Marilyn Avenue, East Avenue, and Junction Avenue—failed to meet their Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) targets. Portola and Marilyn are both in the first year of "Program Improvement," an aspect of the

No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act.

The Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS) posted an API of 888 in its first year.

"We're so excited. The students really exceeded everyone's expectations. This just goes to show that our approach to teaching the whole child is working," said LVCS Principal Tina Morris. "Next year we're aiming high: 950."

The API is a state measure based on the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) scores. The state-mandated goal is an API of 800 for each school.

Schools that are not at 800 are given a goal to improve by 3% or one point each year.

The AYP is part of NCLB and takes into account API scores, scores on other standardized tests such as the California High School Exit Exam, and scores of subgroups such as non-English speakers and socioeconomically disadvantaged, among other measures. A school needs to meet all of the measures to meet their AYP.

LVCS does not have AYP goals yet, because last year was the school first year. The school (See LIVERMORE API, page 4)

## Pleasanton Council OKs Purchase Of Historic Cemetery

Pleasanton will take over ownership of the Pleasanton Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

The city council voted 4 to 1 to take over ownership and maintenance of the cemetery. The cost to purchase the cemetery is \$1

The city will partner with the Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services for funeral, burial and cremation services.

Cindy McGovern opposed the purchase. "I'm not comfortable with the city buying this. There are too many unknowns," she said. "I don't think the city should be in the funeral business." McGovern supported having the Saratoga OddFellows Lodge take over the site, the city

work to have the site designated as historic and continue to abate weeds.

Other councilmembers said they felt that the importance of the site to the city from an historic perspective was reason enough to buy it.

The cemetery was established by the local OddFellows Lodge in 1886. Members of many of the city's founding families are buried there. The Pleasanton lodge disbanded in 1990 and the Livermore Lodge took over the operations and maintenance. Livermore is interested in selling the site.

The Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery (See CEMETERY, page 4)

## Pleasanton Continues High Rank Against Other Districts

The Pleasanton school district did well on its API scores in 2006, maintaining its enviable record in the state.

The district's overall performance put it in 11th place among unified school districts in California, said superintendent John Casey. That's a drop from 10th place last year.

(The state has 1000 school districts. Not all are unified school districts. A figure for total unified districts was not available from the district or the state.)

Overall, the district scored 880 on the API (Academic Performance Index), up three points from the previous year. In districts that already have achieved a score of at least 800 in the previous year, the state expects improvement annually of at least

one point on the API.

The federal government, which has set testing standards through its No Child Left Behind legislation, takes a different approach with its index, known as Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). It requires a level of "proficient or better" from a set percentage of the student groupings and schools.

The percentage level for proficient or better was approximately 24 percent in the various subjects this year. All levels in the district surpassed those standards by more than double. The AYP standards will be climbing in 2008 into the 30 to 40 percent range, and continue to climb until 2014, when the requirement for levels of "proficient or better" (See PLEASANTON, page 4)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The sounds of bagpipes provided background music for a weekend of events celebrating Scottish heritage. The annual Scotland Highland Gathering and Games were hosted at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton by the Caledonian Club of San Francisco. The two days included athletic events, dance competitions and performances, Celtic rock and folk tunes. Birds of Prey, sheep dogs, fiddlers and harpers were all part of the festivities. Visitors could meet Tesla, a golden eagle. Tesla was rescued after suffering an injury landing on an electrical wire. As a result of the encounter with the wire, several of the eagle's toes had to be removed. Over 100 clans gathered under tents on the grassy fields just inside the gates. A variety of costumes were worn by participants and those in attendance, including one group who picked up the Pirates of the Caribbean theme. Pictured is the Highland Dance competition.

## Stoneridge Drive Extension Main Topic of Circulation Session

The extension of Stoneridge Road in Pleasanton to El Charro was the focus of much of the public comment during last week's General Plan Workshop.

During the workshop, the city council looked at the three draft elements: circulation, conservation and open space, and public safety.

Folks living in the area where Stoneridge Drive would extend have long advocated for removal of that segment from the general plan. Current council members have supported this view.

At last week's session, residents who live along Valley Avenue declared that it wasn't fair that their neighborhood should have all of the impacts from traffic heading to destinations east of the city. They pointed out that Stoneridge Drive has been designed to carry large amounts of traffic. Homes were set back further from the street.

Valley Avenue area residents

were also adamantly opposed to the proposed 3 left turn lanes at Santa Rita Road and Valley and the extension of Busch Road to El Charro, declaring those projects would allow more traffic on a road that could not handle additional traffic.

Councilmember Jerry Thorne supported removing the three left turn lanes. "We need to do something to stop adding more traffic to Valley Avenue."

Councilmember Matt Sullivan called the Stoneridge extension a very difficult issue for everyone. "Half say put in the road; others say take it out. I understand the issues and concerns. We will look at a model with the Stoneridge extension." He added, "I'm still committed to removing the Stoneridge extension. The right-of-way easement and an emergency vehicle access will remain in perpetuity. If the freeway problems were solved, the ability to extend the road would be there."

## Robertson Park Equestrian Arena to Get a Cover

Third time was the charm for the proposal to cover the equestrian show arena at Robertson Park.

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board last week awarded a contract to Gowan Construction to build a 150 ft. x 300 ft. cover. The Gowan Construction bid was \$658,856. The district has budgeted \$745,000 for the cover.

The cover is expected to be in place by next spring.

President Scott Kamena commented, "This has been a long, long process. The horse community has waited a long

time." He pointed out that there were many roadblocks that had to be overcome. The first two bids were too high. Various requirements from the city, such as sprinklers, added \$180,000 to the cost. The city later removed the requirement.

At one point in time, the LARP board had decided not to build the cover and use the money for another project. However, the equestrian community organized and gathered information about the cost of covering the arena. The information convinced the board to send the (See COVER, page 6)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

A display at the Pleasanton Library announces a series of programs on India. For the story see page 3.

## Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan



### Where Have All the Roses Gone?

In 1938 Jackson and Perkins, today perhaps the largest grower of roses in the world, planted roses in fields south of Highway 50 (now I-580) on land leased from August Hagemann.

In October of that year the *Herald* reported, "Sunshine, water, ideal soil, have done their part to bring the plants to maturity, rows of thickly foliaged bushes stretching for a mile, with multicolored tops of blooms of every hue creating an enormous garden." By 1941 the firm's rose fields in this area had increased to 600 acres.

Valley Rose Company, run by the Schwertscharf family, leased 40 acres at the corner of East Avenue and Vasco Road from Gatzmer Wagoner. By 1947 two million rose bushes were growing on the Hagemann property and 750,000 on Wagner's.

Jackson and Perkins also planted roses in Pleasanton on 600 acres of the Bernal property. Dick Smith, whose family lived nearby on Rose Avenue in the early 1950s when he was young, would run over to the rose fields whenever he heard the crop duster roaring. He loved to watch its acrobatics.

In 1937 George DeVor, foreman for Jackson and Perkins, left to start the local Amling-DeVor Company with his son Paul and a partner. They grew some 1,200 acres of rose bushes on land just east of the current Jackson Avenue School in Livermore, and more in Pleasanton near Santa Rita Road and Valley Avenue, site of today's Orloff Park. They also rented about 10 acres from August Hagemann north of the railroad tracks, an area now part of the gravel industry.

Roses were hard on the soil, so they were grown on a five-year rotation. One year was for roses, then four years for wheat or barley, which usually did well thanks to the residual fertilizer in the ground from the rose cultivation. The grain crop helped to pay for the land rental.

All these blooming acres were rose bushes for the wholesale, catalog, and hot-house trades. No World War II sailor from the navy bases in Pleasanton or Livermore ever bought his gal a dozen red roses from these fields.

The Tejada brothers, Chris and Jimmie, were among the many workers from the Philippine Islands who came to the Tri-Valley and formed the labor force necessary to tend the rose fields and nearby vineyards, often tedious and back-breaking jobs. A mess hall was built on McGraw Avenue off South Frontage road in Livermore to serve the field workers.

By the mid-1950s seven other growers had settled in the Tri-Valley, because of Jackson and Perkins's presence and influence. Twelve million rose plants were produced annually. A Livermore Chamber of Commerce publication about 1961 boasted, "There are more hybrid rose seedlings grown in the Livermore valley than anywhere else in the world."

So, to paraphrase an old anti-war folk song, "Where have all the roses gone?"

In February 1962 Jackson and Perkins suffered a huge loss in a nursery fire at their facilities on McGraw Avenue. The monetary loss, estimated at \$300,000, was bad enough, but they also lost two years of scientific research.

In 1963 the city of Livermore decided to put its new airport on the Hagemann property. Increased taxes began squeezing other farmers who had rented their fields to the rose companies. And growers had to cope with crown gall, a disfiguring disease caused by a bacterium that attacks the rose plant and, once successful, remains in the soil. Not until 1973 did an Australian researcher come up with a cure. But before that the bloom was permanently off the Tri-Valley rose industry.

After a December harvest of 97,000 rose trees in 1968, Jackson and Perkins moved their growing operations to southern California.

Ernest Schwertscharf died in 1956; his son, also named Ernest, took over the Valley Rose Company but was forced to sell in 1963. Young Ernest told a *Tri-Valley Herald* reporter that he was not nostalgic for those days when he and his father and sometimes his brother "were consumed by the upkeep of 1½ million plants, but it makes for nice memories of a family working together and the beauty of the crop."

DeVor at first retreated to its Pleasanton properties. Finally, in 1990 the company moved its operations to the Watsonville area. Smaller companies went out of business. Our only roses today are in private gardens or public parks.

"The Tri-Valley has played an extremely important role in the history of roses in America," said local rose expert David Lowell, not only because of the quantity grown here, but the quality. Since the awarding of "All-American" status for roses began nationally in 1940, almost a fourth of the honors have gone to men associated with the Tri-Valley.

Dr. Walter Lammerts, who worked here with DeVor, developed two major species—"Charlotte Armstrong" and "Queen Elizabeth." Eugene Boerner, chief hybridizer of floribunda roses for Jackson and Perkins, won 14 All-American honors.

Pleasanton has had an annual rose show since 1938. The city's official flower is the Don Juan rose, developed by Jackson and Perkins. (Readers can reach me at am3homan@yahoo.com.)

### Livermore Police to Present Program on Personal Safety

The Livermore Police Department will present information about personal safety, including how to reduce the chances of becoming a victim of crime.

This information will be targeted to the senior community members. However, the information is applicable to everyone. The presentation will cover how to reduce the chances of becoming a victim of crime, common sense solutions to personal awareness and general home safety issues. There will be opportunities for questions and an-

swers after the presentation.

This free presentation is scheduled for 10:30-noon, Wed., September 13, 2006 at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Reservations preferred by 9/6/06.

This program is presented by the Livermore Police Department. It is sponsored by the LARPD Senior Services and the Livermore Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA).

For more information, call (925) 373-5760.

Free list of all available homes in the Tri-Valley. Out of State Investing Information Too! [www.371RYAN.com](http://www.371RYAN.com)

call **371-RYAN** Redefining Real Estate

**Janice Pementel**  
"Thanks Dad"  
Cell (925) 997-1387 • Pg. (510) 440-6915  
Specializing In Dead Stock Removal Large & Small

## Blessing and a Toast Celebrate the Start of Grape Harvest

The annual Harvest Wine Celebration got underway with the official blessing of the grapes last Friday and a toast to the future. This is the 25th year the celebration has taken place.

This year's event was an interfaith effort with representatives from the Jewish, Episcopal and Unitarian communities.

Carolyn Wentte, president of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association, declared, "I am very proud of the fact that we are celebrating so many years in the Valley. Looking back, in my wildest dreams I did not envision so many wineries. Here we are at 38."

Participating in the blessing were Rabbi Richard Winer from Temple Beth Emek, Rabbi Laura Novak Winer from the Union for Reform Judaism; Eric Meter, minister and Sonya Sukalsi, Unitarian Universalist Church and Eric Meter, and Carol Cook from St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church.

Rabbi Winer declared that, "Here in the valley we have many wonderful vineyards to choose from. . . . As we all come together in this wonderful, holy pursuit, we bring blessings to each other and to our community."

Sukalsi commented, "Wine is a blessing in many ways. It brings together many fine materials - the fertile California soil, water form the Sierras and refreshing rain, sun, fresh air rolling off the Pacific Ocean only a few miles



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Toasting the harvest are (from left), Carolyn Wentte, president of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association; Sonya Sukalsi, Unitarian Universalist, Rabbi Richard Winer, Temple Beth Emek; Carol Cook, St. Bartholomew's Episcopal; Rabbi Laura Novak Winer, Union for Reform Judaism; and Eric Meter, Unitarian Universalist.

away, grapes of many sizes and varieties. . . . Creating the perfect glass requires a blend of skills, forethought and artistry."

Meter added, "While God has given us the grapes of the vine, it's through knowledge and skills passed down the generations that we are able to fashion the wines we enjoy so much."

"God loves a party," declared Cook. "It's all through every re-

ligious tradition.' She quoted several scriptures including, "Drink your wine with a merry heart . . . for God has long ago approved what you do."

The blessing ended with a toast "to life."

One of those in attendance was Earl Ault from Cedar Mountain Winery, one of the original members of the winegrowers as-

sociation. He said the very hot weather earlier in the season has had little impact on the grapes. "The fruit we have gotten so far is beautiful."

Ault said they had started taking white grapes. Cedar Mountain was picking a little earlier, because it is going after fresher fruit with a lower alcohol content."

## Operation SAM to Host September 11 Open House

Operation S.A.M. (Supporting All Military) will host an open house on Monday, September 11 at 7 p.m. at the Livermore Police Station Community Room, 1110 S. Livermore Avenue. The purpose will be to honor the memory of the heroes that lost their lives five years ago on September 11, 2001 and to pay tribute to those who have served and continue to serve.

The public is invited to attend. There is no charge.

Operation: S.A.M. has extended an invitation to those who have returned home from active duty and to veterans.

The evening's events will include tributes to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in America's fight against terrorism. There will be an opportunity to speak with military heroes, en-

joy refreshments and obtain information about Operation: S.A.M. and how individuals can help support deployed military personnel.

Operation: S.A.M. remains dedicated to the continued support of our troops. The generous donations from the community have enabled the group to ship in excess of 8,800 Comfort Packages since January 2004, approximately 13 tons of respect, love and appreciation. The group encourages Americans to keep our military men and women in their hearts and prayers until each one is home.

Operation: S.A.M. is an all-volunteer, non-political, non-profit organization that is dedicated to showing our communities' appreciation by sending the active members of our military a

small but mighty "Comfort Package" brimming with items from home to help remind them, if only for a moment, we are thinking about them and that they are not forgotten.

For more information, visit [www.operationsam.org](http://www.operationsam.org), email [Operationsam@comcast.net](mailto:Operationsam@comcast.net), phone (925) 443-7620 or write Operation: S.A.M., P. O. Box 2992, Livermore, CA 94551.

1034 Rincon Ave. \$559,950

Get More Out of Livermore

IvyLoGerfo 925 998-5312

Wow! Amazing kitchen & built in Pool

Livermore - Terrific home. Absolutely upgraded to perfection! 3 bdms., 2 bths, hardwood floors, fireplace! Open house 9/10 1-4:30

[www.IvyLoGerfo.com](http://www.IvyLoGerfo.com) \* [homes@ivylogerfo.com](mailto:homes@ivylogerfo.com)



**PET OF THE WEEK: TYSON**  
You'll never need an alarm system again! Tyson is one tough cat, with a BIG heart to match. This 2-year old Orange Tabby loves attention. he shows it when he gives you one of his powerful head butts. He's got a huge purr. He's Tyson The Cat and he'd love to meet you! For more information on Tyson (ID# 6354), call Valley Humane Society at (925) 426-8656.

**Axis Community Health**  
Education, Prevention & Treatment

Axis Community Health is a licensed, nonprofit healthcare organization committed to serving the community.

Mental Health Counseling is available for adults, families, teens and children. The following insurance plans/EAPs are now accepted:

- Cigna
- Value Options
- Magellan including Aetna
- UBH
- MHN

Counseling is available on a sliding scale to those without insurance.

Information & Appointments: (925) 201-6240 [www.axishealth.org](http://www.axishealth.org)

**At this rate... we may need a bigger vault.**

**5.65% APY\***  
9 Month Term CD

**Why this CD is too good to pass up<sup>†</sup>**

- No risk variable - up to 2 rate increases
- You can add more money, anytime

You don't need to go to a big bank to find a great interest rate on CDs. You need a bank that's big on ideas and big on service.

**TVB TRI-VALLEY BANK**

**San Ramon**  
2410 San Ramon Valley Blvd., Suite 115  
925-791-4340

**Livermore**  
1756 First Street  
925-791-4380

Open Monday - Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm

Visit us online at: [www.trivalleybank.com](http://www.trivalleybank.com)

\*Rate quoted is Annual Percentage Yield (APY), effective September 1, 2006. Interest is compounded daily. Minimum \$25,000 deposit required to open, maximum \$500,000. This offer is for a limited time and is valid for new deposits only. Bank reserves the right to change or cease this offer at its sole discretion any time without prior notice. Penalty for early withdrawal.

†During the Certificate of Deposit term, should the Federal Reserve increase rates, we will automatically increase the rate of your CD by 80% of the effective Fed Funds Rate increase (subject to a maximum of (2) increases in the Federal Funds Rate during the CD term). Unlimited additional deposits allowable with \$2,500.00 minimum.

©2006, Tri-Valley Bank. All rights reserved. **FDIC** **LENDER**

# Pleasanton Police Chief Leaving A Legacy of Community Accessibility

Pleasanton Police Chief Tim Neal has announced plans to retire by year's end.

Neal, a thirty year veteran police officer has served as Pleasanton's top cop for the past seven years. A 26-year Pleasanton resident, Chief Neal set out to humanize the police department by making it more open and accessible to the community. He believes his goal has been accomplished. It is one of his proudest achievements.

City Manager Nelson Fialho commented, "Chief Neal's 30 year career has been marked with significant accomplishments. Neal turned our police department into a model of community oriented policing, hired good and honest people, and made significant strides in building bridges with the community, especially our youth."

In his seven years as police chief, using a participative relationship with his employees, he created a process to provide them input in spending well over a million dollars in grant funding. This has resulted in the department be-

ing one of the most technologically advanced police organizations in the nation. From satellite tracking of patrol cars to computers and night vision equipment, the department is widely recognized as state of the art.

The department has been challenged with improving police-youth relations for many years. Neal implemented a police Explorer Program, bringing youth into the department. He assigned school resource officers to the city's high schools and supported a variety of youth related programs ranging from the Every 15 Minutes Anti-DUI program to an adult education class known as the Parent Project. The program is geared towards assisting struggling families deal with the difficult teen years.

Neal also began the department's Citizen Police Academy and the Teen Citizen's Police Academy. He implemented an active volunteer program that has grown to 25. He assist the department in every facet of policing from records

processing to patrolling parks and neighborhoods.

He was among the first police chiefs to list registered sex offenders on a city website. He began a police department monthly cable television show, COPPS in Pleasanton, that has aired for the past four years. Most recently, software was installed to let citizens directly email their individual beat officers in their patrol cars using a directory posted on the department's website.

"It's all about knocking down barriers to communication," Neal states. "We are a service oriented business. People need to be willing to speak to us."

Neal doubled animal control services, offering 7 day a week coverage, ten hours per day. He increased the size of the traffic unit and created a full time position to provide school children with traffic safety education.

With the cooperation of the police officers, he negotiated to have officers remain on the same beat for one year at a time so residents could get to know them.

Last year, Part I crime reduced

17 percent with raw numbers mirroring statistics recorded by the department 20 years ago when the population was 45,000. Per capita crime during Neal's tenure has been the lowest in the city over the last three decades.

In addition to serving as police chief, Neal was chairman of the city's Human Services Commission. He and his wife, Robin, were actively involved in youth sports, scoring and school programs prior to his appointment as chief.

Chief Neal and his wife plan to remain in Pleasanton. Beyond a list of home improvement items, he stated he has an interest in doing some teaching both locally as a substitute teacher and possibly at Las Positas College where he serves on the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee. Neal is currently the president of the Alameda County Police Chief's Association. He will complete his term at year's end. Neal is also vice president of the board of directors of Hope Hospice. He plans to continue serving in that role.

# Harvest Is Booming A Little Too Much For Some Sleepers

It's grape harvest season in Livermore wine country, and Alex Dourov is having trouble sleeping at night.

Dourov, who lives two miles from the nearest grape fields, keeps hearing a bird cannon go off every few minutes. It wakes him five or 10 times a night on warm nights when his windows are open to cool down his house, which is in the Portola Glen area of Livermore.

The Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association has been working to identify which grower or growers are firing the cannons at night.

Dourov's house is on a rise, and it may be that the noise from the bird cannon carries on the morning breeze from the south-east, and rises up in a "Hollywood Bowl" effect. Dourov barely hears the noise in the daytime, because it is asked by the increased background noise of freeway traffic and other environmental noise. "I can just barely hear it by the time I pick up the newspaper in front of my house at 7 a.m.," he said.

The cannons are used by some growers to scare away birds during the harvest. They make noise in the 100 to 125 decibel range. The 125 decibels is the level of noise heard near a jet plane engine.

The cannons are fairly common in bigger fields. Most wineries apparently use them only during daylight hours.

Dourov said he has talked to other residents who have heard the nighttime cannon, including one wine grower who heard it at her house near LLNL at 5 a.m. one day. This is the third year of harvest that Dourov has had his problem.

The current noise may or may not be from the same land as in the past. There has not been any way to locate the source, since it's just an explosion in the air.

Dourov said he is all for the local wine industry. However, birds tend to be sleeping at night. Firing the cannon when it's dark doesn't seem to be necessary. He said he thinks that if the grower, who may not live on the property, is made aware of the problem, he or she will set the timer so there are no nighttime explosions.

The bird cannons use propane to create mini-explosions. There are up to 17,000 explosions fed by a standard canister of propane, according to a grower supplier on the web. A timer can set the frequency to a range between 40 seconds and 30 minutes. Not knowing what else to do, Dourov, a web site developer, filed a complaint electronically with the

Livermore police department late last week. He had not heard from them early this week, after the holiday weekend.

Dourov said that he doesn't want to get tough with anyone. He does want someone with some knowledge to go further into it and make the nighttime problem go away. "I hope people will figure it out, and become good neighbors, and run them only in the daytime," he said. Dourov has had conversations with the Livermore Wine Growers Association, but they seem stumped on this one, he said.

Lynn Wallace, executive director of the association, told the Independent that "we are working to get the word out to all of our growers. Sound travels in wine country. We always try to play mediator, and find where the noise is coming from, if we can."

Wallace said that new people often call about the bird cannons, because the noise is new to them. This year, she has had from long-time residents, too. It takes some adjustment. However, if people are going to live in wine country, they must also adapt to the conditions present for agriculture, Wallace said.

Growers have other tools to scare birds. There are electronic recordings of bird distress calls. They are broadcast through loudspeakers to warn the birds away. There is also bird netting, in which can be put on top of the vines. It has a three-quarter-inch mesh to discourage birds from making off with fruit.

Dr. Ricardo Aguirre, whose wine label is Bodegas Aguirre, has six acres of grapes. He uses the bird-distress recordings in the middle of his field. The sound doesn't seem to reach well to the edge of the field, so he covers the outer two rows vines with bird netting.

"It takes time, and it is labor intensive, but if you want to keep your grapes, you have to do it," he said.

# Year Long Series on India Begins Saturday

The regional foods of India, cooking demos, author talks, and music on the front lawn of the Pleasanton Public Library will launch the Pleasanton Library's series on the culture of India.

The opening event will be from 3:30 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9. Food experts and cookbook authors, Laxmi Hiremath (Dance of Spices) and Lachu Moorjani (Ajanta) will speak about the use of spices and the regional variations in Indian cuisine. Tastings of food from different states of India will be available for purchase. Towne Center Books will sell cookbooks.

This event is sponsored by the East Bay Marathi Mandal and the Pleasanton Public Library.

Penny Johnson, adult programming library, noted that earlier this year, the Pleasanton Public Library and the East Bay Marathi Mandal were awarded a \$25,000 Cultural Crossroads grant from the California State Library.

The grant was offered under the Library Services and Technology Act. Only seven libraries in the state received the grants. "The grant requires the library to partner with an organization. The library cannot be the lead agency," said Johnson. "It's a big undertaking."

The funds will be used to examine the many ways that the Indian community has enriched Pleasanton.

One of the requirements is that each program be educational. "People will have fun. At the same time they will be learning things," Johnson declared. "While everyone is welcome to attend each event, we are targeting people who don't know anything about Indian culture."

Johnson and a representative of the East Bay Marathi Mandal had to go through two days of training in Sacramento. They are required to report on the program and measure the outcome. Johnson plans to conduct surveys to see if the audience learned anything.

The library has planned a year of special events. The regional foods of India, cooking demos, author talks, and music on the front lawn of the Pleasanton Public Library will launch the series on the culture of India. The event will be from 3:30 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9. This event is sponsored by the East Bay Marathi Mandal and the Pleasanton Public Library.

Food experts and cookbook authors, Laxmi Hiremath (Dance of Spices) and Lachu Moorjani (Ajanta) will speak about the use of spices and the regional variations in Indian cuisine. Tastings of food from different states of India will be available for purchase. Towne Center Books will sell cookbooks.

Future programs include the following:

- October 22nd, Sunday 2 - 3pm: The Indian Immigrant Woman In America; This will be a panel discussion of the joys and frustrations of being a South Asian woman in America. Topics include arranged marriage, career challenges, surviving our children's American adolescence, opportunities, isolation and complications resulting from immigration. Featured speakers include author Padma Shandas, Maitri director Sarah Khan and medical researcher Sunita Puri.
- October 28, Saturday 3:30 - 7pm. Growing Up Bi-Cultural: A program for teens only that begins with a frank and open teen

panel discussion on growing up bi-cultural in America. It will be led by author Mitali Perkins and finishes with a Bollywood dance lesson and pizza party.

- February 11, Sunday, 2pm. Indian Fashion: Beginning with a parade of traditional bride and groom costumes from all regions of India and continuing with a look at how Indian traditional decorative motifs and styles are influencing Western fashion. This fashion party will finish with haute couture by Swati Kapoor on the runway.
- March 25, Sunday at 5pm. Concert of Fusion Jazz by George Brooks: A stunning display of east/west jazz utilizing traditional Indian instruments. George Brooks is a Berkeley-based jazz artist who has performed and recorded with some of great Indian artists including Zakir Hussain, Fareed Haque and Hariprasad Chaurasia. He will introduce and discuss traditional Indian instruments, demonstrate, and then explore the relationship between jazz and Indian classical music.

- March, date to be announced. The Romance of Bollywood Film Vamsee Juluri will be the keynote speaker for our Hindi Film Festival. Juluri is a professor at San Francisco University and a published expert on the Indian Film Industry. He will discuss the raging popularity of the Bollywood film, to be followed by a showing of recommended films. Film schedule to be set.
- May, date to be set. Shailja Patel, a spoken word theater artist, will perform her unique blend of storytelling on the African/Indian immigrant experience. She uses saris to shape her storytelling. "Each sari is woven

of economic, cultural, political and personal history. As I unwind it on stage, I unleash voices of women from Afghanistan, Kenya, Korea, India, Iraq, to tell of their lives in the footprint of Empire."

Other programs include an author panel discussion with Samina Ali and Sandip Roy. The date has not been set.

There will be ongoing Monday evening storytimes in Hindi and other Indian languages once a month for preschool children, beginning October 2nd through June 4th.

An adult seminar series of informative and interesting topics will be run on the fourth Thursday evening each month from January 25 through May 24, including subjects: India's Contributions to Astronomy, The Tech-Boom of Bangalore, Ancient Culture/Ancient Medicine, Architecture and Temples of India, India's Natural Beauty, Travel and Adventure.

Johnson plans to apply for the same grant next year and is looking for an ethnic group to partner with.

The library is also offering programs that look at other cultures during the upcoming year. Planned are a Vietnamese program in October, Chinese New Year's, and an Iranian poet in January. There are also plans to increase the Spanish language collection.

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

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

## Great Clips®


# \$6.99

## Haircut

Valid only at  
Lowes/Safeway Center  
4227 1st St., Livermore  
Expires 10/31/06 LIN

# SPORTS MEDICINE

## A Free Community Education Seminar



**Topic:**  
Top 10 Sports Injuries of the Season

**Speaker:** Christy Boyd, M.D.


**Date:** Tuesday, September 12th, 2006

**Time:** 6:30 pm

**Location:**  
LifeStyleRx  
1119 E. Stanley Blvd.  
Livermore

Youth sports are a big part of family life here in the Tri Valley. ValleyCare Health System is offering a free education seminar on the Top 10 Sports Injuries of the Season. ValleyCare Sports Medicine Physician Dr. Christy Boyd will discuss the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of common sports injuries of the fall season including concussions, knee injuries, ankle sprains and shoulder pain.

**Please register for this seminar on sports medicine by calling 1-800-719-9111 or visit valleycare.com and click on the classes link.**




A not-for-profit health system

Serving the Tri-Valley and Surrounding Communities with Medical Facilities in Livermore and Pleasanton.  
www.valleycare.com

### PUBLIC NOTICE FOR THE I-580 EASTBOUND HOV LANE PROJECT

Notice of Environmental Document Release-Opportunity for Public Hearing



**ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW.** The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA) are seeking public comment on the Environmental Assessment/Initial Study (EA/IS) for the I-580 Eastbound High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane Project.

**WHAT'S BEING PLANNED.** The I-580 Eastbound HOV Lane Project proposes to construct an eastbound HOV lane in the existing median of I-580 in Alameda County from east of Greenville Road in the City of Livermore to the Hacienda Drive interchange in the City of Pleasanton, a distance of approximately 11.3 miles.

The purpose of the project is to reduce eastbound peak-period congestion and delay, encourage use of high-occupancy vehicles and transit, support regional air quality attainment goals, and improve safety for motorists and Caltrans maintenance workers.

**WHY THIS AD.** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), FHWA, Caltrans and ACCMA have studied the effects this project may have on the environment. Findings show the project would not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The report that explains why is called an Environmental Assessment/Initial Study (EA/IS). This notice is to tell you that the EA/IS is available for your review and comment. Caltrans and ACCMA also offer you the opportunity to request a public hearing on the project.

**WHAT'S AVAILABLE.** The EA/IS is available for review at the following locations:

Caltrans Transportation Library 111 Grand Avenue Oakland, CA 94612	Dublin Public Library 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin, CA 94568
ACCMA Offices 1333 Broadway Suite 220, Oakland, CA 94612	Livermore Public Library 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550
	Pleasanton Public Library 400 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566

Websites: www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/envdocs.htm and www.accma.ca.gov


**WHERE YOU COME IN.** Should you wish to submit comments on the environmental document or request a public hearing, please do so no later than 5 p.m. October 5, 2006 using any of the means noted below. If there are no requests for a public hearing or comments requiring additional studies, ACCMA and Caltrans will respond to the comments received and request FHWA approval to proceed with the design of the proposed project.

Please submit comments or hearing requests to:

Ed Pang, Sr. Environmental Planner, Caltrans Office of Environmental Analysis P.O. Box 236660, Oakland, CA 94623-0660	Jean Hart, Deputy Director of Planning ACCMA, 1333 Broadway, Suite 220, Oakland CA 94612 Email: jhart@accma.ca.gov; Fax ACCMA at: (510) 836-2185
--	--

Comments must be submitted by 5 p.m. on October 5, 2006

**CONTACT.** For more information call Jean Hart with ACCMA at (510) 836-2560 or Brigetta Smith with Caltrans at (510) 286-5820.



# EDITORIALS

## Unique Park With Room To Grow

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District is making a formal request to acquire 13 acres next to Robertson Park owned by the school district.

The school district will examine whether it needs the site and make a decision probably by next spring.

Soccer fields and a playground/picnic area are among the uses under consideration. The Livermore Youth Soccer League wants to develop a soccer complex, and is prepared to contribute \$300,000 to the project.

The park already boasts two lighted soccer fields and an open field often used for soccer games, as well as two lighted softball fields and a rodeo/equestrian complex. It also features a lovely arroyo, a place of pastoral tranquility.

With this mix of uses, Robertson is already a unique and special park. Where else can you find a park where rodeo riders, soccer players and nature lovers share the grounds?

LARPD sees Robertson Park as a work still in progress, with room to grow should the school site be deemed surplus. We commend LARPD for going after it.

## BART Safety

Zoyd Luce, the Dublin resident who represents our Valley on the BART Board of Directors, is pushing for BART to implement a safety program in hand with current efforts to improve security.

Luce told his board colleagues at a recent meeting that while their agency is stepping up security measures, safety has been allowed to slide and improvements are needed. As one example, he pointed out that BART used to hold evacuation drills in the car shops twice a year. They were discontinued, then were reinstated, but only once a year. With BART becoming ever vigilant against terrorism, how can evacuation drills be overlooked, he asked.

"I want to strike the same tone on both (security and safety) and be proactive on this," Luce said.

The response by both board members and staff was positive. There will be further discussion.

Having formerly served as BART's safety officer, Luce is well qualified to address these concerns. We think he is performing a real public service in assuming leadership on this crucial issue.

## PLEASANTON

(continued from page one)

ter" in all subjects will be 100 percent for all students.

The API includes the STAR test in English language-arts and math in grades 2 through 11, science in grades 5 and in 9 through 11, and history-social science in grades 8, 10, and 11. Also included are two other tests, the Norm-referenced test (NRT) and the California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA), which is given to students with severe cognitive disabilities, who are unable to take the STAR program tests.

STAR results were announced in May. The API puts those results through a formula that includes ethnic and socioeconomic background comparisons, so that schools are ranked among districts of similar composition. This is supposed to provide educators and the public an accurate picture of how well the district is doing in comparison to similar communities.

A closer look at the API statistics shows two setbacks for the district. One was at Foothill High School, which dropped from 843 last year to 831 this year. In the statistics for ethnic groups and other subgroups, Filipino students' performance dropped by 17 points to 887.

Jim Rallis, interim director of assessments and evaluation for the district, said that it's too soon to tell why that happened. He speculated it could be changes in the group's population.

In other subgroups, English learners rose by 7 points to 862, African Americans from 773 to 775, and students with disabilities climbed by 14 points to 697. Asians rose by six points to 952, Hispanics climbed by five points to 768, and whites went up two points to 875.

Casey told the Independent "One of the good points of the system is that we can look at all the subgroups as well. This is a high-scoring district. We have some ups and down within the general school population. We'll look at the data, and see what interventions need to be implemented."

"(Foothill principal) Kevin Johnson and his staff are concerned (about the 12 point drop there). He will work with his staff to get those numbers up," said Casey.

## SEVEN SCHOOLS ABOVE 900

Six elementary schools and one middle school scored above the 900 mark on the API this year. Donlon elementary jumped from

881 to 912 to become the new elementary school on the 900 list, joining Fairlands, Hearst, Mohr, Vintage Hills and Walnut Grove. Pleasanton Middle School was the repeater at its grade level.

Complete list for the elementary schools are Alisal, from 874 to 883, Donlan, 881 to 912, Fairlands, 925 to 931, Hearst 911 to 916, Lydiksen remained at 893, Mohr, 950 to 961, Valley View 889 to 898, Vintage Hills, 918 to 917, and Walnut Grove, 927 to 934.

Differences of 3 points or less are not statistically significant on the ratings.

In the middle schools, Hart went from 884 to 897, Harvest Park from 893 to 898, and Pleasanton Middle School from 902 to 907.

At the high schools, Amador Valley went from 836 to 840, Foothill from 843 to 831, and Village from 600 to 596. Only 11 students took the tests at Horizon, so the results are not included in the API statistics.

## BOTHWELL

(continued from page one)

the part of the public for more opportunities for the arts. It was the top response to a district survey conducted several years ago.

Alexander introduced Linda Ryan, founder of ArtWalk, to the board. She will run the Bothwell Center. Alexander commented, "She has lined up a terrific array of people who are dying to move in on September 1. I think you will be pleased with the variety. We're very happy to be your partners in this endeavor."

Users include the Livermore Valley Opera; Suzuki Strings; a private violin teacher; Tri-Valley Cultural Jews; the Valley Concert Chorus, and LARPD's pre-school programs.

ArtWorks Studios will move in by October 1st.

Groups that are currently exploring use are Harmony Crossroads Chorus and Applied Arts Academy.

The Bothwell facility has classroom and workshop space available. There are also two auditoriums, one seating 80, and the other 300. The building's lobby will be used to display visual art.

Ryan stated in an earlier interview, "We want to jump-start the arts. This will be a home for all kinds of arts in one place, a nurturing place for all the arts to grow."

# Traffic, Affordable Housing Top Campaign Issues

Traffic and affordable housing emerged as two hot topics in the Pleasanton city council and mayoral races as candidates faced off in the first forum of the election season.

Pleasanton Gardens first started hosting forums in 1992 as an informal kickoff for the campaign.

Council candidates are incumbent Jerry Thorne, and challengers Brian Arkin, Dan Faustina and Cheryl Cook-Kallio. The mayoral race pits incumbent Jennifer Hosterman against councilmember Steve Brozosky.

Candidates made opening statements relating their experience and personal interests. They then replied to one question that was provided prior to the debate. There were additional questions asked of each of the candidates.

The question provided to candidates had to do with how candidates, if elected, would support preservation and expansion of housing types for underserved groups, especially elders with very low income.

Hosterman pointed out there were several opportunities now, such as Pleasanton Gardens. "However, we can do more. I'm not going to sugarcoat how difficult that will be. It takes more than finding funding to offset the high cost of land. It takes more than rezoning or streamlining the permit process. It takes developers willing to put forward proposals for senior affordable housing that is close to shopping, grocery stores, post office, senior center, the library and health care services."

Hosterman noted that her opponent had failed to support a proposal that would have provided 188-units for seniors within the Vintage Hills Shopping Center. He also does not support transit oriented development in the Hacienda Business Center, which provides the best opportunity to gain affordable housing, said Hosterman.

Brozosky in his statement said that affordable housing requires significant subsidies even with free land. He supported more rental units as a way to provide additional affordable housing. "Instead of requiring developers to build low income housing on very expensive lots within developments, we should require them to contribute toward subsidizing more rental units. I believe we

will get more for our money," he explained. He also supported having developers of the proposed senior housing on Staples Ranch pay to subsidize units in other parts of Pleasanton, rather than provide affordable units on site.

Brozosky proposed working with property owners, particularly in the downtown, to build more small ownership units. For seniors, Brozosky said that adding more units to Pleasanton Gardens and Kottinger Place would be good. "The units can be made smaller. They would cost less and encourage seniors to leave their units and interact more with others."

Thorne said the city could use transit oriented development to provide additional affordable housing. However, before all the units left under the cap are placed within TOD, we need to decide if we are willing to forego additional housing in the downtown or the Chain of Lakes area that may be beneficial. There are areas in the downtown that could provide housing, Thorne stated.

Thorne added that it is also time to decide what happens after the city reaches the housing cap. He wondered if the city should ignore development proposals or submit them to voters.

Faustina declared that the fact that city is a great place to live has produced higher housing prices. "We need to elect folks who will be prudent about the types of housing that are built with what is left under the cap," he stated. He would support offering incentives such as reduced development fees and priority permitting for developers willing to put in higher numbers of low and very low income units. Those units would be required to remain low and very low cost in perpetuity.

The city should seek partnerships with developers, nonprofit groups, public agencies and faith based groups to get projects built. Federal and state funding should be sought, such as the HUD money used to build Pleasanton Gardens, Faustina stated.

Faustina said he would work to preserve assisted rental properties at risk of moving to market rate.

Cook-Kallio summarized, there are over 500 apartments available to low income seniors. There is a waiting list that is years

long. "It is imperative that we look at these properties for improvement and expansion. The solutions are needed that don't displace the residents who are here."

"As we approach buildout, we need creative solutions to find ways to provide needed housing. There won't be any easy answers," she concluded.

Arkin referred to his work on the planning commission in approving over 200 affordable senior units. The general plan update identifies sites to rezone for affordable housing. Arkin said he would actively work to accomplish that rezoning. He would also work to retain the current stock of affordable housing and use the housing commission to identify more opportunities for such units.

Arkin supported mixed use housing at the BART stations, as well as expansion of both Kottinger Place and Pleasanton Gardens as ways to provide additional affordable housing.

Mayoral candidates were asked if they would agree to limit campaign spending.

Brozosky said that he had raised the issue of limiting campaign spending twice at council meetings. "My opponent would not agree to address the issue," he stated. Brozosky pointed out that the average person could not afford the \$30-40-50-60,000 it cost to run a campaign. Incumbents have the advantage in raising money.

Hosterman declared that the Constitution limits what a candidate can take, but not what one can spend. Hosterman noted that a challenger would have difficult mounting a strong campaign against an incumbent such as herself. However, Brozosky as a councilmember is able to do so, because he has name recognition. She argued that others would need to have the opportunity raise money so they could get their names out to the community in a campaign.

The final question had to do with what steps a candidate would take to ease traffic congestion.

Hosterman said as a member of the Congestion Management Agency she has been haranguing fellow board members for money. Forging relationships with other board members garnered funds for the Triangle

Study. The study will provide a strategy on how to deal with traffic. The members will sign onto a memorandum of understanding that will allow the area to go after federal and state dollars as a group.

Brozosky said the Triangle Study is a great thing. "I thank Supervisor Haggerty for starting it." As chairman of the Livermore Amador Transportation Authority Brozosky said that he has helped provide school buses and started a bus rapid transit system that will get people to BART. Locally, he felt that timing lights would help alleviate congestion.

Thorne commented that the new circulation element is a start. However, there is a long way to go. People need to participate in the planning. He felt that providing solutions to highway 84 congestion would help solve traffic congestion on city streets. Highway 84 is one of the issues. Others are the Triangle Study, and the 580 Corridor study that looks at getting goods to and from the Port of Oakland, said Thorne.

Faustina declared, "The council keeps hiding behind the completion of the circulation element. We should time signals now, not wait. Let's fix the things we can in the city." He would fast track projects such as improving highway 84 and building a truck climbing lane on I-580. He would also work with the port-to-port coalition to get trucks off of 580 during peak commute times.

Cook-Kallio stated that the traffic burden should be shared by everyone. "It is unreasonable to favor one neighborhood," she commented. "There are 58,000 people who work in Pleasanton. That is not cut-through traffic. Those cars are trying to get home. These people eat in our restaurants, shop in our stores and go into our businesses. That is our revenue base. We have to solve this problem."

Arkin said he could "ditto" much of what has been said. There is a need to continue to work on a regional basis to solve issues. He would not approve large developments that aggravate traffic problems. He pointed to a development at Stanley and Valley as an example of where development should not occur. Arkin also noted there is a lot of opportunity to change the timing of traffic lights in the city to improve traffic flow.

## DOWNTOWN

(continued from page one)

director of Livermore Downtown Inc., said the plaza could have quite a few uses. "People love to be outdoors. They come to the Farmers Markets on Thursdays in Carnegie Park, and to Tunes on Tuesdays at the flagpole," she said.

The plaza will be about 50 percent flat space. The remainder will be a banked amphitheater with step seats dug out of the ground, and a small stage. Roberts said that the amphitheater could be used much like a green space at the Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, Oregon. Musicians and others could perform there in conjunction with plays at the live theater, he said.

He estimated that the amphitheater might seat approximately 100 people. There is not a firm design for it yet.

The flat part of the plaza can be a good place to meet people before dinner or a movie or live performance, said Roberts. It will be a quieter spot than the Lizzie Fountain pocket park where cars and trucks now roar past.

Rachael Snedecor, executive

director of Livermore Downtown Inc., said the plaza could have quite a few uses. "People love to be outdoors. They come to the Farmers Markets on Thursdays in Carnegie Park, and to Tunes on Tuesdays at the flagpole," she said.

The amphitheater can be perfect for theater companies to present one scene, maybe before another company's performance at the 500-seat theater. It's a perfect way to advertise an upcoming production, said Snedecor. There could be poetry readings there, and cooking demonstrations during the Wine Festival, which occurs annually downtown.

"One of the best ways to advertise is to bring a sample, whether it's wine, food or art," Snedecor said.

Construction has been underway since February on the 500-seat theater, which is expected to open September 2007. A 14-day

grand opening is being planned for it, according to a press release from the sponsoring Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC).

"With the stage house at its designed height of 60 feet, many people are telling us they now realize that a 10-year dream is soon to become a reality," said LVPAC interim executive director Len Alexander.

The construction project, totaling \$22.3 million, is being funded by private donations and tax-exempt revenue bonds. The project is a third of the way completed. It is on time and on budget. LVPAC is conducting the public phase of its \$15 million capital campaign with the goal of receiving the final \$6.4 million in cash and pledges by December 31, 2007.

One facet of the campaign is the opportunity of individual and organizational donors to name seats in the auditorium and

paving bricks in the public plaza area.

The theater will be home to several performing arts groups including Del Valle Fine Arts, Valley Dance, Livermore-Amador Symphony and the Livermore Valley Opera. In addition, the center will present a series of nationally and internationally recognized performers and ensembles throughout the year.

Construction of LVPAC's second theater, with 1800 seats across First Street from the community theater, is expected to begin in 2010. Completion is projected for the fall of 2012. There will be touring Broadway companies and big-name musical acts on the bills.

The audience for the 500-seat theater is expected to come mainly from the Tri-Valley, while the larger theater is expected to pull from the Tri-Valley and areas farther away.

## CEMETERY

(continued from page one)

not collected to maintain burial sites. The general state of disrepair led to complaints to the city and a request that the city take over the site and maintain it.

Tinfow estimated there would be a one time cost of \$204,000 to refurbish the cemetery to what is called a pioneer level, meaning there is no grass. The ongoing operating costs would be just over \$23,000 a year. Income from the sell of grave sites could bring in up to \$27,000 a year, off setting the maintenance costs.

The city already has \$45,000 in a fund for the cemetery. In addition, there is \$45,000 that comes with the property.

Concerns related to the city taking over the site include poor records. They are currently hand written. Staff would create a database. Tinfow told the council

there is a need to map the site to see what is actually there.

Among the conditions approved by the council as part of the motion was that no additional gravesites would be sold until the mapping was completed. Staff estimated it would take one to two years to complete the mapping.

Tinfow also recommended that fees for services be increased. The Parks and Recreation Commission would review the fees and make a recommendation to the council. The Pioneer group would support the cemetery in the same way Friends of the Library supports the library. The Pioneers would have no role in governance.

Councilmember Steve Brozosky made the motion to approve staff recommendation to purchase the cemetery. "It is an

historical site. It is an educational resource. A lot of veterans are buried there. We aren't giving the people buried there the proper respect. It would be tragic if someone else took over and the records and maintenance got worse. I don't think we should take that chance."

Brozosky suggested involving service and youth groups in maintaining the site.

Councilmember Matt Sullivan stated, "It is the right thing to do. It is an historical resource for the city. We shouldn't just walk away from it. It's true it doesn't pencil out from a business standpoint. A city is about more than business."

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman said, "There are compelling reasons to protect the site. It's part of our heritage, our community and who we are."

## LIVERMORE API

(continued from page one)

will have AYP goals for the 2006/07 school year.

If a school receiving Title I funding fails to meet AYP for two years in a row, the school moves into Program Improvement (PI). PI does not apply to schools not receiving Title I funding. In the Livermore School District, Marilyn, Portola, Jackson, Joe Michell, and this year, Junction Avenue Middle School, receive Title I funding.

The first two years of PI consist of supplemental education services and additional staff development. Beginning in the third year, the District must consider replacing staff or curriculum. By the fifth year the school faces takeover by an outside entity. Schools must meet their AYP for two years before they can move out of PI.

Both Marilyn Avenue and Portola Elementary Schools lost API points this year. Marilyn's API dropped by 7 points to 662, while Portola's score dropped by

24 points to 683.

Both schools met their school-wide API targets, but failed to meet several subgroup targets. Marilyn's English Learner and Hispanic/Latino subgroups did not meet federal English/Language Arts and math targets. The Socioeconomically disadvantaged subgroup did not meet its English/Language Arts target. Portola's English Learner and Hispanic/Latino subgroups did not meet federal English/Language Arts targets.

Altamont Creek grew substantially in API (up 34 points to 842) and met its school-wide targets and proficiency in all areas. However, the school failed to meet its AYP because the Students with Disabilities subgroup did not meet the participation rate.

Junction and East Avenue Middle Schools met all of their school-wide proficiency and participation targets in all areas but did not meet their AYP goals, because of subgroup perfor-

mance. At Junction, English Learners, Hispanic/Latino, and Socioeconomically disadvantaged subgroups did not meet English/Language Arts targets, but did meet math targets. At East, Hispanic/Latino and Socioeconomically disadvantaged subgroups did not meet math targets, and English Learners did not meet English/Language Arts targets.

"Like many of our counterparts, we have identified achievement gaps between some of our subgroups and continue to provide intervention within the school day, after school, and/or in summer school for students who will benefit from additional support," says Kelly Bowers, Director of Curriculum and Special Projects for the District. "Individual school sites are still in the process of analyzing data to determine their course of action to improve."

She points to Jackson Avenue Elementary School as one of the

District's success stories. Jackson, a Title I school, has improved its API score by 64 points over the last two years.

"We are excited about our API score of 832 and the fact that we also met all of our subgroup growth targets," says Jackson Principal Tammy Rankin. "We have used the Title I program as a benefit for our students."

In addition to Jackson, seven other schools in the Livermore School District now have API scores above 800: Altamont Creek, Arroyo Seco, Croce, Rancho, Smith, Sunset, and Mendenhall.

With a score of 913, Sunset Elementary School, is the first in the District to score above 900. In fact, Sunset has posted a gain every year since the inception of the API in 2000, when the school scored 819.

For more complete API and AYP reports, see: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ar/index.asp>

**The Independent**  
(INLAND VALLEY PUBLISHING CO.)

Publisher: Joan Kinney Seppala;  
Associate Publisher: David T. Lowell;  
Editor: Janet Armantrout  
Business Manager: Michael Saunders;  
Sales Manager: Jessica Scherer

The Independent is published every Thursday at 2250 First St., Livermore, CA 94550  
(Mailing address: PO Box 1198, Livermore, CA 94551)  
The Independent is delivered by the United States Post Office.  
Advertising rates and subscription rates may be obtained by calling  
(925) 447-8700 during regular business hours. \* Fax: (925) 447-0212 E-MAIL: [editmail@compuserve.com](mailto:editmail@compuserve.com)



CASSP volunteers working on initial excavation of the Pottery site.

(Photo courtesy of CASSP with permission to use.)

## The Past and Future of the Carnegie Pottery Works

By Ken Masica

The site of the former Carnegie Pottery Works is part of an expansion project for the Carnegie State Vehicle Recreation Area (SVRA) motorcycle park.

As part of the planning process for expansion of the Carnegie SVRA motorcycle park onto the new land, the California Department of Parks and Recreation has conducted archaeological surveying and excavation work at the Pottery site in order to identify and protect the cultural resources that exist there. The hope is that interpretive and informational facilities will be included in the expansion plan of the park for these artifacts.

In 2003 and 2004, teams of volunteers coordinated by a State Parks archaeologist conducted surveying and excavation work at the Pottery site. This work revealed portions of building foundations, kiln floors, and chimney bases that helped identify location and layout of the original factory complex. GPS location recording of historical features was also done to create a permanent record of the archaeological work performed. The work uncovered the rich history of the once bustling complex of factories that occupied Corral Hollow.

This early 20th century factory was located near the once bustling town of Carnegie that produced sewer pipe, tile, and pottery from the clay mined in the nearby town of Tesla. The plant operated from 1903 to 1911 until its buildings and tall brick chimneys were brought to the ground by a wrecking crew in 1917. Privately owned by cattle ranchers for decades afterward, the property is now owned by the State of California.

Situated between the long-gone towns of Carnegie (a brick and terra cotta production center) and Tesla (a coal and clay mining center) in the narrow canyon known as Corral Hollow east of Livermore, once stood a sprawling factory that could turn out up to 18,000 sewer pipe in a ten hour period. The origins of the operation began in Stockton, when the Carnegie Brick and Pottery Company reopened a failed plant there and reorganized it under the Stockton Brick and Pottery Company name in 1901. Under new ownership and with clay provided by the Tesla mining operation, it produced various size pipe and tiling for sewer systems such as those provided to the town of Visalia under its first contract. A fire in November of 1902 burned the plant to the

ground and operations ceased. Shortly thereafter, the investors decided to rebuild the plant near the Tesla mines to save on the cost of transporting clay from Tesla to Stockton, and the Carnegie Pottery operation was born.

The new site for the Pottery operation was two miles west of the Carnegie brick works, which had begun production of bricks in May of 1903 and then architectural terra cotta in 1905. Construction of the new factory for the pottery operation was completed in August of 1903. The plant layout eventually included eight kilns feeding three tall exhaust chimneys, eight drying sheds, a boiler house, a large equipment plant, and a spur rail road track for shipment of finished products throughout the state. The plant produced various size sewer pipe, tiles, and ornamental figurines and pottery.

At its peak, the Pottery operation employed 45 to 60 workers. After surviving the failure and recovery of the bank that provided loans and capital to the various mining, brick, and pottery operations at Tesla and Carnegie, the Pottery site eventually met its demise along with the Carnegie brick works during a devastating flood of Corral Hollow Creek in 1911. Buildings had been carried away, rail trestles demolished, and roads washed out. Production at the brick and pottery plants ceased and clay mining at Tesla ended in 1911. In 1916 the Carnegie Brick and Pottery Company properties were auctioned off and purchased by a competitor, Gladding, McBean & Company, who then had the buildings destroyed in order to eliminate the possibility of future competition from the site.

The following decades saw private ownership by different cattle ranchers. The area where the Carnegie brick works stood became a private off-road motorcycle park beginning in 1970 until the State of California purchased the site in 1979 and it became the present-day Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA). In 1998, over 3,000 acres located west of the current riding area, including the Pottery and Tesla sites, were purchased by the state for inclusion into the Alameda-Tesla Expansion Project, the new land has not yet been developed and opened to off-highway vehicle use.

**The Monitoring of Pottery**  
In order to monitor and protect the cultural resources discovered during the archaeological work at the Pottery site, volun-

teers participating in the California Archaeological Site Stewardship Program (CASSP) have visited the Pottery site periodically since the excavation to conduct monitoring activities. CASSP is a state-wide program that provides workshops to train site stewards, who then work in teams coordinated by an archaeologist who works for the land management agency responsible for the site. For Pottery, volunteers who live in the surrounding area visit the site periodically to check on conditions and report any changes to the coordinating archaeologist at the California State Department of Parks. CASSP monitoring activity at the Pottery site is especially important since it not yet open to the public. It is also worth noting that CASSP volunteers were involved in the initial surveying and excavation work performed at the site in 2003 and 2004.

**The Future of Pottery**  
The Off Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Commission was created by the State Legislature in 1982 to allow public input and provide policy guidance to the OHMVR Division of the State Parks regarding the Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) program.

The Commission holds public meetings and provides the minutes from those meetings as well as additional information on their activities on their web site. Those interested in the future development of the Pottery site and Tesla can provide input to the Commission. They can also contact the Twin Cities District of the OHMVR Division of California State Parks that oversees the Carnegie SVRA. With public input and representation and a balanced approach to future development of the Carnegie SVRA, it is hoped by many that the preservation and protection of the cultural resources at the Pottery site can be balanced with the expansion of OHV recreational activity.

References: "History of Tesla: A California Mining Town" by Dan L. Mosier and Earl E. Williams, Mines Road Books, POB 3185, Fremont CA 94539; California Archaeological Site Steward Program: www.cassp.org; California State Parks: www.parks.ca.gov; OHMVR Commission: www.ohv.parks.ca.gov; Twin Cities District of the OHMVR Division of California State Parks (Carnegie Sector Office): 15751 Tesla Rd, Livermore CA 94550-9167; Telephone 925/447-0426.

## STONERIDGE DRIVE

(continued from page one)

and a dispersed option. He felt just focusing on TOD favored a particular developer.

James Paxson, CEO of the Hacienda Business Park Business Owners Association, told the council they were willing to pay for the model that looked at TOD.

The vote was 3 to 2 to only model the draft circulation network and preferred land use plan with Sullivan and Hosterman in the minority.

The council did approve several changes in the original draft. They eliminated the Rose Avenue extension to Valley Avenue. Also removed were plans to widen several segments: Bernal Avenue to four lanes where it is now two, Foothill from Stoneridge to Muirwood Drive, Hopyard between Valley and Division, Old Santa Rita Road, Vineyard Avenue, and West Las Positas from Foothill to Payne as well as east of Fairlands.

### CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE

Councilmembers argued over wording in the draft conservation and open space element. Brozosky objected to the definition of sustainability, referring to it as an "extreme form of sustainability." He said, "It does not address economic sustainability."

Brozosky felt there should be one definition of sustainability applicable to all of the elements in the general plan.

The draft states, "A sustainable city draws from the environment only those resources that are necessary and that can be used or recycled perpetually, or returned to the environment in a form that nature can use to generate more resources."

Councilmember Jerry Thorne felt it made too much of using products that promote sustainability. He said it is impor-

tant to look at the life-style of a product. Some have greater environmental impact during the manufacturing process.

Sullivan said he had no problem with the definition. "It's not a policy; it's a concept."

Hosterman said she liked the language the way it is. "I don't," countered Brozosky. He added later there is a cost to do everything. "If you don't have fiscal sustainability, you don't have anything."

McGovern suggested adding the word "strive," so that the definition reads, "strive to draw from ..."

Brozosky said, "It's not my favorite. I'll accept it."

Hosterman raised two issues that she said were important. She proposed a separate water element for the general plan and wanted to include language that would promote the restoration of the arroyos in the city.

Brozosky opposed a water element, because he said the general plan process has already been too long and drawn out. He wondered what "restore" referred to, since arroyos were historically dry during one season. He didn't want to include the restoration idea in the general plan without knowing what it meant.

Brozosky also wondered why there was a need to separate cities with a greenbelt.

Senior Planner Janice Stearn said it is part of an anti-sprawl concept. "We want to create distinctive communities, a sense of place."

Hosterman pointed out that considerable funding could be available to the city if there were a separate water element. She said to obtain funding for water projects, communities with water elements and who have adopted the Ahwahnee principles will rise to the top for funding.

Brozosky said he wanted staff to come back with the implications of not having a water element and not adopting the Ahwahnee principles.

The Ahwahnee principles provide a guideline for communities to engage in environmentally friendly planning.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

There was little comment on the public safety element other than to tell staff that it was a job well done.

### Design Contest Open To K-12 Students

Tri-Valley Haven invites K-12 students to enter a contest to create a design on the theme, "Ending Family Violence." The design will be used on commemorative t-shirts and displayed at the Haven's Community Building as part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October.

There will be cash prizes for the top three entries.

"This is an opportunity for young people to use their creativity," said Darlene Apodaca, self-defense and prevention coordinator for the Haven.

T-shirts with the first place design will be given to participants at the 5K Pace for Peace to be held on Oct. 7. T-shirts will be on sale for \$10 each at the Haven's Family Fair, immediately following the Pace for Peace. Shirts can also be purchased at the Tri-Valley Haven Community Building, 3663 Pacific Ave., Livermore and through the Haven's website www.trivalleyhaven.org.

The deadline for entries is Tues., Sept. 12. Entrants may send or deliver their designs to Tri-Valley Haven, 3663 Pacific Ave., Livermore, CA 94550, to the attention of Darlene Apodaca. Include full name and contact information.

For more information, call 449-5845.

### Notice of Intent to Adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration

State of California  
Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for work involving the clearing of vegetation and debris from Lake Del Valle spillway and Arroyo Valle channel in Alameda County, California. DWR plans to adopt the MND on October 1, 2006. Information regarding the MND and public comment period is listed below.

**Project Title:** Lake Del Valle Spillway Vegetation Removal Project

**Lead Agency:** California Department of Water Resources

**Project Location:** Lake Del Valle spillway is located in Alameda County, CA, in the Livermore Valley. The project area extends 500 feet downstream of the dam spillway pool.

**Project Description:** The Department of Water Resources is responsible for maintaining several reservoirs in California, including Lake Del Valle (reservoir) just south of Livermore, California. Routine maintenance of the reservoir's dam, spillway and Arroyo Valle channel is needed to insure the safe operation and protection dam, and to insure the safety of people and property downstream of the dam.

DWR intends to clear the center 1/2 of the channel (approximately 50 feet of the 100 foot width) of accumulated vegetation for a distance of 500 feet. DWR will also undertake annual or biannual maintenance of the cleared portion of the channel to remove new vegetation growth in center section of the channel to insure the continued adequacy of flow regimes. No sediment will be removed, and crews will not be working in open water.

The work will occur between October 9 and October 31, 2006.

**Address Where Copies of Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study are Available:** 1723 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 220, Sacramento, CA 95816

**Review Period:** September 1 to October 1, 2005

**Contact Person:** Michael Bradbury  
**Area Code/Phone:** (916) 445-6233  
Staff Environmental Scientist  
1725 23<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Sacramento, CA 95816

[HOME EQUITY]

## THE GREAT RATE LOCK-IN!

No fees. | No points. | Low rates.

### 6.99% Equity Home Loan Fixed APR\*

We've all watched interest rates rise. In fact, they've increased a full two percentage points in the past year alone! If you act now, you can get in on our Great Rate Lock-In promotion. You get the stability of a very competitive fixed rate and your 6.99% APR won't climb over the life of the loan. That's a promise! And please ask us about our great home equity lines of credit, too.

LIVERMORE BRANCH 2287 Second Street (925) 443-1212 www.bankofthewest.com



**BANK OF THE WEST**

\*6.99% Annual Percentage Rate is for terms up to seven years on owner-occupied properties. Rate effective as of September 1, 2005. No other longer terms up to 25 years. Borrower must qualify. Early closing fees may apply. Automatic debit required for this loan rate. © 2005 Bank of the West. Member FDIC.

LARPD Parks, Recreation and Trails  
Master Plan Update

### COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

Help plan future parks,  
programs and recreation facilities  
in the Livermore area!

The Livermore Area Recreation & Park District (LARPD) will update its Master Plan and invites you to help plan future parks, programs and recreation facilities. Participate in the next two workshops at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore on the following dates:

**Wednesday, September 20 at 7p.m.**  
Parks, Special Use and Historic Resource Facilities

**Tuesday, October 10 at 7p.m.**  
Recreation Programs

Come and share your ideas with us!

For more information contact LARPD at (925) 373-5700 or by email: masterplan@larpd.dst.ca.us

# SPORTS NOTES

## Youth Soccer

In soccer play this weekend at the Stockton Fall Classic, Livmore's U18, U16, and U13 teams all won their divisions. The first championship victory occurred with Marlon Fernandez's U18 team defeated the Butte team 1-0. Following that, David Tinoco's U16 team bested the Turlock Heat 3-2, and completing the sweep was Jessie Hablen U13 team 1-0.

### Livmore Elite Legacy ACI U16 Girls Capture Stockton Fall Classic Title

Tournament Results. Elite Legacy 3, Vallejo Strikers 2: With exactly 11 players for the Stockton Fall Classic tournament this weekend, the Livmore Elite Legacy U16 Girls team proved that 11 players with determination can win. Their tournament began with an early lead with midfielder Annelise Wood blasted a shot that the keeper blocked and then drive rebound into the back of the net. With a 1-0 lead, Melissa Lamb took matters into her hands and beat the defense for a goal of their own. Before Annelise drilled a corner kick and Rachel Butler drove the ball into the net. Vallejo scored again before the contest ended with Livmore on top 3-2.

Legacy 6, Stockton Elite 0: Livmore dominated Game 2 against the Stockton Elite. Melissa Lamb scored a hat trick with 3 goals; as Rachel Butler, Annelise Wood, and Hayley Swanson all scored goals. With midfielders Rachel Butler, Annelise Wood, Hayley Swanson and Jessica Foster controlling the center, defenders Chelsea Herbert, Emily Christian, Jennie Null, and Emily Paddock denied Stockton any real scoring opportunities.

Legacy 1, Turlock Heat 0: In a game that saw the top two teams face each other, the determined Legacy won 1-0 with a second half goal. Demonstrating crisp passing and ball control, the goal started when Britany Shiraki passed to Chelsea Herbert, who dribbled around defenders and passed to Annelise Wood. Annelise took the ball into the box in heavy traffic before dishing the ball to teammate Rachel Butler. Rachel controlled the ball and shot the ball into the net.

Legacy 3, Turlock Heat 2: Legacy started the scoring when Annelise Wood executed a pretty scissor volley off of a beautiful cross from Hayley Swanson. The Heat tied the game before moving ahead 2-1. After that, Keeper Kelly Calton continuously confounded the Heat offense, with at least 5 saves. Down 2-1, Jessica Foster passed to Annelise Wood, who shot from 27 yards out into the net at the far post. In overtime, Melissa Lamb received a pass from Annelise, and pushed through two defenders, shot and scored. Keeper Kelly Calton effectively stopped the Heats best chance at tying the game as she blocked a point blank shot later in the overtime. Legacy's midfielders, Rachel Butler, Annelise Wood, Hayley Swanson and Jessica Foster; and defenders Chelsea Herbert, Emily Christian, Jennie Null, and Emily Paddock, completely shut down the Heat in the last few minutes to secure the championship.

### Livmore AC-1 Elite Celtic U18 Girls with the Stockton Fall Classic

Celtic's first game was against the Tuolumne Twisters. Maggie Brown, Michelle Sohn, Lauren Gildea, Kelsey Barnes and Marla Watson played solid defense while Solveig Barnes, Chelsea Alexander, Beth Christian, Paloma Dudum-Maya, Jessica Foret, and Carissa Toyoma controlled the midfield. Although Celtic dominated the play, the offense never got in sync resulting in a 0-0 tie.

In their second game Celtic defeated FC Fremont Clash 1-0. The Celtic forwards, Ashlee Sivret, Kelly Wilgus, and Melissa Gutierrez, produced several good scoring opportunities, finally scoring when Solveig Barnes threaded a pass through the Clash defense to Ashlee Sivret who beat the Clash keeper. Celtic then played Butte United Explosion in a cross bracket game. Explosion scored early in the first half, but Celtic salvaged a 1-1 tie when Beth Christian found Solveig open at the top of the 18 box. Solveig

buried a blistering shot passed the Explosion keeper.

The Championship game was a rematch with Butte United Explosion. This time Celtic scored first when Solveig Barnes made a perfect centering pass from the left side to Melissa Gutierrez who put the ball in the back of the goal. In the second half Celtic goal keeper, Charlotte Dildake, preserved the 1-0 win stopping an Explosion break-away shot with a nice collapse dive and then later blocking a shot with a full extension dive to her left. Solveig and Kelsey Barnes and Paloma Dudum-Maya join the Elite Celtic team from Tracy.

### Livmore Elite Shock U13 girls, Div. 1 had much to celebrate on Sunday after beating the Vallejo Strikers 1-0 in the championship game at the 2006 Stockton Fall Classic Tournament

Shock controlled the ball much of the game and stood strong against the very physical Vallejo team.

Shock's top offensive players were Kiki Simmons, Angel Gosse, Lauren Kershner, Tatyana Martinez and Marguerite Swearingen. Shock's top defensive players were Katie Keller, Allison Burklund, Breanna Rittmann and Haley Londry.

**The Livmore Rampage U14** division 3 girls closed out their preseason tournament schedule by participating in the 2006 Devil Mountain tournament against some tough competition in Danville last weekend. Saturday morning found the Rampage taking on a fired up Sonoma Team Excel and giving up a goal early in the first half. Despite a furious Rampage run in the second half, the lone goal held up for a 1-0 Team Excel win.

The Rampage then took on a resilient Walnut Creek Velocity team Saturday afternoon and drew first blood when Jennifer Wakefield fed Sara Slabaugh who buried a shot into the right corner top shelf of the net and a 1-0 Rampage lead. But the Velocity stormed back for a goal late in the first half and a tie at the break. A back and forth defensive struggle ensued in the second half with neither team able to break through and both teams settling for a 1-1 tie. With a 0-1-1 record going into

Sunday, the Rampage faced the 2-0 past Association Cup winner Folsom Breeze and had very little to play for in the tournament except pride. After a pregame players only meeting, the Rampage rallied to the cause and jumped out to a 2-0 first half lead. Katrina Kalantar toed a pass between two defenders to Olivia Mowry who blasted a shot into the right corner past the diving Breeze goalie. Just a few minutes later, Courtney Holson scored the second goal when she put a corner kick off the back of a Breeze defender and into the net. The second half saw the Rampage defense taking over with Sara Slabaugh and Sissi Gonzalez controlling the midfield while the backline of Serena Claudio, Breanna Diaz, Becca Wolf, Courtney Holson and goalie Katelyn Krueger shutting out the Breeze and holding on for a 2-0 win.

**The Pleasanton Rage U-16 Premier Team** participated in the 2006 Blues Cup premier girl's soccer tournament over the Labor Day Weekend in San Juan Capistrano. This tournament assembles some of the most competitive teams from both inside and outside the State of California. The Rage lost in the quarter finals to the Eclipse Select South from Chicago, Illinois by the score of 3-0.

The Rage advanced to the quarter finals by winning their pool that contained teams from Southern California and Nevada. Rage beat the Nevada Heat by the score of 6-1 with goals scored by Sophie Metz, Ashley Loughmiller, Marisa Fraticelli, Olivia Klei, Chloe Langon, and Asha Smith. Rage then beat the Real Social Premier by the score of 2-1. The first goal was scored by Loughmiller.

The next goal was scored by Payne by an assist from Metz. The Rage finished pool play by beating the Eagles Premier team in a fast physical match up by a score of 1-0 on a goal scored by Sarah Steele in the last five minutes of the game. The goal was assisted by Loughmiller.

**The Livmore Elite Explosion U12** Division 1 Girls soccer team played in Alameda this past weekend in the Bay Oaks Labor Day Classic.

Lamorinda United 6, Livmore Explosion 1. Livmore's only goal came from a penalty kick by Sierra Cassels. Good hustle by Kassydy Peters, Rachel Tabaracci, Gabi Macias and Holly Lamb.

Nike Rush 1, Livmore Elite Explosion 0. Livmore keeper Kerry Stein was outstanding making numerous saves the entire game including one on a direct penalty kick. Strong play for Livmore by Kyle Southwell, Karley Luce, Jennie Harmon, Danielle Lacombe and Kaley Olsen.

Livmore Elite Explosion 1, Pleasanton Rage 0. Livmore was victorious in their last game with a score by Jessica Floyd off a cross by Carl Floris. Audrey Walke was on her game in this match and good hustle by Alex Boucher and Cierra Comfort.

**Livmore Elite Soccer U15 Boys - FC United:** There was no trouble at all in River City for the boys from Livmore as they struck gold in the U15 Boys Division. This is FC United's 3rd straight Championship in as many weeks of tournament play. In Game 1 they were matched against a tough Castro Valley Clash team who scored first with a well placed shot just past the keepers reach. Livmore played well but couldn't come up with the equalizer until DJ Rashe' gave the ball a nice head tap into the net on a Christian Murillo corner kick. Game one ended in a 1-1 tie.

From then on, charged with inspiration from Coach Chris Salazar, FC United showed what they were made of in an impressive display of class act soccer. They shut down their opponents offense in the next three games playing the Napa Alliance to a 3-0 win, the Land Park MD-3 to a 4-0 win and the host team River City Vipers to a 2-0 win. FC United out-shot their competition 60 to 22, scoring 10 goals and allowing only 1 to get through. Keepers Ian Coolbear and Jason Trumpp scored 3 shutouts from the net and also helped on offense with Trumpp scoring a goal in game 2. Top scorer for Livmore was Christian Murillo with 3 Goals. Also getting a piece of the ball were DJ Rashe', Jason Trumpp, CJ Salazar, Enrique Gonzalez, Jesus Moreno, Alejandro Sanchez and Ryan Thomas with one goal each. Assists are credited to Christian Murillo (2), Alejandro Sanchez, Eric Smyth, Peter Cabeceiras, Ryan Thomas and Jesus Moreno.

This first place win was truly a team effort with Kevin Freed, Ryan Thomas and Cole Martinez determined on defense; Richie Howard, Brandon Freed and Scott Trummer supportive from midfield.

**Dublin United Class I Soccer U12:** At the Bay Oaks Labor Day Classic Tournament at Alameda Point the Dublin Fighters GU12 Class I team performed admirably. Losing 1-2 vs the Sacramento United, and drawing the Castro Valley Ravens 0-0, and the DeAnza Force 1-1.

Top Offensive Players: On Saturday 9/2 in a very physical game vs the United Amanda Garcia scored the lone goal on an assist by Rebecca Beasley, while midfielders Mikhailla Constable and Joanna Giron scrapped it up in midfield. Defenders Annie Jones, Halley Zummo and Goalie Heather Seeley shut down the United on over a dozen shots and multiple runs on goal. Top Defensive Players: Despite shots from Adrianna Nugent and Veronica Bossio the Fighters were held scoreless by the Ravens on Saturday while defenders Veronica Highsmith and Christine Laymon denied the Ravens. On Sunday, 9/3, Mikhailla Constable scored the lone goal vs the Force although midfielders Nikki Mohebi and Meagan Zummo kept up the pressure.

**Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club (BUSC) Class I U14:** For the second weekend in a row, BUSC U14 United took second place in tournament play, this time at Silicon Valley Cup in Morgan Hill. In Game 1, Ballistic beat Mad River United. Ballistic's first goal was scored by Ben Ewing after two shots were blocked and rebounded by Mad River's keeper. In the second half, Nick

Pereira scored after carrying the ball downfield while evading the defense at every turn. Mad River was held to only 2 shots on goal in the first half and only one in the second as a result of BUSC's midfield, led by James Metz and Jonathan Yankowski, demonstrating outstanding ball control throughout the game.

In Game 2, Ballistic beat Hayward Charruas 1-0 in a tightly played defensive game. The sole goal was scored on a penalty kick by Derek Kanowsky resulting from a shot by Eddie Schoenagel that was block by the hand of a defender inside the goal box. Steven Glascock and Evan Larsen led the defense and keeper Adam Bailey skillfully blocked all 9 shots on net.

In Game 3, Ballistic came from behind to tie Almaden Fuego 1-1 to assure a shot at the championship. Lucas Crawbuck, Parker Quesinberry, and Zack Savoy showed great hustle and Garret Foster scored Ballistic's only goal, assisted by Steven Glascock.

In Game 4, which would prove to be a preview to the following days' championship game, Ballistic was held to only 3 shots on goal and lost to an undefeated DeAnza Force 2-0. Ballistic played much more aggressively in the Final game. Shots were even 13-13, and both keepers were put to the test and made their teams proud. Ryan Earle and Simeon Comanescu lead United but in the end, DeAnza won 1-0.

Top Offensive Players: Ben Ewing, Nick Pereira, Derek Kanowsky, Garret Foster; Top Defensive Players: Evan Larsen, Steven Glascock, Adam Bailey.

## Livmore Youth Soccer

Livmore Youth Soccer League results from last week:

**Boys U7:** Sharks vs Fireballs, Sharks: Top Players Anthony Orlando, Jack Perry, Eric Azevedo, Gabriel Mlandinich, Fireballs: Top Players Tyler Revay, Chase Dunn, Zack Kiser, Cody Stearns.

**Boys U8:** Terminators vs Cheetahs: Terminators: Top Players-Harrison Dunn, Brandon Montoya, Garrett Stone, Michael Henry, Kyle McClanahan, William Chacon, Cheetahs: Top Players-Steve Mohler, Robert Sutter, Nathan Tabaracci, Will Mohler, Leo Ramirez, Nick Volponi; TNT vs Tiger Sharks, TNT Top Players Morgan Kelly, Bo Cole, Andy Solorzano, Connor Glasco, Shane Seitz, Ethan Shang, Tiger Sharks Top Players-Ethan Wageck, Omar Maklaf, Kevin Mains, Brandon Ramos, Joshua Forshaw, Jacob Houck; Nights vs Fireballs, Nights Top Players-Dominick Hill, Nathaniel Sprall, Tanner Suszi, Zack Eme, Jack Walker, Conner Young, Fireballs Top Players-Archy Lopez, Darrell Staley, Anthony Schultz, Dominick Rivera, Taylor Williamson, Roman Vasquez; Knights vs Terminators, Knights Top Players-Parker Hall, Adrian Salcedo, Terminators Top Players-Garret Stone, Michael Henry.

**Boys U10:** American Eagles 8, The Stompers 0; American Eagles Top Players Joel Iniguez, Christopher Hinds, Hector Romo, Rudy Ramirez, Jacob Adams, Christopher Mousa, Stompers Top Players Joseph Vitale, Blake Richards, Ryan Stuart, Noah Lux, Craig Mains, Hayden King.

**Boys U12:** Fuego 2, Thunder 1: Fuego Top Players-Abraham Iniguez, Eduardo Lopez, Jose Gonzalez, Andrew Hall, German Zarate, Peter Cable, Thunder Top Players-William Stewart, Clayton Brauer, Robert Porcella, Rio Orozco, Christian Hulbert, Jeffrey Beaulieu.

**Boys U14:** United 3, Hot Shots 1: United Top Players-Josh Larsen, Anthony Ruiz, Jean Padilla, Frankie Gonzales, Steven Schulz, Devin Rodriguez, Hot Shots Top Players-Myles Consino, Robby Weltz, Ryan Cox, Mason Allen, Hector Avina, Michael Landreth.

**Girls U5:** Superstars vs Pink Panthers: Top Superstars Players-Jane Abele, McKenna Diaz, Jessica Keaney, Rachael Rockwell, Claire March, Sara Sommers, Top Pink Panthers Players-Lilly Ackerman, Isabella Ackerman, Eliana Eme, Justynne Thomas, Danielle Groth, Jillian Devian.

**Girls U8:** Whirly Birds vs All American Girls: Top Whirly Birds Players Jenna Sunnergren, Nicole Taberaz, All American Girls Top Players Chloe Rodriguez, Randi Cortez.

**Girls U12:** Spinning Vortexes 12, Cougars 2; Vortexes Top Players Madeline Thompson, Elyse Codrioli, Tai Bal, Jasmine Larkey, Brooke Yarrington, Grace Grim, Cougars Top Players Stephanie Malohn, Elise Falgout, Alexandra Hernandez, Jackie Meijer, Savannah Winters, Samantha Erickson.

The Pink Panthers 4, The Thunderballs 4: Pink Panthers Top Players Samantha DaSilva, Molly Cooper, Kaitlyn Bulhoes, Thunderballs Top Players-Jenna Kadlec, Kayla Silver, and Madison Daniel.

Chicks on Fire 5, Crushers 1: Chicks Top Players Maryann Gong, Jessie Hilton-Steele, Amanda Stocking, Leah Taillon, Megan Thompson, Shelby Offill, Crushers Top Players-Mickel Schmitt, Alexia Porter, Shalena Andersen, Ariel Grace, Rachel Roland, Hanna Barrow.

The Mustangs 2, Team USA 2: Mustangs Top Players Michaela Molina, Amanda Bray, Victoria Contreras, Stephanie Hollister, Destiny Coronado, Bryanna Jesus, Top Team USA Players Clair Hyde, Charity Manning, Rachel Bryant, Victoria Parker, Madison Crab, Cynthia Valdez End.

## YMCA Sports Programs

**Youth Basketball** for children ages 4-13 with an emphasis on learning individual sport skills, team building proficiency, rules and traditions of the sport as well as developing a positive attitude while learning fair play. The program is perfect for beginners and experienced players. The league is coed and runs on Saturdays in Pleasanton between Sept. 23-Nov. 11th. The YMCA is also looking for parent volunteer coaches. Please call (925) 475-6108 for more information or email tvsports@ymcaeastbay.org. Registration closes on Sept. 15th.

**Pee Wee Soccer** for children ages 3-8 with an emphasis on learning individual sport skills, team building proficiency, rules and traditions of the sport as well as developing a positive attitude while learning fair play. The program is perfect for beginners and experienced players. The league is coed and runs on Saturdays in Pleasanton between Sept. 23-Nov. 11th. The YMCA is also looking for parent volunteer coaches. Please call (925) 475-6108 for more information or email tvsports@ymcaeastbay.org. Registration closes on Sept. 15th.

## Girls Softball

Livmore Girls Softball Association/Livmore Smoke Spring 2007 Registration will be held Oct 10 & Oct 24, 2006 from 6pm-9pm at Holy Cross Lutheran Church located on Mocho Street. Further information contact Stacie Heinz (925) 454-1406 or visit the website at www.livmoregirlssoftball.org.

## Pleasanton Phantom Girls

2007 Registration for all Pleasanton Phantom Girls Softball teams divisions is now open. Phantom softball is open to girls in grades K-12 living in Pleasanton, Dublin and Sunol. Registration can be completed online or by mail-in. An in-person registration is scheduled for September 28 from 6pm-9:00 pm at Round Table Pizza Main St. Downtown Pleasanton. See the PGSL web site for additional information [www.pleasantonsoftball.org](http://www.pleasantonsoftball.org).

## 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 Venture Endurance Ride will be hosting a 15-mile Fun Ride in Del Valle Regional Park, Livmore.

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 cloudbj@aol.com. Entries will be mailed upon request.

## Soccer Parade

The 2006 Pleasanton Rage and Ballistic Soccer Club Parade will be held Saturday, Sept. 9th at 7:30 am at the corner of Main and St. Marys in downtown Pleasanton.

This year the parade will proceed down Main St. to W. Angela making a right on Peters and then back to St. John, ending at the same place we started. Due to time constraints, the fairgrounds will not be part of the program this year, so there will be no gathering and no awards for costumes. Donuts and coffee will be available for purchase, as well as RAGE and BUSC wearables. Teams are encouraged to arrive at 7am to lineup as the parade will begin promptly at 7:30 am.

## Girl Tournament

First Annual Granada High Lady Mata-

**PREMIUM ROOFING & WATERPROOFING**  
We are here to help you with all of your ROOFING & WATERPROOFING needs. We are experienced & fully licensed with competitive prices. Give us a call for a free no obligation estimate.  
(510) 750-2179  
[premiumroofandwaterproof.com](http://premiumroofandwaterproof.com)

**FURRY FRIENDS**  
Pet Sitting Services  
Registered Veterinary Nurse  
Accommodating Healthy & Special Need Pets  
Pleasanton & Livermore  
Call Monika Harris ☎ (925) 417-0424

**Armkea Inc. Kitchen & Bath**  
Customized Cabinet & Countertop  
Granite Counter Top • Custom Cabinet IN-STOCK  
Kitchen • Bathroom • Office  
Entertainment & more.....  
Custom Cabinets 100% built in our Oakland Shop  
Only \$3,999  
Most of our Custom Cabinets are Now IN - STOCK! Come visit us...  
Showrooms:  
184 S. "K" St., Livermore, CA 94550  
851-81st Ave., Ste. A, Oakland, CA 94621  
Opening Soon in Berkeley, CA  
Email: [armkeainc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:armkeainc@sbcglobal.net)  
Ph: (925) 960-1888 • Ph: (510) 383-8919

## COVER

(continued from page one)

project out to bid one more time.

There was some discussion last week by board members on whether to accept a higher bid of \$782,000 to extend the cover over the spectators or to reject all bids to provide an opportunity for companies who had submitted lower bids to provide the required bond. Two companies with expertise in arena covers did not submit the bond with their bids.

Kathy Chase told the board she is delighted with the prospect of getting a cover. It's been a 20 to 25 year process. Chase said she was disappointed that contractors with expertise in building covers were not being considered.

District legal counsel Michael Kyle explained that a ten percent bond is required of every bid on a public project to make sure the

bid is real.

Several speakers supported spending the money for the larger cover. "Covering spectators will determine how many people want to rent the facility," said Diane Davis.

Former board member Alice Quinn said it would be a better idea to go with the larger cover. "There are other uses, not just equestrians who would benefit," she said pointing to the Scottish Games as an example.

Director Dale Turner wanted to move forward with the larger cover. He said there are some long term benefits to the larger arena. It would pay huge dividends to have spectators covered. He noted that the district has gone over bids before in approving projects.

David Furst argued against going over budget. He pointed

out that the horse community had been asked to help fund the cover. They did not come forward to help raise the money.

Steve Goodman also was against accepting the higher bid for the larger cover. He said that in the future the district could consider looking at covering spectators. "Let's get this thing built, before the price of steel goes up."

Directors also approved the design and location of a future playground in Robertson Park.

The playground, which has been scheduled to be constructed by the developer of the future Arroyo Crossing Housing development, south of Robertson Park on Arroyo Road, was originally to be located within Robertson Park, near the horseshoe pits. Members of the public expressed concerns about the location, citing worries about child safety in such a remote location near the creek, and its location on the floodplain.

The new location is near the restroom/field house adjacent to the lighted soccer fields. The location change still must be approved by the City Planning Commission and the City Council, since the playground was a requirement of the city's development agreement with the Arroyo Crossing developer. The development agreement needs to be amended.

## Interfaith Service Set Sept. 11

An Interfaith Service of Remembrance and Hope will be held on Monday, Sept. 11 at the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore.

The service will begin at 7 p.m. Taking part in the event will be representatives from Asbury United Methodist, St. Bartholomew's Episcopal, St. Charles Borromeo Catholic, United Christian and local Jewish, Muslim and Hindu communities.

The public is invited to take part in this service that seeks to provide a means of remembering and honoring those whose lives were lost on Sept. 11, 2001. The service will also be an opportunity to remind ourselves of the value of shared hopes in different faith traditions and the need for understanding community and respect.

The First Presbyterian Church is located at 4th and L Streets in Livermore.

**NOW ENROLLING**  
Preschool - 2 yr, 3 yr, 4 yr, Pre-K  
Kindergarten - 5th Grade  
Licensed • Nonsectarian • Nonprofit  
Academics • Computers • Arts • P.E. • Extended Care  
• High academic standards  
• Love of learning  
• Social & ethical responsibility  
Campus tours Tuesday & Saturday 10 am - 12 noon, or by appointment.  
**Carden West School**  
Success for every child, every day  
4576 Willow Road, Pleasanton (in Hacienda Park)  
(925) 463-6060 • [www.cardenwest.org](http://www.cardenwest.org)

**You Have The Fun... We'll Handle The Driving!**  
Enjoy round trip coach transportation from cities throughout the Valley:  
Elk Grove, Lodi, Stockton, Livermore, Tracy, Manteca, Merced, Atwater, Modesto, Turlock, Oakdale  
Pay just \$10 and get all this!  
• \$10 Cash instantly upon arrival  
• \$5 Cash Coupon for your next visit  
• \$5 Table Games Match Play  
• Food discounts, specials, & prizes  
For Pick-Up Locations & Reservations Call: 1-800-254-3423  
\$5 CASH BONUS ON EVENING ROUTES!  
**EXPRESS**  
www.blackoakcasino.com  
Toll Free 1-877-747-8777 • East on Hwy 105 to Sonoma, Exit Mono Way, then right to Tuolumne Rd. Must be 21 to gamble.

# SHORT NOTES

## Nature Program

Creators with a Bad Rap is the title of a nature program to be presented by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District rangers on Sunday, Sept. 10. Meet Ranger Dawn Soles at 2 p.m. at Veterans Park.

There are many animals that share the world with us. Some of them are loved by all. Others, well, they are definitely not so well liked. Bats, snakes, and spiders are just a few that people love to hate. Participants will discover what is fact, what is fiction and what is nifty about these animals. There will be live specimens.

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

## Cancer Walk

The Tri-Valley chapter of SOCKS (Stepping Out for Cancer Kures) is holding its first annual "Bras for the Cause" Moonlight Walk in the Hacienda Business Park in Pleasanton, on Friday night, September 8, 2006.

The Bras for the Cause Walk promises to be a very popular, high-energy event with hundreds of walkers and spectators. There is a 10K fun-raising walk, complete with a bra-decorating contest, to raise money for the San Francisco Bay Area Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

For more than 20 years, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation has been a global leader in the fight against breast cancer through its support of innovative research and community-based outreach programs.

To register as a walker or to find information on corporate sponsorship, please see our website: [www.trivalleysocks.org](http://www.trivalleysocks.org) or email us at [walk@trivalleysocks.org](mailto:walk@trivalleysocks.org).

## Jewish Culture School

On Sunday, September 10, Tri-Valley Cultural Jews will hold a meeting to introduce Jewish Culture School and the Secular Jewish movement. The meeting will be held at The Bothwell Center, 2466 8th St. between I and G in Livermore at 10 a.m. and will include a light brunch.

Jewish Culture School meets two Sunday mornings a month and provides a broad hands-on approach to Jewish life and learning, focusing on history, music, literature and ethics. JCS students cook, sing, dance and engage in heated discussions of the lessons of Jewish history. The new session beginning September 24 will focus on holidays and life-cycle events and is open to children aged 8-14. Jewish Culture School welcomes students from dual-cultural (intermarried) households and those from nontraditional families.

Also included in the program is an

introduction to Secular Judaism through the contents of the library box provided by the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations. The Tri-Valley Cultural Jews annual meeting will also take place. Tri-Valley Cultural Jews serves those whose Jewish identity is based on culture, heritage and family, rather than on religion.

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews 1817 Sinclair Drive Pleasanton, CA 94588 (925) 485-1049  
CulturalJews@aol.com  
Tri-ValleyCulturalJews.org

## Book Signing

Livermore Heritage Guild members will be present to sign copies of the new book "Images of America: Early Livermore."

The book signing will be held on Sun., Sept. 17 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Keith's Collectibles in the Olde Towne Antiques Mall, 3440 Stanley Blvd., Pleasanton.

In this its fourth book, the Livermore Heritage Guild compiles hundreds of vintage images, taken from both public and private collections.

"The Livermore Heritage Guild hopes this publication will heighten awareness of the contributions that Livermore and its people have made to California history. In these busy times we sometimes forget the contribution that individuals and families have made to make our city and the Tri-Valley what it is today."

The Princess Pavilion makes every girl a special princess, complete with a mini-make-over and her very own creation of a crown and wand. The Pirate Cove is every kids dream, complete with pirate shows, hands on crafts and more. The Ice Skating Pavilion lets kids borrow ice skates to try their feetwork around the outdoor ice skating arena. The Kidsfaire Speedway offers kids the chance to ride motorized cars around the special racetrack. The Ultimate Pumpkin Patch includes a special corn maze, pumpkin carving and every child gets a free take home pumpkin.

Safari-Town offers families the chance to watch cheetahs, alligators, lions and other jungle creatures, and experience the Great American Barnyard, petting zoos and pony rides. Clown-Town offers kids the chance to play, side by side, with the best clowns on the planet, learning to juggle and ride a unicycle. Make fun arts and crafts projects inside Artists Alley, and create everything from high-flying kites to birdhouses.

The Kidsfaire magic takes place from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. Admission is \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 2-12. For more information on California's largest children's and family event, visit [www.americasfamilyexpo.com](http://www.americasfamilyexpo.com) or call 866-283-8600.

## History Walk

The "History By Heather" downtown walking tour will be held on Friday, September 15, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Museum on Main, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton. Tickets are \$10 per person and reservations are recommended for the two-hour walk, as the group is limited to 25 people. Call (925) 462-2766.

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

During the school year, Rizzoli gives local history lectures about the Ohlone, Mexican and Spanish eras and early Pleasanton to public and private grade-school students; conducts tours at the museum and downtown for seniors and special groups, and presents a monthly speaker's series for museum volunteers and docents.

Applications are being accepted for student representatives to join the Youth Planning Board for the Tri-Valley Adolescent Health Initiative. Applicants must be Dublin residents and have sophomore, junior, or senior standing for the current school year (2006-07). The term of office is for one year, beginning Oct. 2006 and ending Sept. 2007, with a possible one year reappointment.

One of the key activities is the creation of a Youth Planning Board that will be made up of the youth from the cities of Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton. The Youth Planning Board will help engage other youth in the area in a planning process, help identify priorities, and make program recommendations.

The application deadline is 5 p.m. Mon., Sept. 18, 2006. Applications are

available at the Dublin Civic Center, City Manager's Office, 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin, or by calling 833-6650.

The Elena Macias Foundation will benefit from the 3rd Annual Mexican Fiesta Fund-raiser to be held Sat., Sept. 16 at The Barn in Livermore.

The festivities will be from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. The dinner will be catered by El Balazo. The evening will include a silent auction, raffles, dancing, entertainment and a hot host bar.

The Elena Macias Foundation is a nonprofit organization founded by Gloria and John Purcell in memory of Gloria's late mother who adopted the peoples' hearts of Agua Verde, Mexico. The Purcells are Livermore residents.

Proceeds from the fund-raiser provide assistance to disadvantaged children in Agua Verde including education, health and basic needs.

Individual tickets are \$50, couples \$90. Reservations are available at [www.momsfoundation.org](http://www.momsfoundation.org).

Soroptimst International of the San Ramon valley will host a luncheon with a program, "Child Exploitation and Internet Safety."

The luncheon will be held Wed., Sept. 20 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Dr., Danville.

Sergeant Chris Simmons of the Contra Costa County Sheriff's office will present the program. The goal is to help parents understand the dangers of internet and cell phone usage by their children and to provide information that will help to keep their children safe.

The cost is \$20 per person. Reservations deadline is September 13. Call 355-2442 for information or reservations.

Helen Heron, author of "College Countdown: A Planning Guide for High School Students" and former Livermore teacher, will present a program at the Livermore Library on Mon., Sept. 18. She will speak on college planning and how to guide students through the maze of paperwork and scheduling challenges involved in preparing for college.

The program begins at 7 p.m. There is no charge.

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

The Elena Macias Foundation will benefit from the 3rd Annual Mexican Fiesta Fund-raiser to be held Sat., Sept. 16 at The Barn in Livermore.

The festivities will be from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. The dinner will be catered by El Balazo. The evening will include a silent auction, raffles, dancing, entertainment and a hot host bar.

The Elena Macias Foundation is a nonprofit organization founded by Gloria and John Purcell in memory of Gloria's late mother who adopted the peoples' hearts of Agua Verde, Mexico. The Purcells are Livermore residents.

Proceeds from the fund-raiser provide assistance to disadvantaged children in Agua Verde including education, health and basic needs.

Individual tickets are \$50, couples \$90. Reservations are available at [www.momsfoundation.org](http://www.momsfoundation.org).

Soroptimst International of the San Ramon valley will host a luncheon with a program, "Child Exploitation and Internet Safety."

The luncheon will be held Wed., Sept. 20 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Dr., Danville.

Sergeant Chris Simmons of the Contra Costa County Sheriff's office will present the program. The goal is to help parents understand the dangers of internet and cell phone usage by their children and to provide information that will help to keep their children safe.

The cost is \$20 per person. Reservations deadline is September 13. Call 355-2442 for information or reservations.

Helen Heron, author of "College Countdown: A Planning Guide for High School Students" and former Livermore teacher, will present a program at the Livermore Library on Mon., Sept. 18. She will speak on college planning and how to guide students through the maze of paperwork and scheduling challenges involved in preparing for college.

The program begins at 7 p.m. There is no charge.

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

Heron has more than 36 years experience presenting her concepts on college application, testing and study skills. She has spoken at the World Conferences on Gifted and Talented Children at The Hague, Netherlands, and Hong Kong, and is a member of the Mensa National Gifted Children's Committee.

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

## Naval Academy



Matt Clement

Midshipman 4th Class Matt Clement, the son of Cliff and Sue Clement of Livermore, has recently completed six weeks of Plebe Summer at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. Clement is a 2006 graduate of Granada High School.

Plebe Summer begins four years of preparation for commissioning as Navy or Marine Corps officers. The new midshipmen learn basic skills in seamanship, navigation, infantry drill, shooting pistols and rifles, and sailing. The physical conditioning program includes calisthenics, running, pull-ups, sit-ups, and swimming.

Plebes also receive instruction and indoctrination of the Brigade of Midshipmen's honor concept.

Stories about barnyards, cars, and end of summer will be featured at Family Storytimes in September as told by John Weaver.

Stories about hoarse cows and mooing roosters are just two possibilities for Crazy Barnyard, a storytime at the Springtown Library on Sat., Sept. 9 at 11 a.m. The library is located at 998 Bluebell Drive.

Cats! - stories about hot and not-so-hot wheels, will be presented at the storytime at the Civic Center Library on Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. This is an evening storytime giving families time to unwind together at the end of a busy day. Storytimes are held in the storytime/craft room located in the youth services area, 1188 South Livermore Avenue.

Family storytime at the Rincon Branch, 725 Rincon Ave., is bilingual. On Sat., Sept. 16 at 11 a.m. John will tell stories about the end of summer. Dog Days fun stories will be presented in English and Spanish.

All ages are welcome to attend these free programs.

Contact youth services at 373-5504 for more information or pick up a fall/winter storytime schedule at any of Livermore's public libraries.

The Alameda County Resource Conservation District and Natural Resources Conservation Service are sponsoring a technical workshop on the Alameda whipsnake on October 5 and 6, 2006.

Karen Swaim, MS. will present a workshop on the biology and conservation of the Alameda whipsnake. This is an opportunity to gain an under-

standing of the biology of Alameda whipsnake and also how this information can be applied to habitat management for this species. The information conveyed will be useful in conservation planning and in educational outreach to producers and others who are considering conservation projects to benefit Alameda whipsnakes. Participants will receive training in species identification, field sampling techniques, and the habitat requirements of the Alameda whipsnake.

The workshop will consist of a daytime classroom session on October 5 at the Martinelli Center in Livermore and a field session (with a choice of the field session on either the afternoon of October 5 or the afternoon of October 6) at Contra Costa Water District's Los Vaqueros Watershed.

Registration is \$225 if received before September 21, 2006; \$240.00 thereafter. Participation is on a space-available and paid basis. Registration includes a light breakfast and a lunch on Thursday, October 5th.

To request registration form and more information, phone or email Barbara Maroney, Workshop Coordinator, Alameda County RCD at 925.371-0154 x.115 or [workshops@acrcd.org](mailto:workshops@acrcd.org).

The Pleasanton Library is still accepting original stories by children in Grades 1-8 for the 2006 Newcott-Caldebery Book Award Program. Young authors and illustrators have until Saturday, Sept. 16th 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 Oct. 25th. 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.

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue (TVAR) hosts dog and cat adoptions on Saturdays at Pleasanton's Farmers Market, at First Street, from 9:30-1:00 pm, and Dublin PetsMart from 12:00-4:00 pm. Cats are available from 10:00-2:00 pm at Livermore Pet Extreme. On Sundays, cats are available from 1:00-4:00 pm at Dublin PetsMart and Pet Food Express. For more information, call TVAR at (925) 803-7043 or view animals at [www.tvrar.org](http://www.tvrar.org).

James Tomasi, author of "What Time Tuesday?" will be sharing a story of hope for those who have challenging health conditions. Tomasi survived a nerve disorder so painful that it pushed him to the brink of suicide. He will share his journey from hopelessness to healing and how it may help you on September 11 at 8 p.m. at The Specific Chiropractic Center at 7950 Dublin Blvd. #103B, in Dublin (925) 560-0700.

Garin Apple Festival, Garin Regional Park, 1320 Garin Avenue, Hayward, 510-795-9385, noon - 4pm, Sat., Sept. 9. Celebrate a farming and pioneer past. Explore an antique apple orchard with varieties you won't find anywhere else. Hand cranked ice cream, apple cider press, apple tasting, music, stories, crafts, games. Festival is free, \$6 parking fee.

Learn to square dance, Pleasanton Singles & Pairs, dance at Camp Parks, Dublin. Families, couples and singles welcome. Free lessons starting Sept. 18, through October, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Call Hank, 510-537-0293, Clay, 454-0791, Bill, 606-0310, or Judi, 828-2335.

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue new volunteer orientation dates Sept. 9 and 24: East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Drive, Dublin, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Introduction to TVAR, shelter tour, hands-on work with animals.

RELIGION  
Unitarian Universalist, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. Topic for Sept. 10 is "Rivers of Love," with Rev. Eric Meter speaking. Information 447-8747.

Psychology of Jesus - A Reflection on Salvation and Mental Health, Monday, Sept. 11, 7-8:30pm. No charge. Refreshments provided. CrossWinds Church, 6444 Sierra Court, Dublin for an evening of discussion and reflection with George Papageorge, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. Contact: [csiglin@crosswindschurch.org](mailto:csiglin@crosswindschurch.org) or Claudia at 925-560-3826, or visit [www.crosswindschurch.org/workshops](http://www.crosswindschurch.org/workshops) to register.

Pleasanton Community Bible Study will begin its third year on September 14, with a 30 week study covering the books of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter, Daniel, and Colossians. The class meets Thursdays at 9:30 am until 11:30

am on the campus of Pleasanton Presbyterian Church located at 4300 Mirador Drive. Children's program and baby care available onsite. For information or registration requests email [Pleasanton.cbs@gmail.com](mailto:Pleasanton.cbs@gmail.com).

Catholic Communities of St. Charles Borromeo and St. Michael in Livermore begin their 2006-2007 Bible Study Season on Monday September 11 with Fr. Ray Sacca from St. Michael's giving an overview of Genesis 37-50. This is an 8 week study culminating with a showing of the musical "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat." The study will take place at St. Charles Borromeo, 1315 Locmita Ave., Livermore in the Pope John XXIII room from 7:30 - 9:15 pm. There is a \$10 donation for materials for each session. For more information contact Julie at 925-447-4549 or email at [upcatholic@aol.com](mailto:upcatholic@aol.com).

Harvest Farms  
At Corner of Maple & First Street, Livermore  
449-1668  
(Exp. 09/30/06)

TOMATOES	49c
CAULIFLOWER	69c
ORANGES	49c
YELLOW ONIONS	10c

ESCAPE THE "WAREHOUSE"  
Same Pricing Available  
In a friendly professional setting.

HEARING SERVICES  
Since 1966  
Kaiser Members Welcome

PLEASANTON	LIVERMORE
4460 Black Ave., #C	1530 Holmes St. #D
484-3507	960-0391

Kenneth Bilheimer, Au. D.  
Gregory Fitzgibbons, MA

HILLENDALE HOME CARE  
CARE FOR SENIORS,  
NEW MOTHERS OR ANYONE  
RECOVERING  
FROM SURGERY OR ILLNESS.  
No minimum service • 1 to 24 Hours  
Live-ins • Bathing Service  
Bonded • Insured • Ethical • Reliable  
No Assessment Fee  
Livermore (925) 297-2660  
Walnut Creek (925) 933-8181  
[www.hillendale.net](http://www.hillendale.net)

Hill 'n Dale  
We go where you need us!

SOLATUBE  
The Miracle Skylight.

Brighten Dark Rooms Naturally!

PREMIER SOLATUBE DEALERSHIP  
GRAND OPENING EVENT,  
SEPT. 15th THRU 17th

Please join us in celebrating our Grand Opening in Pleasanton. Expert Solatube® Lighting Services now available in your area.

- Free Gifts
- Free Drawing
- Grand Opening Specials
- Complimentary Refreshments
- Free advice from day lighting experts

CALL FOR MORE

### Music Teachers Association Will Host Annual Recital

The community is invited to attend the annual recital co-hosted by Asbury United Methodist Church and the Alameda County East Branch of the Music Teachers' Association of California. It will be held on Saturday, Sept. 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore.

Children are especially encouraged to attend this event. The recital will last about one hour. There will be a brief question and answer session following the performance. The artist will be available to sign programs and meet the audience.

This year's performer, Shirley Hu, 17, was inducted into the prestigious Young Artists Guild of the Music Teachers' Associa-



Shirley Hu

tion of California in July of this year. The Palo Alto resident is a pupil of Daniel Cheng of Saratoga and is a senior at Henry M. Gunn High School. She has received many awards and honors for her piano playing. They include this year's Valerie and Samuel Rodetsky Award for outstanding performance at the MTAC state convention in Los Angeles.

Miss Hu's program will include music by Bach, Beethoven, Liszt, Tchaikovsky and Prokofiev.

The concert is open to the public. There is no admission charge. Refreshments will be served following the recital.

For more information, call 443-2514.



Pictured are Morgan Breedveld (Emily Webb) and Bradly Mena (George Gibbs).

## ART & ENTERTAINMENT

**Our Best Shots**, photography show of works by local photographers, Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Sept. 2-30. Reception on Sept. 7 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Works include color, black and white, and tinted photographs. Many of the works are for sale. Admission is free. Public is invited. Viewing during regular library hours. Information, call Ted Wieskamp at 447-8426.

**Poetic Medley: Deborah Grossman** of Pleasanton will read from her book, "Goldie and Me," a collection of poems that speak to the power of family, love and freedom. Her poems and essays have won local awards. An open mic will follow the reading. Thurs., Sept. 14, 7:45 p.m. Barnes & Noble, 4972 Dublin Blvd., Dublin.

**Open House at Ravenswood**, Livermore Art Association and Pleasanton Art League, Wed., Sept. 20, Ravenswood, Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Gates open 2:30 p.m. includes tours, drawing, painting, demonstration by guest artist Jessie Spears, potluck dinner, music and sing-along with Bill O'Neal's Band. Reservations are required, call Diane Rodriguez at 462-1919 by Sept. 16.

**Taylor Dayne**, three-time Grammy nominee, at the Amador Theater, Saturday, Sept. 23, 2006 at 8 p.m. City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Presents program The Amador Theater is located at 1155 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton on the Amador Valley High School campus. Tickets are \$25, \$30, and \$35. Online at www.civicartstickets.org until 1:00 a.m. the day of the performance, by phone at (925) 931-3444, (available beginning Sept. 11).

**Wine and Music Dinner**, Grgich Gills, Wed., Sept. 20, 7 p.m. Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St., Information, 846-8106.

**Seafood Watch Talk and Wine Tasting**, Tuesday Sept. 19, 6:30 in the lounge. Representative from the Monterey Bay Aquarium give a talk on all of the choices to eat sustainable seafood and how to help! Followed by wine tasting of both Steven Kent and La Rochelle wines. This event is free to all Royalty Rewards Loyalty Club members, and a \$10.00 donation to the Aquarium for everyone else. Space is limited. For reservations, call 925.846-8106. Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St., Information, 846-8106.

**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 applica-

tion forms must be accompanied by a cassette tape, CD, or DVD for preliminary screening, and a \$5 fee. Application forms and additional information at www.livamsymph.org, or call 447-1947.

**Pops concert**, Pops at the Zoo, Livermore-Amador Symphony, Fri., Oct. 13 and Sat., Oct. 14, at the Barn, 3131 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Doors open 7 p.m., concert at 8 p.m. Costumes appreciated in keeping with the theme. Reservations available starting Sept. 7 at \$20 for reserved seating, 447-4924 (only between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.).

**Book signing**, Livermore Heritage Guild members will sign copies of the new book "Images of America: Early Livermore," on Sun., Sept. 17 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Keith's Collectibles in the Olde Towne Antiques Mall, 3440 Stanley Blvd., Pleasanton. The book, available for purchase at Keith's, compiles hundreds of vintage images, taken from both public and private collections.

**Art Show:** A new series of paintings by Livermore artist Angela Johal will be on display at ArtSpace Art & Craft Gallery, 133 S. Livermore Avenue from Friday, September 8 through October 6. A reception will be held on Friday September 8, from 4 to 7 p.m., with the artist in attendance. ArtSpace's regular hours are Wed. through Sat. 10 to 7; 12-5 Sunday; Mon. & Tue. by appointment.

**Group Art Show**, "The Four C's," September 5-29. Opening Reception Sunday, September 10, 3-5 p.m. Refreshments. The artists will be present. Participating Artists: Charlotte Britton, Carolyn Lord, Carol Maddox, and Clair Schroeven Verbiest. The Lindsay Dirck Brown Gallery (in the San Ramon Community Center) 12501 Alcosta Boulevard San Ramon. Gallery Hours, Monday-Friday 8:30-5:00: No fee to attend exhibition or reception.

**Watercolors and Quilts** by Carolyn Ramsey will be featured at the Wentz Estate Winery, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore from September 1-30. Ramsey is an award winning artist who has received honors for both her watercolor scenes and for her art quilts. A reception to meet the artist will be at the Winery on Sept. 10 from 1 pm to 3 pm. The public is invited. For more information call 447-0590.

**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.

**History Lecture Series**, presented by Livermore Heritage Guild, Sept. 13, features Tom Bramell, retired from the Livermore Fire Department, who will talk on the history of the fire department, 7:30 p.m. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Avenue. \$2 suggested donation.

**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.

**Pleasanton Heritage Festival**, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., September 23 & 24, 2006. Includes 200 high quality art and crafts, historical displays, vintage craft demonstrations, entertainment, heritage craft corner, great food and beverages. Free admission. Main Street, Downtown Pleasanton. Hosted by the Pleasanton Downtown Association, (925) 484-2199 or www.mlprodutions.com.

**Barbecue and Blues on the patio**, Thursdays 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Sept. 7: Tuff Mama; Sept. 14: Highwater Blues; Sept. 21: Nite Cry with Rene Solis; Sept. 28: Daniel Castro; Oct. 5: Kenny Blue Ray. No Cover. BBQ menu. Full Bar. Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St. Pleasanton; 925-846-8106.

**Dancing in the lounge:** Fri., Sept. 8: Fabulous Cruisetonnes from 8:30; Sept. 9: Major Link with Terry and Mary from 8:30; Sept. 12: Chris Bradley's Traditional Jazz Band 7:30-9:30; Sept. 15: Dave Crimmen from 8:30; Sept. 16: In-Phase; Sept. 19: Special surprise band; Sept. 26: Chris  
**(continued on page 9)**

### Playhouse Season Opens with 'Our Town'

Pleasanton Playhouse kicks off its 23rd Season with "Our Town" at the Studio Theatre stage in Pleasanton.

First produced in 1938, the Pulitzer-Prize winning "Our Town" has become an American stage treasure. It is Thornton Wilder's most renowned and frequently performed play.

Set at the turn of the 20th century, the play reveals the ordinary lives of the people in the small town of Grover's Corners, New Hampshire, U.S.A during three time periods — 1901, 1904, and 1913, respectively.

Directed by Greg Schuh, this beautiful piece is narrated by the Stage Managers (Tom Reardon, John Brown, and Wendy Amador) who tell Wilder's immortal tale

of love and daily life. It is about the inevitable and yet unpredictable cycle of life, death, and all of the seemingly mundane things in-between. It is a story of character development that details the interactions between citizens of an everyday town through their everyday lives — particularly the lives of George Gibbs (Bradly Mena), a doctor's son (Dr. Gibbs played by Shawn Bonnington and Mrs. Gibbs played by Teresa Reiches-Schacher), and Emily Webb (Morgan Breedveld), the daughter of a newspaper editor (Editor Webb played by John Maio and Mrs. Webb played by Marsha Howard).

It is the simplicity of the play and the honesty of the prose that

is so riveting and ultimately heartbreaking in its scope. Renowned theater critic Brooks Atkinson's words are just as accurate now as when he first wrote them in his New York Times review of February 5, 1938 on the Broadway premiere of "Our Town." "Mr. Wilder has transmuted the simple events of human life into universal reveries. He has given familiar facts a deeply moving, philosophical perspective. By stripping the play of everything that is not essential, Mr. Wilder has given it a profound, strange, otherworldly significance. It is a hauntingly beautiful play."

"Our Town" will open at the Studio Theatre on Friday, September 15, and run for four weeks ending closing on Sunday, October 8, 2006. Curtain time is 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Produced by Carol Hovey and Susan Hovey. Presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

Pleasanton Playhouse Studio Theatre is located at 1048 Serpentine Lane, Suite 309, Pleasanton.

Tickets are \$20 adults, \$18 seniors over 60 and juniors under 18. There are substantial Discounts for group sales over 20. To order tickets, please call (925) 462-2121 or order on-line at www.pleasantonplayhouse.com.

### Symphony Performs Outdoor Concert in San Ramon

In what has become an annual tradition, the California Symphony will perform two free outdoor concerts for East Bay music lovers during the weekend of September 16-17, 2006.

On Saturday (9/16) at 6 pm, the Symphony returns to Concord for the 7th annual "A&E Pops on the Plaza" concert at Todos Santos Plaza, hosted by the City of Concord.

The next day, on Sunday (9/17) at 5:30 pm, the 100-piece orchestra performs at the 2nd annual "Bishop Ranch Symphony in the Park," hosted by the City of Ramon and Bishop Ranch. This year's concert takes place at the San Ramon Central Park.

Maestro Barry Jekowsky has planned a special two-hour program, called "Serious Fun," which includes both classical and pops favorites. Among the selections will be theme music from the movie blockbusters, "Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back," "Superman," and "Mission Impossible"; Haydn's "Toy Symphony"; PDQ Bach's "1712 Overture"; and patriotic favorites, including a sing-a-long and Armed Services medley. This year's emcees will be local ABC-7 News Anchor Dan Ashley (Concord) and Classical 102.1 KDFC-FM on-air host Dianne Nicolini (San Ramon).

Admission and parking are

free at both events. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring folding chairs or blankets and picnic on the lawn during the performance. (Limited seating is available in the Seniors section on a first-come basis). A free raffle will be held at each concert (one ticket per family) for a range of prizes donated by local restaurants and other businesses. To sign up, visit the California Symphony booth on the grounds at each event.

### Full Moon Dinner Offers Food, Dancing

Retzlaff Estate Winery will host a full moon dinner on Sept. 23, 6 p.m.

Dining is under the stars. Music to dance by will be performed "Second Nature." Handcrafted wines will be available.

The cost is \$80 per person. Reservations required. For reservations or information, call 447-8941. The winery is located at 1356 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore.

### Guitar Concert to Benefit Music Scholarship Fund

The Livermore Rotary Club, in conjunction with Michael Ferrucci of Fine Fretted Friends of Livermore, will present a benefit concert featuring Muriel Anderson. The concert will be held at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1385 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore, on Wednesday September 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Composer and award-winning guitarist Muriel Anderson has released seven CD's in the US, three video DVDs, and is host and originator of the renowned "Muriel Anderson's All Star Guitar Night." Her album Heartstrings has traveled as far as outer space, accompanying the astronauts on a space shuttle mission.

According to the Chicago Tribune: "Acoustic guitarist Muriel Anderson... has justifiably gained a reputation as one of the world's best, and most versatile, guitar instrumentalists." "Muriel Anderson is a good friend and a great guitarist. She deserves National Recognition." - Chet Atkins.

### Youth Concert in The Park Slated

The City of Pleasanton's Youth Master Plan Implementation Committee (YMPIC), in partnership with the Pleasanton Downtown Association, presents the first-ever Youth Concert in the Park. It will be held on Friday, September 8, 7 to 8:30 p.m., at Lion's Wayside Park.

The event is free to the community. Local youth bands playing live music will be featured. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

Open seating will be available on the lawn. The event is being organized by the YMPIC to celebrate the music and talent of Pleasanton's youth.

The proceeds of this and other benefit concerts go to the Livermore Rotary Club Music Scholarship Fund. Michael Ferrucci, owner of Fine Fretted Friends in Livermore, has hosted over 30 benefit concerts in the past six years. This fund has raised over \$50,000, distributed to students who wish to pursue the craft of music as a career. Anderson herself was a recipient of a Rotary vocational scholarship when she was only 16 years old. The rest is history.

Tickets are \$15.00 and are available in Livermore at Fine Fretted Friends, Trophies & Tees, and the Book Oasis. Additional information is available at www.frettedfriends.com. Children under 12 free. Refreshments available for purchase.

**Tesla VINTNERS**  
5143 Tesla Road, Livermore  
(925) 606-9463

**"Playin' on the Patio"**  
WINE • MUSIC • FOOD  
6 to 9 p.m.  
Fridays & Saturdays  
CASSANDRA'S DINNER SPECIAL  
SHRIMP SCAMPI  
Fri, Sept. 8th  
LOREN OLK  
Sat., Sept. 9th  
EXTENDED ROOTS

*Valley Dance Theatre*  
PRESENTS

**BRINGING ART TO LIFE**

OCT. 7TH 5 PM

LOCATION:  
Livermore Veterans Memorial Building  
522 S. "L" Street  
Livermore, CA

For tickets, please call  
**(925) 243-0927**  
WWW.VALLEYDANCETHEATRE.COM

### Cairo Night Set at White Crane Winery

White Crane Winery will host Cairo Night in the Vineyard on Saturday, September 23, from 6 to 9:30 p.m.

This event includes an Egyptian Dinner, White Crane Winery wines, Music, and Belly Dancing with Troupe Sahar.

Champagne and appetizers will be served starting at 6:30 p.m. At 7 p.m. there will be a special wine tasting and blending event followed by an Egyptian buffet dinner at 7:30. A wine and Port bar will be open from 7:30 till 9:30 pm for glass or bottle purchases. At 8 p.m. the Belly Dancing troupe performs. There will be audience participation. At 8:30 Dessert and Turkish Coffee will be served.

This event is by reservation only and will have a limit of 150. The cost is only \$75.00 including tax and gratuity which includes champagne, dinner, wine tasting, music, belly dancers, and one drink ticket to use during dinner.

Information and tickets available at White Crane Winery, 5405 Greenville Road, Livermore CA; (925) 455-8085, or info@whitecranewinery.com.

**Vine Cinema** WWW.VINECINEMA.COM  
1733 First Street - Livermore (925) 447-2545  
Playing Sept. 8 - Sept. 14

*The Illusionist and Everyone's Hero start Sept. 15*

**THE BEST REVIEWED COMEDY OF THE YEAR**  
... Big is one of those movies that makes you forget the whole idea of "big" movies.  
"You just won't see a better actor, and better cast, movie."  
"It has been a while since we've seen such a consistently funny and entertaining road movie." USA TODAY

**THE #1 MOVIE in the Country for 2 weeks!**  
Mark Wahlberg  
**INVINCIBLE**  
Showing Fri - Sun:  
12:00 2:15 4:45  
7:00 9:10  
Showing Mon - Thurs:  
2:30 4:45 7:00 9:00

**LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE**  
Showing Fri - Sun:  
12:15 2:30 5:00 7:15 9:20  
Showing Mon - Thurs:  
1:45 5:00 7:05 9:10

**Earn extra money doing taxes.\***

**H&R Block Income Tax Course**

Ask about times and locations of the H&R Block Income Tax Course. H&R Block teaches tax preparation to everyone from beginners to CPAs. Successful students could go on to earn extra money as tax professionals. Bilingual students encouraged to enroll.

**Enroll Now \$50 Off Tuition\*\***

For class times and locations visit [hrblock.com/taxcourses](http://hrblock.com/taxcourses) or call 1-866-790-1122.

\*Without restrictions may apply. Enrollment in, or completion of, the H&R Block Income Tax Course is neither an offer nor a guarantee of employment. \*\*Taxes for courses materials may apply. Void at participating locations only. Locations prohibited. CTEC approved provider. JTC 1940-05-091-48 Federal. and 21 CA qualifying hours.

**Early Livermore - Book Signing**

September 17th  
10am - 1pm

**Parking Lot Sale**  
10am - 5pm

**Keith's Collectibles**  
located in  
Olde Towne Antiques Mall  
East Bays Largest Antique Mall

For Directions:  
(925) 484-2446  
[www.keithsbooks.com](http://www.keithsbooks.com)  
For More Info:  
(510) 676-7523

**Early Livermore**  
By Livermore Heritage Guild

3440 Stanley Blvd., Pleasanton  
Open 7 days a week: 10am - 6pm



## OBITUARIES

### Alma Luz Ramirez

Alma Luz Ramirez died August 28, 2006 in Pleasanton. She was 55.

The native of Mexico had lived in Pleasanton for seven years, moving here from Union City where she had lived for nine years. She worked as a bus driver and was a member of Victory Outreach Ministries. Her hobby was playing cards.

She is survived by sons Armando Ramirez of Los Angeles and Joshua Ramirez of Sacramento; daughters, Angelina Taylor of Pleasanton, Cristina Martell of Newman and Amalia Del Carmen Goodpasture of Plymouth, brothers Jose Flores of San Diego and Fabian Perez of Sacramento; sisters, Gloria Flores Perez of Sacramento, Maria Philippa of San Diego, Ines Chelson of Temecula and Irene Koppel of San Diego and six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 14 years, Jose Ramirez.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Sat., Sept. 9 at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St., Pleasanton.

Donations may be made to Greater Bay Area Make A Wish Foundation, in loving memory of Alma Luz Ramirez, 235 Pine St., San Francisco, CA 94104. Please request a card be sent to the family. The family would like to acknowledge the thoughtfulness of donors.

### Brian Kober

Brian Kober died August 25, 2006 in Tracy. He was 46.

The native of Washington had lived in Tracy for 6 weeks. He grew up in Livermore and the Bay Area. Brian was a member of the Eagles Lodge in Livermore, the Moose Lodge in Livermore and the Carpenters Union. He loved life, his family and his work.

He is survived by daughters Dainelle Kober of Texas and Samantha Kober of Livermore, a son Jacob Kober of Livermore, his parents Jerome Kober of Arizona and Elizabeth Kober of Concord, sisters Jennifer Jones, Andrea Seiwald, Staci Duarte and Vikki James-Shaw all of California and Barbara Speck of Colorado; and a brother Daniel James of California.

A funeral service will be held August 31 at Cornerstone Fel-

lowship in Livermore. Burial was private.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

### Harry Melvin Reis

Harry Melvin Reis died August 28, 2006 in Pleasanton. He was 95.

The native of North Dakota had lived in Pleasanton for 30 years. He grew up in the Bay Area where he worked for 22 years as a heavy equipment operator for Southern Pacific Railroad. He liked hunting, fishing, and singing including barbershop quartet. He was a member of a Harmonica Band. Harry also enjoyed watching sports such as baseball and boxing. He was an A's fan. He loved music.

He is survived by sons Harry Reis of Fremont and Gary Reis of Livermore, six grandchildren and six great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sisters Mildred Reis and Florence Reis.

No services were planned. Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

### Elizabeth Smurthwaite

Elizabeth Smurthwaite died August 29, 2006 in Pleasanton. She was 82.

The native of Milville, CA had lived in Pleasanton since 2003. She also had lived in Redding, Campbell and San Jose. Elizabeth was an avid reader, loved writing and poetry and was a watercolorist. She belonged to the Northern California Teachers Association. She graduated from UC Berkeley and worked for the Moreland School District in San Jose.

She is survived by a son Jeff Smurthwaite of Pleasanton, a brother Lonnie "Bud" Fawver of Redding and grandchildren Allison and Dustin Smurthwaite.

No services are planned. Burial will be private.

Donations may be made to a charity of choice.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

### Ermina Gouveia/DeLucia

Ermina "Minnie" Gouveia/DeLucia was born on the Big Island of Hawaii in 1916, the youngest of a family of nine children.

The family moved to the

mainland after the death of her father in 1925. "Minnie" attended Frick Burbank Grammar and Frick Junior High School, then went on to Castlemont High School where she received exceptional grades graduating at the age of 17. She worked as an assistant buyer in an Oakland Department store where she met her husband, Albert DeLucia. They married in 1940 and were married for over 60 years. Minnie was active in all of her children's school activities including Scouting, PTA chairman, church activities and CCD teacher where she received the Pope Pious Award direct from Rome for outstanding teaching. She and her husband were members of the Elks Club, AARP and SIRS to name a few. Minnie enjoyed reading to her great grandchildren while sitting on the sofa. She also enjoyed working her garden with her cat by her side. She also enjoyed having lunch with friends.

She is survived by her children Stephen DeLucia and Joyce Martel, granddaughters Monica Green and Stephanie Lyman, five great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial mass was celebrated September 6 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Livermore.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to a charity of choice.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

### John Roger Hoffman

John "Rog" Roger Hoffman died August 28, 2006 in Pleasanton. He was 66.

The native of Indiana had lived in Pleasanton for five years. Prior to that he lived in Moss, AZ for four years. He attended Culver Military and then spent two years at Indiana University. He was the owner of Cepsco Incorporated. His hobbies included playing golf, the drums, reading, and playing with his grandkids.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years Sherry Lynn Hoffman of Pleasanton, sons Eric C. Hoffman of Las Vegas and Tom Hoffman of Apache Junction, AZ.; daughters Deanna Manhardt of Milwaukee, WI, Rebecca Frame of El Paso, TX, and Jessica Hoffman of Phoenix, AZ., and thirteen grandchildren.

Private graveside services

were held at Roselawn Cemetery in Livermore. A public memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

Donations may be made to Kaiser Hospice, in loving memory of John Roger Hoffman, 1425 South Main St., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

### Katharine Mary Robinson

Katharine Mary Robinson died August 26, 2006 in Pleasanton. She was 66.

The native of Wyoming had lived in Livermore for 43 years. She was passionate about her children and husband, family was everything to her. She loved talking to people and was a very positive person. In the early part of their marriage, her husband Howard remembers they just loved spending all their time together.

She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Howard Robinson, sons Ronald Robinson of Port Orchard, WA, and Randall Robinson of Sugarland, TX, sisters Patricia and Victoria Johnson of Wyoming, and a brother, Robert Morton of West Covina.

Funeral services were held Sept. 16 at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Livermore. Burial was private.

Donations in her name are asked to the M.S. Society.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

### Brett Graham

Brett Graham died August 26, 2006 following an accident in Calaveras County. He was 39.

The Yuba City, CA native had lived in Livermore for 11 years moving to the city from Pleasanton. He graduated from Chico State in 1993 and was a Marine Corp veteran. He worked as national director for trade development for E&J Gallo Winery for 13 years. Brett was active in his community. He served on the steering committee of the Pope John Paul High School, was a board member of the Christerson Foundation, and was the Safeway Foundation Golf Tournament Chairman.

He is survived by his wife Channin Graham and daughters, Charissa Graham, 11, and Sophia

Graham, 6, all of Livermore; his mother Patricia Graham of Yuba City, sisters Victoria Starbuck of Granite Bay and Tamara Graham of Yuba City, and a brother Russ Graham of Yuba City. He was preceded in death by his father, Donald Graham.

A funeral Mass was celebrated September 6 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Livermore. Burial was at St. Michael's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Sophia and Chrissy Graham Trust Fund, Bank of America, 1601 I St., 2nd Floor, Modesto, CA 95354, acct. #00305-69461.

Arrangements by the Wilson Family Funeral Chapel.

### Ernest Joseph Russell

Ernest Joseph Russell died August 31, 2006 in Jackson, CA. He was 86.

He was born in Oakland lived there until he retired to his Calaveras Co. home in 1978. He belonged to St. Elizabeth's and St. Jariath's Catholic churches in Oakland. He was a small business owner in Oakland in the 1940s and 50s. He loved the outdoors, especially hunting, fishing and horseback riding as a young man and later building and working on his country property. Most of all, he loved and took great pride in his large family who will miss him greatly.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Violet, who died in 1990. He is survived by a daughter Carolyn Gallagher (Tom) of Pleasanton, a son, Jack Russell (Marci) of Pioneer, and his companion Jean Clark of Pine Grove, as well as a brother Stan Russell of Daly City. He is also survived by seven grandchildren including Michael and Kevin Gallagher and Joanne Gunderman of Pleasanton, as well as ten great grandchildren who called him Papa Bernie.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sept. 5 at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church in Pleasanton. A private burial took place on Sept. 6.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the American Heart Association of another charity of choice.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

### Angela E. Alameida

Angela E. Alameida died September 3, 2006. She was 71.

The native of Oakland graduated from Emery High School in 1953. She enjoyed the outdoors and especially gong to the mountains.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Richard Alameida of Dublin, son, Tony Alameida of Livermore, daughters Elaine McCrae of San Ramon and Debra Alameida of Dublin, sister-in-law, Thayne Castro of El Cerrito and grandchildren Renee Singleterry of Livermore and Christina Singleterry of Dublin. She also leaves behind

the family pet, Ringo.

Visitation will be 5 to 8:30 p.m. Thurs., Sept. 7 at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St., Pleasanton. Vigil will be at 11 a.m. at the mortuary on Fri., Sept. 8.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Sudan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, 150 Post St., Suite 755, San Francisco, CA 94108.

### Cleone Ann Noble

Cleone Ann Noble died August 24, 2006 in Pleasanton. She was 72.

The native of Iowa had lived in Livermore for 40 years. She was a well known waitress in Livermore for many years at The Rancher and El Vaquero. She enjoyed many trips to Boomtown and was very active with Livermore Junior Rodeo. Cleone spent many years with Virginia Fellingham on the Wells Fargo Stagecoach. She was one of the first females in the Bay Area to actually purchase her own Harley Davidson Motorcycle, maybe even the first.

She is survived by a daughter, Roann Verdie of Escalon, sons Bill Whitney of Charlottesville, VA., Don Whitney of Brentwood and Ron Whitney of Livermore, a brother, John Newman of Iowa and eight grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Sam Noble.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Fri., Sept. 8 at 6030 Dagnino Rd., Livermore.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

### Dale Eugene Thomas

Dale Eugene Thomas died September 4, 2006 in Livermore. He was 80.

The native of Kansas had lived in Livermore for 47 years. He served in the U.S. Navy. He worked for 24 years with the Livermore Fire Department starting as a firefighter, became an engineer, Lieutenant, captain and finally serving as fire prevention officer. He attended Trinity Baptist Church. His hobbies included hunting and fishing in his spare time.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years Jacqueline Thomas, daughter Janice Lynn Blair of Clear Lake, a son, Scott Andrew Thomas of Pleasant Hill, a sister Waneta Wait of Walnut Creek, five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. on Sat., Sept. 9 at Trinity Baptist Church in Livermore. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Sutter VNA & Hospice, 4600 South Tracy Blvd., Suite 101, Tracy, CA 95377.

Arrangements by Wilson Family Funeral Chapel.

## ART & ENTERTAINMENT

(continued from page 8)

Bradley's Traditional Jazz Band 7:30-9:30; Sept. 29: Fabulous Cruise-tones from 8:30; Sept. 30: Major Link with Terry and Mary from 8:30. Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St. Pleasanton; 925-846-8106.

**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: Sept. 12: Stones Throw; Sept. 19: Moreality/Generation Blue; Sept. 26: Zendeavor; Oct. 3: Disposition Of.

**Tommy T's Pleasanton.** 5104 Hopyard Rd. 227-1800 or www.tommys.com. Sept. 6-10 - Mark Curry, Wed-Thurs-Sun. 8 p.m. (\$20), Fri-Sat., 8 and 10 p.m. (\$25); Sept. 12-17 - Mike Mancini, Tues., Wed., Thurs., Sun. 8 p.m. (\$10); Fri-Sat. 8 and 10 p.m. (\$15); Sept. 19-24 - Bryan Kellen, Wed., Tues., Thurs., Sun., 8 p.m. (\$10), Fri-Sat., 8 and 10 p.m. (\$15); Sept. 26-Oct. 1 - Mike Marino appearing with Kevin Shea, Wed., Tues., Thurs., Sun., 8 p.m. (\$10), Fri-Sat., 8 and 10 p.m. (\$15).

### WINERIES

**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. 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. 925-371-8200, 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.

**Elliston Vineyards.** Sunol, schedule of events: **Autumn Harvest Tea.** Sun., Sept. 24, 1:30 p.m. \$56.00 per person all inclusive. **Murder Mystery in the Mansion.** Sat., Oct. 28, 7 p.m. www.mysteriesforhire.com/events. \$125/person for a cocktail party guaranteed to die for including hors d'oeuvres, Elliston California champagne, premium wine selections, assorted soft drinks, mineral waters, sparkling apple cider and Murder! Entrance to the mansion will begin at 7 pm with festivities starting at 7:30pm.

**Concerts at Wente Vineyards:** 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. **Playin' on the Patio** at Tesla Vintners every Friday and Saturday continues through October (weather permitting) from 6-9 pm. Wines from Fenera, Little Valley, Red Sky, 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. Tesla Vintners, 5143 Tesla Rd., Livermore. 925-606-WINE(9463). **Cinema at Wente Vineyards.** Tues., Sept. 19, features "Roman Holiday," the film that made Audrey Hepburn a star. Hepburn played a European princess on an official tour through Rome. Frustrated by her lack of connection to the real world, she slips away from her protective handlers and goes on a spree, aided by a tough-

guy news reporter (Gregory Peck). No coincidence: she won an Oscar, and so did veteran costume designer Edith Head. Pre-show dinner and movie fare at The Reel Classics Café followed by a screening of Roman Holiday. The feature (1953 not rated, 118 minutes) is preceded by a 5-minute Independent Film Short. Dinner at 6:30 p.m., Movie at 8:30 p.m. Suggested donation: \$9 Adult, \$5 Children. The Event Center at Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore. For reservations and tickets call 925-456-2400 or online at www.ticketmaster.com. **In search of the perfect pasta.** Wente Restaurant Executive Chef Jerry Register will offer tips on everything from noodles to gnocchi. Saturday, September 23, 10:00 a.m. to Noon. The Restaurant at Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore. \$59 per person For reservations call 925-456-2400 or online at www.ticketmaster.com.

**LINDA NEWTON**  
Certified Residential Specialist  
I'm there for my clients before, during and after.  
(925) 463-6167  
**Prudential**  
Linda.Newton@prurealty.com Realtor, CRS, GRI

**Assisted Solutions**  
AT HOME  
When home is the best solution...  
We provide high quality in-home care services, creating a better quality of life for our clients and their families.  
Meal Preparation • Shopping and Errands • Transportation  
Medication Reminders • Light Housekeeping & Laundry Assistance with bathing & grooming  
(925) 344-4838  
All caregivers are screened, bonded, and insured.

**GOOD NEIGHBOR CLASSIFIEDS**  
Place your ad online at www.independentnews.com

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 383312

The following person (s) doing business as C.T.I. 3002 Calle De La Mesa, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):

JianPing Pan, 3002 Calle De La Mesa, Pleasanton, CA 94566

ZhongJian Guo, 3002 Calle De La Mesa, Pleasanton, CA 94566

This business is conducted by a general partnership. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.

Signature of Registrant: /s/JianPing Pan and ZhongJian Guo

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on July 31, 2006. Expires July 31, 2011.

The Independent Legal No. 2045. Publish August 17, 24, 31, September 7, 2006.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 383227

The following person (s) doing business as California Ex-

ports, 2615 8th Street, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):

California Exports, 2615 8th Street, Livermore, CA 94550

This business is conducted by a corporation

The Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 27, 2006.

Signature of Registrant: /s/David Louie

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on July 27, 2006. Expires July 27, 2011.

The Independent Legal No. 2046. Publish August 17, 24, 31, September 7, 2006.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 383365

The following person (s) doing business as The Traveling Historian, 473 Armida Ct., Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):

Mrs. Lee E. Hartz, 473 Armida Ct., Livermore, CA 94550

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

Signature of Registrant: /s/Vivian Garcia

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on August 11, 2006.

Expires August 11, 2011.

The Independent Legal No. 2047. Publish August 24, 31, September 7, 14, 2006.

### ANIMALS/PETS

#### 1)CATS/DOGS

**ADOPT A DOG OR CAT,** for adoption information contact Valley Humane Society at 426-8656.

**Adopt a new best friend:** TVAR, the Tri-Valley Animal Rescue, offers animals for adoption every Saturday and Sunday, excluding most holidays. On Saturdays from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm, both dogs and cats are available at the Pleasanton Farmers Market at W. Angela and First Streets. Two locations will showcase

cats only: Petsmart in Dublin from 12:00 to 4:00 and the Pet Food Express in Livermore from 1:00 to 4:00. On Sundays, cats are available at Petsmart in Dublin from 1:00 to 4:00, and Petco in San Ramon from 11:00 to 3:00. For more information, call TVAR at (925) 803-7043 or visit our website at www.tvar.org

#### LOST & FOUND

##### 4)LOST/FOUND

Lost an family pet? Found an animal? Free Section. Call Barbara 925-243-8000 to let 46,000 households know!

### AUTOS/MOTORCYCLES/RV/ SUVS/TRUCKS

#### 9)USED AUTOS

1990 Volvo 740 Turbo, Station Wagon. Power Windows & Locks, Cruise Control, Sunroof, Good Tires. Runs Fine. \$2500 Call 925 447-5120

**SELL YOUR USED CAR HERE.** Call Barbara at 925-243-8000 or go to www.independentnews.com

Pay by Credit Card for any Classified or Display ads.

**MESOTHELIOMA**  
If you or a loved one has been diagnosed with MESOTHELIOMA, please call us today toll free at 1-866-369-3476 to discuss your legal rights.  
**THE FOX LAW FIRM, P.C.** 1-866-FOX-FIRM  
Principal Office-- Dallas, Texas WWW.FOXFIRM.COM

**DEFEAT YOUR ADDICTION!**  
ALCOHOL, DRUGS, OTHER  
✓ Addiction is chemically-enhanced stupidity.  
✓ Recovery is staying quit - secure abstinence.  
✓ Recovery groups are part of the problem!  
Let Rational Recovery® teach you exactly how to quit for life at the Sept. 18-21, 2006 session of AVRT: The Course, conducted in Folsom by RR founder, Jack Trimpey.  
**rational.org/nov.html**  
or call: 1-530-621-2667 Since 1985

**Host an Exchange Student Today!**  
Make a lifelong friend from abroad. Enrich your family with another culture. Now you can host a high school exchange student (girl or boy) from France, Germany, Scandinavia, Spain, England, Japan, Brazil, Italy or other countries. Becoming a host to a young international visitor is an experience of a lifetime!  
**ASSE**  
www.asse.com  
Emma at 1-800-733-2773 (Toll Free)  
ASSE International Student Exchange Program is a public benefit, non-profit organization.

# CLASSIFIEDS

### EMPLOYMENT

**56) ADULT CARE**  
**CAREGIVERS NEEDED** for elder care. Light housekeeping errands transportation meal prep personal care. Please fax resume 925 371-8118

**60) BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY**  
**TRAVEL AGENTS**  
 On-Line Travel Agents Full-time / Part-time One time \$400 fee for ARC/IATA Card, Includes training TRAVEL WIZARD (925) 922-4045

**ALL CASH CANDY** Route. Do you earn \$800 in a day? Your own local candy route. Includes 30 machines and candy. All for \$9,995. MultiVend, LLC 880 Grand Blvd. Deer Park, NY 11729. 1-888-625-2405. (CAL\*SCAN)

**START YOUR OWN** Landscape Curbing Business - High Demand. Low Overheads. High Profit. Training Available. Priced from \$12,000.

1-800-667-5372.  
 www.EdgeMaster.net (CAL\*SCAN)

**MOTIVATED ENTREPRENEURS** Real Business. Real Profits. Not MLM. Free Message 24/7 CALL (800) 648-1839

**VENDING ROUTE:** Full-Line Snacks, Drinks, All Brands. Great Equipment. Great Locations. Financed with \$6,500 Down. 1-877-843-8726. Local. (CAL\*SCAN)

**BEWARE** of out of area companies. Check with the local Better Business Bureau before you send any money or fees. Read and understand any contracts before you sign. Shop around for rates.

Put your ad here! Call Barbara at 925 243-8000 today or go on-line at [www.independentnews.com](http://www.independentnews.com) Also available pay by Credit Card for Classified and Display Ads.

### 71) HELP WANTED

**Crossing Guards - Part-time**  
 Livermore & Pleasanton No weekends or nights Call (925) 210-5201

Telemarketers will train up to \$18/hr. Benefits 1-6pm M-F Call 925 960-1035

**HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE**  
 Students in need of Host Families. Has own insurance and spending money. Promotes World Peace! American Intercultural Student Exchange. 1-800-SIBLING (1-800-742-5464) [www.aise.com](http://www.aise.com) (CAL\*SCAN)

**MECHANICS:** Up to \$20,000 bonus. Keep the Army National Guard Rolling. Fix Humvees, Strykers, etc. Expand your skills through career training. Be a soldier. 1-800-GO-GUARD.com/mechanic.html (CAL\*SCAN)

Place your ad here call Barbara 925 243-8000 or go on-line at [www.independentnews.com](http://www.independentnews.com) Also available pay by Credit Card for Classified and Display Ads.

**72) HELP WANTED/DRIVERS**  
**DRIVER - EXPERIENCED & TRAINEES NEEDED.** Earn up to \$40k+next year. No experience required. \$0 down. CDL Training Available. Central Refrigerated 1-800-521-9277 x4779. (CAL\*SCAN)

**DRIVER-TAKE CARE** or your Family Consistent miles, regional and dedicated runs. Company paid Commercial Drivers License training. [www.SwiftTrucking.com](http://www.SwiftTrucking.com) 1-866-476-6828. EOE. (CAL\*SCAN)

**DRIVER- AMERICA'S PREMIER** Training Company! Company Sponsored CDL training in 3 1/2 Must be 21. Have CDL? Tuition Reimbursement! [wgreen@crsl.com](mailto:wgreen@crsl.com) 1-800-781-2778. (CAL\*SCAN)

### DRIVERS

**Seasonal & F/T (CDL-A Required)**  
 Major carrier seeks experienced tractor-trailer. Drivers to run LOCAL & REGIONAL in a 4-state area.

\*\*\*SEASONAL\*\*\* (SEPT to JAN)  
 • Full or Part-Time  
 • Higher Pay (no benefits)

\*\*\*FULL TIME\*\*\*  
 YEAR-ROUND WORK with benefits, paid vacation & holidays. Excellent 401K plan.

• No-touch freight  
 • Scheduled runs  
 • Late-model equip  
 Minimum 12 mos tractor-trailer experience required.  
 Call (M-F, 8am-5pm): 1-800-950-7735  
 EOE M/F

FedEx Ground. O/O Teams. Average 5000 miles/week. \$1,249 hub fuel, start \$96. CDL-A with 1Yr. Exp. Ask about our new temporary rate. 1-866-832-6339. (CAL\*SCAN)

**DRIVER - CDL/A-WESTERN** 11 Regional - \$900 - \$1200 Quarterly Bonuses! Up to 42c. Solos, Teams, Owner Operators. Paid California Orientation. 1-866-323-2181 [www.KLLM.com](http://www.KLLM.com) EOE (CAL\*SCAN)

**ATTN: FLATBED DRIVERS** \$850-\$1050 per week! Dedicated runs Available. Free Benefits. Home Weekends & Some Weeknights. CDL-A Required. 1-866-394-1944. (CAL\*SCAN)

**DRIVER-COVENANT/TRANSPORT** has opportunities for CDL-A drivers in your area! No matter what your experience level is, we have what you're looking for. Now hiring Students, Solos, Teams, Lease Purchase and O/O's. Call today! 1-866-684-2519. EOE. (CAL\*SCAN)

**ATTENTION CLASS A CDL Drivers.** Make the move to McKelvey Trucking. Call 1-800-410-6255. 6 Mo. OTR experience required. (CAL\*SCAN)

### 73) HOUSEKEEPER

Housekeeper - Livermore Experienced & Dependable 1-Day Per Week Some English Call 925 447-7133

### 75) JANITORIAL

Part-Time Janitorial Work Evenings Livermore & Tracy Need Drivers License Call (209) 833-8199 Se Habla Espanol

### 80) MACHINIST

**Machinist Journeymen** Stockton Area Starting @ \$23.00 per hour Call (209) 466-3630

### 90) MISC. EMPLOYMENT

Plant Technician for office plants. 10+ hours/week, long-term, flexible business hours. Dependable, detail oriented person with clean DMV, reliable auto. Paid vacation, mileage, company funded IRA. Will train at \$10.50/hr. Fax resume: 925-846-6534.

### MERCHANDISE

**120) GARAGE/YARD SALES**  
 Moving Sale - Multi Family. Sat-Sun 8-2. 1652 Helsinki Way Livermore. Furniture, Clothing, Household, Tools, Boat, everything that isn't nailed down.

Your garage sale ad can go here. Rain or Shine! Call Barbara 925-243-8000 or go to [www.independentnews.com](http://www.independentnews.com) before 8am Tuesdays to get your ad in for the next edition.

### 125) HOUSEHOLD/YARD ITEMS

**Spa Cover / Brand New** Wholesale Cost \$266.44 Box Never Opened Brown - Standard Skirt 6' 3" (74 inches round) Sparkle Pool Call (925) 577-7111

### 130) MEDICAL SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT

**POWER WHEELCHAIRS and SCOOTERS** at little or no cost to seniors/disabled with Medicare, MediCal or Insurance. Free Delivery, Training and Warranty. ProHealth Mobility. 1-877-740-4900. [www.ProHealthMobility.com](http://www.ProHealthMobility.com) (CAL\*SCAN)

### 130) PETS

**Yorkshire Terrier. Heavy coat, teddy-bear face and a kisser expression make for a gorgeous pet. Kindly send me an email for more information regarding puppy. [matpaul925@yahoo.com](mailto:matpaul925@yahoo.com) Thanks**

### 134) STEEL BUILDINGS

**STEEL BUILDINGS FACTORY** Inventory Best Deals. 40x60' to 120x300'. FREE Same Day Quote. 1-800-658-2885 [www.RigidBuilding.com](http://www.RigidBuilding.com) (CAL\*SCAN)

### 140) STORAGE RENTAL

Storage For Rent Livermore 8' x 40' Dry, Clean & Secure \$220 per month Call 925 449-8211

### NOTICES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### 150) ADOPTIONS

**PREGNANT? CONSIDERING ADOPTION?** Talk with caring people specializing in matching birthmothers with families nationwide. Expenses Paid. Toll Free 24/7 Abby's One True Gift Adoptions 1-866-413-6292.

Place your ad in the classifieds, call 243-8000.

#### 151) ANNOUNCEMENTS

**IN A CRUNCH.** Need To Sell Quickly? Stuck making 2 mortgage payments? Get mortgage relief! Free, fast help guaranteed. 1-866-887-0795 (code M1) [www.RealEstateDebtRelief.com](http://www.RealEstateDebtRelief.com) (CAL\*SCAN)

#### 152) MISCELLANEOUS

**Axis Health Center** 4361 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Serves Valley residents with emphasis on those with low income. The center has general medical services, family planning, well baby, prenatal and maternity programs, social services, blood pressure checks, WIC food supplement programs, premarital blood test, sports/camp physicals, TB screening, free transportation available. 925 462-1755.

#### 156) NOTICES

**"NOTICE TO READERS:** California law requires that contractors taking jobs that total \$500 or more (labor and/or materials) be licensed by the Contractors State License Board. State law also requires that contractors include their license numbers on all advertising. Check your contractor's status at [www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov) or 800-321-CSLB (2752). Unlicensed persons taking jobs less than \$500 must state in their advertisements that they are not licensed by the Contractors State License Board."

### REAL ESTATE

For every transaction I am involved with, I donate a portion of my commission to a school or charity of your choice

HELPING LOCAL SCHOOLS & CHARITIES ONE PROPERTY AT A TIME

Please call for your FREE comprehensive guide to buying & selling Real Estate 1-800-NEW-HOME

Real Estate Advisor for over 20 years Ed Arsenucci Denver Broker  
  
 UCB Real Estate  
 267 St. Abby St., Pleasanton (925) 351-8686 [ed@ucbrealty.com](mailto:ed@ucbrealty.com)

#### 162) HOUSE/ROOM FOR RENT

Place a classified ad here Call Barbara 925 243-8000 Tuesdays before 8am, or go to [www.independentnews.com](http://www.independentnews.com) Also you can pay by Credit Card for Classified and Display ads.

#### 163) HOMES FOR SALE

**Mobile Home / \$105,000** Senior Park / Pleasanton 2 Bedrooms & 2 Baths 1,368 Square Feet Very Clean and Spacious Broker: (925) 447-2323

**Distressed Sales FREE list w/pics [www.Distressedsales.com](http://www.Distressedsales.com) FREE recorded message 1-800-613-1762 ID# 1042 Broker**

#### "FOR SALE WITH OWNER'S HOMES

**Help-U-Sell Tri-Valley** See our website for our complete list of Open Homes, with addresses, prices, owners' phone numbers etc. [www.helpuselltrivalley.com](http://www.helpuselltrivalley.com) 925-484-1000

#### 165) INVEST OPPORTUNITY

**IF YOU ARE An Investor** You can earn 30% annually or more. Invest with us in California Real Estate. Call Corey Goldstein at 1-619-003-3553. (CAL\*SCAN)

#### 166) LAND/LOTS/ACREAGE

**FISH LAKE VALLEY, NV.** New to Market. 7ac. \$27,900; 11ac Trout Stream \$49,900. (Abuts BLM). Eastern slope of White Mtns. Within looming presence of Nevada's highest peak and range. Snow covered year round. Providing cool, clean water that feeds the Rainbow Trout Creek which borders the entire back boundary. One of a kind! Inspiring, must see. Call 1-888-581-5263. (CAL\*SCAN)

## GUIDE TO OPEN HOMES

PRICE	SIZE	DAY(S)	ADDRESS
\$459,950	2BD/2BA	SUN 1-4PM	7054 Dublin Meadows #A
			cross street Dougherty Rd. to Amador Valley Blvd to Dublin Meadow St. Stephanie Curran 925 759-4105
\$1,188,000	4BD/3.5BA	SUN 1-4PM	10888 Inspiration Circle
			cross street Dublin Blvd. West Keller Williams 925 989-4123
LIVERMORE			
PRICE	SIZE	DAY(S)	ADDRESS
\$379,000	2BD/1BA	SUN 1-4PM	1400 Springtown Blvd.
			cross street Springtown Blvd Help U Sell Allen Realty Tina Schudel 925 549-2250
\$485,000	3BD/1BA	SAT/SUN 1-4PM	1018 Lambaren Ave.
			cross street Olivina / Rincon / Lambaren Re/Max Accord Elva Herrera 925 321-2380
\$499,000	3BD/1.5BA	SAT 1-4PM	1883 De Vaca Way
			cross street Arroyo / Cartier / Vienna / De Vaca Olde Town Realty Betty Burke 925 426-9122
\$539,950	3BD/1.5BA	SUN 1-4PM	558 Olivina
			cross street Thrasher Keller Williams Dave & Sue Flashberger 925 465-0436
\$559,950	3BD/2BA	SUN 1-4:30PM	1034 Rincon
			Rincon at Spruce Valley Properties Ivy Logerfo 925 998-5312
\$619,000	3BD/2.5BA	SAT/SUN 1-4PM	832 Geraldine
			cross street No. Mines Rd. / Chalotte Ilt Terry Hazel Ilt Geraldine Realty World Estates Kimberly Moore 925 337-6061
\$639,000	3BD/2.5BA	SAT/SUN 1-4PM	18 Rollintstone Commons
			cross street Cornerstone Prudential California Realty Nancy Kim 925 209-7856
\$639,950	2BD/2BA	SAT 1-4PM	618 McLeod St.
			cross street East Ave. So. 7th St., McLeod St Francisco Realty & Investments Mike Frascisco 925 998-8131
\$642,500	2BD/1BA	THUR 3-6PM	2463 Third Street
			cross street First Street to So. Livermore to Third Street Realty World Estates Ted Rudolph 925 321-0468
\$642,500	2BD/1BA	SUN 1-4PM	2463 Third Street
			cross street First Street to So. Livermore to Third Street Realty World Estates Jeff Rudoff 925 784-5502
\$659,950	3BD/2.5BA	SUN 1:30-4:30PM	1473 Fallen Leaf Dr.
			cross street Vasco to Scenic to Echo Summit to Carson Pass to Fallen Leaf Hometown GMAC Real Estate Erik Russell 925 455-7016
\$689,000	3BD/2BA	SUN 1-4PM	2870 Gelding Lane
			cross street Vasco to Dalton to Gelding Windemere Welcome Home Sue Griffin 925 443-3282
\$739,000	4BD/2.5BA	SUN 1-4PM	4521 Maureen Circle
			cross street Patterson Pass to Gayle to Maureen Century 21 Mission Bishop Diane Sass 925 699-9508
\$759,000	4BD/3BA	SUN 1-4:30PM	139 Jamt St
			cross street Patterson Pass & Gale St Re/Max Executive Louise Wiern 925 963-7701
\$779,950	BD/3BA	SUN 1-4PM	35 Sparrow Street
			cross street Rockrose Alain Pinel Realtors Kim Ott 925 583-1121
\$799,950	4BD/2.5BA	SUN 1-4PM	964 Wynne Dr.
			cross street N. Mine to Dana Circle to Megan Rd. to Wynn Interio Real Estate Services Karen Crowson 925 784-6208
\$809,950	3BD/2BA	SUN 1-4PM	2552 Regent
			44 FROST, INC. 44 Frost 925 373-7678
\$900,000	4BD/2.5BA	SUN 1-4PM	1512 Klondike Pl
			cross street Concannon to Murrell to Yukon to Klondike Hometown GMAC Real Estate Erik Russell 925 455-7016
\$999,950	5BD/4BA	SAT 3-6PM	2471 Rees Circle
			44 FROST, INC. 44 Frost 925 373-7678
\$1,174,000	5BD/4BA	SAT/SUN 1-4PM	3195 Fallings Drive
			cross street concannon - Caldeira - Mezzomonte - Fallings Keller Williams Realty Sherrill Cody 925 321-3296
\$1,379,995	2BD/1.5BD/1B	SAT 1-4PM	5556 Mines Rd
			cross street So. Livermore to Tesla to Mines Road Realty World Estates Ted Rudolph Kimberly Moore 925 321-0468/925 337-6061
PLEASANTON			
PRICE	SIZE	DAY(S)	ADDRESS
\$680,000	3BD	SUN 1-4PM	6341 Suddard Ct.
			Keller Williams Dave & Sue Flashberger 925 463-0436
\$719,900	3BD/2.5BA	SUN 1-4PM	2771 Fressia Ct.
			cross street Stoneridge - Trevor Parkway - Dennis to Fressia Keller Williams Realty Beth La Grant 925 924-0444
\$905,000	5BD/2.5BA	SUN 1-4PM	5550 Paseo Navarro
			cross street Hopyard Alain Pinel Realtors Kim Ott 925 583-1121
\$1,829,000	6BD/5.5BA	SAT/SUN 1-6PM	5745 Hanlen Way
			cross street Sycamore Creek/Hanlen Keller Williams Joan Sakyjo 925 989-4123
SAN RAMON			
PRICE	SIZE	DAY(S)	ADDRESS
\$679,000	4BD/2.5BA	SAT/SUN 1-4PM	2120 Amaryllis Cir
			cross street Bollinger / Dougherty / N. Monarch / Amaryllis Prudential California Realty Nancy Kim 925 209 7856
\$899,000	4BD/3BA	SUN 1-4PM	228 Veritas Ct.
			cross street Windemere/Silva/Ayers Keller Williams Joan Sakyjo 925 989-4123
TRACY			
PRICE	SIZE	DAY(S)	ADDRESS
\$770,000	3BD/2B/3BD/1B	SUN 1-4PM	1720 No. Bessie Ave.
			cross street Highway 205 to Tracy Blvd. to Lowell to Bessie Realty World Estates Paul Slichter 925 872-6814
\$848,000	4BD/2.5BA	SAT 1-6PM	1411 Biarritz Street
			cross street Corral Hollow - Valpico - Elisa Gray - Aldacarrou Re/Max Accord Jory Aquino 925 963-8125

**BENCHMARK**  
 Specialized Production Staffing™  
**PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION & MANUFACTURING STAFFING**  
 Shipping / Receiving, Order Pulling,  
 Certified Forklift Drivers  
 • General Labor •  
 • Positions Available •  
 • Must have Minimum 1 Year Experience •  
**CALL 510-278-7200**  
 or  
**Fax to 510-278-0161**

**CAREGIVERS NEEDED**  
 ss Sign on Bonus ss  
 Hourly, Live-in. F/T, P/T. 1 year elder care exp. req. Drivers license pref. We offer top pay, benefits and training!  
 Call today 925-296-0406  
  
 Live long. Live well. LivHOME™

**Just Because Other Brokers Charge More, Doesn't Mean We Have To.**



**Shelley Cartier**  
 Founder, Realtor®, Stager  
 Professionally Licensed Since 1988  
 Pleasanton Resident Since 1972  
**(925) 989-4663**

In 2005, I sold over \$15 million in real estate and saved my clients over \$300,000! **How?**  
**Simple:** I believe this business takes place at the kitchen table not the conference table. I don't pay for fancy offices and high overhead, and neither do you!

**Cartier Properties**  
 Leading The Way Home  

To learn more about our Full Service Brokerage, call (925) 989-4663 or visit: [www.cartierproperties.com](http://www.cartierproperties.com)  
**Ask us about Our Buyers' Bonus Program.**

# CLASSIFIEDS

**A DREAM FIND** - 20 Acres - Reduced \$89,900. Near Tehachapi. Fresh mountain air and picture perfect views. Streams and oaks. Ideal for horses, country getaway, or to buy and hold. Financing. Call owner 1-888-821-5253. (CAL\*SCAN)

**NEW MEXICO - FIRST TIME OFFER**. Abandoned Farming/Mining Settlement less than 2hrs Albuquerque. 20 acres - \$17,900. Old Farming & Mining Community. Incredible setting, including frequently running river, spring, views and diverse topography. Excellent financing. Call NML&R, Inc. 1-888-370-5263 or visit www.SantaRitaRanches.net. (CAL\*SCAN)

**ARIZONA - NEW TO MARKET** - 36 AC - \$49,900. Perfect for private retreat. Endless views, beautiful setting w/fresh mountain air. Abundant wildlife. Secluded with good access. Financing available. Call AZLR 1-877-301-5263. (CAL\*SCAN)

**WESTERN SLOPE LAND SALE!** Grand Junction Area 35 Acres from \$89,900! Enter your property thru the gates of the Colorado National Monument. Be surrounded by thousands of acres of federal recreation land. Enjoy 360 degree views and 300+ days per year of sunshine. 20 mins to downtown Grand Junction, 90 mins to world-class skiing. Fly fishing, hiking camping and hunting nearby. Excellent financing available. Grand Opening - Saturday Sept 9th. Call for your appointment now! 1-866-696-5263. Offer Void Where Prohibited. (CAL\*SCAN)

**40 TO 400 ACRES**. Arizona. \$5,000 per acre. Awesome views. Abundant ground water. Mature trees. Electric available. Borders state land. Financing available. 1-928-772-4781 or www.AllThingsJolly.com (CAL\*SCAN)

**PRE-CONSTRUCTION SALE** on 10/07/06! Large acreage tracts just 30 minutes from Telluride, Colorado. Breathtaking views of the Wilson Mountains and level building sites. Starting in the low \$500s. McKeough Land Company. 1-800-583-2985. (CAL\*SCAN)

**ARIZONA - NEW TO MARKET** - 36 AC - \$49,900. Perfect for private retreat. Endless views, beautiful setting w/fresh mountain air. Abundant wildlife. Secluded with good access. Financing available. Call AZLR 1-877-301-5263. (CAL\*SCAN)

**1+ ACRE TENNESSEE HOME-SITE**. 1.2 acre wooded parcel with a gentle slope, front to back. Pond on the northeast side. Some bluff views available after clearing. Close to huge state park. Only \$89,900! Call 1-866-467-9209. (CAL\*SCAN)

**PRIME REAL ESTATE OPPORTUNITY!** Large Lots in Fast-Growing Area. Low Payments! Free Trip To See! 1-800-291-4978 - www.NRPInfo.com (CAL\*SCAN)

**171) MANUFACTURED/MOBILE HOMES**

**MANUFACTURED/MOBILE/MODULAR** homes factory direct, factory tours daily, factory direct savings, factory direct value, floor plans, models and more at www.FactorySelectHomes.com or call 1-800-620-3762. (CAL\*SCAN)

**172) MISC. REAL ESTATE**  
**TIMETO BUY** Home or Vacant land foreclosures in Nevada. Call Jeni 1-775-772-1595 or www.PlenoNevadaOnline.com (CAL\*SCAN)

**174) OUT OF STATE**  
**ARIZONA - BELOW MARKET**. 36AC - \$159,900. Wickenburg area. Stunning ranch with amazing views. Diverse topography, abundant ground water. Great for horses, private retreat or buy & hold. Subdividable. E-Z terms. Call AZLR 1-866-516-4868. (CAL\*SCAN)

**GULF FRONT LOTS** \$595k. Homes starting mid-\$300k. New master planned ocean front community on beautiful Mustang Island, near Corpus Christi, TX. www.CinnamonShore.com, 1-866-554-5758. (CAL\*SCAN)

**WESTERN NEW MEXICO**. Private 62 acre Ranch \$129,990. Mountain views, trees, rolling hills, pastureland, borders BLM. 1930's stone homestead and barn ruins. Horseback riding, hiking, hunting. Perfect ranch, electricity. 100% financing. Additional Parcels Available. 1-866-365-4122. (CAL\*SCAN)

**176) RENTAL-REAL ESTATE OFFICE**  
Private Office Available Independent Brokers Welcomed 1813 4th Street, Livermore Call: (925) 447-2323

**SERVICES**  
**180) BUSINESS SERVICES**  
**ADVERTISE EFFICIENTLY**. Classified ad in 200+ newspapers in California. Reach over 6 million readers for only \$500. Call this participating newspaper and ask about the Statewide Classified Ad program or visit www.cal-scan.com (CAL\*SCAN)

**OPTIMUM ADVERTISING**. Your Property of Business for sale in 125 community newspapers in California reaching over 3 million readers for only \$1,500. Call this participating newspaper and ask about the Statewide Display Ad program, or visit www.cal-scan.com (CAL\*SCAN)

**ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE! ADVERTISE IN NEWSPAPERS**. Print and Online combo buy. 125 print newspapers reaching 3 million Californians, and 35+ Online newspapers websites. Ask about CODAN (916) 288-6010; (916) 288-6019 www.cal-scan.com (CAL\*SCAN)

**192) SCHOOLS/INSTRUCTION**  
**HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR TRAINING**. Bulldozer, Backhoe, Scraper, Cranes & More. National Certification. 3,6,9 or 12 week programs. Financial Assistance Available. Job Placement Assistance. 1-888-879-7040 www.nahets.com (CAL\*SCAN)

**196) TIMESHARES/RESORTS**  
**SELL YOUR TIMESHARE!** The cheapest way to Buy, Sell and Rent Timeshares. No commissions or Broker fees. Call 1-800-882-0296 or go to www.VPResales.com (CAL\*SCAN)

**REDWEEK.COM** #1 Timeshare Marketplace. 15,000+ Resales, Rentals, Resort Reviews. Buy, rent, or sell visit www.RedWeek.com (CAL\*SCAN)

**198) VACATIONS/TRAVEL**  
**HOT TRAVEL DEALS** - make your best offer, any travel package! www.newhawaiianvacations.com Online Travel Agency Business Opportunity, F/P/T, training first 8 People. Apply Online; www.newhawaiianvacations.info Lic#14-56479-3. (CAL\*SCAN)



**Lori Cabral**  
(925) 337-3033  
RE REALTY EXPERTS  
41051 Mission Blvd, Fremont, CA 94539

**SAN RAMON** 3341 EL SUYO DRIVE \$799,000  
Gorgeous 4 bedroom, 2 bath home in premium location! Great schools! Formal dining & living rms. 2-car garage. Beautiful private backyard! A must see! Open Sun. 1-4 pm  
[www.thecabralteam.com](http://www.thecabralteam.com)



**Kimberly Moore**  
(925) 337-6061  
getmoore@pacbell.net  
RE REALTY WORLD ESTATES

**832 GERALDINE STREET** \$619,000  
Totally remodeled single story w/ 3 bedrooms & 2 full baths. Slab granite, maple kitchen w/ breakfast bar & pantry. Dual pane windows, french doors, fireplace, custom blinds, new driveway. Perfect condition. Close to Livermore Labs. Move-in ready!  
**OPEN HOUSE: Open Saturday & Sunday 1 - 4 pm**

**Fracisco Realty & Investments**

775 Partridge Common, Livermore  
2 Bedroom, 1.5 Bath  
836 Sq. Ft.  
1 Car Garage  
AC/Heat  
Offered at \$399,000

618 McLeod Street  
South Livermore  
2 Bedroom, 2 Bath  
1288 Sq. Ft.  
1 Car Garage w/ Workshop  
AC/Heat  
Side Yard Parking  
Offered at \$639,950

**MIKE FRACISCO, REALTOR®**  
(925) 998-8131

For more info, visit our website: [www.FraciscoRealty.com](http://www.FraciscoRealty.com)



**Denise Dolci**  
(925) 417-2250  
Prudential California Realty

**LIVERMORE 5660 MOUNT DAY CT** \$859,000  
Beautiful 4 BD home with 1 BD and BA down, end of quiet cul-de-sac. RV or boat access. Large lot with pool including fiber optics and water fall. Close to new shopping and easy access to 580! Perfect family house in great location. Call & Ask about Seller Assisted Financing.

[Denise@DeniseDolci.com](mailto:Denise@DeniseDolci.com) [www.DeniseDolci.com](http://www.DeniseDolci.com)

**RICH BUCKLEY REALTY**

Downtown Livermore For Lease:  
Office: Desk Space \$750/mo Semi-Priv.  
Office: 4000 sq ft by Hospital \$2.85 NNW  
Retail: 2200 sq ft, 4300 sq ft, 6750 sq ft \$3.35 NNW

Downtown Livermore For Sale:  
Pad on 1st Street for \$750,000  
Retail Site, Short Term Lease \$1,500,000  
Large Restaurant Bldg. \$4,500,000  
Redevelopment Site with income: \$5,500,000

Visit: [www.BuckleyRealty.com](http://www.BuckleyRealty.com)  
We Sell Residential and Commercial Real Estate!  
(925) 443-1122

**Professionals Choice Real Estate Directory**  
Your local guide to the Valley's Leading Real Estate Professionals & Services

**ED ANTENUCCI**  
Owner/Broker UCB REAL ESTATE  
Buying, Selling or Investing?  
Let's Talk, I'll Listen!  
Real Estate Advisor with over 22 yrs exp. & over 3,700 homes sold!  
**925-351-8686**

**Ivy LoGerfo**  
Get More Out of Livermore  
925-998-5312  
[www.IvyLoGerfo.com](http://www.IvyLoGerfo.com)  
Valley Properties

**CALL CAROLINE**  
Broker Associate, CRS  
ReMax Accord  
**925-225-0552**  
[www.callcaroline.com](http://www.callcaroline.com)

**Fracisco Realty & Investments**  
2207 Third St., Livermore  
**(925) 998-8131**  
[www.fraciscorealty.com](http://www.fraciscorealty.com)

**CINDY GRECI**  
1688 2nd Street, Livermore  
**(925) 784-1243**  
[www.cindygreci.com](http://www.cindygreci.com)

**DOMINIC GRECI**  
**(925) 525-0864**

**Sandee Utterback, CRS**  
Prudential California Realty  
22 Saccoccia Way  
2004 Legend Award  
ARA-SANDEE • 848-726-3338  
[www.SandeeUt.com](http://www.SandeeUt.com)  
[www.WineCountryAgents.com](http://www.WineCountryAgents.com)

The Pinnacle of Mortgage Banking  
**www.ssm.com**  
5000 Hopyard Rd, Ste 310  
Pleasanton, CA 94588  
**SILVER STATE MORTGAGE**  
(925) 201-4000

**Tom E. Chance**  
"Your Best CHANCE in Real Estate"  
**(925) 487-6360**  
[www.TomChance.com](http://www.TomChance.com)

**WALK-INS WELCOME**  
Free List of Open Homes or Available Properties  
• Agent on duty 7 days a week, 9:30am - 4:00pm •  
**(925) 455-8500**  
REALTY WORLD ESTATES  
1617 SECOND ST., LIVERMORE

**Sandra Gilbert**  
REAL ESTATE SERVICES  
**INTERO**  
**(925) 784-0576**  
[www.sandragilberthomes.com](http://www.sandragilberthomes.com)

**GREATER VALLEY MORTGAGE**  
Banker & Broker Since 1987  
**RAMON ESPINOSA**  
(925) 553-1010 • email: ramone@greatervalleymtg.com  
[www.greatervalleymtg.com](http://www.greatervalleymtg.com)  
"IT'S ALL ABOUT GETTING YOU HOME"

**Gail Henderson**  
**INTERO**  
direct: (925) 960-6717  
mobile: (925) 980-5648  
ghenderson@interoestate.com  
1601 Railroad Ave, Livermore

**ASK ABOUT OUR BUYER'S BONUS PROGRAM.**  
**(925) 989-HOME**  
[www.cartierproperties.com](http://www.cartierproperties.com)

**Pam Cole**  
REALTOR®, SRES, SFR®  
**925 455-2468 Office**  
**925 337-2461 Cell**  
RE/MAX Executive  
Serving the East Bay & Central Valley  
1606 Second Street, Livermore

**Brad Slabaugh**  
REALTOR®, ABR, SRES  
**(925) 447-BRAD**  
e-mail: brad@bradslabaugh.com  
ALAIN PINES

**Karen Huntoon**  
REALTOR®  
**(925) 455-7020**  
[www.hometowngmac.com/huntoon](http://www.hometowngmac.com/huntoon)  
HOMETOWN GMAC  
Make It Happen With Huntoon

**ALEX ANGELES**  
**INTERO**  
**(925) 580-2804**  
aangles@interoestate.com  
Servicio en Espanol

**Gene Williams**  
(510) 390-0325  
**Cindy Williams**  
CRS, GRI - Realtor  
(925) 243-0900  
[www.williamsteam.net](http://www.williamsteam.net)  
Over Two Decades of Experience!!!

**Azita Mowlavi**  
**(925) 209-4095**  
Azita.Salehi@purealty.com  
[www.azitasellshomes.com](http://www.azitasellshomes.com)  
Prudential  
2001 Ruby Hill Blvd., Pleasanton, CA 94588

**Elia Valencia**  
REALTOR®  
**(925) 784-0667**  
Quiere Comprar o Vender su Casa? Llameme, Estoy Para Ayudarle.  
Also Speak English

**Ambient Designs**  
925-784-1842  
Home Staging & Redesign by **MARCIA LENCZ**  
For more info visit our website at [www.ambientdesigns.net](http://www.ambientdesigns.net)

**KARLA BROWN**  
Realtor®, GRI, E-Pro, Manager  
Search for your perfect home  
[www.KarlaBrown.com](http://www.KarlaBrown.com)  
**(925) 455-7000**

**BARKLEY FUNDING INTERNATIONAL CORP**  
"Setting a high standard in the mortgage industry"  
**GARIN KUBIAK (925) 525-5698**  
[WWW.BARKLEYFUNDING.COM](http://WWW.BARKLEYFUNDING.COM)

**Lupe Diaz**  
Mortgage Account Specialist  
Office: 510.494.5462  
Fax: 510.790.6595  
[gsuadalupe.diaz@bankofamerica.com](mailto:gsuadalupe.diaz@bankofamerica.com)

**SARA LOVETT**  
**925.455.7013**  
Got a Buy? Got a Sell!  
**GotaLOVETT.com**  
Se Habla Espanol

**Bank of America**

**To Place Your Ad in the Professional Real Estate Directory, Call 243-8001**

## SERVICE DIRECTORY

**APPLIANCES**

**ATOM APPLIANCE**  
Major Brands Both New & Reconditioned  
Serving You Since 1963  
Open 7 days a week  
FREE Local Delivery & Haul Away  
**(925) 447-9087** 28 South P Street, Livermore

**HEATING & AIR**

**Air Crafters**  
Heating & Air Conditioning  
"Your Comfort is our Craft"

Installations & Replacements  
Service & Repair  
**(925) 294-4444**

**PLUMBING**

**Icemaker FILTERS**  
AQUA-PURE  
**15% OFF**  
**DUBLIN PLUMBING**  
6883 Village Parkway, Dublin, 826-2010

**CLEANING SERVICE**

**At your service**  
residential housekeeping  
Now Serving Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin  
Expect Complete Satisfaction  
**(925) 292-0056**  
insured & bonded

**LANDSCAPING**

**A-1 Landscaping**  
All yard work, new lawn, Seed/sod sprinkler repair, Rototilling, tree trim, pruning, Weeding, plumbing, home repair, painting, hauling, Cleanup, fences, concrete work, Monthly maintenance, Senior discount  
**Free Estimate (925) 249-1241**

**"I make house calls!"**  
• Repairs • Training • Upgrades • Tune-Ups • Networking  
**Ken Cook**  
925-485-9040  
925-989-7722 (mobile)  
<http://www.pc-medix.com>  
Member PDA, POC & BBB License #511038

**PC REPAIR**

**Tri-Valley PC Medic**  
**WINE CELLARS**  
**Vino Cellars**  
Custom Wine Cellars Temperature and Humidity Controlled Wine Cabinets  
1772 First St. Livermore  
**925 447 8000**

**EYES**

**VALLEY EYE CARE CENTER**  
Medical Associates  
Specializing in complete eye care  
Pleasanton (925) 460-5000  
Livermore (925) 449-4000

**HOUSEKEEPING**

**MARTHA'S HOUSEKEEPING**  
**(925) 339-0511**  
**\$20 OFF**  
3rd & 5th CLEANING

**HEALTH**

**VALLEY CARE HEALTH SYSTEM**  
Visit Us At  
[www.valleycare.com](http://www.valleycare.com)

**TO PLACE YOUR AD IN THE INDEPENDENT CLASSIFIEDS, CALL 243-8000**



**Pleasanton** **\$399,950**  
Cute 2 BD / 2 BA TH Near Downtown, New Carpet, Paint & Tile in Kitchen/BA. 1 Plus Car Garage w/Storage.  
Kim Ott kimott.com



**Livermore** **\$599,000**  
Nice 4 BD / 2 BA Home, Large Side Yard. New Windows & Ext. Paint. Newer Carpet & Wilsonart Flooring.  
Kevin Collins 5563CharlotteWay.com



**Livermore** **\$639,000**  
COMING SOON! Remarkable Exp. Kitchen. 4 BD / 2 BA., FR, LR w/ Vaulted Ceilings, SY Access, Quiet Street, This a Rare Find.  
Brad Slabaugh 925.447.BRAD



**Livermore** **\$659,950**  
Beautiful 3 BD / 2 BA Windmill Springs Home. Crown molding, Wainscoting, Huge Backyard with Putting Green.  
Mark Lafferty 925.216.6203



**Livermore** **\$679,000**  
Sunset East Home 3 BD / 3 BA 1,490+/-sf, Expanded Hm, Pool, Large Eat-in Kit, 2 MBD, Private backyard  
Cheri Stephens 925.292.2700



**Livermore** **\$679,950**  
Gorgeous Sunset Home, 4 BD, Remodeled Kitchen & BA w/ Granite Counters and Maple Cabinets, Hdwd Floors, Pool.  
Mark Lafferty 925.216.6203



**Livermore** **\$689,000**  
Patio Kitchen, Redone Pool, Dual Pane Windows, Spacious Living room with fireplace & Cathedral Ceilings.  
Jennifer Malakoff 925.525.3456



**Livermore** **\$699,950**  
4BD/3BA Sunset West Tri-Level w/ Pool 1 BD / BA Down, Travertine Tile Floors w/ Marble Accents. Eat-In Kitchen w/ Granite Tile Counters.  
JoAnn Luisi 925.292.0437



**Livermore** **\$720,000**  
Sunset East Beauty! 4 BD / 2 BA, Side Access, Updates Inc. Ba, A/C, Floors, Windows, Kitchen Appl., Paint. Open Sun 1-4pm  
1728Warsaw.com  
Jennifer Malakoff / Kevin Collins



**Livermore** **\$779,900**  
4 BD / 3 BA, 2,700+/-sf hm. 2 beautiful MBD Stes + Retreat & Separate Office. 2-Sideyard Access. Pool and Spa.  
Dale Turner 925.998.3993



**Livermore** **\$779,950**  
Beautiful Murieta Meadows Home, 4 BD / 2.5 BA, 2,240 sf +/-, Large Backyard with Gazebo, Hot Tub, Large Shed. Open Sun 1-4pm  
Kim Ott kimott.com



**San Ramon** **\$789,950**  
Beautiful Easthampton 4 BD / 2.5 BA Home. Huge Loft, Granite Counters, Hardwood Floors, Crown Molding, and much more!  
Mark Lafferty 925.216.6203



**Pleasanton** **\$905,000**  
5 BD / 2.5 BA 2,378 sf+/-, New Paint & Carpet. Updated Kitchen w/ Granite Counters & New Tile Floors. Huge Park Like Yard. Open Sun 1-4pm  
Kim Ott kimott.com



**Livermore** **\$950,000**  
COMING SOON! Truly a "Masterpiece" 4 BD / 2.5 BA, Stunning Custom Kitchen, Private Backyard w/ Pool & Built-in BBQ, SY Access. Much more!  
Brad Slabaugh 925.447.BRAD



**Livermore** **\$988,000**  
Lovely 3 BD (Den or 4th BD) / 3 BA, Home with Privacy and Views. Chels Kitchen with Thermador. Stainless Appliances.  
Tom Gentry 925.200.1326



**Pleasanton** **\$1,025,000**  
Gorgeous 4 BD / 3 BA, Vaulted Ceilings in LR, DR, FR, Gorgeous Kitchen, Large Patio with Arbor.  
Mark James 925.216.0454



**Livermore** **\$1,050,000**  
1/3+-acre, 5 BD / 3.5 BA, Formal LR & DR, Large Kitchen, & Many Upgrades. Private Backyard w/ Outdoor Kitchen  
Jennifer Malakoff 925.525.3456



**Livermore** **\$1,078,000**  
Beautiful Custom located on Southside near LYTC. 4 BD / 2.5 BA. HUGE Yard w/ Gorgeous Pool. Sideyard Access.  
Rose Perry 925.250.2867



**Livermore** **\$1,150,000**  
5 Plex near Downtown, all Units 2 BD / 1.5 BA, Washer & Dryer included. All Units Individually Metered.  
Jeff Repine 925.784.5254



**Livermore** **\$1,390,000**  
Stunning Custom 4 BD, Plus Office, Game Room, 5 Car Garage, Plantings Designed by Landscape Architect.  
Jennifer Lewis 925.339.0653



**Livermore** **\$1,495,000**  
Spectacular 4 BD / 4.5 BA, 4,451 sq.ft. +/- Home. Gourmet Kitchen, Incredible Views of Vineyards and Hills.  
Ginger McGrail 925.525.6875



Tina Ashton  
925.999.3515



Kevin Collins  
925.895.6199



Lillian Cozart  
925.580.4549



Tom Gentry  
925.200.1326



Margaret Howard  
925.784.0099



Mark James  
925.216.6203



Mark Lafferty  
925.216.6203



Jennifer Lewis  
925.339.0653



Jo Ann Luisi  
925.292.0437



Jennifer Malakoff  
925.525.3456



Kathryn Mason  
925.787.0889



Ginger McGrail  
925.525.6875



Chris Neher  
925.785.9220



Kim Ott  
925.583.1121



Rose Perry  
925.250.2867



Stasia Polasz  
925.339.3077



Jeff Repine  
925.583.1134



Matthew Schellenberg  
925.784.7522



Brad Slabaugh  
925.997.4905



Christine Stark  
925.583.1119



Cheri Stephens  
925.292.2700



Dale Turner  
925.998.3993