



Sommerfest **Set For This** Saturday

annual German Sommerfest will be held June 16 at The Barn in Livermore.

Livermore Cultural Arts Council sponsors the evening of family entertainment tha tincludes dancing, dance exhibition, and dinner. 5 to 10:30 p.m. There will be an activities corner for children. Performing will be the Karl Lebherz Band (pictured above).

All proceeds will go to Livermore School Arts programs. Admission ticket are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and \$25 for a family of two or more chil-

For information, call Dick and Doris Ryon, co-Festmeisters



The Principled Academy Ballet Folklorico was an award winner.

Rodeo Parade Winners Listed

Award winners in the annual Livermore Rotary Rodeo Parade were handed out following the parade last Saturday.

The general sweepstakes trophy went to the Livermore Rodeo Rockettes, while the equestrian sweepstakes trophy was awarded to the Alameda County Sheriff's Posse.

Other winners in the general entry, judged by the Pacific Coast Judges Association are: Commercial entry: 1st G&M Farms, 2nd Cooleykatz Toys, 3rd Woopsie-Daisy Toy Shop; Majorette corp. (senior and junior) 1st Napa Pepperettes; amateur float: 1st Cactus Corners Youth Square Dancers, 2nd Zone 7 Water Agency; Novelty Unit (senior: 1st Livermore Rodeo Rockettes, 2nd Tri-Valley

Novelty unit (junior): 1st Currin Lee Dancers of Livermore, 2nd The Principled Academy Ballet Folklorico, 3rd Girl Scout Troop 2949; Color guard (se-(See PARADE, page 9)

Pleasanton Votes To Ban Marijuana **Dispensaries**

A ban on medical marijuana dispensaries was approved by the Pleasanton City Council last

However, the council left the door open to reconsider the ban if federal law were to change. In addition to approving the ban, the council voted to establish a task force to determine the need for medical marijuana in Pleasanton and how that need could be met. The city's Human Services Commission will lead the

The vote on the ban was unanimous. It included provisions to lobby the federal government to change its law regarding the use of medical marijuana.

The vote to establish the task force was 3 to 2, with Cindy McGovern and Jerry Thorne op-

McGovern and Thorne both indicated that they would not support any potential change in the ban until federal law changes.

McGovern said when she voted to support the use of medical marijuana, she believed that it would be distributed through pharmacies. "I cannot support a dispensary in Pleasanton."

Cheryl Cook-Kallio said of her vote to establish the task force that if the recommendation

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Task Force to Look at Arts Funding

An arts master plan was with the financing plan approved Monday by the proposed in the master plan.

Livermore City Council. At the The vote was unanimous. same time, the council held off on moving forward with a fee on development to help pay for implementation of the plan.

Instead the council voted to establish a task force to

establish a task force to recommend a financing plan that would include a variety of sources. The task force is charged with coming back with a financing plan by the Sept. 24 council meeting. If at that time the recommendation were not acceptable, the council made it clear that it would move forward

Councilmember Marchand, an original member of the Commission for the Arts, had wanted to move forward with the fee at Monday's meeting. However, he agreed to the task force when it was made clear that the task force would not be allowed to study the issue

beyond Sept. 24.

Marchand said that the commission had wanted to do many things, but was hobbled by the lack of money. "We need seed money. We need people to write grants. A work place contribution program is in the works. There will be an opportunity for everyone to contribute. We need to start somewhere. The fee is a good place. It's time to get going."
Mayor Marshall Kamena said

he had envisioned seed money coming from grants, not necessarily "Philosophically, I support the arts master plan and art in public places ordinance. I would like to see grants as the first source of money. I would like to approve a plan and hold back the fee to develop a more defined process.'

He suggested establishing the task force that would include representation from industrial, commercial and residential developers.

'Timing is very important," said Councilmember Marj Leider. "We can't delay supporting the arts commission."

Councilmember Tom Reitter said what's important is to have the task force and residents understand that the council is expecting the development fee to be part of the funding. The amount and phasing has yet to be worked out. "I don't want this studied for months and months

and then quietly go away." The task force, comprised of representatives from the Chamber, development community, downtown Livermore, arts commissioners, down town

and others, will have until Sept. 24 to prepare a recommendation. The council considered three issues at the meeting. The first was the master plan. Second was the introduction of an ordinance establishing a fee on private development of 1/2 of 1%. The fee would have been increased

to 1% by 2010. Developers

would have the option of (See FUNDING, page 4)



The action was fast and furious at the annual Livermore Rodeo held over the weekend. In the photo, a saddle bronc rider heads for the ground.

Residents Asked to Conserve Water

The Livermore-Amador Valley's Zone 7 Water Agency said Friday that the California Department of Water Resources' decision to resume minimal State Water Project pumping from the Delta is critical to meeting local water supply needs. However, Zone 7 stressed that the agency still isn't out of the woods and called on the public to voluntarily conserve water.

"Without the minimal pump- ing the summer months." ing from the Delta announced today, we were looking at the possibility of a 40-55% mandaiory water-use restriction in a portion of our service area, and the possibility of compromised fire suppression in eastern Liv-ermore," said Jill Duerig, general manager of Zone 7. "Imported supplies from the Delta are critical to our operations dur-

In addition to municipal supplies, Delta water is the sole water source for at least two thirds of the Valley's viticultural operations that support a \$200-million-a-year wine industry. Without the additional pumping announced today, water supply to the majority of these operations would have been entirely cut off

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Testing Underway for Pleasanton Wi-Fi Project

ing an international movement by establishing a Wi-Fi network

Zealand, Singapore, Japan, France and parts of Germany and Scandanavia are some of the countries that have well-developed and widely used municipal Ŵi-Fi networks.

However, in the United States, the idea of municipal Wi-Fi networks gained national attention only two and ½ years ago (at the end of 2004) when Philadelphia's Wi-Fi implementation was fought by Verizon, the incumbent broadband Internet service provider in that area. Verizon last the battle. According to Jennifer LeClaire in her 11/15/06 article appearing in TechNewsWorld, spending on municipal networks increased from less than \$50 mil creased from less than \$50 million in 2005 to more than \$150 million in 2006. As these projects prove their worth, more and more US municipalities have or are planning and implementing their own Wi-Fi networks, including Pleasanton, San Ramon, Walnut

its potential impact on the quality of life for merchants, residents and visitors.

By Libby KolarThe City of Pleasanton is join-

in its downtown.

Municipal Wi-Fi networks have been widely used internationally for at least the past five years. Korea, Australia, New

Creek, Danville and Concord. According to Pamela Ott, Pleasanton's Economic Development Manager, in the spring of 2006 Pleasanton submitted a staff report recommending to the city council the development and implementation of a Wi-Fi network for use by the City, particularly for emergency police and fire services. As the Council discussed the project, it was recognized as providing a benefit not only for the City, but also for the entire downtown as well given

The council approved a downtown pilot project and put it out to bid on July 25, 2006. The contract was awarded to Network Anatomy, a mobile wireless and satellite integrated communications firm located in downtown Pleasanton. The company was founded by Doug Linman in 2001.

The pilot project was kicked off in the area bounded by the Rose Hotel, First Street, the Senior Center and Peters Avenue on January 17, 2007. All access points were installed by April 29. Internal testing began on May 21. Network Anatomy's internal testing has just been completed. Now the project is being beta tested by 200 potential users June 12-14. Linman and his team will compile and analyze the resulting data and then present the results to the City on either June 15 or 18. At that point the City will set an official live date-most likely towards the end of June, according to Ott.

The potential user test is being coordinated by the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and the Pleasanton Downtown Association. The 200 official "beta testers" were selected from the memberships of the Pleasanton Chamber and the Pleasanton Downtown Association.

According to Dave Bouchard, President and CEO of The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, registered official beta testers will receive 10% discount coupons from participating restaurants, free coffee coupons and other incentives upon completion of the various testing and reporting re-

(See WI-FI, page 5)

Applications Due June 18th for Council Seat

The Livermore City Council will appoint a replacement for Tom Reitter following an application and interview process.

The new councilmember is expected to be chosen at a special July 2 meeting. The person selected will serve until November 2009. Reitter is officially leaving the council on June 30.

Applications, to include a resume and statement of qualifications, are due in the city clerk's office by 5 p.m. on Mon., June 18. Depending on the number of applicants, the council could hold a special meeting June 20 to screen the applications. Interviews will be conducted at a special city council to be held Tues., June 26.

The vote to appoint Reitter's replacement was unanimous. That was the case until the process was discussed. The process included allowing Reitter to take part in the interview process.

Councilmember Lorraine Dietrich objected to having Reitter involved.

Dietrich said she would like to argue that it is not a good idea to have Tom involved in the interview process. "The council went to the trouble of adding to the rules of procedure that once a council member participates in a discussion that person would have to vote. It seems he can't vote. Therefore he doesn't belong in the process. It would be appropriate for Tom to make comments as a member of the public.'

City attorney John Pomidor said that there was no prohibition to having Reitter take part in the interview process. He, however, would not be allowed to vote on his replacement.

Dietrich also felt it would be more appropriate to interview select the councilmember at the same meeting, July 2. With those objections in mind, Dietrich said she would prefer to have an election to replace Reitter. Dietrich declared, "I feel strongly that the interview and appointment process should occur at the same meeting. If this is going to be (See COUNCIL, page 4)



Gary Drummond greets Smith students.

Students Thank Gary Drummond For Sharing Livermore History

By Patricia Koning

Last week, the entire third grade at Smith Elementary School threw Gary Drummond a party to thank him for taking them on walking history tours of downtown Livermore. To the delight of the students, Drummond arrived dressed for the occasion in a black suit and top hat.

"Gary has such a wealth of information and he's anxious to

share it with the children," said Mary Cameron, a third-grade teacher at Smith. "We wanted to honor him. He brings alive what we are doing in the classroom."

The Smith students presented Drummond with a cake depicting downtown Livermore and recited the poem "That Man Livermore," which comes from the 1961 book "Livermore Long Ago" by Olive Townsend.

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Dedication Program Set For New Plaza

The City of Livermore celebrates another link in the successful revitalization of Historic Downtown Livermore with the completion of the Livermore Valley Center Park Plaza & Amphitheater.

The Park Plaza & Amphitheater will be dedicated by Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena at a ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, June 14.

"The beautiful plaza and amphitheater are a city dream realized; an outdoor venue for concerts, plays, art shows, literary readings or just relaxing," said the Mayor.

The project, which cost \$5 million, was financed by the Livermore Redevelopment Agency on land purchased in 2002. Architect Steve McCracken of McCracken & Associates designed the project; the contractor was McGuire & Hester.

The community is invited to attend the ceremony, which is scheduled from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm at 2450 First Street. Refreshments will be served.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Walter is a big and friendly guy with a face you've got to love. He looks like he had a bad encounter with a razor and shaved off half of his black moustache! He loves people and food, and is laid back and easy going. He likes cats, and would probably do well with dogs and children as well. He may look like the venerable Uncle Walter, but he is actually a playful two-year

old. For more information on Walter, call Valley Humane Society at 925-426-8656, or visit him at our Adoption Center at 3670 Nevada St. in Pleasanton's Stanley Business Park Wed-Sun 11 am-5 pm. Valley Humane Society holds mobile pet adoptions for dogs at Pet Extreme in Livermore every Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Team roping was one of the skills demonstrated during rodeo family night last Thursday at Robertson Park in Livermore. Rodeo action in Livermore continues this weekend with the 48th annual Livermore Junior Rodeo to be held this Sat., June 16 at the stadium at Robertson Park. The rodeo gets underway at 8 a.m. with the grand entry. Competitions are broken up into jr. rodeo, jr./jr. and peewees with the youngest age one.. The youngest take part in dummy roping, stickhorse barrel racing, boot racing and a goat undressing event. Other competitions are open to age 4 to 5 and 6 to 9. The older competitors take part in such events as calf riding, steer riding, bull riding, calf roping, pole bending, steer stopping and family team roping. This year's Livermore Jr. Rodeo Queen is Brittany Voss. She is a senior at College Park High School in Pleasant Hill. There is no admission charge. The public is invited to attend and watch the action.



Teens Invited To Books to **Movies Program**

Middle and high school students are invited to join in the Livermore Library's Teen Reading: Books to Movies program.

Teens read books and rate them according to their appeal and movie adaptation potential. Reading and evaluating books earns the reader a personal copy of William Goldman's "Princess Bride.'

At the library's "Princess Bride Casting Call" those at-tending will recreate a favorite character and perform scenes from the movie script. Those not interested in acting, will act as judge and jury and vote for a favorite performance.

Register at the Livermore Library information desk beginning Mon., June 25.

The program concludes on Tues., Aug. 1 with "Snack 'N Movie Night" including prize raffles and a screening of the movie. For more information, call Mary Sue Nocar at 373-5505 or visit any Livermore Library.



Good News Bears, a Livermore-based non-profit, is holding its annual Open House on Thursday, June 21 at the Livermore Police Station Community Room. Anyone interested in finding out more about what the club does is invited to attend. Starting at 6:30 p.m., the informal evening will showcase gifting stories, recognize star supporters, and welcome new members.

The club has been in operation since 1996, and has steadily increased its donations every year. Since its inception, the club has distributed well over 50,000 stuffed animals to local police, fire, ambulance, hospitals, shelters, and individuals through the Bay Area and beyond. More than 65 organizations are on a regular distribution list for the club. In addition, individual bears are given to those who have been ill, traumatized, or are lonely. The stuffed animals and teddy bears are purchased with monies from Good News Bears' fundraising efforts, grants, and donations. The community plays a big part in helping the club fulfill their mission. Besides accepting grants and monetary donations, the club also accepts new or gently used animals to pass on. Bear collections are great projects for scout troops and businesses!

Last year, Good News Bears celebrated its 10th Anniversary by gifting over 10,000 stuffed animals. Normally averaging 7000 per year, club members worked hard to realize the goal by identifying new recipients and delivering the "critters." Members are involved at all levels, from finding new places to receive the animals to delivering to the organizations to assisting

with fundraising.
The Good News Bears' Annual Open House is Thursday, June 21 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. at the Livermore Police Station, 1110

S. Livermore Ave, Livermore. Dues will be free until January 2008. For more information on the Open House, or how you can help Good News Bears, please call (925)373-7982. e-mail jhaigh@webbearings.com.



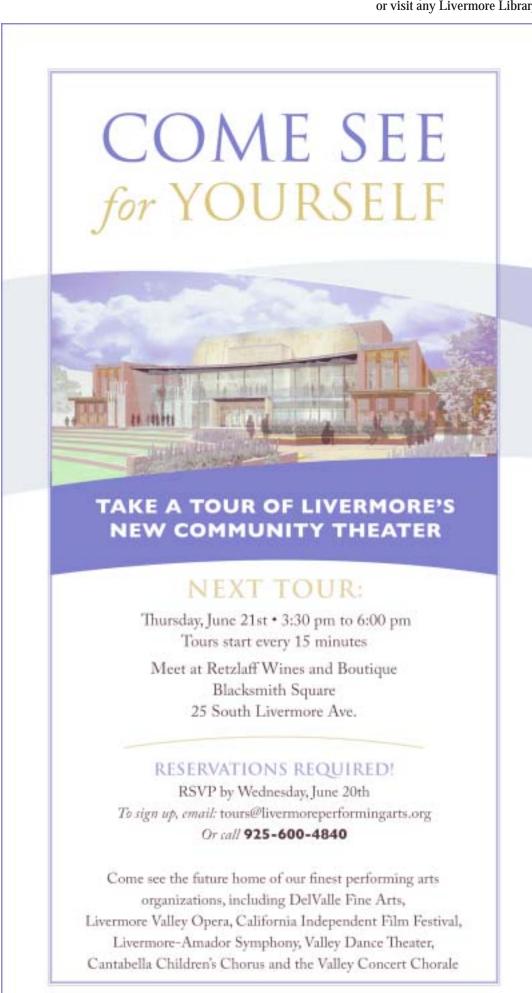
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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Mountain Lion in Livermore

Last Wednesday a mountain lion was sighted in the residential neighborhood in the area of Superior Drive in Livermore. The Livermore Police Department received no reports of any attacks on people or animals.

Based on eye witness reports, there is no indication the animal is sick, injured, or behaving abnormally in any way. The Livermore Police Department Animal Control and CA Department of Fish and Game representatives are aware of this issue and have been searching for the ani-

If a resident should see a mountain lion, do not approach it. Do not make sudden movements or attempt to run from it. Call the CA Fish and Game at 1-888-334-2258 or 1-888-DFG-CALTIP. If you cannot reach them, you can call the Livermore Police Dispatch at 925-371-4987.

Equalization Funding

Assemblyman Guy Houston delivered to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger a letter signed by 50 State Legislators supporting the inclusion of \$150 million for under funded school districts. This effort, known as "equalization," seeks to allocate additional education dollars to local school districts throughout California.

Houston also delivered nearly 10,000 letters to the Governor and Legislative leaders (Big 5) from parents who support Houston's efforts to secure equalization funding. The Big 5 are expected to negotiate the final components of the State Budget.

Many school districts in the 15th Assembly District have been under funded for many years. This will increase the per-pupil funding for those districts. The total increase would provide a significant amount of additional money, especially for large school districts.

Houston noted that Governor Schwarzenegger, who has previously supported the issue and signed budgets with funding for equalization, has not included any funding for equalization in his proposed 2007-08.

WATER

this weekend..

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Zone 7 wholesales water to

nearly 200,000 people in Liver-

more, Pleasanton, Dublin and

Dougherty Valley, and supplies

agricultural water for 3,500 acres,

Geothermal Energy
A bill authored by Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) to create research and development funding for cutting edge, 21st century geothermal energy, passed the Energy and Environment Subcommittee of the House Committee on Science and Technology

'Geothermal energy is clean, reliable, always available, and 100 percent domestic," said Rep.

McNerney. "Enhanced geothermal should be an important component of the efforts to move

our nation towards energy independence."
The bill, H.R. 2304, the Advanced Geothermal Research and Development Act of 2007, expands existing geothermal energy programs at the Department of Energy and authorizes \$75 million a year for fiscal years 2008 to 2012 to fund research, development, demonstration, and commercial application of new geothermal tech-

Unlike renewable resources that depend on daylight or wind, geothermal can provide "baseload" power, which means that the source is uninterrupted and constant, running day and night, 365 days a year.

A recent report by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology estimates that new Enhanced Geothermal Systems (EGS) may provide more than 100 Gigawatts of affordable energy over the next 50 years in the U.S. alone, which could power as many as 25 million homes.

The Advanced Geothermal Research and Development Act of 2007 passed the Energy and Environment Subcommittee on a voice vote. It will now move to consideration by the full House Science and Technology Committee.

Fewer Nukes

The Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) announced last week that it has increased the rate of nuclear weapons dismantlements by 50 percent over last year's level, and will continue at the sharply higher rate for the rest of the year.

Meeting the goal took the effort of NNSA's entire nuclear weapons complex. This includes the three national nuclear weapons design laboratories: Los Alamos, Lawrence Livermore, and Sandia National Laboratories.

Last year, NNSA dismantled the last 1960's era W56 type nuclear weapon in the U.S. stock-

At the beginning of fiscal year 2007, NNSA established a goal to increase the dismantlement rate of retired nuclear weapons by nearly 50 percent. Because of dramatic improvements in procedures, tools and policies NNSA was able to reach this goal four months ahead of schedule. In order to increase its dismantlement capacity, NNSA made substantial investments in previous years across the nuclear weapons complex to hire additional technicians, purchase the right equipment and tools, and develop better safety and security procedures.

Governing Board for Lab Filled

Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC (LLNS) last week announced its board of governors, a group of renowned scientific, academic, national security and business leaders from across the nation.

Members will serve on seven committees - Mission, Science & Technology, Nuclear Weapons Complex Integration, Business & Operations, Ethics & Audit, Nominations & Compensation and Safeguards & Security.

LLNS' management team includes Bechtel, the University of California, BWX Technologies, Washington Group and Battelle. The Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration selected LLNS in early May to manage and operate Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory beginning Oct 1. George Miller, the current Laboratory director, is the LLNS president and will remain director when the new management takes over on Oct. 1.

"This is an engaged board of governors who are proven leaders with expertise that will take Lawrence Livermore far into the future," said LLNS Board of Governors Chairman Gerald Parsky. "We have assembled a team of experts in scientific research and development, business management and operations, national security and nuclear safety to provide the best support to the Laboratory, our LLNS president and his team.'

Tom Hash, president of Bechtel Systems and Infrastructure, will serve as vice chair of the board.

In addition to Parsky and Hash, the LLNS board's executive committee currently includes Bruce Darling, Preston Rahe and Craig Weaver. There also are six advisory board members: Sidney Drell, John Gordon, William Madia, Richard Mies, Nick Moore and William Perry.

At the University California's July meeting of the UC Board of Regents, Chairman Richard Blum and UC President Robert C. Dynes will recommend that William Frazer be appointed to the LLNS board on behalf of the university. Frazer is a theoretical physicist, professor emeritus of physics at UC Berkeley and former UC senior vice president for academic affairs. He will serve on the LLNS executive committee.

Parsky is chairman of the Aurora Capital Group, a Los Angeles-based investment firm, and currently serves on the Board of Regents of the University of California, the world's largest academic research institution. Parsky also serves as chair of the Board of Governors of Los Alamos National Security LLC

Hash is chairman and president of Bechtel Systems and Infrastructure, Inc., Bechtel Corporation's government services unit.

Darling is executive vice president for university affairs for the University of California. In 2003, in addition to his university affairs responsibilities, Darling was UC's interim vice president-laboratory management, responsible for UC's management oversight of three national laboratories — Los Alamos, Lawrence Livermore and Lawrence -Berke-

Rahe is the president of Washington Group International's Energy & Environment Business

Weaver is executive vice president and manager of strategy, marketing and business development for Bechtel Systems and Infrastructure, Inc. and Bechtel National, Inc. He serves on the Board of Governors of LANS, where he is chair of its **Business and Operations Com**mittee.

Winegrowers Have new Executive Director

The Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association (LVWA) has selected Chris Chandler as Executive Director. Chandler takes over from Lynn Wallace Naylor, who leaves the Association to lead the World of Children Foun-

Chandler brings a combination of strategic leadership, marketing implementation, and hospitality experience to the Association. She has held marketing positions in both the for-profit and non-profit sectors including Metreon, Environmental Media Association, and the American Cancer Society. Most recently, she was Director of Event Sales for Tavistock Restaurants, LLC in Emeryville.

Association President Mike Wood noted Chandler's skills and experience are key to furthering the recognition of the Livermore Valley wine country as a dynamic destination. "Under Lynn's guidance, our wine country greatly expanded its visitors' program. She led the organization through unprecedented growth, and forged many collaborative private and public partnerships. With Chris Chandler, those relationships will grow as we build new ones, and our region will continue to thrive as we take the **Experience Livermore Valley** Wine Country campaign to the next level.'

Chandler commented, "As a resident of the region, I have experienced first hand, the Livermore Valley wine country visitor experience and the incredible contribution the wineries make to our quality of life in the East Bay. I am honored to join the Association and to be part of this incredible community of vintners and growers.

A graduate of Louisiana State University, Chandler and her husband reside in Danville.

Grant Will Bring Summer Reading Program to More Children

The Livermore Library has received a \$25,000 Innovation Grant from the Bay Area Library and Information Systems. Innovation grants are awarded competitively to libraries for new programs that can serve as models for other libraries.

The Livermore Library received the grant for "Summer Reading is for Everyone," an outreach program that will allow 970 children in 11 day care facilities greater access to the library's summer reading program. The program runs form June 8 to August 11.

The grant allows for expansion of the reading game to children enrolled in day care programs at Livermore elementary schools and the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory day care program. This project also allows day care providers time,

energy and resources to vary the activities at each day care site.

Children in day care, who would otherwise have access to libraries and books only after 6 p.m. and on weekends, will be able to play the game at each day care site. Day care staff, trained and supported by a library coordinator, will listen to reports by children about the books they have read. Day care providers will organize field trips to attend programs at the library.

The library will supply the game materials, book, staff and training and a coordinator.

Traditionally, summer reading programs necessitate the active participation of parents to transport children to the library for books and programs. Working parents are less likely to have the time and ability to participate fully in library activities during the summer.

Sounds Of Summer at the

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primarily vineyards, in the South Livermore Valley. The agency normally obtains 80 percent of its water supplies conveyed through the Delta. Since DWR's voluntary shut the system to meet demands. down of its Delta pumps on May 31, Zone 7 has been relying on its groundwater basin, water sup-

plies stored locally in Lake Del Valle, and residual water in the State's conveyance system. Duerig said that because the restored Delta pumping may re-Zone 7 will continue to rely primarily on its emergency groundwater supplies to meet water demand throughout the service

The agency is working with its water retailers — the cities of Pleasanton and Livermore, Cali-

fornia Water Service Company, and the Dublin San Ramon Services District — to develop contingency plans to meet water demands under a variety of reduced Delta pumping scenarios that may extend into the future. This could include near-term actions to blend Zone 7's groundwater supplies with those of the retailers for distribution throughout

Zone 7 also is considering accelerating construction of its planned additional groundwater wells, as well as that portion of the future Altamont pipeline that will run through Livermore in order to enhance distribution of

available supplies. Currently, Zone 7 is asking its customers to voluntarily reduce water consumption by at least 10 percent through such actions as reduced outdoor watering of lawns, repair of leaking sprinkler heads and household plumbing, and turning off the hose when not needed during car-washing.

In a voluntary, preventive

help protect the endangered Delta smelt, which were clustered in the immediate vicinity of pumping plants in the San Francisco/Sacramento San Joaquin Bay-Delta (Delta). The adjacent federal pumps (Central Valley Project), still in operation, have not taken any smelt during the past 10 days, indicating the fish have started migrating away from The Delta smelt have sharply

move, the state shut down its

Delta pumps on May 31, 2007 to

and precipitously declined in numbers. Potential causes currently being explored by scientists include invasive species, toxics, power plant operations, local diversions by farmers, and Deita pumping operations. A de finitive factor for the fish decline has not yet been identified. The SWC has demanded that the State Legislature direct other responsible state agencies to move quickly to consider those other stressors and immediately implement protective measures.

IF YOU WERE HAVING A HEART ATTACK, **WOULD YOU KNOW?**



Recognizing risk factors and symptoms of heart disease can save your life. One in three adults has some form of cardiovascular disease. Cardiovascular disease claims more lives each year than the next four leading causes of death combined. Bottom line, do you have the information you need to save your life?

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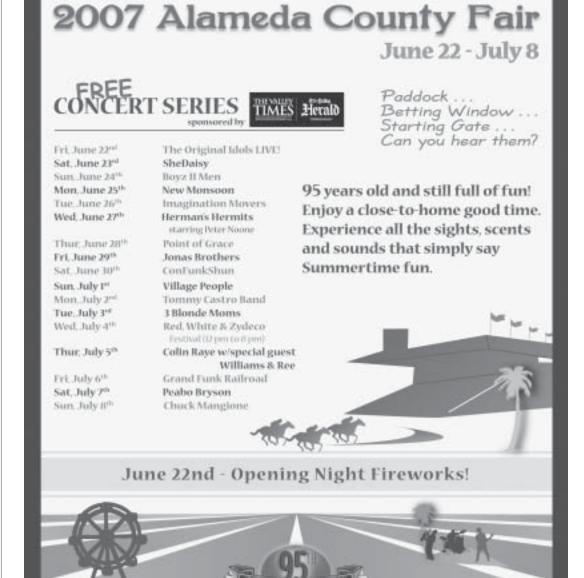
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Cost: \$69

To schedule an appointment or for more information, call the Healthy Heart Program at 416-6850.



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FREMONT BANK

EDITORIALS

Reexamining Home Depot

Approval of Pleasanton's second Home Depot was pulled by city staff from the City Council agenda last

The project — which was okayed at a previous meeting and was scheduled for its second and final reading will be reexamined in response to citizens who charged that the council acted on flawed data.

"We want to make sure any concerns or perceptions on the part of the public are addressed," explained City Manager Nelson Fialho. "We owe it to ourselves to pause and allow for a common understanding of the facts before we proceed with the Home Depot.

We applaud the citizens who raised this issue. The 11th hour reprieve they won provides an opportunity to reexamine not only "the facts" mentioned by City Manager Fialho, but also the broader questions concerning chain superstores like Home Depot and their community impacts.

While one Home Depot may be a boon, two of them in a city of Pleasanton's size may be poor planning.

Free Rides

Free rides will be offered by all of the Bay Area's public transit systems on "Spare the Air" days this sum-

The participants include BART, Wheels, the Altamont Commuter Express (ACE), the ferries and five other systems in the nine-county region. The free rides will be available on BART, ACE, CalTrain and the ferries until 1 p.m. The other systems will offer them all day.

The program, cosponsored by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and Metropolitan Transportation Commission, takes effect on the severe smoggy days when air quality sinks below federal health standards. There are funds to cover four days of free rides through the summer.

The rides help keep a lid on the air pollution of those days. Moreover, in acquainting people with public transit, the program seeks a long-range transformation of commuter patterns. The idea is that we don't have to just suffer the smog. Individually and collectively, we can make a difference.

"It's not just about free transit," observed Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty at a recent Spare the Air press conference. "It's about changing the mindset of people. ... We can all help make the air better."

MAILBOX

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

Equal Treatment Brian Arkin Former Chairman of the **Pleasanton Planning** Commission

In last week's Pleasanton Weekly, the Editorial bashes Planning Commissioner Anne Fox for being a co-proponent of the Open Space, Park Land, and Green Belt Initiative.

The Pleasanton Weekly wants commissioners to blindly follow the City Council. This is in stark contrast to the July 30, 2004 and May 13, 2005 Editorial when it praised Jerry Thorne, who at that time was a Parks and Recreation Commissioner, for co-authoring an Initiative to reverse a city council decision regarding the Bernal Park.

There is nothing wrong or unethical when a commissioner wishes to exercise their right to be involved in this process. An editor has the right to agree or disagree with someone, but making untrue, unfair, and downright vicious comments is not the kind of journalism that should be tolerated in our "Community of Character." The Pleasanton Weekly needs to treat all commissioners respectfully, and if they so desire, engage in an equitable debate. The Pleasanton Weekly owes Anne Fox an apol-

Trail Access Laura Linfoot Pleasanton

I am writing regarding the hiking/equine trail available above the golf course on Westbridge.

I am in the area for the month of May visiting my grandmother, who lives on Alisal Street. I have a horse with me and I have been up to the trail several times, riding along Alisal Street and then along Westbridge to the entrance of the trail. I feel it should be brought to the attention of the city council that in order to reach the trail, one must ride in the street, because there are no paths available along the side of the

It would be great to trailer up to the trail. However, just yesterday I saw a maintenance golf cart on that side of the road. In order to turn around, the golf cart had to do a three point turn. A car would have to back down the hill

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about 60 feet and into Westbridge in order to get out. There is no way that a trailer could use that access road, either to park and ride or to even drop horses off and seek parking elsewhere as there is no where to turn around. It makes me wonder where hikers are supposed to park their vehicles, as there is no parking area at the trail entrance.

For this reason, I have ridden to the trail. It takes approximately 10 to 15 minutes to walk my horse from 6300 Alisal to the trăil entrance. In that time, one must navigate the environmental "hazards," walking on concrete, barking dogs along fences 3 feet from the road, and being passed by cars going well above the speed limit. These cars pose a real problem even for the most even têmpered horses, as the danger to both driver and rider are considerable when there is no safe path on which the horse can travel off the road. I have watched these cars drive up to me without slowing down, then cross the double yellow line to get around me and continue up Westbridge without a pause. This is not a feat I would attempt with any but the most confident riders.

I walk (on foot) with my dog every morning, following a similar route. I have to consider it dangerous, as the traffic moves so quickly that one must jump into the brush in order to get out of the way of the cars. For such a nice, family oriented neighborhood, this road is not one I would recommend to anyone biking or walking with children.

The equine/hiking path above the golf course is very well advertised to the public. But it is almost inaccessible to most people. I think it is a shame, because the trail could and should be a jewel for the city. With a place to părk, a trailer turnaround area, and a path along the side of the road for locals, the trail could live up to its advertised expectations

Immigration Herbert H Marshall

Pleasanton I have heard a lot of talk about the inadequacies we have in our education systems, but never realized how deeply it has impacted the press. This is most glaring when you read what is being written about the "McCain-Kennedy' immigration bill. It is obvious that the press has lost the ability to spell the English language. They keep spelling 'capitulation' as 'Compromise. In addition, this bill, when coupled with the McCain-Feingold campaign finance law, is just more evidence why the Senator from Arizona is unfit to serve as our President.

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Council Questions Commissioner's Activism

Several members of the Pleasanton City Council expressed concern about recent actions by Anne Fox, the chairman of the Planning Commission.

Fox is one of the leaders of the Friends of Pleasanton. The group recently launched an initiative that would retain land belonging to public agencies in open space.

Plans to develop Staples Ranch would be the most impacted. The land is located next to I-580 just west of El Charro Road. Plans are being reviewed for an auto mall, senior living facility, other commercial uses, and a community park.

Councilmember Jerry Thorne raised the issue of Fox's activities during the matters initiated portion of the city council meeting. Thorne stated, "I have an issue that is very difficult for me to bring up. It seems to me there is considerable disconnect between the goals and policies of this council and leadership on the planning commission. Projects have 4 to 1 votes.'

He did not mention Fox by

Councilmember Cheryl Cook-Kallio said she had received comments from people regarding the planning commissioner's actions. "The average person doesn't know how a commission works. Individuals have the right to their own opinions. However, if they use titles, people assume the opinion comes from the commission or the city council.'

She suggested that perhaps a conversation could be initiated to let individuals know when they use a title, they are perceived as speaking for the commission.

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman makes the appointments to the

commission. Two months ago, I talked to each of the commissioners, with the exception of the chairman, explained Mayor Hosterman. We discussed how they work as a body and the relationship with the council, staff and the public. "I could make another call to the chairman and may follow that up

with a letter. Offering a different opinion of situation Councilmember Cindy McGovern. "I like diversity on any board I serve on. I have absolutely no problem with the planning commission."

Councilmember Sullivan pointed out that he is the only member of the council who has served on the planning commission. "There are a lot of times when the planning commission and city council split. The planning commission doesn't have the same political pressures. I would not like to see a planning commission that is completely in sync with us.

"If there is an issue with a specific commissioner that is one thing. It is another thing to have there votes that are 4 to 1 and express a diversity of opinion. I don't think that is a reason to tell commissioners they are not doing their jobs. It's okay to have 4 to 1 votes.'

The 4 to 1 votes are not the issue, said Cook-Kallio. "Once they take a vote and then behave at cross purposes with that vote, there is an issue. Maybe that's okay. I think the conversation should take place.

Throne added, "It is an issue when the leadership takes an adversarial role with the council and other commissioners.

Hosterman said that she wanted a chance to finish interviewing all of the planning commissioners before bringing the issue to the council for a formal

Regional Business Council Shifting Emphasis to Action

The Tri-Valley Business Council (TVBC) has changed its organizational structure in an effort to become more effective in backing measures that will help the area's businesses.

Toby Brink, the president and CEO of TVBC, said that in the past, the organization has heard a wide variety of ideas in various categories. The discussions have been interesting. Now TVBC wants to move past the roundtable era, and agree to focus on accomplishing selected ideas in each category.

Brink said that he has had "some good responses from those involved (in the reorganization). They are re-energized about the process. We'll make it clear where we are going, and figure out how to get there.

At the heart of the new structure, which was approved last month by the TVBC board, are the creation of five policy councils, each with one co-chair from the TVBC board of directors, and the other co-chair from among other TVBC members.

The policy councils consolidate or revamp the previous committees, but with attention to how some of the previous committees were interrelated. For example, housing and open space had been separate committees. However, their issues are related. They have emerged as the community planning policy council.

"There is a direct nexus in the discussion on housing and agriculture and open space because agricultural land is buildable land. A lot of new development comes up. There are water issues, or infringement on open space or park territory," said Brink. "It seemed to me that the discussions taking place in two separate communities (housing and ag/open space) were one and the same, and had to be discussed together. That may not have been the case when Vision 2010 was put together. Now we are close to buildout, and talking about projects. It's hard to talk about a development plan that doesn't impinge on open space or on another city. We want to make sure the two parties are communicating," said Brink.

Brink said that joining ag/ open space and housing together does not mean that TVBC is trying to set up a situation where development takes precedence over open space. He noted that

open space and agriculture are an important part of the quality of life in the Tri-Valley, and is recognized as such by the TVBC. Another policy council will oversee economic vitality. There are several plans here. One is to enable businesses to communicate with service businesses in

the Tri-Valley, so they don't

have to go outside the area for

the services. This would be ac-

complished through a web page that will guard anonymity, but also enable establishment of contacts for services.

For example, new start-up businesses may need advice on patents. A business would let the web site know about the need in a general way. Then a patent attorney could respond. Disclosure could come after that.

Another plan for the economic vitality policy council is to develop a regional marketing strategy that will appeal to firms. "We've had a couple of meetings about this. We want to look at key assets, and develop a tagline or marketing show, for trade shows and conferences," said

Parks, schools, open space, and the wine industry will be part of the package, because it underscores the Tri-Valley quality of life, he said.

"We are not trying to replicate or take over what the Convention and Visitors Bureau has pursued, or what Livermore wine growers have used. We are merely integrating pieces of it to an overall campaign for the region. I want to point out that we are not reinventing the wheel," Brink explained.

The educational policy council will reach out to the business community and learn what needs it has for educating the future work force. "We want to see what

programs should be made available to the schools. We want to make resources available to them, for example, courses for teachers in engineering," said Brink.

The remaining two policy

panels are government relations and transportation. Their missions haven't had specifics assigned to them yet.

Co-chairs have been named by the board to share leadership of the councils. David Stark, government relations representative for the Bay East Association of Realtors, will serve as co-chair for the community planning panel (housing and open space). Eric Wallis, an Oakland attorney who lives in San Ramon, will cochair the economic vitality council. He has been chair for the San Ramon Economic Development Committee. James Paxson, manager of Hacienda Business Park in Pleasanton, will be co-chair for governmental relations. Chris Kinzel, a partner in TJAM transportation consultants in Pleasanton, will co-chair the transportation panel. Jim Caldwell, who is involved with the Work Force Incubator, will co-chair educa-

tional policy.
TVBC will hold a kick-off of the new drive at a meeting Aug. 8 at a place to be announced. Rep. Ellen Tauscher (D-Alamo) has been invited to deliver the keynote speech.

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generate about \$300,000 a year for the arts programs.

Finally, council the considered changing the existing art in public places ordinance to allow the current public building art fee to be used for something other than capital projects. Other uses include arts education, heritage projects, and cultural programming. The public building fee is 1%.

The council okayed the change in the art in public places ordinance.

The master plan would be implemented over a ten year period. In order to proceed with the implementation, a funding source would be needed. Chris Davidson, economic development/redevelopment coordinator, noted that the proposed fee on development is not a new idea. Many other cities have instituted it, including Dublin.

Davidson pointed out that in addition to the fee on development, the master plan contemplates a work place program, applications, and corporate donations. The fee on development would last only through build-out. To ensure future funding, Davidson explained that an endowment fund would be established.

Mayor Marshall Kamena wondered whether the impact on development had been considered in proposing the fee.

Kevin Roberts, director of economic development said, "I'm not in favor of fees. We actually considered a quarter percent of one percent. The Arts Commission favored 1 percent, which I felt would cause a problem. The proposed fee was a compromise.

In setting up a task force, the listened council representatives from the chamber, downtown, and development community. They all stated that they had had no input in setting up the funding mechanism.

John Mahoney, representing the Livermore Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, said the Chamber favors the and estimated revenue before establishing a fee. He favored a more detailed economic analysis of the impact of the fee on development.

Shea Homes representative David Best expressed concern about the impact on his development. "No one wants to pretend they are opposed to art and culture." He suggested that since there is citywide benefit to having art and culture, the whole city, not new development

should pay for it. The executive director of Livermore Downtown Inc., Rachael Snedecor, talked about the success in the downtown. The success was the result of people working together She said one key to success of the arts master plan is having the business community work with the arts community. "I think that aspect was missed. Everyone is excited about the master plan. What will move it forward is funds. It would have been a good idea to have more conversation about the

funding. The impact on affordable housing was the concern of David Stark, government relations representative for the Bay East Association of Realtors. He felt that adding to the price of development would add to the price of housing.

Mark Triska, realtor and past Chamber president, stated that the fee was too much, too soon. He felt it would discourage new development.

Len Alexander, Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center executive director, presented a moderate view. Alexander said the organization endorsed the master plan. He said of the proposed fee, "No one likes to be the one who pays for anything. The fee goes hand-in-hand with the purpose of the plan to enhance the desirability of living and working in Livermore in perpetuity.

He added that it may be desirable to step in the fee in a different way; whether with a time delay or by starting with a lower percentage. "The important thing is to get your foot in the

providing art within a project or cultural and arts programs. door. If you adopt the master plan paying the fee. It is estimated that However, it is important to with nothing behind it, it may payment of the fee would quantify projected expenditures take years before it is actually brought back again. The council has the opportunity to say, art and culture are important and take a stand to pay for it.

Other members of the arts community spoke in favor of moving forward with the master plan and the fee at the same time.

John Pitts noted, "It's more than just a fee. It's having arts that can be enjoyed by everyone.'

One member of the Commission for the Arts spoke to the issue. Jean King, also a symphony board member, said that much study went into the fee. "To continue the arts, we need to prime the pump. This fee will prime the pump. We will be looking at other public and private sources, as well as grant funding.'

King said of the fee on new development, "When new homes are built, they make use of facilities already built and paid for, such as the library. The proposed fee provides a way for newcomers to give to the

community.' Gary Sears spoke for the Livermore Valley Opera. "The fee is a good start. We are doing our level best to go after other funding sources," he stated. Peggy Riley of Del Valle Fine Arts echoed his viewpoint.

Derek Zemrak and Wendy Madden of the California Independent Film Festival felt that the master plan was moving the city in the right direction. Madden noted that moving forward with the fee made a strong commitment as a community to support the arts.

Councilmember Tom Reitter suggested that one way to deal with the perception of some that developers, not the city, would have the city contribute to the arts. His idea was to have a matching amount paid out of the city's general fund. There would be a limit on the match, perhaps 50 cents on the dollar of the amount raised through the fee.

"That's not a bad idea," commented Councilmember Marj Leider. It would relieve some of the feeling that new people only are paying the art

Councilmember Lorraine Dietrich hoped that any mone would be used to help local become entrepreneurial and not just depend on the fee or city for money. She added, "I'm very uncomfortable with development fee. There has been no discussion of the potential impacts. I would like to develop a program that is both growing and self-sustaining.

After the meeting, Len Alexander proposed that in order to receive funds from any cultural fee, grantees would be required to match the funds prior to receiving them.

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the process, I would support going to the ballot."

Other councilmembers argued that Reitter does belong in the interview process.

Marj Leider pointed out that he has been a councilmember for a long, long time. "I think he would bring a lot of interesting questions to the process."

The newest councilmember, John Marchand, added, "Tom has been the top vote getter every time he was elected. Obviously members of the public trust his opinion and what he has to say. I would like to have him in the pro-

Mayor Marshall Kamena said that Tom may ask a question that influences the selection. "He is indeed the senior guy. I think I can be enriched by the questions he asks. It's a nice courtesy to him to allow him to be involved.' Dietrich was also concerned

about time limits that could be placed on interviews. She felt that given the limited amount of time allowing Reitter to participate would reduce the amount of time she would have to question the applicants.

Kamena said that he would carefully monitor the time to make sure that everyone had an equal opportunity to ask questions of the applicants.

Applications are available in the city clerk's office and at the public library.

Livermore Board Adds \$1.2 Million in Spending to 2007/08 Budget

By Patricia Koning

At last week's meeting of the Livermore Board of Education, the trustees committed to spending an additional \$1.2 million in the 2007/08 budget. About half of the expenditures will go towards programs that saw severe cuts in the last five years.

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quirements of the project. The testers have been asked to visit various establishments, check-in to be recognized testers at the establishments, log on to the network, and then take readings at as many locations within the pilot Wi-Fi district at whatever

times of the day they can. The testers will collect basic statistics such as ease of access, how fast they were able to access the network, and whether or not they had any dropped signals. They will report any other problems or challenges they might have had. For Network Anatomy and the City, this is the final testing stage and will determine many things, including the load capacity of the system. At this point residents living within the pilot area are being advised to continue subscribing to what-ever internet provider they currently use.

City staff members of Pleasanton, The Chamber of Commerce and Linman have all had very positive responses to the project thus far.

Although phase two of the project has yet to be defined by the City, interest in being part of future Wi-Fi municipal network expansions has been expressed by the Pleasanton Unified School District and Hacienda Business Park, as well as businesses along the Stoneridge Mall corridor.

For further information about project www.ci.pleasanton,ca.us/services/wifi/wifi-updates.html And, if you see people strolling around downtown with mobile devices over the next few days, ask them how the network is

Superintendent Brenda Miller directed the Board to restore a special education program specialist to full-time, increase library technician and technology specialist time to 30 hours at the elementary level and 40 at the middle school level, and add two custodians to the high schools, a need which has arisen from clos-

ing the campuses for lunch. On the Community Day School (CDS) proposal, Miller asked for the addition of one fulltime teacher, and increases in instructional aide time from 75% to 100% and psychologist time from 10% to 20%. The trustees opted to approve \$92,000 for the CDS but not specify exactly how the money will be used.

Ongoing expenditures totaling \$583,860 were approved, spending nearly all of the \$600,000 available.

The Board committed to spend \$640,000 of one-time money on Program Improvement support for Marylin and Portola Elementary Schools, implementing a K-8 writing program, a supplemental math program for Portola and Junction Avenue Middle School, high school intervention classes, one warehouse position to support the District Office during its relocation, Career Technical Education, a pilot distance learning program, reform efforts at Livermore High, and replacement of old vehicles and equipment in the Maintenance Department.

The District left untouched about \$1.6 million that would be available for one-time use. With the reserve sitting at 4%, this leaves the District in a fairly comfortable financial position.

Kate Runyon, the newest member of the Board, elected last November, sees undesignated balance as exces-

"This money is for the students that are here now. I don't think we need to leave such a large amount in the budget just in case," she said. "We should give some of that money back to the school sites because we relied on them when we were in crisis. This was especially hard on the poorer sites, that don't have the PTO (parent teachers organization) money as a cush-

Specifically, Runyon suggested giving \$25,000 to each of the high schools, \$15,000 to each of the middle schools, and \$10,000 to each of the elemen-

tary schools. Also on her list were up to \$100,000 for technology improvements, \$50,000 in support of the upcoming District library plan, \$50,000 for the visual/performing arts plan, and an additional \$100,000 for career technical education.

Runyon's list \$540,000, which would still leave over \$1 million in undesignated money in the budget. Keith District's Pickering-Walters, president of the Livermore Education Association, supported Runyon's proposal, especially the idea to provide additional money to the school sites.

"The earlier sites know how much money they have to spend, the better they can plan," he said. "When money is distributed at the start of the school year, a fear of 'use it or lose it' comes into play, which can lead to rash de-

However, the other trustees favored keeping the surplus money undesignated for the time

being.

"I'd like to wait until fall to see where we really are," said trustee Bill Morrison. "I don't want to spend it all and find us in a position of being out of money."

Trustee Anne White favored putting Runyon's proposals in writing and allowing Miller extra time to review them. "Kate has some good ideas, but this is a big package that we need time to digest," she said. "If we don't spend it now, it will still be there in the fall."

State Budget Stability Looks Enabling For Pleasanton Schools

The Pleasanton school board heard an update on the state budget's financial support of education, and resolved to push ahead with its goals for educational improvement.

At its June 5 meeting, the board heard a report from the district's top financial officer, assistant superintendent Sandra

The "May revise" of the state budget, announced last month by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, hasn't committed to all of the necessary small details, which are still in negotiation in Sacramento. However, it's clear that the financial picture will be stable. The district can move ahead to try to do some of the things that the committee on educational excellence has recommended,

said Lepley.

The May revise in effect says that the per-pupil funding for Pleasanton from the state is \$6370. Total district enrollment is 14,740 students, up from 14,596 last year. The increase of 144 students is just under 1 percent of total enrollment. Lepley said, "We don't expect signifi-cant growth over the next few years," although the growth will

be continual. "Then in the future, there will be somewhat of a de-

With its eye on the stable state budget climate, the board several weeks ago approved science and physical education specialists in the elementary schools. That raised the district's ongoing cost by \$729,000, with \$500,000 of it switched from potential salary increases for existing teachers. The teachers union agreed to the switch, in order to have preparation periods for some teachers. The science and PE specialists will take over the classes at those

Not all of the district's costs for next year are set. Although the contract with teachers is signed, salary negotiations continue with the support staff and administrators. A combination of staff salary increases and attempts to put more educational excellence programs into the curriculum could cause the district's budget to dip a little bit below a currently maintained 5 percent reserve. That is still above the state-required 3 percent reserve

The district's total budget for next year is slightly more than \$100 million. Superintendent John Casey said, "We may have to back up a little of it (more expenditures) out of the reserve. We've kept 5 to 7 percent in the reserve (in the recent past)," he said. Waiting too long to implement curriculum additions, for example at the start of the school year, could put the improvements

behind by two months, he said. Trustee Chris Grant said that he was "not comfortable with continuing to reduce the reserve." He said he would like to see a plan that would put it back at 5

percent "in a year or two."

Board member Pat Kernan said that the district has "many meaningful programs. We need to preserve intervention programs, which we've done an exceptional job at." He added, "We've been fiscally responsible and not had to move away from class size reduction.

Lepley said that the district's programs, including new ones this year, have brought "some big

Casey added that the district will continue to look at chances for new state revenue for programs, and other revenue sources, which may include a parcel tax. The district has hired a consultant to conduct a survey about the potential for voter acceptance of a parcel tax. The consultant surveyed 400 district residents, but has not tallied the results yet.

On another item, the board unanimously approved on its consent calendar the adoption of revised state physical education standards for all grades kindergarten through 12th. The new standards are in keeping with the

district's goals to promote life-long healthy lifestyles. The board also approved new K-5 science textbooks. However, it split 3-2 when it voted to adopt the revised science course outlines for grades 6 through 8. Trustees Grant, Kernan, and Steve Brozosky, favored the motion. Kris Weaver and board president Jim Ott voted against it.

Ott said he joined Weaver in support of her request to have more time to find out about one potentially controversial point in the course outline adoption. Weaver said that some parents wanted assurances that the Big Bang theory would be taught as a theory.

Casey told the board that the state guidelines do spell out that the Big Bang is only a theory. Pleasanton teachers are reminded

The board kept to its tradition of honoring people at the start of the meeting, and apparently reached a record, said one of the trustees. There were 74 people honored at the meeting June 5. They were recipients of the district's newest honor, an annual award for civic involvement named after the late trustee,

Juanita Haugen. Haugen's daughters, Heather Haugen Rizzoli and Hilary Haugen were present.

On another matter, Trustee Steve Brozosky announced that he will not vote on any items that pertain to the sought-after con-struction of Neal School. He owns property within 500 feet of the school site. The district has been involved in litigation with Signature Properties about the agreed terms of a promise by the developer to build the school on a turnkey basis. A jury trial is expected to begin in October. The site is on Vineyard Avenue.



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from the task force comes back in favor of the dispensary and the federal law hasn't changed, she would not vote for to allow a dispensary to open in Pleasanton.

Matt Sullivan stated, "In my mind it is a public health issue. There is a law enforcement piece that needs to be considered. What we really need to understand is the need in our community." Sullivan continued, "I have not advocated to invite dispensaries. I have never been a pot dealer. I have asked for information to get beyond the fear mongering that drives these decisions. We can't kid ourselves, drugs and alcohol exist in our schools. Proper regulation is the key to the safe operation of a dispensary."

Thorne said at a recent workshop, he heard from parents who were greatly concerned about the use of drugs and alcohol by their children. "I don't believe putting a storefront dispensary in this community will help the problem. Generally, I will not support setting up an outlet for any regulated drug.
"Clearly marijuana has a medi-

cal benefit. It should be distributed the same way as any other medicine. To me the current distribution system is blatantly stupid and should be the poster child for bureaucratic nonsense. Other drugs, such as valium, that have a medicinal aspect also have illegal recreational use." Thorne urged people to let the federal government know, "This is a stupid situation, putting the city between state and federal

law."

Currently, state law allows access to marijuana for medical purposes. The federal law, which bans the manufacture, growing, distribution and possession of marijuana, pre-empts the state law. There is federal legislation under consideration that would remove the pre-emption.
The City of Dublin has also

established a ban. Livermore has a moratorium in place pending additional information on the ramifications of allowing a regulated dispensary to open.

Pleasanton Assistant City Attorney Larissa Seto noted that nothing requires cities to adopt an ordinance to allow dispensaries. "We have not heard that anyone is unable to obtain mari-juana," she said. "Staff believes there is significant illegal activity around dispensaries." The concerns include robberies and resale of the marijuana.

Councilmember Sullivan said that he had conducted his own research. He found that when it came to illegal activities, there seemed to be a big difference between the success between those who were regulated and those that opened without any regulations governing their operations.

Police Chief Mike Fraser noted that a report issued by the California Police Chief Association found significant violent crimes near dispensaries. There were problems with people hanging around trying to purchase the

substance second hand.

Cook-Kallio pointed out that while the report provided information it was missing pieces, such as the location of dispensaries. She said they often are located in undesirable places, because people don't want them in their neighborhoods. "The report is just a snapshot. It is not the whole picture.

Prior to last week's city council meeting, Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley had requested that Pleasanton set up a task force to study the need for medical marijuana in Pleasanton. Seto said Miley had made the point that people from the Tri-Valley are overwhelming the dispensaries in his district.

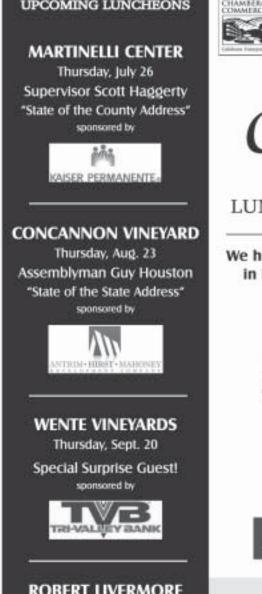
The public also addressed the issue of allowing a dispensary.

Dan Faustina was opposed. He noted that federal prohibits them. "The issue should not revolve around personal beliefs as to whether such a facility belongs in our community." He was concerned that teens might be able

to purchase the marijuana.

Keith Warren held up his medical marijuana card. He told the council that he suffers from a condition that marijuana helps more than any other medication. "It is a medicine I value." He supported setting up the task force. He said he supported the ban, but wanted the possibility left open for a possible location where people who need medical marijuana could purchase it, perhaps with a police presence.





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SPORTS NOTES

Annual Spirit Run This Sunday in Pleasanton

Runners can register Sunday morning, June 17, and participate in the Rotary Club of Pleasanton's 14th annual Spirit Run in downtown Pleasanton.

The Father's Day tradition annually draws more than 1,000 runners to participate in either a 10K or 5K run as well as a kid's race. Registration is in the Round Table Pizza parking lot on Main Street.

Race-day registration will be accepted Sunday starting at 7 a.m. The 10K run will start at 8 a.m. on Main Street followed by the 5K run at 8:30. The courses wind through Pleasanton neighborhoods, the Alameda County Fairgrounds and on trails along the scenic Arroyo del Valle.

Proceeds go to support the Rotary Club of Pleasanton's scholarship program. In the last nine years, more than \$250,000 has been raised for scholarships that are awarded after an application and interview process to deserving Pleasanton graduates who need financial help to attend college.

For race details, please go online to www.spiritrun.com.

After the races start through about 10 a.m., the Livermore Pleasanton Firefighters will serve a community pancake breakfast in the Round Table Pizza parking lot. Breakfast, including pancakes, meat, eggs, juice and coffee is \$5 per person with proceeds going to benefit charities supported by the firefighters.

Youth Soccer

The Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club (BUSC) U18 United continued their winning ways with a 2-0 win over the Sonoma County Alliance on a blustery Sunday afternoon. Despite going into the wind, BUSC had the better of play, with Jay Jafarpour and Tommy Sander sending balls out of danger. In the 13th minute, Sander set up for a direct kick near midfield on the left. He sent a precision ball over the top of the defense to an on rushing Trevor Morrissey Morrissey finished cleanly for the 1-0 lead. One of Jafarpour's long balls almost found the net as the SCA keeper came off his line and went too far, the ball bouncing off his hands for a corner kick. Morrissey drove a hard, low corner that Alex McArthur headed in for the 2-0 lead in the 16th minute. Late in the half Sander, who was lights out defensively, had another cross in the box that the SCA defender had to play with his arm. The subsequent PK was driven off the crossbar and the half ended 2-0. The wind picked up in the second half and SCA could do nothing offensively. They were pinned deep in their end. Rugged midfield play by Michael Florian and Ryan Shori made sure they stayed there. Despite some late rough stuff, United held firm for the 2-0 whitewash. Top Offensive Players: Trevor Morrissey, Alex McArthur, Tommy Sander; Top Defensive Players: Michael Florian, Jay Jafarpour, Ryan Shori.

Pleasanton BUSC Premier U16 took on the Hayward Aztecs, losing a close match 3 to 2. Jamie Alcantor headed in one goal off a corner kick. Dillon Mullaney netted the second goal, assisted by Trevor Dawson. Top Offensive Players: Jamie Alcantor; Dillon Mullaney; Trevor Dawson; Top Defensive Players: Matt Donner; Scott Sweetnam; Jamie Alcantor.

San Ramon Santos 0, South San Jose Lobitos 0: The U14 San Ramon Santos played to a 0-0 tie against the Soth San Jose Lobitos Sunday in NorCal Premier Division Soccer. The Santos took control of the game early and kept it throughout the physical game. The Santos defense and mid-field kept the Lobitos to only one shot on goal in the first half and two in the second. Dimitri Shocron had an outstanding game leading many of the Santos attacking opportunities along with Guillermo Rivas and Matheus Justin Scott, Grant Matsumoto and Matt Robbins anchored the Santos de-

Lacrosse Summer Program

The Pleasanton Lacrosse Club Summer Program registration is now open. Programs are available for boys entering grades 1 thru 12. The program runs for six weeks starting week of July 9th. 1st-8th grade program regludes one clinic station style practice per week of July 9th. 1st-8th grade program includes one clinic station style practice per week with a pickup type game on Saturday mornings. 9th-12 grade program is pick-up games only on Thursday evenings. Full equipment required for all players. Registration fee is \$50 per player. To register and/or obtain more information about the program see our website at www.pleasantonlacrosse.com or call Byron Hay at 925 998-5550.

National Rodeo Finals

Kyle M. Labrucherie of Livermore is competing in the bareback event at the 2007 College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyoming this week. He is a sophomore at West Hills College.
For more information about the rodeo

finals, go to www.cnft.com.

Gymfinity Gymnastics
Gymfinity Gymnastics hosted its first
USAIGC Invitational in Livermore. The
team from Gymfinity combined to take first

Highlights for Gymfinity are: Level Bronze - age 12 and up - VAULT: Emily Buyer, 1st, 8.6; BARS: Buyer, 1st, 9.0; BEAM: Buyer, 1st, 8.8; FLOOR: Buyer, 2nd, 8.9; ALL-AROUND: Buyer, 1st, 35.3. Level Silver- All Ages- VAULT: Gabby Schulz, 1st, 8.9; Taylor Fleer and Moira Andrews, T2nd, 8.85; BARS: Schulz, 1st, 8.7; Fleer, 3rd, 7.4; Andrews, 4th, 7.35; BEAM: Schulz, Fleer, and Andrews, T2nd, 8.2; Floor: Schulz, 2nd, 9.0; Fleer, 3rd, 8.9; Andrews, 4th, 8.8; ALL-AROUND: Schulz, 1st, 34.8; Fleer, 3rd, 33.35; Andrews, 4th,

Pleasanton American LL

Pleasanton American Little League re-

reasonton American Entire League results:

Majors: The PALL Major Rangers captured the League Championship and the automatic birth to the District 57 Tournament of Champions for the $3^{\rm rd}$ year in a row. After completing the regular season with a 19-1 record, the Rangers entered the playoffs as the

top seed.

In the semi-final game the Rangers jumped out to an early 6-0 lead in the 1st inning as Ryan Anderson hit 2 doubles and drove in 2 runs, Kyle Moreno hit a 3-run Home Run and Eric Crispell had a RBI single. The Rangers would add another run in the 2nd as Moreno doubled and Crispell drove him in with a double, and 2 more runs in the 4^{th} as Jonathan Camello hit his 7^{th} home run of the season driving in Moreno to stake the Rangers to 9-1 lead. Austin Piscotty, (2 INN, 1-1b, 0-runs, 3-k's) and Jacob Wipfli, (2-Inn, 2-H, 1-R and 2-K's) helped contain the White Sox from the mound through the first 4 innings. After the White Sox mounted a late game charge bringing the score to 9-7 in the top of the 6th, Jack Hoffman came in to pitch with the bases loaded and 2 outs, he was able to get the hitter

to ground out to the infield to preserve the win. Top hitters for the Rangers were Ryan Anderson, (3-3, 2-2b, 2-RBI and 1-R), Kyle Anderson, (3-3, 2-20, 2-18)1 and 1-18), Ryte Moreno, (2-3, 1-HR, 1-1B, 3-RBI, 1-R), Jonathan Camello, (3-4, 1-HR, 1-2B, 1-1B, 2-RBI) and Eric Crispell, (3-3, 1-2B, 2-1B, 2-RBI). After this win, the Rangers moved on to face the Indians in the Championship

game on Saturday.

In the Championship game the Rangers started strong building a 4-1 lead in the 1st inning as Jonathan Camello slammed a 3-run home run scoring Austin Piscotty and Kyle Moreno. Jacob Wipfli would also cross the plate in the 1st. The Rangers continued their hot hitting as they added 3 runs in the 2nd inning as Moreno hit a 3-run home run scoring Austin Piscotty and Bryson Sherman, and 5 runs in the 3rd as Jonathan Camello hit his second 3-run home run scoring Ryan Anderson and Piscotty giving the Rangers a

Kyle Moreno not only had a great day at the plate, but he pitched a wonderful game against the Indians allowing 3 hits and 3 runs while striking out 8 in 6 imings to lead the Rangers to the 12-3 victory. Roster-Ryan Anderson, Austin Piscotty,

Kyle Moreno, Jonathan Camello, Jacob Wipfli, Eric Crispell, Mark Slifer, Parker Bryan, Jack Hoffman, Sean Walsh, Grant Miller and Bryson Sherman. Manager- Ron Anderson, Asst Coaches- Don Camello and

Junior 80s: The PALL Junior 80 Yankees continued their late inning outbursts, scoring four runs against the Marlins and seven against the PNLL Cardinals, to record 7-5 and 11-8 victories in games last

In the first game with the Marlins, the Yankees, took a 3-1 lead, but the Marlins scored three in the fourth and 1 in the fifth to go ahead 5-3. Mitchell Reed brought home a run with a ground out to short and bLke Schultz scored on an errant pickoff throw to third. Garrison Janes shut down the Marlins in the top of the sixth with three strikeouts and a walk. With two out and no one on, Trevor Uyeda hit a double over the left fielder's head and then went to third on a wild pitch. Becker McGuire walked and stole second to put runners at second and third. The Marlins brought in a new pitcher, but he balked in Uyeda. McGuire scored on another Marlin error to give the Yankees a 7-5 lead going to the top of the seventh. Janes hit the first batter in the seventh, but got the next two hitters on a grounder to the mound and a strike out. The final out was recorded when McGuire fielded a hot shot at third base and threw to Andrew Black at first for the final out.

The game with the Cardinals was similar in nature. The Yankees scored a run in the first when Paul Leoni singled in Michael McKinley. Then, after falling behind 2-1, they retook the lead 3-2 in the third on a botched pickoff play at third that brought Nick Grave home and on a failed squeeze attempt on which the high and away pitch went to the backstop. Janes was credited with a steal of home. The lead didn't last long as the Yankees made their own errors in the tor of the fourth to allow the Cardinals to score four runs and take a 6-3 lead.

The score remained 6-4 until the bottom The score remained 6-4 until the boutom of the sixth when the Yankees went back to work against a new Cardinal pitcher. Sam Skolnick singled to lead off. Nick Grave walked. Patrick O'Brien singled up the middle, past a drawn in infield, to drive in runs to tie the game. McKinley followed with a booming double to left center to bring home both runners and Uyeda followed up with a single to right plating McKinley. Joey Silva walked to load the bases and, after another out was recorded, Schultz also walked to bring home a run. Mitchell Reed capped the scoring with a single up the middle. The Yankees handed the 11-6 lead to Andrew Black, who had pitched the fifth and sixth, and although the Cardinals managed to score a pair of runs, Black struck out the final three hitters to get the win for the Yankees.

Foothill Little League

Pleasanton Foothill Little League results

from last week:

AA Division: The Devil Rays defeated the White Sox 12 - 9 in a wild game. The four White Sox pitchers, Matt Stiles, Hector Vega, Jairus Woodson and Jack Sanderson struck out ten Devil Rays batters. Matt had 4, Hector 2, Jairus 1 and Jack 3. Aaron Wong, Matt Stiles, Ethan Lipsker, Joshua Ott, Sam Cukar, Jack Sanderson, Jairus Woodson, Hector Vega, Nick Powers, Tommy Serrano, Jackson Freese and Tatsuya Hareyama led the White Sox offensive attack. Matt Styles, Tatsyua Hareyama, Jairus Woodson, Ethan Lipsker, Joshua Ott and Jackson Freese made terrific plays on defense. Jairus Woodson earned the game ball for his outstanding play.

White Sox 13, Padres 13: As the score would dictate, there was a lot of action in this last wild game of the season. The nine White Sox pitchers, Nick Powers, Aaron Wong, Ethan Lipsker, Sam Cukar, Tommy Serrano, Jackson Freese, Tatsuya Hareyama, Joshua Ott and Jack Sanderson did a great job. On offense, the White Sox were led by Jackson Freese who had two singles, a walk, three runs scored, two RBI and two stolen bases; Aaron Wong who had two singles, one run scored, one RBI and one stolen base. Tatsuya Hareyama caught a screaming line drive in center field. Ethan Lipsker, Aaron Wong, Nick Powers and Sam Cukar tagged out a Padres runner. Jack Sanderson threw out a runner from right field who tried to stretch a single into a double . Joshua Ott snagged a hard hit ball at shortstop and threw out the potential go ahead run at the plate - Ethan Lipsker made a great tag. Hector Vega, Joshua Ott, Ethan Lipsker, Aaron Wong, Nick Powers and Tommy Serrano played excellent catcher position for the White Sox. earned the game balls for their outstanding

Angels 8, Phillies 11: Ollie Allen hit a 2 run triple early in the 1st inning and Jonathan Dourneau followed that up with a sacrifice RBI to give Phillies the early lead. Michael Horton pitched a no walk inning and held the Angels at 1 run. Kane Millerstrom caught a beautiful play at first to get one of three quick outs. Robert Ota hit huge a 2 run single in the third. Desmond Deverux amazed us all with his powerful fly ball for a single RBI. GO DESY! Sammy Caval hit a much needed RBI in the 4th inning and Robert showed a great pitching effort with a nice short fly ball catch in front of the pitchers mound. Kane Millerstrom bunted a double and stole home and Jonathan Dourneau sealed the deal with a single RBI and a home plate steal as well! Top Offensive Players: Jonathan Dourneau & Desmon Deverux; Top Defensive Players: Robert Ota & Kane Millerstrom.

AAA Division: Giants vs. A's: Both teams came out hitting hard In the last game of the regular season. Garrett Leone keeps the A's from scoring in the 4th inning with awesome pitching. Ryan Gronlund's first appearance on the mound showed there was another pitcher in the Giants bullpen. Sanjam Sawhney stops a hard hit ball at 2nd and gets the out at 1st. Both Garrett Leone and Ryan Gronlund make plays from the mound. Brett Lewis puts the ball in play 5 out of 5 times and Patrick Ronan puts it in play 4 out of 4. Yankees 7, Cubs 6: The Yankees de-

feated the Cubs 7 - 6 in the first round of the PFLL AAA playoffs. The three Yankees pitchers Ryan Ortisi, Tanner Wiese and Ryan Probst limited the Cubs to just four hits and four earned runs, while striking out ten batters. Tanner Weise struck out five Cubs in the two innings that he pitched and Ryan Probst struck out three Cubs in his one plus inning of stellar relief. Ryan Probst, Ryan Ortisi and Brandon Martinez lead the Yankees offensive attack. Brandon Martinez started the Yankees final rally with a walk. Greg Miller also walked putting runners on first and second. Brandon and Greg then pulled off a double steal, just in time for Brandon to score on Ryan Ortisi's infield ground out RBI. That run held up as Ryan Probst shut down the Cubs in the fourth and of a bases loaded no out jam in the fourth inning. Ryan Probst pitched out of a bases loaded no out jam in the fourth inning. Ryan Ortisi fielded a sharp ground ball at short and made a perfect throw to Zeke Burgermesiter at home to force a runner for the first out. Ryan Probst then struck out the the first out. Kyan Probst then struck out the next batter and got the third out on a high pop-up to shortstop that Ryan Ortisi caught. In the bottom of the fifth inning after the Cubs lead off batter singled, Ryan Probst struck out the next two batters, and then Zeke Burgermesiter fielded a hard hit ground ball at shortstop a fired a perfect throw to Sam Arnold for the final out. Ryan Probst and Ryan Ortisi earned game balls for their outstanding play.

Cardinals 4, Astros 13: Cards lost to the Astros in a major upset game. Morgan Johnston hit a triple but was unable to score. Jake Wilgus hit a double for 2 RBIs. Mikey Babcock also scored a run with a great single then rounding the bases. Scott Rasnick hit a line drive bringing in Johnston for the 4th and final score of the game. On defense, Stephen Chipman, Collin Blaney, Brian Blasquez and Wilgus all pitched well. Ryo Nagai made the play of the game when he caught a high fly ball in center field.

Cardinals 13, Brewers 12: Morgan Johnston started things off in the 1st inning with a base hit bringing in Chet Koziol to score. Jake Wilgus then hit a double bringing in Johnston for the 2nd score. In the 3rd, Collin Blaney made the play of the game with the Cardinals first home run of the season! A single by Scott Rasnick and a double by Brian Blasquez loaded the bases and Wilgus came in with a triple to clear the bases for 3 more runs. Ryo Nagai made his debut on the pitchers mound in the fastest inning of the game with plays to 1st for 2 outs and striking out a Brewers player holding the team score-less. With the Cardinals behind by one run in the 5th, Brock Gustafson stepped up to the plate for a double and a steal to 3rd and Koziol hit a double for 2 RBIs. On a roll, Zachary Roskopf hit hard for 2 more RBIs. Mikey Babcock also made his debut on the pitchers mound holding the Brewers. Stephen Chipman caught a high fly ball in left field to end the game for the win.

Majors: Giants 14, Rangers 5: Ryan Mand started on the mound with consistent

Maund started on the mound with consistent pitching in the strike zone for 2 innings with Cory Frederickson behind the plate. Zachary Hart followed in the 3rd striking out 3 batters in a row with the bases loaded. Zach's impressive pitching continued in the 4th as he struck out 3 of 4 batters. With Nick Mendonca behind the plate, Derek Banister took over the mound in the 5th and continued the trend, striking out 2 of 3 batters followed by his consistent delivery to the strike zone in the 6th. The Giants' defense kept the Rangers in check with unassisted outs by Sam Wagner, Kyle Wiest and Ryan Maund. Precision fielding by Zachary Hart, Sam Wagner, Richard Vanderbilt, Ben Case, and Nick Mendonca froze the scoreboard for the home team Rangers. early every Giants player scored, bringing the season to a close in the 6th with hot fielding for 3 consecutive,

quick outs to end the game.

Mets 5, Giants 4: Kevin Buscheck's single up the middle scored Joel Jurich with the winning run in the bottom of the sixth inning to give the Mets a 5-4 victory over the Giants in the first round of the league playoffs June 9. Grant Soyka spearheaded the winning rally by blasting his second home run of the game to lead off the sixth and tie the score at 4-4. Jurich then singled, Max Sanderson reached on an error, and one out later, Buscheck delivered his game-winner. Sanderson pitched 3 1/3 innings of relief, striking out four to earn the victory. Soyka, whose two-run homer in the first gave the Mets an early 3-1 lead, pitched the first 2 2/ 3 innings, striking out five.

Pleasanton National LL

Pleasanton National Little League re-

AA Division: Cubs 4, Cardinals 13: On a cold and windy night, the Cardinals and Cubs battled the elements as well as each other. The Redbirds were flying in the wind scoring 5 in the 1st and 5 in the 2nd. James Cowick pitched the first 2 innings, striking out the first 3 batters and giving up a run in the second before retiring the side. Bobby Kaufman pitched the 3rd giving up 3 runs on 3 hits before striking out 3. Jimmy Kaufman reached base 4 times with a walk, a double, a single, and a hit scoring twice and driving in 1. Bobby Kaufman, Drew Highfill, Joshua Halperin, all reached base 3 times with an RBI. Alec Baughman had 2 RBI and James Cowick had 2 RBI on a single and a double. The other RBI came from Brandon Jordan and Alec Bevc who went 1 for 2 with a walk and a single. Danny Cox also went 1 for 2 with a single and a walk before coming in to shut down the Cubbies in the 4th before the game was called because of coldness.

Pleasanton Phantom

Pleasanton Phantom Girls Softball League

tournament highlights:
Phantom 10U 'B' Dominates Vallejo
Tournament: The Pleasanton Phantom 10 and under traveling girls softball team won the Joshua L Richardson Memorial softball tournament in Vallejo over the weekend, winning all 6 games they played. Phantom cruised through "Pool Play" on Saturday with wins over teams from Palo Alto, Livermore, and Morgan Hill. In the Championship round, Corrine Valdix pitched a nohitter in the quarter-final game over a team from Albany-Berkley. In the Semi-Final, Ashley Lotoszynski pitched Phantom to an 8-2 win over a stubborn team from Marin County; Lotoszynski also contributed a 3-run Home Run to seal the victory. In the Championship Game, against a strong team from Novato, pitcher Johanna Grauer turned in a brilliant performance. Grauer faced the minimum 21 batters in a 7-inning game, striking out 20! The only batter to reach base received a walk, but was immediately thrown out attempting to steal by catcher Ashley Lotoszynski. Key hits in the 4-0 championship game victory were delivered by Molly Phillips, Ashley Lotoszynski, and Katie

Eppard.

Phantom 14U take Third in San

Mateo: The Phantom 14U's finished 3rd
place over the weekend in the George Feeley Classic at Beresford fields in San Mateo. Phantom was led by pitcher Kim Grano who gave up just 5 runs in 19 innings of work while striking out 17 and walking only 3. Phantom's offense was led by Macy Masajlo and Alli Pluschkell. Phantom defeated Burligame Flames 7-6 in the quarterfinals before falling to Belmont 2-1 in the semi-

Livermore Smoke

The Livermore Smoke 12-under Black (B division) team won the championship of the Sunnyvale Spring Blast on June 2-3 at Twin Creeks Softball complex. Among the girls who contributed to the strong showing for the Smoke were Lexi Meyer, Ashley Weiler, Marina VanVliet, Bianca Devoto, Niki Lupo, Korrina Botelho, Tabitha Heinz, Morgan Meyer, Megan McEntee, McKenzie Hubert, Selena Shang, and Kayla Smith. This was after finishing in a third-place tie as the host team on Memorial Day weekend in

Baseball Camp

Foothill High School varsity baseball coach, Angelo Scavone and his staff will instruct on the fundamentals of offense, defense, and pitching. Instruction also in-cludes bunting, catching, throwing, all posi-tions (including catchers & pitchers), baserunning, and more. All campers will receive individual attention with an 8:1 instructor ratio. The camp is limited to the first 120 players to sign up.

The camp will be held at the Foothill High School Varsity baseball field on Monday-Wednesday, June 25th-27th from 9AM - 12PM for all youth baseball players age 7-14. Both boys and girls are welcome. The cost is \$125 for all three days. For a sign up form

For additional information, please contact Coach Scavone at 925-461-7515 Ext 3#.

17th 800 Series

Greg Kwasniak rolled his career 17th 800 series during league play at Granada Bowl last week. Greg competing in the Monday Mash-ers League started with a modest 223 game

ers League started with a modest 223 game and followed with a 255 and completed his series with a 10 in a row 289 game. Greg also recorded a 785 Series when he rolled a 279, 266 and a 240 during Match Club play.

John Graf just missed the 800 plateau when he rolled a 11 strikes in a row 299 game and followed with a 258 and finally a 235 game for a 792 set in the Sunday Rollers

league.
The Championship Trio saw some top scores last week when Ray Salas had a 278, 266 to complete a 959 4 game set and Roger Purta's 932 series was aided by his 269 and 246 and Joe Monastiero had a 268 in the same learn lime score had a 264 to complete. 240 and Joe Monastiero nad a 266 in the Same loop. Jim Foscalina used a 246 to complete a 617 set in the Cocktail League and then returned to compete in the Monday Primetimers and rolled a 242, 225 and a 210 for a 677 series, while Rich Costa's 256 game

helped him to a 676 series in the Sunday Rollers loop. In the Generation Gap, Mike

Adema 264 game led to a 637 Series. In the Monday Mashers Joey Friedmar had a 247 for a 651 Series and Bill Deuell's 223 helped him to complete a 630.

Diane Foscalina set two career milestones last week when she rolled a 200 game and a 505 series which was her first 200 game

and a 505 series which was ner hist 200 game and her first 500 series in league action. Barbara Sample improved her 143 norm with a 200 game and a 520 Series. Senior action saw Fritz Rittman roll a 235 game and Bill Nawrocki had a 233; Jim Harvey a 211 but Rich Nickison topped them all with a 601 series which included a 224 game. Youth Bowlers were led by Alex Stuber's 246 and 609 Series while Riley Chin has back to back 217 games and Jake Giambrone had a 215 game. Adelfa Freeman upped her 130 average with a career high and her first ever 500 series when she rolled a 513.

Tri-For Fun Series

On Saturday, June 16, On Your Mark Events will kick-off its 20th annual Tri-For-Fun Triathlon Series, at Shadow Cliffs Park in Pleasanton, Tri-For-Fun Triathlon Series The Tri-For-Fun features a course dis-

tance of 400-yard Swim (warm, clean lake); 11-mile bike (loop course, flat streets); 3-mile run (rolling fire trail). The course is perfect for the newcomer as well as the seasoned triathlete. Along with the shorter (than usual tri distance) course and the safe, friendly, and noncompetitive atmosphere the Tri-For-Fun makes an excellent event for the numerous first-time triathletes.

After the novice athletes master the first

three Tri-For-Funs, they can meet the challenge of the final event – the Tri-For Real. The final event of the series is held at the same location, but the distances have been increased to 700-yard swim, 20-mile bike, and 4-mile run.

The 2007 On Your Mark Tri-For-Fun Series dates are June 16, July 21, and August 18. The Tri-For-Real will be held on September 22nd. All races will start at 7:00 a.m., at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park, 2500 Stanley Blvd., Pleasanton, CA. (The actual 20th year even will be the August triathlon.) There is a 1,000-participant maximum for each To register or to receive more information

about On Your Mark Events' Tri-For-Fun Triathlon Series, call 209-795-7832 or visit their Web site www.onyourmarkevents.com.

Baseball Camp

Livermore High Varsity Baseball Coach David Perotti is hosting a week long summer camp. Each camper will receive individual instruction from coaches and Livermore High players, a snack each day and a camp shirt. This 6-12 year old camp costs \$150 and runs from 9:00-12:00 everyday. The dates are June 18-22. If you sign up before June 10th (post marked), pay only \$125. For more info to sign up please contact David Perotti at (925) 443-2742 orlybinfo@yahoo.com or go to the washsite as the wayw at a marked or marked. website at www.eteamz.com/lvb]www.eteamz.com/lvb.



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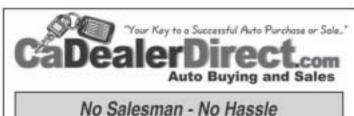
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Five New Eagle Scouts

Five Pleasanton Boy Scouts were recently awarded the rank of Eagle Scout at a special court of honor in Pleasanton at the Specialty Sales showroom. All are members of Pleasanton Boy Scout troops affiliated with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The rank of Eagle is the highest in scouting and requires a minimum of 21 merit badges as well as service in youth leadership positions in the troop and the planning and implementing of a service project benefiting the community. Those honored were Nick Johansen, who arranged for the donation of computers to schools and charitable organizations; Brandon Barkdull, who worked with his troop and family to put together 100 72-hour emergency kits and then donated them to needy families; Bowman Bagley, whose project consisted of building a safety cable rail along a hillside pathway; Mark Warren, who along with 30 workers repaired and refurbished the playground at the Shepherd's Gate women's shelter; and Spencer Miller, who planned and conducted a canned foods drive for the Open Heart Kitchen.

Flag Retirement Box Provided to Livermore by Girl Scout

Kathleen Rosell, a Pleasanton Girl Scout, recently unveiled her Gold Award Project in front of Livermore City Hall. "Katie" as she is know to her friends, is a senior Girl Scout in Troop 3991 in Pleasanton. For her Gold Award service project, the Girl Scout Equivalent of an Eagle Scout project, Rosell chose to donate a Flag Retirement Drop Box to the City of Livermore. The Flag Retirement Drop Box is the culmination of Rosell's desire to do something Patriotic for her community and the community's need for a place to deposit the many hundreds of flags which become worn or faded each year and too tattered for patriotic display.

When Rosell proposed this idea to the City of Livermore, Mayor Kamena embraced the idea and suggested that the box be placed in front of City Hall. When a similar box was placed in Pleasanton last year, hundreds of flags found their way into the box within just a few months. Mayor Kamena said that the City alone retires numerous flags each year from public buildings. The



William L. K. Shill

Eagle Scout Honors for William Shill

William L. K. Shill, a member of Boy Scout Troop 906, has completed the requirements qualifying him to receive Scouting's highest rank Eagle Scout.

William has enjoyed the scouting program since his first Tiger Cub meeting. He has especially enjoyed the outdoor adventures and has become a capable backpacker. William had the opportunity to expand his leadership qualities in his troop, in a variety of school and church responsibilities and while attending Brown-Sea Scout Camp. He was awarded the Medal of Merit for service to a fellow hiker on the Mount Tamalpais trail.

Working with East Bay Regional Park Ranger Sue Schwartz, William designed and managed the construction of a concrete pad and sidewalk for a greenhouse located at the Mitchell Canyon Staging Area located in Mount Diablo State Park. This walkway and pad now allows easy access for all, including those in wheelchairs, who want to work within the greenhouse.

An Eagle Court of Honor will be held on Saturday June 16th at 11:00 am at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saint located on Hillcrest Ave in Livermore. William will be a senior at Livermore High School in the old flags are stored at the Fire Station. He said he was sure that many businesses and residents of Livermore have a similar need. He felt that City Hall would be an accessible and public place for this box.

Rosell discovered, when researching flag retirement, that more than \$550 million is spent each year in the U.S. to import and manufacture flags. Considering population and flag sale statistics, it is likely that residents and businesses in the Livermore area, purchase more than 5,000 flags per year and may need to retire as many as 3,000 flags per

The U.S. Flag Code recommends that retired flags be burned in a respectful ceremony. Local Boy Scout Troops usually take on this responsibility for the area, holding retirement ceremonies at Camp Parks and the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Livermore Boy Scout Troop 931 has volunteered to take on the responsibility for regularly emptying the

The Livermore Elks Club has volunteered to store the flags between retirement ceremonies. The cost of the project was approximately \$1,600. Local service clubs have donated to Rosell's project.

Rosell, a senior at Foothill High School, is editor-in-chief of the year book, JV Section Leader for the Foothill Winter Guard Team, member of the Foothill Marching Band and a ten-year Silver Award Girl Scout. She will attend Cal State Fullerton in the fall as a Photo Communications major.

Two Livermore High Students Selected for Teller Scholarships

Two Livermore high school students have won the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's prestigious Edward Teller Science Scholarship. This year's award winners are Ayano Kohlguber of Livermore High School and Ann Rosa of Granada High School.

The awards, instituted in 2004 in honor of the late Dr. Teller, physicist and Lab co-founder, are given by the Laboratory to graduating seniors who excel in science studies. Each student will receive a \$1.000 scholarship and is eligible for a paid summer internship at the Lab when they complete their first year of col-

lege. Kohlguber has established an overall grade point average of 4.4 in all academic areas. She ranks 1 out of 448 in her class. She has participated in the Lab's Tri-Valley Science and Engineering Fair in March with her project "The Effect of Organic Materials on Soil Composition and Respiration in Composts" for which she received a first place award in the environmental sciences category. She has been nominated

by the Livermore High School Science Department for the Bank of America Excellence in Science and Math award. She also has participated in the Department of Energy's Science Bowl since her freshman year. Kohlguber plans to attend UC Berkeley in the fall where she will study molecular and cell biology.

Rosa has taken six science courses in high school and has served as a science tutor. Her overall grade point average is 3.93. She received first place at both the Livermore Science Odyssey and the Lab's Tri-Valley Science and Engineering Fair in the cellular and molecular biology category for a project in which she and her twin sister Mary used DNA testing to determine that they are indeed identical twins. Rosa will be attending Cal State East Bay in the fall to study molecular biology and hopes to pursue a career in research or teach-

The awards were presented to the students by Lab managers at each of their high school's awards ceremonies in Livermore.

High School Project Spreads Word On Saving Water

Water conservation awareness continues to spread among young people. Trish Marcelino's project this week at Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton is a good example of it.

Zone 7 Water Agency last month honored youth winners of a contest for Water Awareness Month. Zone 7 director Sarah Palmer, a high school teacher in Livermore and Pleasanton, has had her students undertake water projects. Some Amdor Valley students have volunteered to take part in environmental cleanup and scientific study at the nearby Arroyo Del Valle.

The latest example of youth involvement was Marcelino's project, on a team with four other students — Mindy Chen, Eve Edelman, Valerie Yim, and Chelsea Acker. They are students in Chris Murphy's world history class. Murphy assigned class members the task of choosing one global issue and one local one for reports, which were due this week.

The team's local topic, water conservation, is not only for Pleasanton and the Valley, but the entire state, said Marcelino. The team spent a month on its topic. They sent a press release via email to newspapers late last week, which said that "through our research, we have learned that California is in urgent need to save water because of the lack of rainfall in the past year, and the need of water resources to provide for the growing population. If this issue is ignored, there might be a big chance of another mandatory cutback, such as from 15 years ago when the water shortage negatively affected California."

The release said, "Additionally, since California is one of the leading agricultural regions in the nation, it is important for our state to maintain an adequate

supply of water for our crops." The team researched water conservation ideas on the internet. They printed a flier with a dozen or so conservation tips on it. They put the fliers at bus stops and in people's home mailboxes.

Marcelino said that she distributed fliers in her condominium area in Vintage Hills, and also at a nearby park. The headline on their flier says that "California is drying up ... help our state conserve water ... to prevent mandatory cutbacks."

Among the conservation tips listed are reduction in faucet flow, shorter showers, putting washing machines on a lower water-use setting, less automatic dishwasher use, and installation of low-flush toilets. Other suggestions are turning off the faucet while brushing teeth, installing restricted-flow shower heads, and waiting until there is a full load

to use the washing machine. Also check on sprinklers so they are watering the lawn, not the sidewalk, and check pipes for leaks. Clean vegetables in a bowl of water instead of running tap water over them. Furthermore, by reducing the water pressure in your home, you can reduce the flow rate at the faucets.

The team's global issue for its report dealt with the growing problem of hackers' crimes against the computers of the Estonian government and citizens, said Marcelino. The hackers are trying to obtain people's credit card numbers and government data, she said.





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Laddsville, the Precursor to Livermore

Before there was a town called Livermore, there was a little settlement called Laddsville, or Laddville, near the intersection of Junction Avenue and Old First Street. In the 1860s Junction Avenue, then called the Dublin and Laddsville Road, was part of the old Stockton stage road through the valley.

Ladd Avenue preserves the name of the founder, Alphonso "Frank" S. Ladd, who claimed 160 acres in section 9 T3S/R2E with agricultural college scrip. He had actually claimed the land when it was still part of Rancho Las Positas. The Livermore family protested his claim. However, the courts ruled in 1871 that Livermore's grant did not extend that far to the east, and Ladd's heirs completed proof for the land in 1873 after his

Frank Ladd was born in Maine in 1827 and married Sarah Brogan from County Antrim, Ireland, in New Orleans. They came to San Francisco in 1850 via a nine-month voyage around Cape Horn and soon had settled in Sunol Valley. While there, Ladd served as the Alameda County constable from 1855 to 1860. By 1865 the Ladd family had moved to the Livermore Valley. Ladd built his home and a wood and adobe two-story hotel with 19 rooms on his property near the present site of Junction Avenue School. He planted a 77-acre vineyard in back of the hotel. The Ladds had three daughters and one son, Joseph, who was killed in 1877 in a hunting accident in the Livermore hills when he was only 19.

Besides rooms available for 50 cents a night, Ladd provided beer, liquor, and cigars at a bar consisting at first of several rough planks laid over two upright barrels, with a stock of bottles on a shelf behind. Later, more refined amenities were probably added—the list of assets in his probate record included "hotel fixtures and bar fixtures." The hotel ad on June 12, 1869, in the Alameda County Gazette announced, "There is a livery stable connected with the hotel, where good horses and buggies can

By 1868 the little community that sprang up around Ladd's holdings had about 50 inhabitants. According to the *Gazette*, Laddsville shared the unsavory reputation of its neighbor, Little Mexico. "Murray Township is infested with horse thieves, robbers, and desperadoes, and they seem to congregate about Laddsville." Ladd's hotel and bar attracted its share of undesirable customers. A man named Hyde showed up on Aug. 9, 1868 and demanded a drink. Ladd refused to serve him because he was already drunk. Hyde grabbed a large water pitcher and struck Ladd on the head, causing a gash in his temple. Hyde followed this up with another blow from a lager beer jug. The two struggled and fell to the floor. The barkeeper and two Mexicans ran in to help, but a gun went off. When Ladd stood up, they found that Hyde had been shot in the stomach with his own gun. Ladd was cleared of any charge in the death since he had been defending himself.

Frank Ladd died on Nov. 2, 1868, "whiskey the cause" when he was just 40 years old.

A large general store, a harness shop, blacksmith shop, bakery, shoe store, seven or eight saloons, and two hotels were in the Laddsville area by the early 1870s. The principal private homes belonged to Adam Fath and Israel Horton. Horton's house and barn still stand on Old First Street. Joseph Le Conte, on his way to Yosemite, camped near Laddsville on July 22, 1870. He disagreed with the accepted population figures, declaring that the town had 200 citizens—150 of them dogs that barked all night long. He finally fell asleep, he said, only to be shaken awake by a train just before dawn that passed within 50 feet of

P. Henry Angelopulo, a native of Greece, opened his bakery and confectionary store in Laddsville in 1870. He advertised in the 1870-1871 directory for Murray Township that he sold bread, cakes, crackers, pies, and candy. "Weddings, balls, picnics and other parties supplied with cakes and confectionary in superior style and on the shortest notice." Thomas Green, who often rode back and forth on his palomino pony between Dublin and his family's second store in Greenville, had pleasant memories of stopping at the bakery for cookies and bread. In November 1871 a fire burned most of Laddsville. The majority of the merchants rebuilt closer to the railroad depot in what is now downtown Livermore. Sarah Ladd managed the hotel after Frank's death until it burned down in August 1876; only the adobe walls were left. The Ladd estate gave the land for the original St. Michael's church that was on First Street.

Livermore still has a resident who can boast of having been born in Laddsville; in fact, Emil Cigliuti grew up there, and his parents lived in their home on Old First Street until their deaths. I like to think that the huge old eucalyptus tree near the railroad tracks and the intersection of Ladd Street and Old First Street remembers the earlier times.

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

Barry Schrader to Present Talk On 'Life After Livermore'

Barry Schrader returns to discuss "Life after Livermore," in one of the Livermore Heritage Guild history lectures.

Barry a long time Livermore resident will return for Rodeo Week, Alameda County Fair and to give the History Talk. The History Lecture will be on Wed. June 20 at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Doors open at 7 pm.

While residing in Livermore Barry and his wife, Kay, had been involved in many organizations that benefited from their volunteering. Barry was a founding member of the Livermore Heritage Guild, Friends of the Vineyards, Rotary and on the Chabot-Las Positas Community College Board. He also worked for the Livermore Herald, Sandia Corp. and at Lawrence Livermore Lab.

Come early for refreshments and chit chat. A \$2 donation is suggested. For more information call 443-9740.

Dad's Day Activity at Farmers' Market

On June 14, the Livermore Farmers' Market will feature a kids activity designed with dad in mind. Kids can stop by the activity booth and make dad a Father's Day button.

The market is open every Thursday through Oct. 18 from 4 to 8 .m. in Carnegie Park, 3rd Street and J Street.

The evenings feature music and locally grown produce. Currently California peaches are in season. Nectarines and apricots are still available as are strawberries and cherries.

The Alameda County Master Gardeners will be at the market to answer questions about gardening. Livermore artists will be at the market throughout the sea-

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Camp Kadima in Sunol Opens Registration

Camp Kadima, a Jewish community summer day camp for students entering kindergarten through eighth grade held at the Sunol Glen School in Sunol, is accepting registrations for its fourteenth year of operation. Camp Kadima, the only Jewish day camp in the East Bay, offers a range of activities from sports and outdoor programs to crafts

Each week campers take a field trip to such Bay Area destinations as the Exploratorium, the Silliman Aquatic Center, and the San Jose Tech Museum. Twice each week campers visit the Dublin Aquatic Center. Several sessions also include an overnight camping trip to Lake Del Valle in Livermore. Camp administrator Sharon Cohen adds, "Camp

opportunity to explore and develop his or her personal identity in a warm, welcoming setting. Program Director Nathan Bellet integrates Jewish values, themes, and practice into all the camp activities.

At Camp Kadima, many campers and staff return year after year. The camper to staff ratio is 5:1.

Camp Kadima is open to children who will enter kindergarten by Fall 2008 through middle schoolers entering eighth grade. There is also a Counselor-in-Training (CIT) program for those entering ninth grade. The camp runs from June 25 through August 10 in one or two-week sessions. The camp also allows one or more extra drop-in days

Kadima offers each camper an throughout the summer as long as space is available. Rates for children entering grades kindergarten through 2 are \$230 per week and \$400 for two weeks and for older children \$260 per week and \$450 for two weeks, with reduced rates for Counselors-in-Training. Drop-in days are \$60 each. For a detailed schedule of sessions and rates, go to

www.campkadima.org. Camp Kadima is supported by grants from the Jewish Community Federation of the Greater East Bay, Rob and Eileen Ruby Philanthropic Fund of The Jewish Community Foundation, and Sinai Memorial Chapel. Camp Kadima Jewish Community Day Camp is co-sponsored by Congregation Beth Emek, Temple Beth Torah, Congregation Shir Ami, and Temple Beth Sholom and administered by Congregation Beth Emek of Pleasanton. Camp scholarships are available through most synagogues. Call 925-931-1055 extension 11 for more information. Extended care is offered through Sunol Glen School from 7 am to 6 pm at a cost of \$6 per hour. For more information, call 925-862-0525 or go to www.sunol.k12.ca.us.

To register for Camp Kadima, go to www.campkadima.org. For more information on the camp, call 925-931-1055 extension 11 or 925-606-0822 or e-mail campkadima@bethemek.org. Camp Kadima is supported by public and private donations. To make a donation, contact the camp information number.

Constance West

Constance Elizabeth West died January 26, 2007 in Pleasanton. She was 87.

The native of Tennessee had lived in the Tri-Valley off and on for over 50 years.

She is survived by a son and daughter -in-law Paul Fountain Sr. and Susan of Tonopah, NV, son James Fountain Jr. of Dublin, daughter-in-law Sandra Fountain of South Lake Tahoe, 13 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Frederick O. West in 1975.

At her request, no funeral services will be held. A celebration of her life will be held at a later

Richard Allen Wood, Sr.

Richard Allen Wood, Sr. died June 9, 2007 in Pleasanton. He was 69.

He had suffered 27 years with Multiple Sclerosis. The native of South Dakota had lived in Dublin ten years and Pleasanton for 21 years. He served in the U.S. Navy as a radioman and after the military worked for 20 years as a printing supervisor at the Drawing Board. His hobbies included drawing, playing cards, doing puzzles, playing dominos and playing with his grandchildren. He was a member of the Dublin Senior Center.

He is survived by his wife of 45 wonderful years, Edith Jewell Wood, a daughter, Carrie West of Dublin, son Richard West, Jr. of Fremont, four sisters, two brothers and grandchildren Melissa West and Staci West of Dublin and A.J. Wood of Fremont. He was preceded in death by his parents Clare and Ernest Wood.

Private services are planned. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation or the National Kidney Foun-

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Marilyn Frances Bowe

Pleasanton resident Marilyn Frances Bowe died April 28, 2007 at the age of 71. She was known as "Muggs" to all.

She was born August 20, 1935, at home in the Mission District in San Francisco to John and Alice Haley (deceased). After attending St. Peter's elementary and becoming student body president at Presentation High School, she commuted to the College of Notre Dame (now Notre Dame University),

Belmont. She will be remembered as devoted sister of Thomas Haley of Concord, and the late Irene Wells, Lakeport, and the late Jack Haley, Daly City. She was the proud mother of Colleen (and Tom) Davalos, Sunnyvale; Daniel Bowe, Palm Springs; Celeste (and Joe) Earnshaw, Placerville; Matthew (and Annette) Bowe, Highlands Ranch, CO; grandmother of Devin and Sean Diaz; Joseph and Kaleigh Earnshaw; Christian and Lauren Bowe. And her love will continue to touch numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

From her husband, James Bowe, "Muggs was my hero, best friend, lover, Devil's advocate (thank God!), frank realist, beautiful lady, partner through thick and thin, sweet baboo, and wife of 51 years." The two met and fell in love in 1954 while representing the Bay Area at a college conference in Chicago.

Everything in the garden grew and flourished under her green thumb. Muggs, the nickname bestowed somehow by her dad, made sure that everyone felt wel-

Her cooking was gourmet, and a place to stay was always available at her home even when she was very sick. She always thought of others before herself. Her passion for entertaining and hosting celebrations was second only to her love of decorating for all to enjoy at the holidays. At Halloween, despite her illness, she still made a point of personally greeting each of the 200 or more costumed children coming to her door. She always remembered her grandchildren, family, and friends with cards and greetings at holidays, birthdays, graduations, good times and tough times. Starting with a bout with a rare disease in 1983,

Marilyn's health started a

graduăl but persistent decline.

While some would consider her

ability to live to almost 72 a

miracle of stamina, the true testi-

mony of her strength was the con-

come when they came to her door.

stant giving in the midst of her suffering.

The family would appreciate remembrances in the name of Marilyn Bowe, in care of The Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley, Pleasanton Senior

Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton, CA 94566. James Bowe and Mugg's family would like to invite you to a memorial celebration to remember Mugg's life. It will be held on Sunday, July 1, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Pleasanton Senior Center 5353 Sunol

Blvd, Pleasanton.

Randy Maraccini

Randy A. Maraccini, 39, of Atlantic, Iowa, passed away, Saturday, June 2, 2007, at the Cass County Memorial Hospital in Atlantic.

Randy is survived by his wife, Tammy; father, Louis and his wife. Marilyn of American Falls. ID; brothers, Louis Maraccini, Jr. of Homestead, FL and Chris Maraccini of Tracy, CA: grandmother, Amy Fiock of Grass Valley, CA; mother-in-law, Sharon Miskill of Griswold, IA; sisterin-laws, Darla Hannan and Lisa Bruning of Griswold, IA; brotherin-laws, Ted Hannan of Omaha, NE and Tom Williamson of Griswold, IA; and many nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place and there will be no services.

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Charles Wright
Charles Richard Wright died June 6, 2007 in Livermore. He was 80.

He was born in Nebraska January 23, 1927. He had lived in Livermore for 48 years. He attended a vocational school for electrical engineering. Charles worked as a car salesman for 35 years at Hayward Ford and was an appliance store owner. His hobbies included woodworking and cabinetry. He was a political

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Evelyn Leona Wright, daughter Evelyn Beauchamp of Livermore, a son, Charles A. Wright of Red Bluff, sister Marge Schrantz and brother Peter Wright, both of Casper, Wyoming, seven grandchildren and one great grandchild. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his siblings Tom, Daniel and Mike Wright, Mavis Goodrich and Fay Winget.

Funeral services were held June 12 at Sunset Community Church in Livermore.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Claire A. Nash

Claire A. Nash, 84, a longtime Livermore resident, passed away peacefully at Washington Hospital in Fremont on June 8, 2007. She had earlier suffered a cardiac arrest event.

Claire was born Sept. 29, 1922 in Los Altos to Joseph and Ellen Grennan. She attended Los Altos Grammar School and graduated from Mountain View Union High School. She attended Dominican College in San Rafael. She married Robert Nash in 1947. They moved to Livermore in 1960 and were together until his passing in 1991. Claire worked for the telephone company and as a teacher's aide in Livermore for many years. In her spare time, she enjoyed playing cards and visiting with family and friends.

Claire leaves as a legacy her family, which incudes daughters Carolyn Paredes and husband John, and Margaret, sons John and wife Sue and Tom and Wife Portia. She also leaves twelve grandchildren and three great grandchildren, her younger sister Helen Kaiser, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends. In addition to her parents and husband, Robert, she was preceded in death by her brother Bobby and sisters Connie and Geraldine.

Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated June 12 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Livermore. Burial was at St. Michael's Cemetery in Liver-

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Frederick Anders Hall

Frederick Anders Hall passed away May 22, 2007 in Loma Linda, California. He was 63.

He was born in Oakland, Dec. 2, 1943 and grew up in Pleasanton. He graduated from Amador Valley High School in 1962, then ittenaea Cai Poly San Luis Obispo for two years. He served in the Army and was sent to Vietnam 1966-1967. He graduated from Cal Poly in 1972.

He is survived by his son, Christian Hoelscher, who resides in Portland, OR, and a sister, Maren, who lives in Pleasanton. He was preceded in death by his mother, Blanche and father Beuford (Boo), and his sister,

Fred enjoyed most outdoor sports, especially snow and water skiing, biking, playing golf and fishing. He loved to barbecue. Fred enjoyed his friends and the times they spent together.

A celebration of Fred's life will be held at 1 p.m. on Sun., July 1 at Pleasanton Presbyterian Church, 4700 Mirador Dr.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a favorite char-

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Charles Biederman

Charles Biederman died Tuesday morning, June 5, 2007, at his home in Rochester, Vermont, with his family around him. He had recovered from lung cancer three and a half years ago, but continued to suffer from pulmonary fi-

Charlie, as he was known, served as director of public affairs for the Livermore National Laboratory from 1989 to 1995, when he retired to Vermont. During his years at the lab, he helped open it up for more public awareness and his work there helped get the National Ignition Facility located in Livermore.

He was born in Chicago, Illinois, on December 23, 1929. His youth was spent there and, later, in Appleton, Wisconsin. At the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Charlie majored in journalism and was very active in campus activities. He was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity, business manager of the Daily Cardinal student newspaper, and, later, an elected member of the Cardinal Board, which was the board of directors for the newspaper. Charlie's future wife, Carol, worked with him in the Cardinal office, as did David Lowell, Associate Publisher of The Independent. After graduation from the university, Charlie had a career with advertising agencies in New York and with General Electric.

Rotary was also very important to him, both in Livermore and in Vermont. As a member of Livermore Rotary, he served on its board of directors. In Vermont, he was president of his club and lead a Rotary Group Study Exchange team to Pakistan. The five member GSE team met with Rotarians and professionals in Pakistan, comparing professional information and ful-

filling ambassadorial duties. Charlie and his wife, Carol, traveled and were very active in women's literacy programs in Pakistan, India and China. Carol is continuing these programs. He was also active in the political life in Vermont, serving in a position equivalent of mayor.

Charlie leaves his wife of 53 years, Carol; his daughter, Martha Abbene of San Francisco; a son, William Biederman and his wife, Allison, of Ripton, Vermont; his sister, Peg Winter of Phoenix; AX, and five grandchildren. A celebration of his life is planned for July 21 in Vermont.

In his memory, donations can be made to the Charles Biederman Literacy Project, Tri-Valley Bank, Attention: Kathryn Hohl or Patty Velasco; 1756 First Street, Livermore, California 94550. The project is carried out through Rotary and has tax ID No. EIN-02-0809106.

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Performing Arts Theater's Resident Companies Performance Schedule Set

ermore Valley Performing Arts Center's new 500-seat theater nearing completion, LVPAC today announced the 2007-08 schedule of performances for the theater's resident companies.

"The 500-seat theater was created in part to provide a home for the Tri-Valley's performing arts groups and presenting organizations, including Del Valle Fine Arts, Livermore Valley Opera, Livermore-Amador Symphony, Valley Dance Theatre, Valley Concert Chorale and the Pleasanton Playhouse" said Len Alexander, LVPAC's Executive Director.

'We're delighted that over 60 events and performances will be presented in the inaugural season by our resident companies. We expect that additional events will be announced in the coming weeks by both the resident companies and other Bay Area groups such as the Pacific Chamber Symphony, San Francisco Lamplighters, Bay Area Dance Company and the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's Science Saturdays. In addition, we will soon announce the first season of LVPAC Presents, sponsored by Shea Homes, and featuring nationally and internationally known performers and

Beyond their regular season of events, each of the resident companies will participate in special performances as part of the two week gala opening celebration for the 500-seat theater. The celebration begins with a public ribbon cutting ceremony and open house on Saturday, September 29th and continues through October 13th. Individual tickets for all events at the 500-seat theater will go on sale in early September. A full schedule of performances will be re-leased in late August. Many of the individual resident companies are currently accepting subscription ticket orders for their upcoming seasons. Contact information appears with each group's performance schedule. Interested patrons may contact the group directly for more information and to order tickets.

For more information, contact the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center at (925) 373-6100 or

www.livermoreperformingarts.org. LVPAC Resident Companies 2007-08 Season Schedule:

Del Valle Fine Arts: all start at 8 p.m. November 3 DiVenezia String Quartet; December 8 Jon Nakamatsu, Piano; February 2 Albers Trio; April 26 Binelli-Ferman-Isaac Trio; May 24 Premiere Saxophone Quartet. For season ticket information contact: Art Scott at (925) 447-8269.

Livermore Valley Opera: La Boheme October 20, 26 & 27 at 8pm and October 21 & 28 at 2pm; Carmen March 15, 21 & 22 at 8pm and March 16 & 23 at 2pm. For season ticket information contact: (925) 960-9210 or www.LivermoreValleyOpera.com.

Livermore-Amador Symphony: all concerts begin at 8 p.m. December 1 Consecration of the House; February 9; March 30; May 17. For season ticket information contact: (925) 373-6824 or www.livamsymph.org

Pleasanton Playhouse: Cinderella January 18, 19, 25, 26 & February 1 at 8pm and January 20, 27, February 2 & 3 at 2pm. The Music Man April 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 & 19 at 8pm and April 6, 13 & 20 at 2pm. Beauty and the Beast July 18, 19, 25, 26, August 1, 2, 8 & 9 at 8pm and July 20, 27, August 3 & 10 at 2pm. For season ticket information contact: (925) 462-2121 or www.pleasantonplayhouse.com.

Valley Dance Theatre: The Nutcracker December 15, 16 & 22 at 2 & 7pm. For ticket information confact: (925) 243-0927 or www.valleydancetheatre.com

Valley Concert Chorale: March 8 at 8pm Carmina Burana. For ticket information contact: (925) 866-4003.

Livermore Hires New Economic Development Director

The Livermore Police Department participated in the Special Olympic Torch Run last

Wednesday. The Law Enforcement Torch Run began in Sacramento on June 1 and arrived in

Berkeley on June 8 for the opening of the summer games. In the photo, they are running

down First Street heading towards Pleasanton where they handed off the torch to Pleasanton

M. Robert White has been hired to serve as Livermore's new Economic Development Direc-

He replaces Kevin Roberts, who anounced his retirement earlier this year. He is leaving at the end of June.

For the past five years, Mr. White has held the position of Deputy Director for the Sacramento County Department of Economic Development and Intergovernmental Affairs. He also directs the Business Environmental Resource Center (BERC), a business retention and expansion division within the Sacramento County Executive's Office. He has focused on commercial corridor revitalization, reuse of blighted properties and development of large community assets, including a sports complex and university.

City Manager Linda Barton in announcing the selection of White, stated, "We are delighted that Rob will be joining our Leadership Team. His strong management skills and broad-based economic development experience exactly in line with Livermore's economic development initiatives.

With over 14 years of managerial experience in both the private and public sectors, White reportedly has a strong financial and technical background managing multi-million dollar programs. He has been successful in developing multidisciplinary partnerships, consensus building and crafting cooperative agreements. White also serves as Vice Chair of the Planning Commission for the City of West Sacramento, where he currently re-

"I think this position will prove to be an exciting and challenging opportunity. I look forward to working with the Mayor, City Council, City Manager, Čity leadership and the community in fulfilling the plans already underway. Livermore is obviously a place that has created a vision and has outstanding potential to cement its place as a leader in the East Bay and the region. I am excited to be a part of this vision and will work hard to assist the community in realizing each aspect of the strategy already laid out," said White.

White holds a B.S. degree in Geology from California State University, Chico; a Master's in Planning & Development from University of Southern California, and is working on a Doctor-

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ate Degree in Governance from Queens University, Belfast, Northern Ireland. He is expected to begin work at the City in late

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I-680 Has Relatively Low Commuter Buffer Time to-Oakland morning drive, and time was 40 minutes. Commuters who choose In-In addition, the "buffer time"

terstate 680 as their route to San Francisco in the morning can count on a fairly reliable time for the trip every day, according to a survey by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).

MTC studied six popular commute routes, some in the morning and some in the afternoon. The surveys were conducted annually between 2004 and 2006, to gauge a three-year trend. The studies did not include Interstate 580, although that might be added next year, said MTC spokesperson John Goodwin.

The survey measured the typical time, on average, that the trip should take, 19 times out of 20. On the I-680 route from San Ramon to San Francisco, the

was measured. That's the amount of extra time a motorist should allow in case of unforeseen problems above and beyond the regular drive, such as a crash, wetweather delay, or a stalled truck or car. On average, the buffer time on I-680, which also assumes travel on Highway 24 and the Bay Bridge, is six minutes.

The six minute buffer on the commute from San Ramon to San Francisco is two minutes higher than three years earlier, said Goodwin. However, the good news about the six minutes is that it was the lowest buffer time among the six routes studied.

The range for the others was from eight minutes for the Hayward-to-San Jose morning commute, to 13 minutes for Fremontfor the San Jose to San Francisco afternoon commute.

Part of the problem on the Fremont-to-Oakland morning commute is the heavy truck traffic, said Goodwin. "It's the numberone truck corridor in the region. Truck traffic is a factor in reliability," he said.

The results are being published now, so that city planners will have a handle on commute times, and can judge local planning with it in mind, said Goodwin. The data also will be part of a report due early next year to the MTC board.

Highlighted in that report will be a look at how land use in the Bay Area affects its trade corridors, and how local land use decisions affect the movement,

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Drummond estimates he's taken about 3,500 third graders on walking tours of downtown since 2000. The idea for the walking tours came up that year when a teacher from Croce asked him if she could bring her class to the Livermore Heritage Guild's History Center as a field trip. "I told her if she got her entire class here, I'd do them one better and take them on a tour of downtown," Drummond recalls.

The walking tour makes a loop from the History Center in the Carnegie Building through downtown. Drummond makes a dozen stops to tell anecdotes, share pictures of how things used to look, and point out traces of history such as bronze letters in the sidewalk in front of what used to be a brewery and recycled

bricks in the Tommy's Deli build-

He also hands out souvenirs along the way. At the site of the old Chinese Laundry, near the Depot Building on L Street, the kids receive laundry tickets. Afafter the building burned down,

"I liked hearing the stories, especially the one about the laundry," said Smith third-grader Navita Sohat. "I was surprised that there are houses that are over 100 years old. They really didn't

Drummond has lived in Livermore for nearly 50 years. He joined the Livermore Heritage

Guild in 1975, right after the organization was formed. He has written numerous historical articles on Livermore, covering topics such as the arrival of the automobile, the early railroad, telephone service, the first churches, and the first library.

"That whetted my interest in history and got me involved in inventorying historical structures and becoming an author," he says. "We all know different things—you can't expect everyone to know everything. We're a community of partners and I'm proud to share what I know with younger generations.

For more information on Livermore history, visit the Livermore Heritage Guild's website at www.livermorehistory.com.

ter Drummond relates the story of the \$2,000 in gold coins that the owner of the brewery found

he gives each child a gold col-

look that old.'

Effort Made to Find Homes for Shelter Cats and Kittens As part of the national Adopt a Shelter Cat Month campaign, Bishop Ranch Veterinary Center & Urgent Care is hosting an adoption event for local animal rescue groups in an effort to help shelter cats and kittens find per-

nior) 1st VFW Post #7265; Color guard (junior): 1st San Anselmo Police Explorer Post #306; Antique vehicles: 1st Livermore Heritage Guild 1944 Mack Fire Truck, 2nd Don Podesta 1923 Doane Truck, 2rd Larry Kuntz 1948 International Farmall Cub Tractor; Classic cars: 1st Northern California F-100 Elites.

Equestrian awards, judged by the California State Horsemen's Association: Future horseman or woman: 1st Savanna Simon; Local western (junior): 1st Simone Gonzalez, La Espuela Charra; 2nd, Brittany Voss, Miss Livermore Junior Rodeo Queen 2007; Mounted group (senior): 1st Alameda County Sheriff's Posse, Calaveras-Tuolumne Cattlewomen, 2rd Diamond Hills **Equestrian Center**;

Charro/Charra: 1st Jorge Gonzalez, La Espuela Charra; 2nd Rancho las Camelinas; Novelty: 1st Pari Cartier, Bay Area Cowboys and Cowgirls; 2nd Rancho las Camelinas; 3rd Savanna Simon; Plain western: 1st Mega Davis, Miss Livermore Rodeo Queen 2007; Working western (senior): 1st Oakland Black Cowboys Association.

manent homes this summer.

According to the Humane Society of The United States, an estimated 3-4 million animals are euthanized in shelters across the country each year. In June, more cats and kittens are at risk because June is the month when shelters are inundated with unwanted cats and litters of kittens.

"We feel it is our obligation to support local animal rescue groups and shelters with their rescue efforts," said Doctor Franklin Utchen co-owner of Bishop Ranch Veterinary Center & Urgent Care. "This year, we're taking our support one step further by hosting an adoption event for local animal rescue groups to help find homes for some of their rescued cats and kittens.'

The event will be held Saturday, June 23rd from 10-3 at **Bishop Ranch Veterinary Center** & Urgent Care in San Ramon. Rescue groups participating in the adoption event include Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation (www.arf.net), Tri-Valley Animal Rescue (www.tvar.org), East Bay SPCA (www.eastbayspca.org), Pets and Pals (www.petspals.org), Contra Costa Animal Services and others. Each group will have cats and kittens available for adoption and information about their organization and how you can help.

Other vendors will be in attendance - local Lafayette artist Vina Daniels owner of Paw **Printers** Ceramics (www.pawprinter.com) will be creating ceramic "paw print" impressions, while the founder of the Valley Humane Society's Just New Fund (www.valleyhumanesociety.org) will have animal boutique items for sale benefiting the Just Like New Fund – a program that provides financial assistance to the public who have a sick or injured

Bishop Ranch Veterinary Center & Urgent Care is located at 2000 Bishop Drive in San Ramon. For more information, call 925-866-8387 or go to www.webvets.com



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In the photo are (left to right) Tom Darter, Larry Kassin, and Michael Manring.

Group Offers "Something New' in Chamber Music

Manring Kassin Darter, known for provocative complex compositions that tear down stylistic walls, will appear in concert at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Livermore on June 30th. While listeners can hear echoes of classical, jazz, rock, folk, avant-garde, and world music in their performances, the net result is something completely new: chamber music for the new century.

"Wow, are these guys tight!" Says Ray Manzarek, co-founder of The Doors. "If you like J.S. Bach, you are going to love the intricacies and delicacies of Manring Kassin Darter. They work together with much simpatico, and each musician is a sensitive master in his own right. And, of course, I love the piano!'

Tom Darter, Michael Manring, and Larry Kassin have extensive, multi-faceted careers as musicians.

Tom Darter (piano), founding editor of Keyboard magazine, established the Contemporary Music Ensemble at the Chicago Musical College of

Roosevelt University, where he also taught music theory and composition. He has arranged two albums of music for the Kronos Quartet - Monk Suite and Music of Bill Evans — played key-boards on numerous Jerry Goldsmith film scores, and won several composition awards. Darter, who was born and raised in Livermore, returned in 2001. He has been commissioned by Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center to write a piece for piano and orchestra, which will be premiered by the Livermore-Amador Symphony (with Darter playing the solo piano part) on October 13th, as part of the culminating event in the grand opening celebration of the new 500-seat theater.

Michael Manring (bass), known for his innovative approach to the bass and adventurous solo concerts, has appeared on approximately 200 recordings, and toured throughout the Americas, Europe, and Asia. He has received Grammy and Bammie nominations, the Berklee School of Music Distinguished Alumni Award, two Gold Records, and the Bassist of the Year award from the readers of Bass Player magazine. Larry Kassin (flute) founded the internationally recognized Noe Valley Music Series in 1981, at the acoustically superb Noe Valley Ministry in San Francisco, California. His wide-ranging performance style has led to appearances with Bobby McFerrin, Jessica Williams, SF Klezmer Expe-

and Beat poet Michael McClure. Manring Kassin Darter re-leased their first CD, Scatter, in 2002. Scatter is available from Amazon.com and CD Baby. Copies will be available the night of the concert as well.

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Set, plus a recent CD release with

Doors keyboardist Ray Manzerek

Manring Kassin Darter will perform at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 1893 N. Vasco Road, Livermore, on June 30th at 8:00 PM. Tickets are available in advance (\$13.00 general; \$8.00 senior/student/military) through brownpapertickets.com or from Fine Fretted Friends, 2175 First Street, Livermore, and at the door (\$15.00 general; \$10.00 senior/student/military).

Ravenswood Poetry Series, Sunday, June 17. p.m. and 4 p.m. at the Ravenswood Historic Site, 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore. Hosted by Livermore Poet Laureate Connie Post. Featured readers Lynne Knight and Roxane Beth Johnson will begin at 2 p.m. An open mic will be held following the feature readers and a short break (poems to be one page & forty lines or less). Light refreshments will be served. Admission is \$5. For more information, contact Connie Post at connie@poetrypost.com or go to www. Poetrypost.com/upcoming

events

Death Trap, Pleasanton Playhouse
Studio Theatre, June 1-24. The Studio Theatre is located at 1048 Serpentine Lane, Suite 309, Pleasanton, Curtain time on Fridays and Saturdays is 8 p.m. and Sundays 2 p.m. For tickets or information, call 462-2121

or go to www.pleasantonplayhouse.com. **German Sommerfest**, June 16 at The Barn in Livermore. All proceeds will go to Livermore School Arts pro-grams. Livermore Cultural Arts Council sponsors the evening of family entertainment. Dancing, dance exhibition, and dinner. 5 to 10:30 p.m. Activities corner for children. Admission tickets will soon go on sale at various locations in Livermore, \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and \$25 for a family of two or more children. Those interested in volunteering are invited to call Dick and Doris Ryon, co-Festmeisters 447-

Pleasanton Art League annual show, June 18 to 22, Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. Public invited. No admission charge. Reception, June 18, 5 to 7

Ed Kinney Lecture series: June 21: Pleasanton Explodes-the Growth Years of the 70's and 80's. Panel incudes Jack Bras, Ted Fairfield, Roger McClain, and Ken Mercer. The Museum On Main in Pleasanton. Lectures are at 7 p.m. at the museum. Reservations are requested. \$5 members/\$10 nonmembers. Memberships available for purchase. The museum is located at 603 Main Street, downtown Pleasanton. For information, call (925) 462-2766.

The Pleasanton Art League Public **Art Circuit** has new exhibits at the following Pleasanton locations: ValleyCare Regional Oncology Center on W. Las Positas Blvd., Me & Mai Friend's Deli Cafe on First Street, Vogue Hair Studio on Sunol Blvd., and R. E. Realty Express on Hopyard. Main Street locations include Bank Main Street locations include Bank of America, Towne Center Books, and Keller Williams Realty. All PAL paintings at these sites are available for sale to the public. A portion of the proceeds supports PAL's community education programs. To participate in the Public Art Circuit as an artist or as a site partner, contact Lisa Davis at 925-518-4436.

Livermore Art Association and Pleasanton Art League, General meeting and art demo, June 18, Almond Avenue School, 1401 Almond Av-

enue, Livermore, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The program will feature an art demo by noted pastel artist and teacher Tina Moore. Tina has been a professional artist and teacher for over 25 years and has works in many private collections throughout the U.S. and Canada. She was accepted into the Pastel Society of America's annual show in New York City and received three awards in The Pastel Journal's annual competition. Tina is a Signature Member of the Pastel Society of America and the Pastel Society of the West Coast as well as a member of the Portrait Society of America.

Portrait Society of America. This meeting is open to the public. There is no admission charge.

Pleasanton Art League Fourth Annual Children's Art Workshop, a two day drawing workshop. This two-day workshop for children ages 10 and older will be held at the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Center at 4477 Black Ave in Pleasanton (next) 4477 Black Ave. in Pleasanton (next 4477 Black Ave. in Pleasanton (next to the Aquatic Center), on Monday, July 9, and Tuesday, July 10, from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. The cost for the two-day workshop is \$40 per child, or \$25 for one day. Siblings are \$30 for the two days or \$20 for one day. This cost includes all supplies. For questions, please contact instructor Madelynn Ellis, (925)462-7964 or mtellis@pacbell.net.

Opera in the Vineyard, Sun., June 24, 14th Annual Summer Outdoor Performance presented as fund-raiser

formance presented as fund-raiser by Livermore Valley Opera. 5 to 8 p.m. music begins at 5:45 p.m. "Op-era-tunity" drawing and silent auc-tion will be held. Cedar Mountain Winery, 7000 Tesla Rd., Livermore. \$30 includes one glass of wine. Bring a chair or blankets. Wine and beverages snacks and desserts available for purchase at the event. \$30. 960-9210.

Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce Luncheon, Tues., June 26 features Larry Wilde, humorist, director of The Carmel Institute of Humor. Luncheon 11:30 a.m. at the Palm Event Center. \$30 for chamber members, \$35 nonmembers. Information or reservations, 846-5858.

Junior Musical Theater Workshop,

June 25 - July 6: Pleasanton Play-house gives instruction in all areas of

theater from auditions to performance, including staging, dancing, singing, set design and construction, makeup, props and construction, makeup, props and costuming. It will be offered in two sessions that run 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. At the Studio Theatre, located at 1048 Serpentine Lane, Suite 309, Pleasanton, CA. For children aged 7-12, with performances July 6-7 and closing cast party July 7. Tuition is \$275. Information: 462-2121 or www.pleasantonplayhouse.com.

Alameda County Fair, 95th annual event June 22 to July at the fair-grounds in Pleasanton: midway, carnival, livestock, contests, food, live horse racing, professional entertainment, and more. Theme "Sounds of Summer." Parade on Sat., June 23 in downtown Pleasanton.

1-D Animation Workshop, Sat., June 23, 2 to 4 p.m. Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza. Includes live interactive demonstrations, as well as historical, employment and career information. Steve Klitzing, a published educational computer game designer and educator, will be the presented. The workshop is free For more information. tion, call the library at 803-7275.

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Symphony Announces Scholarship Winners

The Livermore-Amador Symphony presented four students awards at its final concert. The four graduating high school seniors were recognized for significant contributions to school

and community music activities. Laudann Taravati, Livermore High, received the John H. Green Memorial Award. She is both a violinist and a pianist who has participated in the symphony's Competition for Young Musicians. Other music activities include playing in the Tri-M benefit concerts and in the pit orchestra for a musical Her violin studies have inspired her to teach violin and become a certified Suzuki teacher while attending UC Berkeley where she will major in chemistry. Her ultimate goal is to attend medical school and become a doctor.

Jeffrey Lin, Foothill High, was awarded the Bill King Memorial Award. A pianist, he won the LAS Competition for Young Musicians in 2005. Jeffrey also

Authors Cara Black, Rhys

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discuss their mysteries set in for-

eign lands. The discussion will

take place during a special pre-

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Paris to life with her series fea-

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Louis, murder comes right to the

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turning to Ireland. Hew newest

heroine, Lady Victory Georgiana

Charlotte Eugenie (aka Georgie)

will be featured in her upcoming

"Her Royal Spyness," set in Lon-

Bowen's latest, "In Dublin's

apartment on the Seine.

share their work.'

Black brings the streets of

brary on June 24 at 2 p.m.

plays the trombone and has participated in marching, concert and jazz bands and wind ensemble throughout his high school years. He has been commended by the City of Pleasanton for his artistic contributions to the community including performances in senior homes and at a fund-raising concert for victims of hurricane Katrina. Technical fields are in Jeffrey's future. He plans to be a mathematician, sci-

entist or engineer. James Choi, California High, received a Symphony Association Award given this year in memory of Juanita Vidalin. James was the principal clarinetist in the wind ensemble throughput high school. He also plays piano. Performing on the violin, he was a winner in the LAS Competition for Young Musicians this year. His music experiences include San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra, Stanford Music Institute, and Oakland Youth Orchestra. He has been admitted to the

Livermore Library to Host Two Programs Featuring Authors

is set in El Salvador. The novel

has been praised by people such

as Michael Connelley, "This big,

brawny novel runs on full throttle

On Mon., June 25, author Jane

Green is the bestselling author

of eight novels and has sold over

a million copies of her books

worldwide. Glamour calls her "the

queen of chick lit." Her novels fea-

ture funny, likeable underdog

heroines who triumph, and in the

ing," was about a single career girl

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ond novel, "Jemima J," was an in-

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Green will be at the library.

Corbett's "Blood In Paradise,"

Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University where he will major in violin performance. His dream is to become the concert-

master of a major symphony. Max Loh, Amador Valley, received a Symphony Association Award given this year in memory of Bernie Williams. As a pianist he was a winner in the LAS Competition for Young Musicians this year. As a trumpet player, he performed in the high school wind ensemble, jazz and marching bands and brass quintet. Max performed as a pianist in a concert to benefit hurricane Katrina victims and as a trumpeter marching in the annual Pleasanton holiday parade. He will continue music studies in college. He hopes to become a professional

pianist or composer.

The award funds are administered by the Symphony Association and supported financially by the association symphony guild, friends of the symphony and interested individuals.

In her book, "Second

Chance," to be released this

month, Green keeps her sense of

humor, but strikes a more serious

tone looking at the effect a friend's

death has on a circle of London-

in the craft-storytime room.

thors and Arts Series.

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Students of The Quarry Lane School select and conduct their own community service projects as part of the character-building curriculum at the private K-12 school. Save the Children is an independent, non-profit charity helping children in need by creating lasting change to end child

Concert Violinist Rocks Quarry Lane School

The students of the Quarry Lane School heard violinist Aaron Meyer in concert Monday, May 21. The Villa assembly hall at the Dublin Campus on Tassajara Rd. was filled with listeners, music and hors d'oeuvres as part of a school community service project. The event proceeds were donated to Kaiser

age and classical music, Aaron Meyer shared his talent and virtuosity with the crowd of students, teachers and parents. Trained as a classical violinist, his distinctive music has won him appearances where most violinists would not have the chance to play-venues like two World Peace Conferences (The Hague and NYC), a special performance for His Holiness the Dalai Lama, and the NBA Western Conference Finals. He also performed for the students at a school assembly earlier in the day to enrich their

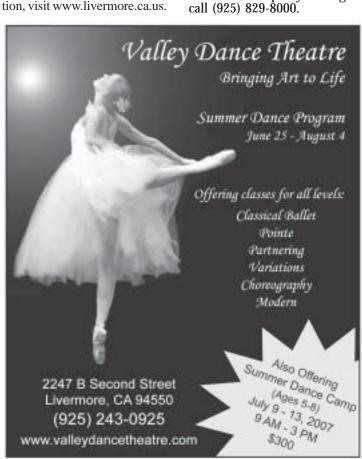
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Annual PAL Show Set

The 38th Annual Pleasanton Art League (PAL) show will be held June 18 to 21 at the Pleasanton Senior Center.

There will be a reception on Mon., June 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. to announce award wiiners.

This is a juried show open to all artists. The artwork will be available for public viewing from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the senior center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton.

There is no admission charge.

Anthology Submission Deadline Extended
4th Street Studio is accepting submissions for the 2007/2008

edition of Livermore Wine Country Literary Harvest. It is an anthology of stories (fiction and creative non-fiction) and poems written and told by writers who have attended 4th Street Studio's Saturday Salons in Livermore.

The book release party, which will include readings from the anthology, will be a part of WordWalk, which will take place on October 13th to coincide with ArtWalk in downtown Livermore. Details about location will be announced in May.

Submissions must be sent electronically to: harvestanthology@pacbell.net by June 30, 2007. Publication decisions will be made by July 15, 2007 with notification no later than

For more information, please contact Karen Hogan at 925 456-









Saturday Salon Designated 'Blooms Day'

Street Studio, 2235 Fourth Street, in Livermore.

4th Street Studio invites writers to read and listeners to listen at its monthly Saturday Salon on Saturday June 16th at 7:30 p.m. at 4th

This month's salon celebrates Blooms Day — a Day in a Place. Karen Hogen comments, "You can interpret that however you want. Everyone is a featured writer; everyone has up to 10 minutes to

Public is welcome. People are welcome to just come and listen as

well. For more information, contact Karen Hogan at 925 456-3100

Tourney Benefits Animals

Hopalong Animal Rescue will host the first Annual "Texas Holdem Poker Tournament" on Thurs., June 14 in Pleasanton.

Hopalong rescues and adopt dogs and cats throughout the SF Bay Area. The tournament begins at 6:00 PM sharp at Fidelity National Title, 7031 Koll Center Parkway, #100, Pleasanton

(off West side of Bernal). The \$50 entry fee includes a light dinner with drink and popcorn; re buys are \$20 and add-ons \$30. There are table prizes, raffles, food

and fun. First place prize is \$1000, second place \$350, third place \$150 and fourth place \$50.

For information, contact Andy Sharkey at Hopalong Animal Rescue, (510) 267-1915, ext. 501, or send email to andy@hopalong.org. Cash or credit cards only on tournament night,

All donations are tax deductible. Non-profit #943246994.

Historic Garage Open

The 1915 Duarte Garage located on the "Old Lincoln Highway" will be open on Father's Day, Sunday, June 17, 2007 from 10 am - 2 pm.

The garage is located on the corner of Portola and L St. in Livermore. The public is invited to stop by to see the collection of old garage memorabilia, old photos, and 3 vintage fire trucks and various pieces of machinery from a bygone era. In addition "The Lincoln Highway: California-Vol. 6" as well as

other photographic vintage car books will be available for purchase.

The Livermore Heritage Guild sponsors the Duarte Garage. No charge for admission. For more information call (925) 443-9740.

Wine Building Toolbox

Tri-Valley Conservancy and Liver-

more Valley Wine Growers Association will be hosting a Quest for Excel-lence Quality Wine Growing Educa-tional Series. The purpose of this series is to assure the highest quality of wine grapes and wines are produced by Livermore Valley Wine Growers and

The next Quest for Excellence seminar will be held on Tuesday, June 26th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Robert Livermore Community Center, located at 4444 East Avenue in Livermore.

The topic will focus on the Wine Body Building Toolbox presented by Kevin Woodling of Scott Laboratories. His experience includes working in production for two small wineries; Claiborne & Churchill in San Luis Obispo and Fenestra in Livermore, and the Henry Wine Group. Woodling currently works for Scott Laboratories Woodling covering a territory that stretches from Calistoga to the Santa Cruz Mountains

Please RSVP by June 22nd to the Livermore Valley Wine Growers Association at (925) 447-WINE (9463). The session will have a fee of \$10.00 to help cover the cost of materials.

Livermore Crime Lab

"Livermore Crime Lab" is the topic of a community education presenta-tion being offered by the Livermore Police Department in cooperation with the Livermore Police Department Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) and the Livermore Area Recreation and Parks District (LARPD)
This presentation will be held Thurs-

day June 21 at 7pm at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue. Each month the CPAAA works with the Livermore Police Department to provide presentations that are timely and informative. This topic will be presented by Crime Scene In-

vestigator Gena Steward.
CSI is a great TV show, but how
much is reality and how much is Hol-

lywood drama? Officer Steward will talk about the capabilities and limitations of LPD's crime lab and forensics team. See equipment used by LPD's CSI team and maybe get a hands-on

chance to lift a fingerprint. Reservations are requested by calling the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District office at 373-5700 and asking for program #2720.
This Livermore Crime Lab presen-

tation is co-sponsored by the Livermore Police Department and the CPAAA, an organization of members from the community who have graduated from the Citizens Police Academy. For more information about the Citi-

rot more minimation about the Citizens Police Academy, please visitwww.livermorepolice.org.
Future presentations include; "Drugs in Livermore" presented by Sergeant Jim Horton on July 5th and "Emergency Communications" presented by Livermore Police Departs. by Livermore Police Department Dispatch Supervisor Sherri Plamondon on August 28 (both at

Bocce and Dinner

Garré Winery continues its"Bocce Ball and Italian Dinner Night" series every Wednesday through the fall. The evening offers up a four course Italian supper served Family Style outdoors on their café courtyard. New this year, Garré's menu highlights a différent Italian region every week, with cuisine from Sicily, Lombardy, Tuscany, Abruzzo and more.

Locally, Garré is considering form-

ing leagues though is waiting for the season to be in full swing before making any commitments. "It's a fun event for everyone-we don't want to make it too formal. It's a fairly relaxed environment -great food and wine and bocce ball in the wine country-you can't beat it", states Wayne Re, Garré's Winemaker and Bocce Captain.

Price is \$34.95 per person and cludes three glasses of wine, 4 course Italian meal, group instruction and Reservations are required. For more information call Garre Winery at 925.371.8200 or check their website at www.garrewinery.com. All skill levels

Scholarship Winner

Jeffrey Schord from Livermore High School has been awarded a prestigious Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 by RMHC Bay Area due to his outstanding community involve-ment and educational excellence.

Every year, the Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Bay Area distributes \$150,000 in scholarship dollars to area high school students. Studies show that the harder it is for students to start college, the more likely they will drop out. The goal of the RMHC National Scholarship Program is to provide resources to students who need financial assistance to attend college.

Wine Release Party

White Crane Winery, 5404 Greenville Road, Livermore. will be hosting a Petite Sirah release party on Sat., June 23, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Fee is \$20 per person; Wine Club members

The fee includes heavy appetizers and Petite Sirah sampling.

Advanced reservations required.

Reservations close June 20th, 5:00 p.m For information or to make reservations, call (925) 455-8085 or visit info@whitecranewinery.com.

The Growth Years

"Pleasanton Explodes: The Growth Years, 1960's-1990's " panel discussion will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday,

June 21 at Lynnewood Methodist Church, 4444 Black Avenue in Pleas-

The lecture is sponsored by the Museum On Main and Jerry and Sandi

Panelists for this discussion include former Pleasanton mayors and city council members Ken Mercer and Bob Philcox, and long-time residents and business-owners Ben Fernandez

and Brad Hirst.
The panel will talk about the housing boom of the 1960's, sewer issues of the 70's and the planning and controversies surrounding the development of Hacienda Business Park and Ston-

eridge Mall.

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

Grape and Gourmet

Advance discount tickets are now on sale for the 11th annual California's Grape & Gourmet to be held Thursday, July 12 from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Cal Expo. The annual fund-raising event will feature winning wines from the 2007 California State Fair wine compe-

The public is invited to attend the event, which showcases more than 600 medal-winning California wines from more than 200 of California's prestigious wineries and vineyards. The collection of wine will be complemented by food from 80+ of Northern California's award-winning restaurants and food purveyors. Admission includes wine food and a commemorative wineglasses. Top medal-winning wines will also be available for purchase by the bottle.

Advance discount tickets are \$50 per person. They may be purchased until July 12 by visiting www.bigfun.org, or by calling the Cal Expo Box Office at (916) 263-3049. Tickets will also be sold at the door for \$75. Parking is \$7. Discounted group rates are also available for parties of 10

For more information about the California Grape and Gourmet and the most updated information about the 2007 California State Fair visit the State Fair website at www.bigfun.org or call 916-263-FAIR.

Voice of Goofy

Bill Farmer, the voice of Goofy, will be at Where the Magic Begins in Livermore on June 16 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Coming soon will be a night of wine

and cheese with Pixars "Ratatouille" in July at a local winery. Watch for details. Where The Magic Begins, 2177 Las Positas Court, Suite A, Livermore; for information, call (925) 294-8152 or

go to _wherethemagicbeg@aol.com_

(mailto:wherethemagicbeg@aol.com).

Books and More

Towne Center Books is offering the

following events and programs:
• Summer Detective Club: Induction into the summer detective club begins June 15. Join any time after that. Ages 5 to 105 are eligible. Each week there will be a new clue, or sleuthing activity for people who have been reading. Free but reservations are re-quired. Author Dave Keane will be at the bookstore at 12:30 June 23 (after the Alameda County Fair parade. Dave is the author of the Joe Sherlock detective series - perfect for grades 2-5. The detective club ends with a party on.

Aug. 5.
• Poky Little Puppy: Towne Center Books and Three Dog Bakery welcome the Pokey Little Puppy Friday June 22

at 2:00. Bring your dog and meet at Veteran's Plaza Park, 550 Peters Ave (behind the store on Peters). All ages are welcome. Dogs must be on a leash and with an adult.

• Storytime with Oliver Chin Wed. June 27 at 11:00. Author Oliver Chin will celebrate railroads and creativity with his new book Timmy and Tammy's Train of Thought. Especially ages 3-6

plus siblings. A free event. • Amanda Eyre Ward featured at Read It and Eat on Monday, June 25. Forgive Me, Amanda's latest book, is set in both Nantucket and CapeTown Social at 11:30: lunch at noon, \$15.00 for lunch, \$30.00 for lunch and book. Reservations please 846-8826 or reply Towne Center Books is located at 555 Main Street, downtown Pleasan-

Cinema at Wente

At Wente Vineyards, outdoor screenings of movies have come a long way from the days of the drive-in. Movie-watching under the stars is reimagined at The Cinema at Wente Vineyards, with screenings of favorite films throughout the summer and fall on the estate's great lawn. The recently announced line-up for the outdoor cinema series kicks off Wednesday, June 20 with the action-romance favorite "Top Gun."

The concession stand has been

upgraded, with casual dining from Wente Vineyards' Reel Classics Café (think juicy burgers, grilled sandwiches, fresh popcorn, churned ice-cream and more). "Family Fun Packs" and season ticket packages are available. Guests who dine at The Restaurant on movie nights receive a free movie ticket for each entrée purchased. Full line-up follows: Top Gun, Wednesday, June 20; Shrek, Monday, July 9; Wizard of Oz, Wednesday, July 18; The Sandlot, Monday, August 6; Big, Monday, August 27; Moonstruck, Wednesday, September 26 (Full Moon!); and, The Birds, Wednesday, October 3
Gates and Café at The Restaurant at

Wente Vineyards on Arroyo Road open at 6:30 pm, Movie begins at Twilight. Ticket prices for the movie only are \$9 Adults, \$5 Kids (12 and under). Proceeds benefit The California Independent Film Festival For reservations call (925) 456-

2400 or online at Ticketmaster.com.

Barrel Tasting

Crooked Vine Winery is hosting a complimentary barrel tasting of its 2004 Petite Sirah on Saturday, June 16 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The event will be hosted by Winemaker Troy Laudette in the tast-

ing room at 4948 Tesla Rd in Liver-

Four new Crooked Vine and Stony Ridge wines will also be available for tasting: a 2003 Crooked Vine Port, a 2004 Crooked Vine Zinfandel, a 2003 Stony Ridge Syrah, and a 2004 Stony Ridge Harriet's Merlot, named for new owner Rick Corbett's mother for her favorite red wine.

Summer hours are also beginning this week. They are Monday through Wednesday, 12-4, and Thursday through Sunday 11-4:30.

Compost Bins

StopWaste.Org is offering compost bins at a discount to Alameda County residents. In addition to the bins, they also offer free workshops, videos, bro-chures, and answers to your compost questions. To order a bin or for free informa-

tion about composting, visit www.StopWaste.Org or call the compost information hotline: (510) 444-SOIL (7645).

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BOARD BULLETIN

Organizations wishing to run notices in Bulletin Board, send information to PO Box 1198, Livermore, CA 94551, in care of Bulletin Board. Include name of organization, meeting date, time, place and theme or subject. Phone number and contact person should also be included.

Ravenswood Progress League and the

Amador Valley Quilters invite members of the public to spend a Sunday afternoon at Ravenswood June 24th from noon to 4pm, Traditional Quilt Squares will be on display on the Main House pourch. Also a pillow made from an antique quilt and several traditional full size quilts will be shown. Admission is free. For further information contact Mary Lou Hodgson at 449-4610, 9am

Assistance League of Amador Valley is looking for volunteers to assist with ongoing philanthropic projects. The volunteer organization supports the community by offering the following programs: Assault Survivor Kits, caring for the retired and elderly, Operations School Bell, preschool eye screening, school-age tutoring, and childcare and newsletter at Horizon High School. Assistance League of Amador Valley is a nonprofit organization dedicated to hands on volunteerism, assisting those in need through unique service projects. The next meeting is June 21st. Meetings are the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 pm at the Tri-Valley Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd. Pleasanton. Please www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org

Dessert Dance, June 15, 7 p.m. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Entertainment by Rich Torre. Dessert served at 6:30 p.m., dance begins at 7 p.m. Informa-

o.30 p.m., dance begins at 7 p.m. informa-tion, 931-5365.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., June 16, 32 miles through Franklin Canyon and along Carquinez Strait Drive, meet 10 a.m. at Pleasant Hill Community Center, Randy Huey, 518-8439. Sat., June 16, 60 miles out Mines Road and back, meet 9 a.m. at Pacific Ave. shopping center, Rob Delfosse, 371-1892. Sun., June 17, 30 miles Pleasanton to Livermore and back. meet 9 a.m. at Val Vista Park, Curtis Stallins, 462-8384. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Teachers needed, Interested in teaching, sharing a special talent? Livermore Adult Education is looking for community members who have talents and training that may qualify them to teach a class. Instructors are being sought for Taiko Drumming, Dog Senior Fitness, Dance, Guitar Posting on Craig's List computer class. Any other course ideas are appreciated. Phone (925)606-4722 or stop by 1401 Almond Ave.

Smart Girls Rock Promotion - Beginning June 15th the first 50 girls to come into Pure Girls with their report card showing a B (3.0) or better in reading and math will receive a \$10 gift card and 10% off of all Pure Girls purchases through August. For more information call 925-485-4380, check web site at www.puregirlsclub.com or visit Pure Girls at 660 Main Street, Downtown Pleasanton. Pure Girls is open Tuesdays through Sundays from 11AM to 6PM and on some Fridays and Saturdays until 9PM for parties or appoint-

Las Positas College classes: All taught Kate Ruddle. Introduction to Sewing by Kate Ruddle. Introduction to Sewing [AL501]: for beginners with little or no sewing experience. Make your own "boa scarf" and fancy bag. Wednesday, 10:00 AM -1:00 PM; 4 sessions starting June 13, 2007, ending July 11, 2007 Cost \$69; No class July 4! Note this class is not for college credit. Intro to Sewing for Teens [AL501T]: or beginners with little or no sewing experience. Cet an intro to simple pattern sewing and 3 Get an intro to simple pattern sewing and 3 dimensional sculptural fabric forms. Monday, 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM; 3 sessions starting June 18, 2007, ending July 2, 2007 Cost \$69. Note this class is not for college credit. Evening Landscape: Drawing Lights and Shadows [AL677]: This summer the landscape drawing class has added a fun new twist—drawing with the sunset! Drawing experience is not necessary but a class like Want to Draw would be a helpful prerequisite. Please call 424-1467 for a materials list prior to class. Monday, 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM; 3 sessions starting July 16, 2007, ending July 30, 2007 Cost \$99. Note: this class is not for college credit. Want to Draw...But Don't Know How to Begin? [AL101]: Learn the fundamental skills and techniques of drawing. Explore contour drawing, sighting and measuring, perspective and the effects of light and shadow (shading). Class includes lec-ture, demonstration and individual attention the office for a list of materials: 424-1467. Monday, 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM; 4 sessions starting June 18, 2007, ending July 9, 2007 credit. For more information contact: commed@laspositascollege.edu 925-424-1467 Las Positas College Community Education, 3033 Collier Canyon Livermore.

Service news: Stephen R. Dalzell has

been promoted to the rank of colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve. Dalzell, a strategy and integrations deputy chief of staff, is with the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. The colonel reinagon, washington, D.C. The colonel has served in the military for 24 years. He is the son of Keith A. Dalzell of Pleasanton, Calif., and Gail A. McDonald of Ignacio, Colo. The colonel graduated in 1979 from Ernest Righetti High School, Santa Maria, Calif. and received a backelor's degree in Calif., and received a bachelor's degree in

1983 from Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, Calif. He earned his doctor of philosophy in 2006 from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

California Writers Club, Tri Valley

Branch (www.trivalleywriters.com) meets Saturday, June 16 at 11:30 am. Author Elizabeth has over three hundred writing credits, including San Francisco Chronicle, Parents, and Writer's Digest, as well as several humorous books for children and a column in Byline Magazine. Reservations are required. Luncheon held at Girasole Grill, 3180 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. \$18 for members, \$25 guests. Contact Fred Norman at Fnorman300@aol.com or 925-462-7495 by Wed.m June 13.

Heritage Home Tour, The Livermore Heritage Guild is planning for a fund-raising event and needs help. The Guild is bringing back a historical home tour of Livermore in 2008 and needs volunteers to help plan for the event. Opportunities to volunteer are as minimal as a half-day and as involved as a team lead on one of the major event-tracks. All skills are welcome but we are especially looking for marketing, project coordination, logistics and communication skills. Also looking for historic homes to put on the tour. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact me (Deborah) at debvfields24@yahoo.com or call 925-858-

Risk Management, Bay East Association of REALTORS(r) Date/Time: June 20, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Bay East Association of REALTORS in Pleasanton. \$35 Educa-tion Advantage; \$40 REALTOR(r) Member; \$80 Non-REALTOR(r) Member Registration: www.bayeast.org

The Root of All Evil, a movie will be

shown on Sat., June 23 at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. This film was a 2-part BBC series hosted by evolution-ary biologist, anthropologist, and author, Richard Dawkins. The series consists of Part "The God Delusion," and Part 2, "The double-edged sword of religion, historically and currently. Meet and greet begins at 6:30 PM and a discussion follows the last film (48 min. each). This event is open to the public, wheelchair accessible, free or \$3.00 donation.

Refreshments are provided. For more information, call 925-462-3459. **Student news,** Albert Carter, 18, of Livermore, has been accepted to Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, FL. He will graduate from Livermore High School this June. He is the son of Preston and Nancy Carter. Tim Buckley received his MBA from Santa Clara Univer-sity. He is a Livermore native and 1993

graduate of Livermore High School. He received his BS in mechanical engineering at UC Berkeley in 1997 and is a product manager of ophthalmic surgical lasers at Carl Zeiss Meditec in Dublin. Tim and his wife Megan live in Alamo. Mackenzie Orth of Livermore was named to the Dean's List at Northwest Nazarene University for the 2006-07 spring semester. **Livermore Area Blood Drive** - Friday,

June 15, 2-7:00 p.m. at Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue in the Gym. There is a severe shortage of blood in the Bay Area, and only 3% of the eligible people give blood. Please help save a life by giving blood. The process takes 1-1½ hours, and snacks and refreshments are served after you donate. You must be 17 years old, and have a form of identification with you. To sign up, go to www.GiveLife.org, and use ASBURY as the sponsor code. For information to the state of the sponsor code of the state tion contact Tom Petty at 925-447-1950, menu #7 (leave a message) or e-mail BloodDrive@asburylive.org. Pleasanton VIP Club annual barbe-cue, Mon., June 25, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Pleasanton Senior Center. 5353 Sunol Blvd. BBQ chicken with all the fixings; dancing or listening to a country band. All welcome. Tickets S6 at the VIP Travel Desk at the

Unitarian Universalist, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m. Topic for June 17 is "This Inhabited Garden," as part of annual Flower Communion Sunday. Rev. Eric Meter will speak. Information 447-8747.

Vacation Bible Study for kids entering 1st-5th grade - June 25th-29th (Mon-Fri, 9 to 12pm) at Cornerstone Fellowship - 348 North Canyons Parkway in Livermore. Bible adventures, songs, memory-making crafts, and missions. For more information go to www.summerzone.org or call 925-447-3465 Ext. 5463. Suggested donation \$50 (\$10 per

Cedar Grove Community Church Vacation Bible School (VBS) June 18-22; 9am - 12:15 pm Children 4 years old thru Children Entering 5th grade 2021 College Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550 To Register Call church office 925-447-2351. United Christian Church, 1886 Col-

lege Ave. at M St. invites the community to a summer season drumming circle on Wed. evening, June 20 at 7pm. The evening includes drumming, meditation and a peaceful way to welcome the change of the season. Bring your drum, there are extra instruments available. Worship at United CC is at 10:30am, Sunday. Contact Rev. Marty Williams for further information at 925-449-6820.

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LEGAL NOTICES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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to transact business under the

fictitious business name or names listed above on March Signature of Registrant /s/:Lorie A. Kiser

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 395688

The following person (s) doing business as Callahan's Coffee and More..., 3000 Las Positas Rd., Livemore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Karen Callahan, 1447 Sunset Drive, Livermore, CA 94551 Debbie Stender, 1447, Sunset Drive, Livermore, CA 94551 This business is conducted by:a general partnership Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or

Signature of Registrant: /s/: Karen Callahan and Debbie Stender This statement was filed with

names listed.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 395246

The following person (s) doing business as Homestead Builders, 2080 Mars Rd., Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Frank Robert Swezey, 2080

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Mars Rd., Livermore, CA

21, 2007. Signature of Registrant: /s/:Frank R. Swezey This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on May 1, 2007. Ex-

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 395793

The following person (s) do ing business as Izzy's Juice Bags, 424 Laguna Ct., Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Elizabeth Harvey 424 Laguna

Ct., Livermore, ĆA 94550 This business is conducted bv:an individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or

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The following person (s) doing business as Aloha Transportation, 4613 Gerrilyn Way #102. Livermore. CA 94550 is hereby registered by the fol-

Scott Puuwaialoha Torres 4613 Gerrilyn Way #102, Liv-ermore, CA 94550 This business is conducted by:a individual

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FILE NO. 396595 The following person (s) doing business as On the Mark Appraisal, 6345 Scenic Ave., Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Hamett Nawabi, 6345 Scenic

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Signature of Registrant:

/s/:Hamett Nawabi

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

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by:an individual

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 396731 The following person (s) doing business as Xarxa International, 3989 First Street #G Livermore, CA 94551 is

lowing owner (s): Frederick N. Fisher, 260 Jasmine Way, Danville, Ca 94526 This business is conducted by:an individual Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or

hereby registered by the fol-

names listed Signature of Registrant: /s/:Fred N. Fisher This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on June 5, 2007. Expires June 5, 2012. The Independent Legal No.

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July 5, 2007 ANIMALS/PETS 1) CATS/DOGS

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue hosts cat and dog adoptions at the Pleasanton Farmers Market on Saturdays from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Cat adoptions are at Dublin Pet Food Express on Saturdays from 12 to 4 PM (excluding 4th Sat) and on Sundays from 1 to 4 PM. Adoptions at Dublin PetsMart on Saturdays from 12 to 4 PM and on Sundays from 1 to 4 PM, dog adoptions on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from 1 to 4 PM and rabbit adoptions on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 1 to 4 PM. For more information please visit www.tvar.org

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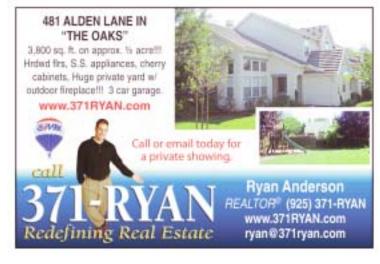
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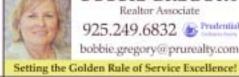
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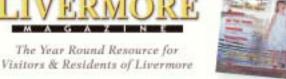


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There's never been a better time to get used to the good life! Come join us at our Grand Opening Celebration on Thursday, June 21st from 10am to 3pm. Take a tour of our community, enjoy great food and entertainment and register to win a weekend getaway to Napa Valley's Wine Country. At Heritage Estates Senior Apartments, seniors 62+ can choose from fifteen appealing floor plans, including spacious one- and two-bedroom apartments with premium amenities like brand-new kitchens, high-speed Internet access and more. Join us for the fun on June 21st, and experience where luxury, lifestyle and location meet. Simply put, it's an opportunity you can't afford to miss! To RSVP, please call (925) 371-2300 and we'll see you there!









