



Walt Hecox

Book Features 'Best Columns'

A collection of 100 columns written by newsman Walt Hecox over two decades has been published in book form by the Livermore Heritage Guild.

Edited by longtime friend Barry Schrader, the book is a selection of the best writing by the late columnist.

Hecox wrote for the Independent in the 1960s. In 1973 he joined the Valley Times and later the Tri-Valley Herald and its sister paper, the Tri-Valley News. He retired in 1981. Hecox wrote his weekly columns with titles such as "Sunday Morning," "Under the Bleachers," "Two Minute Warning," and "Sound and Fury," more than 400 columns in all.

Schrader said he asked him for his favorite columns in 1990 before Hecox died from brain cancer. Hecox turned over yellowed clippings from his files. Schrader recalls, "He snorted that folks wouldn't want to suffer through

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The annual Celebrity Bocce Tournament hosted by John Madden and Steve Mariucci was held Monday at Campo di Bocce in Livermore. The charity event was expected to raise \$200,000. Pictured taking a turn on the bocce court is John Madden. Action at Campo di Bocce is now focused on the United States Bocce Championships, June 19 through 23. International style play will take place Saturday with the winner going to the world championships in Brazil later this year. The public is welcome to attend and watch the action. Campo di Bocce is located at 175 E. Vineyard Ave., Livermore.

McNerney Is Host To First Ag Advisory Meeting

A guest worker program, higher fuel prices, water, and the inheritance tax were on the minds of agricultural people who met with Rep. Jerry McNerney last week at University of the Pacific in Stockton.

The Pleasanton Democrat convened the first meeting of his agricultural advisory committee June 16. The panel did most of the talking, because McNerney was there to listen, said Andy Stone, spokesman for the congressman.

Growers said they definitely need some form of guest worker program to get their crops picked, said Stone. "If it's not part of the immigration bill, or that bill doesn't pass, they still want to see a guest worker program. They said it's needed because the work is seasonal," he said.

Another problem agriculture faces is the rising cost of fuel.

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Save Mt. Diablo Extends Its Activism to Valley

Save Mount Diablo (SMD) has announced plans to actively involve itself in Livermore-Amador Valley land use issues.

Up to now the 36-year-old organization has confined its endeavors to Contra Costa. However, the issues that affect Mount Diablo reach to Livermore and beyond, observes Seth Adams, SMD's director of land programs. "Our goal is to see that Mount Diablo is never cut off from the south," Adams said.

He said SMD is especially concerned about keeping open the various narrow roads, cattle tunnels, canals, arroyos and other places that cross Interstate 580. "They're the only way wildlife is able to cross the freeway,"

Adams said. "If you're a mountain lion or coyote or deer or some other animal on foot and you want to get from the Altamont to the southern slopes of Mount Diablo, I-580 is a formidable barrier.

"We need to keep those wildlife corridors open. You don't want to isolate the mountain. You want a landmark like that to be a living part of the region, not an island standing off by itself."

SMD has added a staff member to focus on issues in the Livermore area. He is Troy Bristol, a UC Santa Cruz graduate with a major in politics and public policy. Bristol, 24, grew up in Antioch where his point of view

was shaped by the experience of watching developers cover the hills with subdivisions.

SMD — largely a volunteer organization — now has seven paid staff members, including two land use persons (Bristol and Adams). The organization's offices are in Walnut Creek.

Working largely through the land dedication process accompanying development projects, SMD has helped enlarge the protected open spaces of Mount Diablo. When SMD was founded 36 years ago, there was a state park with 6788 acres. Today Mount Diablo and its environs have 38 parks and preserves with a total of almost 90,000 acres.

Adams said SMD's land ac-

quisitions probably won't be as large around Livermore. He said the Tri-Valley Conservancy already exists for that, and is doing a great job. SMD doesn't want to compete with the Valley's existing environmental groups, he emphasized.

SMD's present concern is a proposed tree heritage ordinance the Livermore City Council will consider July 23.

SMD is pushing for a tree circumference requirement that would protect arroyo vegetation, among other sites. SMD spokesmen point out the vegetation along Livermore's streams and arroyos consists largely of small trees, trees that have no protection under the law.

"Livermore has some great streams," said Adams. "But the trees that make the streams so attractive aren't protected. We don't want to sound critical of the city. The ordinance they're proposing is a vast improvement over what currently exists. We just think it could be better."

Bristol added, "It could be a model ordinance, one that other cities will notice and want to follow."

"This is just the beginning," Adams said of SMD's involvement in Livermore. "We'll be reviewing all projects relevant to Mount Diablo, just as we've been doing in Contra Costa for the past 36 years."



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Discussing the Diablo Range are Troy Bristol (left) and Seth Adams. They are at Brushy Peak

Pleasanton Rates High As a Place to Live

Over 96 percent of those responding to a city survey say that Pleasanton is an excellent or good place to live and raise children.

The City of Pleasanton conducted the survey to determine community satisfaction with the direction of the city with the idea of creating a financing plan for the Bernal property. The questions were asked of likely voters. A follow-up report on the survey will measure the interest in a bond or tax measure to finance the improvements on Bernal.

Overall Pleasanton received high marks for its quality of life and safety. The city's job rating is extremely high, and ratings for various city services are excellent, according to the survey.

Consultant John Fairbank noted that Pleasanton's satisfied voters numbers top many California cities.

Concerns included traffic, the cost of housing and growth were

the top concerns. Twenty-five percent said traffic was the most important problem in Pleasanton. 15 percent said it was the cost of housing, and 10 percent felt that too much growth was the most important problem. On the other hand, 20 percent of those interviewed weren't aware of any problems.

Traffic signal timing received the highest negative rating of any city service with 11 percent saying traffic signal timing would be the one thing they would change about Pleasanton.

Nearly three quarters agreed that the city should do more to make housing affordable.

Forty percent said there was a need to act now to protect Pleasanton's quality of life from too much growth.

There were disagree and agree questions in the survey that helped to establish a baseline to determine how services com-

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Twelve Apply for Council Seat

A special Livermore City Council meeting was held Wednesday to reduce the number of candidates for the soon to be vacant seat on the council.

It was expected the field would be narrowed to six candidates. The decision occurred after the Independent's deadline.

There were twelve applicants for the seat currently held by Tom Reitter. He is resigning from the council effective June 30, 2007. The council will appoint his successor on July 2. Candidates remaining after last night's session will be interviewed again at a special meeting on June 26.

The list of applicants includes former councilmember Tom Vargas, Channel 30 interviewer Carolyn Siegfried, planning commissioner Doug Horner and

Darryl West, design review committee member Jeff Williams, pilot and airport activist Brett Wayne. Others are Christopher George, Nelson Hsieh, Steven Hunter, Leslie May, Sylvia Ramos, and Sean Wildman.

George was active in opposing the landscape maintenance district formation in the downtown. He has lived in Livermore for 22 years. He works at Panama Red Coffee Co. In his application, George stated, "My vision is that of a charming, family-oriented town, with a bustling downtown care and events for all ages. We are on the right track, but we haven't gotten there quite yet."

"Mostly, though I want to serve my community. My hope is to make Livermore more ex-

citing for the younger, hipper crowd, keeping our current residents happy, entertained and secure in the process," he wrote.

Horner has lived in Livermore for six years. He works for the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District in facilities planning and management. Horner is a member of the planning commission and has also served on the design review committee, and the Livermore General Plan Review Committee.

Horner said in his statement of qualification, "I have demonstrated my dedication to the betterment of this community and believe that I am uniquely suited to take on the bigger challenge of being a city council member by virtue of my education, experience and skills."

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Lockhart Ponders Run For BART Board

Dublin Mayor Janet Lockhart is seriously considering a run for the Valley's seat on the BART board of directors next year. Incumbent Zoyd Luce of Dublin said that he hasn't made a decision. However, "as of right now, I probably will run" for a second BART term.

Lockhart will use up her allotted terms as mayor of Dublin in November 2008. She is already termed out from her previous city council tenure. She will have 12 years' service completed by the

election in November 2008. Lockhart told the Independent that she has been approached about running by "a number of residents," including Supervisor Scott Haggerty and Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena.

Haggerty supported Luce in the 2004 election. Luce ran against the incumbent at that time, Pete Snyder, a former Dublin mayor. Haggerty was critical of Snyder for what he contended

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Airport on Council Agenda

The Livermore City Council will hold a public hearing on airport issues on Mon., June 25.

The meeting will be held starting at 7 p.m. in the city council chambers. An overflow site with a television feed is expected to be set up next door at the multiservice center.

The council will be discussing approving a lease agreement for a full service fixed base operator (FBO) and construction of additional hangars. The lease agreement would include minimum operating standards. Airport noise monitoring may also be discussed.

The city wants to have an FBO because it believes it would be able to meet needs of flyers better than city operations can, said airport manager Leander Hauri in an earlier story. Instead of hiring more city employees to provide more services to planes and pilots, the city will be able to obtain revenue from leasing out airport land to the FBO, which in turn will rent out spaces to individual services.

There has been both opposition and support for the FBO from two different groups: Co-

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Workers were busy setting up rides in the kids' area in preparation for the annual fair.

Fair Opens Friday With Summery Sounds

The 95th annual Alameda County fair will begin June 22 and run through July 8.

The theme is Sounds of Summer, which range all the way from the festive noise of the rides on the colorful midway to horses'

hoofbeats around the track to the entertainers who will perform free nightly for fairgoers in the amphitheater.

The fair typically draws 400,000 people annually. It has been named one of the 50 best

fairs in the United States.

The traditional Friday opening day will feature a 20-minute fireworks show starting at approximately 9:15 p.m. Fridays are also free admission day for

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PET OF THE WEEK

Smokey is a very pretty lady with a medium length gray coat. She is normally friendly, mellow, and outgoing, but can be a bit temperamental at times because she is confused as to why her owner moved away and forgot to pack her. She would do best in a home where she could be the only cat, and with no small children. She is six years old and declawed,

and therefore needs to be an indoors-only pet. For more information on Smokey, call Valley Humane Society at 925-426-8656, or visit her 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 pm.

Do You Remember?



By Anne Homan

Responses from Some Readers

I have been writing this column for the *Independent* for over a year (I started on May 25, 2006). A number of you have written with suggestions, with corrections, with praise, with new information, and with requests for information. I have tried to answer all of you. I want to share my column space today with some of your words.

I had a number of responses to my column about Drs. Grace and Harry Devnich. Cheryl Givens Perry wrote, "My parents moved here in 1948 and started seeing them as their physicians. I have the distinction of being Dr. Grace's first baby she delivered here in Livermore at St. Paul's Hospital in 1949. Subsequently she delivered both my brother and sister (whose middle name is Grace). The 'guys' went to Dr. Henry and we 'girls' to Dr. Grace. They made house calls and treated everything they could. Occasionally, they had to refer patients outside of the Livermore Valley for specialties that were unavailable here. They continued to see my siblings, parents and myself until they retired. Dr. Grace was instrumental in my entering the health care profession as a nurse. I remember being intrigued by the wonderful prints in their offices that displayed doctors in action and her compassionate care. You will never be able to describe all the impact they had on the lives of this community over the years."

Lila McAlhany called to tell me that she was a student nurse at Santa Clara County Hospital when the Devniches served their residency and internship there. Dr. Grace "was our mother away from home; we often confided in her." The nurses in Lila's class asked Dr. Grace to give a speech at their graduation. For a recent reunion, she was invited to give a talk about those days. The woman making the arrangements with Dr. Grace asked if she might remember the graduation speech. Dr. Grace's reply: "Oh yes, I have a copy on my computer." She brought copies for everyone.

Louis Gardella Jr. has been writing me letters from Falls Church, VA. My recent column on Mayme Stanley McCoy, his aunt, was a result of his information. He and his wife also made the February Valentines column.

Christopher George's e-mail told me of the proposed sale of the Donut Wheel and its lot. "I was wondering if you might be able to dig up some history on the Donut Wheel building. I've adored that thing for ages, and I saw a flier today claiming that it's to be demolished. I'd really hate to see her go even if she is a bit unsightly (what with the bright teal paint and all). I'd like to somehow finagle a way to preserve the building, though I'm not sure people care about it. Maybe, if they read a bit about where it came from, who built it, and such, people might save it."

Loretta Kasky also worried about the survival of the Donut Wheel and its attendant stores, all of which used to be a grocery store: "Anne, just wanted to let you know how deeply I appreciate your article on the architectural history of the Purity Store at corner of First and L. I like the funkiness of our downtown and would really miss that building if it was removed from the streetscape. I believe it is a cultural landmark."

In my column on the Livermore Naval Air Station, I began by telling of the crash of two Navy planes in the Altamont hills at night that resulted in the deaths of 14 men. Gene Morgan, former World War II navy flier who was based for a time in Livermore, wrote to explain the probable reasons for the accident. "Livermore did not have runways per se but a 4,000-foot square mat. They did designate a landing area on the mat, but they had very poor lighting. They had a tower with a rotating beacon with green for field open and red for field closed. As a pilot you approached the field as follows: your downwind leg was flown at 1,000 feet before making a 180-degree turn to land while descending. Unfortunately, the hills near the air station were approximately 900-1,500 feet in height with electrical towers 50 feet above that directly in your flight-landing pattern." In those days according to Gene, the two planes had no radio or landing lights and minimum instruments. All of this made landing at night particularly hazardous. After receiving Gene's letter, I remembered one of Barry Schrader's columns in which Henrietta Greer described the young widow of one of the Navy fliers walking out from the Greer farm in the hills on Patterson Pass Road to see the crash site. She returned hours later to the Greer place with the watch her husband had been wearing, now crushed from the impact.

Tamara Parker-Johnson e-mailed me asking for help for her son, Devin, on his local history report. Most students in third grade choose a person, a building or a business to write about, but Devin chose the valley oak tree. I sent some suggestions for sources and later heard from Tamara: "I am happy to report Devin got an A on his report...95 out of 100!!! Yea! He made a beautiful model of the tree and also did an oral report."

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



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

It was a joyful moment as an Amador Valley High School graduate received her diploma last Friday. The ceremony was held at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Foothill High School held graduation at the same location.

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all that trivia. But I think he was pleased that I had asked for them."

Schrader eventually sorted through the material some 15 years later and edited them to correct typos. He then turned the draft over to the Heritage Guild this year.

In the introduction, Schrader said of Hecox, "He was known as a curmudgeon, cantankerous, a character right out of the 'Front Page,' yet was also a war hero, a classic crime writer, a fine wordsmith and a Pulitzer Prize nominee."

Also at the front of the book are tributes by fellow newsmen Mike Zampa and Bruce Henderson, both of whom worked with Hecox over the years.

Hecox had written some seven books during his lifetime. The last one, written the year of his death was entitled, "All His Father's Sins." It was about a mass murder. Hecox also produced hundreds of true crime stories for the magazines True Detective, Popular Detective, and Official Detective, among others.

Schrader said, "Walt was a people person who always enjoyed a drink or two with friends,

then was able to go back to his typewriter and crank out a thousand word column in an hour." Many of his columns were about local people in politics, civic positions or the sports field. He was a great fan and friend of John Madden, so wrote a lot about the Raiders coach and his wife Virginia.

Schrader added that Hecox was "pro-growth" so loved to pick a fight in his columns with the Livermore City Council and slow growth guru Don Miller. However, he also wrote about people in distress, friends who had died, and kids who were making a name for themselves in local sports.

The book will be available starting Wed., June 27 at the History Center in the Carnegie Building on Third Street, Livermore. The book is being printed "on demand;" only a few copies are available to look at. Then an order can be placed. Orders need to be prepaid. The price of the book is \$22 including tax. If ordered by mail include an additional \$4.50. The History Center is open Wednesday through Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 449-9927.

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Residents Asked to Cut Water Use by 20%

Area residents are being asked to voluntarily cut water use by 20 percent.

The conservation measures were instituted by local water retailers and Zone 7 because State Department of Water Resources (DWR) continued limited pumping from the Delta to protect the endangered Delta Smelt. In addition, there are increased water demands due to warm weather. The request to limit water use would remain in place until Delta pumping restrictions are lifted.

In addition, Zone 7 has curtailed untreated water deliveries to agricultural customers by 20 percent, and halted stream recharge releases from Lake Del Valle into Arroyo Del Valle.

Zone 7 is operating both of its treatment plants, using its entire share of the water DWR is willing to pump from the Delta. The water agency is operating all of its groundwater wells at full capacity, as are water retailers.

Tri-Valley water suppliers will

continually evaluate needed conservation measures. Additional information is available at Cal Water Service Company, www.calwater.com; City of Livermore, www.ci.livermore.ca.us/

www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us, Zone 7 Water Agency, www.Zone7water.com, or Dublin San Ramon Services District, www.dsrsd.com.

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Plane Crash at Airport

The Livermore Police Department and Livermore/Pleasanton Fire Department responded to the crash of a single engine aircraft at the Livermore Municipal Airport early Saturday. The aircraft caught fire upon impact and was completely destroyed. There were two occupants inside the aircraft who did not survive the crash.

The plane was registered to Ken Hill, a Pleasanton resident. He was one of the two people killed in the crash.

The single-engine Europa XS had gotten between 200 and 300 feet off the ground when the pilot made a 180-degree turn in an apparent attempt to return to Livermore Municipal Airport, according to published reports.

The plane crashed around 8:30 a.m. about 25 yards short of the airport runway and became engulfed in an intense fire, he said.

The pilot did not communicate with air traffic controllers after takeoff.

The crash is being investigated by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Director Job Eliminated

The governing board of the Livermore Valley Charter School voted in closed session last week to eliminate the job of executive director. Two new positions were created: chief educational officer and director of development.

Lon Goldstein, who holds the job of executive director, was the center of controversy creating a divisive situation.

Goldstein was offered the job of director of development. The new job would come with a 60 percent pay reduction. Goldstein's current salary was \$175,000.

Birds in Decline

Population declines for some of the most recognized and beloved birds in California echo the findings of a new analysis by the National Audubon Society that reveals how local, national and global threats are combining to take a toll on birds, habitat, and the environment across the country.

"While the public hears about threatened and endangered birds like the Peregrine Falcon and Brown Pelican, this study highlights that common birds like House Finches, orioles, and Killdeer are in serious decline in California and across the country," said Audubon California Chairman Steve Blank.

Audubon's Common Birds in Decline list stems from the first-ever analysis combining annual sighting data from Audubon's century-old Christmas Bird Count program with results of the annual Breeding Bird Survey conducted by the U.S. Geological Survey. Tens of thousands of citizens contributed to collecting this data over the years.

The national study found that populations of some common birds nosedived over the past forty years, with several down nearly 80 percent. In California, Northern Pintail, Horned Lark, and Loggerhead Shrike topped the list with declines between 96 and 75 percent, mirroring national trends in the same species. The dramatic national declines are attributed to habitat loss and fragmentation with future losses expected as a result of global warming.

Audubon works with California's ranching and farming community to help ensure that stewardship of private lands helps protect birds and other wildlife.

Audubon has identified over 150 Important Bird Areas in California that provide critical habitat for birds. Audubon works with partners to help protect and monitor these sites.

Locally the East Diablo range is considered important. It provides a natural intersection of habitats. The hot, arid valley and the cool, mesic coast support a number of interesting plants and animals that do not co-occur elsewhere. Practically all ornithological investigation has been conducted along the few public roads through the area, focusing on four areas: Corral Hollow, Mines Rd., San Antonio Valley and Del Puerto Cyn.

Audubon also works closely with public agencies like California State Parks and California's Department of Fish and Game to protect and restore habitat and private partners like PRBO-Conservation Science, Defenders of Wildlife and The Nature Conservancy.

2) Public Policy & Public Funding for Conservation: Audubon actively supports public investment through Proposition 84, the federal Farm Bill, and other measures to help protect and restore wetlands, river corridors, parklands and open spaces.

Audubon also advocates for legislation and regulations to help protect birds and habitat.

More information about Audubon's Common Birds in Decline analysis is available at www.audubon.org. In addition, journalists may visit Audubon's online press room at www.audubon.org/news/pressroom/CBID.

Principals Changed

Pleasanton Unified School District has made two personnel appointments.

John Dwyer has been named the new principal of Foothill High School, pending Board approval on June 26. Dwyer has been the vice-principal at the school for the past three years. Prior to that, he was a vice-principal at Harvest Park Middle and Fairlands Elementary schools and an English/History block teacher in sixth grade at Pleasanton Middle School. He has also served as a principal and vice principal for the District's summer school program for the past five years. Dwyer received his Bachelors and Masters degrees from the University of Waikato in New Zealand and started his career in education in London before coming to Pleasanton. Dwyer is looking forward to the opportunity to support the school's commitment to continuous improvement, an outstanding learning environment, and Foothill tradition. Dwyer fills the vacancy that was created when Kevin Johnson was named as the Senior Director of Pupil Services for the District.

Dianne Howell has been named the new Director of Certificated Personnel for the District. Ms. Howell currently serves as the Director of Secondary Curriculum. She began her career in education over thirty years ago in Porterville. In 1979, she came to Pleasanton Unified and taught high school English for eight years. She served as a counselor in San Ramon and Dublin before returning to Amador Valley High School to serve as head counselor and, in 1989, vice principal. In 2001, she moved to the principalship at Village High School for three years before coming to the Curriculum Department. Howell holds a Bachelors degree in English from U.C. Berkeley and Masters degrees in English and Counseling. She is filling the vacancy created when Bill Faraghan was recently named as the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources.

Plans are being made for recruitment and hiring to fill the new job vacancies.

Police Impound Vehicles

Fifteen vehicles were impounded in Pleasanton for violations of either driving under the influence or for drivers' license violations. Six drivers were arrested for DUI during a June 8 Pleasanton Police Department checkpoint.

The checkpoint occurred between 8 p.m. and 2 a.m. eastbound Stoneridge Drive at Johnson Drive. Officers from the California Highway Patrol assisted. There were 886 vehicles screened. Twenty two drivers were given field sobriety tests. Twenty seven were further investigated for various drivers' license violations. Twelve drivers were issued citations for drivers' license violations.

Mother's Against Drunk Driving provided educational materials to drivers of vehicles that were screened during the checkpoint.

Eye On the Bay

On June 28, at 7 p.m., the program "Eye on the Bay," will feature Campo di Bocce located in Livermore.

"Eye on the Bay" is aired on CBS Channel 5.

Lab Study Finds Some Types Of Bacteria Improve Water Quality

It may sound counterintuitive to use a microbial protein to improve water quality.

However, some bacteria are doing just that to protect themselves from potentially toxic nanoparticles in their own environments. Clean up crews of the future could potentially do the same thing on a larger scale.

A team from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, UC Berkeley and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory found that bacteria from an abandoned mine excrete proteins that cause metal nanoparticles to aggregate. The bacteria are binding and immobilizing the metals in the nanoparticles and the nanoparticles themselves, which are potentially toxic to the bac-

teria.

Sulfate-reducing bacteria can cause heavy metals such as zinc (Zn) to precipitate and form nanoparticles. However, these particles are able to move freely because they are so small (typically 2-6 nanometers in diameter) and can redissolve if conditions change.

In the case of the mine bacteria, the researchers showed that the bacteria are causing the nanoparticle aggregation, thereby protecting themselves. When the metal nanoparticles aggregate, they don't move as easily and are less soluble.

They also studied whether various amino acids induce rapid aggregation in metal-sulfide nanoparticles.

The answer was yes.

"This demonstrates an extracellular biomineralization mechanism that is unexpected because it involves the bacteria excreting proteins for nanoparticle aggregation away from the cells," said Peter Weber, one of the LLNL authors of the paper appearing in the June 15 edition of the journal Science.

Weber and LLNL colleague Ian Hutcheon used LLNL's NanoSIMS (high-resolution secondary ion mass spectrometer) to study the metal-sulfide nanoparticle aggregation in sulfate-reducing bacteria dominated biofilms collected from the Piquette Mine, a flooded system in southwestern Wisconsin.

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The luncheon will be held Poppy Ridge Golf Course,

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EDITORIALS

Save Mount Diablo Looks South

Save Mount Diablo (SMD) has announced it is extending its area of interest to Alameda County, the northeastern lands of Livermore and Dublin in particular.

The group has concerned itself up to now with Contra Costa County land use issues, mostly those affecting the immediate properties surrounding Mount Diablo. SMD officials point out the mountain is a resource of Alameda County, too. SMD's efforts here will be focused on protecting and enhancing the wildlife corridors connecting Mount Diablo from the south. Seth Adams of SMD says, "Our goal is to see that Mount Diablo is never cut off from the south."

SMD is one of the region's most effective environmental organizations. When SMD was founded 36 years ago, the public, permanently protected portion of the mountain consisted only of a 6788-acre state park. Today Mount Diablo is covered with 38 parks and preserves totaling almost 90,000 acres, much of which can be credited to SMD.

Because the Tri-Valley Conservancy already exists to deal with land acquisitions, that aspect of SMD's activism probably won't be as great in Alameda County as it has been in Contra Costa. Nevertheless, the preservation of the wildlife corridors that feed our region's great mountain will be a task in itself. We look for SMD to be productive.

Save Mount Diablo, welcome!

Bill Parness

Bill Parness succumbed to cancer recently. He was 81.

Most of his career was spent in Livermore, where he was the city manager from 1957 to 1979, a period of rapid growth. He made mistakes. He also had some major achievements. Time has shown him to have been a forward looking administrator who accomplished some very difficult projects, among them the moving of the airport and rodeo grounds.

Parness had charm and a sense of humor. We'll miss him.

AIRPORT

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lition for Livermore Airport (CFLA) and Livermore Airport Citizens Group (LACG).

LACG describes itself as a group of citizens dedicated to the preservation/improvement of health, safety, property values and quality of life as affected by the Livermore Municipal Airport and the aviation activity associated with the airport. The group calls "minimum standards" a blueprint for creating a Jetport at the Livermore Airport. They believe that an FBO, by providing more services than currently offered by the city, will attract more jet plane traffic adding to noise generated by the airport. Among the potential uses at the FBO would be engine repair, avionics, charter and cargo services.

LACG also argues that adding hangars represents expansion, also adding to operations and noise.

Opponents believe that the city council had agreed to hold off on any changes at the airport until noise studies were conducted and noise reduction measures in place.

CFLA, supporters of the air-

port, points out that there is no substantiated evidence that an FBO would attract aircraft from other areas. Aircraft from other areas are currently serviced in other areas. The FBO will cater to support aircraft currently based at Livermore. This they argue reduces noise, not increases it, because planes based in Livermore would not have to fly elsewhere for services. Having to fly elsewhere creates two extra flights.

CFLA members say that what really drives the need for an FBO and determines corporate jet usage is the business climate in the Valley. Many trips to the Livermore Airport are taken by business executives who need to communicate in person with their companies in the Tri-Valley. They have corporate jet planes. Whether there is an FBO or not, they'll still come to the Livermore Airport.

They also say that adding hangars won't add to noise. Noise reduction is not influenced by the number of hangars. Many of the new hangars will go to pilots already based in Livermore and on a waiting list.

COMMUTE

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ranked two and three on the list for several years in a row," noted MTC Vice Chair and Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty. "The good news is that help is on the way. Voters have spoken loud and clear — most recently last November, when they overwhelmingly approved the Proposition 1B transportation infrastructure bond — that they want relief. The first commitments from that bond money already have been made, and the funds will help pay for improvements not just on 580 through the Tri-Valley but also on chronically congested corridors around the Bay Area."

Overall, the daily number of vehicle hours of delay due to congestion in the nine-county region rose by 6 percent in 2006. This follows a 9 percent surge in 2005 and a 2 percent bump in 2004. The increase in traffic was spurred by an expansion of the regional economy that showed creation of an estimated 61,000 jobs in 2006. At the top of the worst list is the morning commute on westbound Interstate 80 from Hercules to the Bay Bridge, with an average 12,230 daily vehicle hours of delay.

"Beyond the continued rise in congestion, what really stands out is that the worst of the tie-ups are concentrated in a few familiar places," observed

Haggerty. Beyond a shuffling of positions within the Top 10, the only change on the list is that the "reverse" commute westbound in the afternoon across the Bay Bridge into San Francisco moved into a tie for the No. 10 spot last year, after ranking No. 11 in 2005.

Regionwide, the congestion data show that on a typical weekday, vehicles spent about 143,900 hours in congested conditions (defined as average speeds below 35 miles per hour for 15 minutes or longer) on Bay Area freeways in 2006. While this marks a 6 percent increase over 2005 figures, it remains well below the 177,600 per day recorded in 2000 at the height of the region's technology-charged economic boom.

Caltrans District 4 Director and MTC Commissioner Bijan Sartipi explained that improvements are under way or on tap for each of the Bay Area's 10 most congested freeway segments. "The state infrastructure bond provided money for new carpool lanes in both directions of Interstate 580."

MTC is the transportation planning, financing and coordinating agency for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area. Caltrans is responsible for the planning, design, construction, maintenance and operation of the state highway system.

Supervisors Given Balanced Budget, But Fingers Are Crossed

The 2007-08 Alameda County budget proposal presented to supervisors last week by county administrator Susan Muranishi is balanced. However, the budget must rely on potential new sources of revenue, such as future state and federal grants, to keep it that way.

The county is under obligation to present a balanced budget by June 30. However, the Legislature often does not meet the June 30 deadline for the state budget. The federal government's fiscal year begins Oct. 1, so there is also time for delay before then.

Both federal and state governments are important funders of county government, so their budget delay puts the county in the dark about the real-world outcome of its finances.

The county staff tries to meet this unknown budget contingency with what is called the Fiscal Management Reward (FMR) program. In it, each department head offers ways to save money

and talks about the means to bring in new revenue, primarily in the form of state and federal grants, although other grant sources are sought, too.

To balance the county budget, the FMR program will have to come up with \$52 million in grants, efficiencies and cost reductions. They are split among the four major county categories, with \$10 million assessed each to health care services and the county's general government budgets, and \$16 million each for public assistance and public protection.

If the FMR program can close the \$52 million gap, there will be no county job losses, said Muranishi. That's a contrast to the past six years, when approximately 1000 full-time equivalent jobs were lost, including in community-based organizations that received county funding.

Like virtually all local government in California, the county has faced a budget strain because

it has lost property tax revenue to the state government for the past 15 years. The state has had to send a guaranteed amount of funds, adjusted for inflation, to education annually. That depleted revenue to support the remainder of state government. To make up that money, the Legislature created the Education Augmentation Relief Fund (ERAF) to pay for regular state services. ERAF takes money from cities, counties and special districts.

The county has lost \$3 billion to ERAF over the 15 years of the fund's existence. The county's estimated loss in the coming fiscal year will be \$312 million.

Despite the potential need for cuts in the county's public protection category, enough new money has been found to offset the proposed hiring of six new sheriff's deputies, who will be patrolling the Valley.

Supervisor Scott Haggerty, a Dublin resident who represents

most of the Valley, said he is glad to see the addition. No deputies have been added since 1992, so the new deputies will be a boon to controlling the traffic congestion problems throughout the rural roads that are used for shortcuts through the Valley, he said.

Like the other supervisors, Haggerty has not had time to read the 526-page budget yet, so he refrained from comment about other potential budget consequences for the Valley.

Supervisors approved a schedule for adoption of the budget. They will conduct hearings on health care and public assistance at 1:30 p.m. June 26, and on public protection and general government at 11 a.m. June 27 in room 536, county administration building, 1221 Oak St., Oakland.

Board deliberations about the overall budget will begin at 11 a.m. June 28. Adoption of the final budget is expected at a meeting beginning at 10 a.m. June 29.

Tauscher Takes Lead On 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell'

Rep. Ellen Tauscher will be taking leadership in pushing a bill through the House of Representatives that would repeal the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy concerning gay servicemen and servicewomen.

Tauscher is an Alamo Democrat whose 10th Congressional District includes Livermore. She holds a seat on the House Armed Services Committee, and chairs its subcommittee on Strategic Forces. Tauscher will take over the policy-change drive from Massachusetts Democratic Rep. Marty Meehan, who carried the legislation, HR 1246, the Military Readiness Enhancement Act. Meehan will leave the House July 1 after 15 years' service to be chancellor of the University of Massachusetts campus in his hometown of Lowell, Mass.

In a telephone conference call nationwide with reporters last week, Tauscher said that she wants to hold public hearings in two House committees in an effort to educate House members about what she said is the need for repeal of Don't Ask, Don't

Tell. So far, 127 members of the House have signed on to the bill. Tauscher's goal is the 218 votes needed for House passage, so it will move to the Senate.

Polls show that there is acceptance among the public and among military service members to allow troops to be openly gay, instead of the current policy of having to keep quiet about sexual preference, and being discharged if it is discovered. "The country is way ahead of us (in Congress), and so is the military," said Tauscher.

Tauscher said that 24 countries that are allied with the United States, including Britain and Israel, have an unrestricted policy for gay service members. President Clinton formed the policy in 1993 as a compromise. After the 1994 election, Clinton "faced a hostile Congress dominated by Republicans, so progress on the policy stalled without a satisfactory outcome. Don't Ask, Don't Tell was supposed to be an intermediate step," said Tauscher.

If subcommittee hearings are

held, "people's concerns will be heard. We will go through the many critical issues surrounding the issue. We will keep the focus on what concerns people may have. We want (gay service members) to be able to serve their country at a critical time. This is a national security issue, and an equal rights issue," said Tauscher.

Since don't Ask, Don't Tell went into effect, more than 11,000 service personnel have been discharged under the policy. Every day the armed forces fire at least two people for being gay. Among them have been 800 who have skills considered critical by the Pentagon, including more than 300 language experts, according to the Government Accounting Office, as cited in a press release from Tauscher's office.

Tauscher said, "I hope to educate people (in the House) to sign on, and move closer to the magic number of 218 (votes for passage)."

She said that she is under no illusion that there will be a quick victory. There is a need to find a

senator to introduce the measure there. On the Senate side, it's likely 60 votes would be needed to overcome a filibuster. Further, a president would have to sign it. That won't happen until 2009, if it does then, she said.

Joe Solmonese, president of the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), a gay rights group, was a panelist on the conference call. He said that since Tauscher arrived in Congress in 1997, "she stood with our community all the way. She has scored 100 percent (on legislation ratings). She was for immigration of same sex partners, opposed mean-spirited marriage (constitutional) amendment, and voted to expand hate crime laws to cover our community."

Sharra Greer, director of law and policy for Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, said, "We are grateful (Tauscher) stepped up to lead the House effort to repeal Don't Ask, Don't Tell. She is one of the most respected voices in Congress on military and equal rights."

BART

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was a lack of leadership on the BART board in pushing for a BART extension to Livermore. Snyder replied that it was up to the community to decide what it wanted before he would advocate any plan to BART.

Lockhart said that she favors a BART extension to Livermore. However, she said that she has heard from Livermore that "you owe it to us. We deserve it. We've been paying taxes for it. I want to hear what the community would do. I have heard differences of opinion about where it should be, and how it should function. I have not heard through the leadership process what kinds of commitments would be made to make it function."

"I want to make sure that everyone is on the same page, and knows what an extension brings with it, responsibility-wise and

benefit-wise. I look forward to (people) explaining that, and see how it fits in the big picture. I think we can be as creative as we were in Dublin, finding public partnerships with private companies," said Lockhart.

Lockhart was referring to a BART/business partnership for the west Dublin BART station, which will be constructed and financed by a developer in exchange for BART land at the station site. The firm will use the land for construction of offices, shops and a hotel next to it. Lockhart also was talking about the Dublin/Pleasanton station, where a high-density residential village is being built. Both projects are expected to boost Dublin tax revenue and increase BART ridership.

Livermore has 5000 units designated near BART property along Greenville Road at the

eastern end of the city, which officials have said could be Livermore's own transit village. However, city officials have said that the housing would only be built if BART were extended to the site.

BART has been studying the route to Livermore. However, federal and state funds have not been forthcoming to do more because of their budget crunches.

Luce told the Independent, "It's important to go to east Livermore. However, you have to work in the framework of what's available. Convincing (Rep. Jerry McNerney and Rep. Ellen) Tauscher to support it would be a step in the right direction. Our (BART) government relations person is talking to them now, to set a process for me to talk to them."

McNerney, who took office in January, pledged support for BART to Livermore, and even to Tracy, in a Dublin appearance early this year. Tauscher years ago helped obtain funds for the BART study.

Luce said he wants to urge Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to follow through with plans for a high-speed train from Los Angeles to the Bay Area, because it could link up with BART and help pay for the Livermore extension. He said he was due to meet with the BART planning staff today to discuss it. Schwarzenegger was a supporter of the "bullet train," but now wants to keep it out of the state budget.

Asked why she might run, Lockhart said that she feels communication and experience are important. She said that Luce met

with her shortly after he was elected in 2004, but hasn't been seen since at city hall.

Luce said that he has "talked to a lot of voters. They are more intelligent than their politicians. If I'm voted out of office, I figure they are smart. If they vote me back in, I've probably done a few things right."

Also on the topic of communication, Luce said he would like to receive 1000 letters from Livermore residents, "take them in, and show them to the rest of board, and say, 'This is what people want. This is what I'm telling you.'"

Lockhart said that she has had much experience not only in Dublin government, but taking part in regional efforts, including some with Livermore. She feels it is good background working with others, including those on the BART board, that is necessary to make progress for the Valley.

Luce was a BART employee before he was elected. He had various management positions dealing with safety, hazardous materials, and training.

If Lockhart decides to run, she said that she would start to put a committee in place in January and file the proper financial forms with the state.

There have been few contested elections for the BART seat over the years. When the seat was contested, the incumbent has always lost. The first director, Robert Allen of Livermore, lost to Erlene DeMarcus. She was defeated by Cal State East Bay professor Sherman Lewis. He was beaten by Snyder.

MAILBOX

Bill Parness Milo Nordyke Livermore

I was especially saddened today to read of the death of Bill Parness, long-time Livermore City Manager and friend. As City Manager, Bill made many unique and special contributions to the City of Livermore over his 23 years here that the citizens enjoy to this day. He had a great vision for the City of Livermore that he spent the best years of his career in city government working to bring into reality.

It was Bill who came up with the idea to move the city's airport away from the homes built across the street on Rincon, and to combine its new location with a badly needed new sewer plant and a new Las Positas Golf Course, each facility serving and protecting the other two facilities.

It was also Bill who came up with the idea to combine the interests of three Livermore entities - the City, LARPD and the Rodeo Association - to develop a plan that all benefited from, even

to this day. He was key in negotiating the deal in which the Rodeo Association gave their property at the corner of Pacific Ave. and So. Livermore Blvd. to the city, on which property the city then built a new library to replace the Carnegie Library, and later the Civic Center with a new City Hall and Police Station. In turn the city purchased what is now Robertson Park from the Livermore College and gave it to LARPD for development of the Robertson Park and new rodeo stadium. And LARPD then gave the Rodeo Association the right to use the stadium without charge, in perpetuity. A true win-win deal in which Bill was the key player.

When you use any of these facilities - the golf course, the airport, the sewer plant (yes), City Hall, Robertson Park or attend the Rodeo, you should give a quiet "thanks" to Bill, for without his leadership they would not have happened in such a unique, timely, and cost effective way.

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rience as a licensed architect, and time spent on city advisory groups."

Hsieh works for the law firm of Greenan, Peffer, Sallander and Lally in San Ramon. He graduated from Granada High School in 1987. He has lived in Livermore for 17 years. "I am truly excited at the prospect of serving my hometown at this important time," he wrote.

"I believe that I will bring a fresh perspective to the council, as I am part of an important demographic: professionals with young families who have keen interests in key issues such as education, transportation/traffic, preservation of cultural history, and continued growth as an artistic center and tourist destination," declared Hsieh.

Hunter works in national security research at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. He has lived in Livermore for 26 years. He has participated in the Livermore Leadership Program, the Livermore Police Department Citizens Police Academy and says he has also appeared at several city council meetings. He said he has helped the community by suggesting several traffic improvements, many of which have been implemented.

Hunter wrote, "The city council has an opportunity to appoint a council member that is not strongly aligned with any special interest group and supports

the interests of the community as a whole. I believe that my integrity and open-minded attitude make me perfectly qualified to be a city council member," he said in his statement.

May is self-employed. She has lived in Livermore for four years. She has a masters of science degree in health care administration with an emphasis on the aged/disabled population and HIV/AIDS/STD prevention in youth. She notes that both populations are vulnerable and demand community involvement and support. May has served on the Human Services Advisory Board. "My goal is to become part of a professional political organization, which values their employees and maintains success oriented posture within the market," she declared.

"Multi-cultural and trans-cultural issues should be the focus of all communities today," May wrote. She added that she has experience in the areas of information management concepts, tools and technologies for public organizations.

Ramos has lived in Livermore ten years. She is a senior executive assistant at Sanmina-SCI, an original equipment manufacturer. She served an internship at Dublin San Ramon Services District.

She offered the following reasons for believing she is a well suited candidate for the city

council: will add diversity to the current board; representative of the large Hispanic community living in Livermore; extremely interested in environmental impact of the city and its contributions moving forward towards the "green" movement, and well suited to represent younger residents.

Siegfried has lived in Livermore for 19 years. She interviews all four local mayors for TV30's Mayor's Report, something she believes has allowed her to develop an extensive knowledge of city and regional issues. In addition, she has conducted interviews of almost every candidate who has run for elected office in the Tri-Valley since 2002, providing her with a "broad understanding of the issues and concerns of local school, water and park districts."

As a council member, Siegfried said she would use her ability to identify key issues, facts and data points when presented with a wide variety of information. "I would listen to all points of view. Additionally, I would respectfully listen to the individual and collective opinions of fellow council members."

Vargas is a 52 year Livermore resident. He served on the city council from 1985-89 and 1991-2003 including four terms as vice mayor. He is currently chairman of the board for ValleyCare Health System. Vargas works in

title insurance for First American Title in Pleasanton.

"As an experienced former councilmember, I understand Livermore issues, the process and the commitment necessary to successfully represent our citizens," Vargas wrote. "I am committed to downtown redevelopment, the Golden Triangle and the Performing Arts. Livermore voters have spoken on North Livermore and we need to find a way to implement the vision. If selected, I can quickly contribute to the council and our city."

Wayne works in advanced technology development for the Department of Defense at Logos Technologies. He has lived in Livermore for 20 years. He served on the Livermore Airport Commission 1994-95 and is currently president of the Coalition for Livermore Airport.

Wayne says he would bring a fresher, younger perspective to council deliberations and decisions. "Politically, I see myself as a pragmatist. While I look forward to the opening of the smaller performing arts theater, I am skeptical of the financial prospects for the larger 1800-seat theater.

"I don't consider myself pro-growth or opposed to growth. I am acutely aware of the impact that high housing prices have on younger families. I support the contemporary focus on in-fill development, but suspect that larger developments will eventually need to be considered," wrote Wayne.

West works in civil engineering construction for Teichert Construction. He has lived in Livermore for 32 years and has served on the Beautification Committee, design review committee and planning commission. "I shepherded the first general plan update in 25 years through the review process in summer, 2003. Many of the high profile and phenomenally successful projects in the downtown in the last three to five years have elements that bear the mark of the planning commission under my leadership," wrote West.

He says he has provided fresh, outside-the-box suggestions on many of the proposals in project review.

Wildman works in satellite engineering and manufacturing for Space Systems/Loral in Palo Alto. He has served as site chair Altamont Elementary School. "I have been told that my knowledge, leadership and dedication to each endeavor I take on will

only help make Livermore a better place to live," wrote Wildman.

"I do listen to both sides before calculating my opinion and answer. I want a 'young' community for my wife and I that we can embrace and take pleasure in while at the same time feel the needs of the seniors are considered because we want to retire here," declared Wildman.

Williams conducts government research and development at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. He currently services on the design review committee.

Williams has lived in Livermore since 1971. He was born in Berkeley. He believes that his long residency in the East Bay and Livermore gives him an appreciation for the strengths, opportunities and attractions of Livermore and the surrounding region. "My experience with the City of Livermore design review

committee has sensitized me to the issues and challenges of a growing and diverse population and business community," he wrote.

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Sunol Glen Board Honors Retiring Superintendent

Dianne Everett is retiring as Sunol Glen school principal and district superintendent June 29.

Everett had a 16-year career in the position. She came to the job after 20 years' experience in Livermore as a teacher, principal and district administrator.

Everett's successor, Molleen Barnes, has been working at the school in transition to take over duties July 2. Barnes was human relations director in the Antioch school district.

The Sunol Glen school board has decided to honor Everett by naming the school's media wing after her. The wing houses the library and computer room. Trustee Guin Van Dyke told the Independent that it was to be a surprise for Everett, who would learn of the action when the board approved the resolution last Tuesday night, after the Independent's deadline.

The meeting on June 19 was to be Everett's last with the board.

Everett was "instrumental in getting the (\$2 million) bond passed to have the new buildings created (in 2000). We were able to build it in one summer. We closed school in June, then opened a few days late in September," said Van Dyke.

Everett said that passing the bond and overseeing the buildings' construction were her proudest accomplishments. The new structures replaced old facilities, although the main building was kept, and continues to serve.

Enrollment at Sunol Glen has remained fairly steady, at about 200-plus students in Everett's 16 years there. The only difference is that now 72 percent of the students come from outside Sunol, mostly from Livermore, Pleasanton and Fremont. Earlier, about 50 percent came from outside the district.

Students performed well in the state test that was given in earlier years. Now they continue to

escalate above the desirable 800 level on the API statewide test, said Everett. She attributed the academic achievement to "the wonderful staff we have, and parent cooperation." The K-8 school has 12 full-time equivalent teaching positions.

Asked what was most gratifying about her job, Everett said, "Everything. I really enjoyed being here. I can't think of a negative."

However, there was a difficult time for a two-year period when backers of a charter school, including two of the three trustees at that time, prevailed on the school to sponsor the charter school. There was conflict over it, and departure of the two trustees from the board, one in a recall election. Those were difficult times, but "two years out of a 36-year career in education is not bad," said Everett.

Everett said that she liked performing the double duty of school principal and small-district superintendent. "It's a different venue of things you do every day. No day is the same. It's been very interesting."

When the state passed a law years ago saying that all small districts had to consolidate with large ones, Sunol Glen obtained an exception, through legislation carried by Bill Lockyer, who was the area's state senator then. Everett said that staying small "has been good for Sunol. We've been able to have our autonomy."

After retirement, Everett plans to "do nothing for awhile, then get involved in gardening and quilting." She and her husband will also travel.

Van Dyke, who has been on the school board since 2002, said, "It has been a pleasure working with Dianne. We both have the same visions for the school, and the same philosophies. She will be sorely missed. We have found someone equally as wonderful as Dianne. Molleen Barnes has great passion for Sunol and our school. She has the honesty and integrity that Dianne demonstrated."

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'Hams' to Hold Annual Field Day

Amateur Radio Week will conclude with Field Day 2007 on Sat., June 23 and Sun., June 24.

Field Day is an annual test of emergency communications readiness by licensed American Amateur Radio hobbyists, or hams, organized by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL). Millions of operators worldwide will participate. The exercise tests the hams' abilities to operate during an emergency when commercial power is unavailable and the phone network is incapable of handling the increased message traffic or is otherwise impaired.

This year, members of the Livermore Amateur Radio Klub (LARK) will take part at a location near the summit on Patterson Pass Road on property owned by a local rancher. They will operate on emergency power only 0 batteries, portable generators and solar power. It is possible that someone involved may use some really off the wall source of power to run equipment. Another thing that may happen is that the hams may try to use some kind of unconventional antenna for field day. Past participants have used lawn chairs, beach umbrellas, fence sections, RVs, and even old irrigation pipes as antennas.

The hams will be setting up equipment on Fri., June 21, before operating at 11 a.m. on Saturday and work continuously until 11 a.m. on Sunday. Each contact made will count points toward an overall score, which is then multiplied by various factors such as operating on how transmitter power, using noncommercial power, using solar power and the like. Additional multipliers and bonus points are awarded based on coverage of the event by local media, whether local government officials attend, and if ARRL officers make an appearance. Last

year, LARK members did rather well, contacting over 1200 distinct stations and amassing 4396 points, beating out several other Bay Area ham radio clubs.

Another part of the Field Day activities is the Get On the Air (GOTA) station. This is a fully functional ham radio setup that anyone, license or not, can use, under control of a licensed amateur, to talk to people over the airwaves.

Field Day 2007 is being coordinated by Jon Schwartz, K6EWN, the activities chairman for LARK. For information go to w.ww.livermoreark.org.

SPORTS NOTES

Media Specialist

USA Swimming has hired Livermore product Karen Linhart as Media Specialist. Linhart will work in media services for the organization, and will actively promote U.S. athletes, handle media operations at major events and service media requests. Linhart will travel with the USA Swimming National Team to the upcoming Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and will also serve as a press officer at the 2008 Olympic Games.

Linhart has spent the last three years at BZA, where she served as the public relations contact for the AVP Pro Beach Volleyball Tour. She also worked in media operations for boxing telecasts on HBO and Showtime, collaborating with Don King Productions and Golden Boy Promotions, among other entities. Additionally, she brings experience in major professional sporting events including Super Bowl XLII and the NFL Experience, Major League Baseball's Urban Youth Academy, California Speedway and Grand Sumo Las Vegas. Prior to her tenure at BZA, Linhart served as tournament director for Athletes and Entertainers for Kids, where she coordinated the 10th Annual Tim Brown Celebrity Golf Classic.

A graduate of the University of Southern California's Annenberg School of Journalism, Linhart will relocate to Colorado Springs, Colo. from Playa Del Rey, Calif. this week. She can be contacted after June 26 at klinhart@usaswimming.org or via phone at 719-866-3588.

Rodeo Results

Livermore Rodeo Results
Bareback riding: 1. Bo Casper, 83 points on Growney Brothers' Bitter Sweet, \$2,024; 2. Jason Havens, \$2,151; 3. Ryan Gray, \$1,147; 4. (tie) Bobby Mote and Tyson Thompson, \$80, \$607 each; 6. (tie) Paul Jones and Forest Bramwell, \$9, \$304 each; 8. (tie) Cody DeMers and James Sura, \$8, \$101 each.

Steer wrestling: 1. Gabe Ledoux, 4.3 seconds, \$1,814; 2. Cash Myers, 4.5, \$1,577; 3. (tie) Stan Branco, Bryan Fields and Joey Bell Jr., 4.8, \$1,104 each; 6. (tie) Jake Rinehart, Wade Sumpter and Luke Branquhio, 5.3, \$394 each.

Team roping: 1. Daniel Green/Todd Hampton, 5.2 seconds, \$1,653 each; 2. (tie) Blake Hirdes/Craig Fehlman and Pat Boyle/John Chaves, 5.4, \$1,226 each; 4. Bill James/Walt Rodman, 5.7, \$798; 5. (tie) Chance Johnson/Gary Ford and Wade Wheatley/Bobby Baize, 5.9, \$399 each.

Saddle bronc riding: 1. Cody Wright, 85 points on Growney Brothers' Black Friday, \$2,138; 2. Ira Slagowski, \$4, \$1,639; 3. (tie) Cody DeMers, Brad Rudolf, Justin Arnold and Sam MacKenzie, \$8, \$713 each; 7. Sam Swan, \$6, \$285; 8. Nick Laduke, \$5, \$214.

Tie-down roping: 1. Stran Smith, 8.1 seconds, \$2,119; 2. Jabe Herring, 8.2, \$1,843; 3. J. Cody Jones, 8.4, \$1,567; 4. Shane Slack, 8.5, \$1,290; 5. Jon Peek, 8.6, \$1,014; 6. Chris Wooten, 8.7, \$737; 7. Jesse Egan, 9.0, \$461; 8. Mike Collins, 9.3, \$184.

Barrel racing: 1. Rachael Mylvymaki, 17.42 seconds, \$1,995; 2. Christina Richman, 17.52, \$1,710; 3. Audrey Ridgeway, 17.56, \$1,425; 4. Melissa Perry, 17.61, \$1,235; 5. Ashley Garcia, 17.63, \$950; 6. Tiffany Fox, 17.65, \$760; 7. Marvel Murphy-Selvester, 17.69, \$570; 8. Stacy Ann Dial, 17.76, \$333.

Bull riding: 1. Wesley Silcox, 88 points on Growney Brothers' Crystal Ball, \$2,451; 2. Mason Michaelis, \$6, \$1,879; 3. Jason McClain, \$5, \$1,389; 4. (tie) Bobby Waller and Jake Wade, \$3, \$735 each; 6. Mike Strong, \$3, \$409.

Total payoff: \$63,620 for the Professional Rodeo Cowboys
Local Events: California Six Pack "Shoot Out": Russ Piazza (Livermore) / Ryan Nielsen (Danville) "180 Energy Drink" Wild Cow Milking: Jeff Murray (Livermore) / Mike Meyers (Livermore) Local Team Roping: Chris Castello (Tracy) / Tim Lindahl (Livermore) 26th Annual Livermore Rodeo Greenhorn Team Penning Wednesday, June 6: Walt Lupeka, CPA, with cowboys Kenny Mendoza and Clayton Koopmann (Buckle winners) 2. Stacy Vasser, Markstein Sales Co., with cowboys Michael Franco, Debbie Bradford, Alameda County Cattlewoman, with cowboys Paul Fagliano and Judi Wells.

Youth Soccer
The Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club (BUSC) United U18 team moved a step closer to the NorCal Regional championship game with a physical 0-0 tie with the DeAnza Force. The Force took the opening 10 minutes to the United, probing their midfield and putting together some combinations to put the defense on alert. Ballistic held, and then shifted the attack to the DeAnza end. The two best chances came in later in the half. Nestor Negrete made a

great spin move off his mark and knocked one off the left post with the ball rolling across the goalmouth in the 26th minute. Later, in the 37th minute, Stefan Rabrenovich made a steal and quick run around the right corner. He fed Negrete, who this time found the right post. In the second half, DeAnza used creative runs and a sense of urgency to press the Ballistic defense. The backfield warriors for Ballistic were Justin Mullaney and Trevor Morrissey, with Jeff Squier attacking from midfield to clear out corners and crosses. GK Brett Webber had to make two sterling saves to preserve the tie. One came in the 73rd minute when a DeAnza forward dummied a through ball and the onrushing midfielder fired from 15 yards. The other was very late when, in the 89th minute, Webber had to punch away a corner kick to preserve his shutout.

Top Offensive Players: Nestor Negrete Top Defensive: Players: Justin Mullaney, Jeff Squier, Trevor Morrissey.
The U18 BUSC United kicked off the NorCal Regional tournament with a strong 2-0 win over the Juventus Quake. The game was very fast and saw several shifts in momentum over both halves. In the 37th minute, the United struck first. From inside his own half of the field, Matt Carlucci found a breaking David Norton and hit him in stride as he split his defenders. Norton finished strong for the 1-0 halftime lead. The game continued as in the first half, with each team taking turns attacking. Ballistic had a stretch of 4 corner kicks within a 3 minute period but couldn't connect. Juventus had a try when a forward drove the right side but his shot was tipped over the net by GK Brett Webber. The United upped their lead in the 76th minute when Stefan Rabrenovich turned the left side and drew the defense towards him and sent a pass to Norton. He finished again for the 2-0 final. Webber had one more tough save in the 85th minute when a Juventus attacker snuck behind the defense 1v1, but Webber stoned him. Ricky Rojas worked his magic all game in the midfield, seemingly knowing where the ball would be and winning second and third balls in the air consistently.

Top Offensive Players: David Norton, Stefan Rabrenovich, Matt Carlucci; Top Defensive Players: Ricky Rojas, Brett Webber.
The Pleasanton Rage U16 Girls soccer team is representing Northern California as a "Wild Card" in the 2007 US Youth Soccer Far West Region tournament in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Rage opened pool play on Monday night by defeating the Leali 91 Premier from Hawaii by the score of 3-0. The Rage scored within seconds of the game's start on a nice combination of passes by Amanda Luxford and Esther Leon which led to a Carli Payne goal. The Rage scored the next goal fifteen minutes later. This time Leon benefited from a well placed pass from Megan Jurado for the score. Chloe Langdon finished the scoring in the second half on a beautiful break away goal. The Rage offense pressured the Hawaii defense all night while the Rage defense limited Hawaii's scoring opportunities.

Tri-Valley Blaze

The Tri-Valley Blaze U12 Girls Fastpitch Softball team traveled to Modesto and competed in the Graffiti Weekend Tournament at Rainbow Fields this past weekend and finished with 3 wins and 2 losses.
Pool Play: Tri-Valley Blaze 16, California Pouncers 3 Tri-Valley Blaze 6, Central Valley Bandits 2 Glory 6, Tri-Valley Blaze 0

Bracket Play: Tri-Valley Blaze 4, Manteca She Devils 1

Semi Final: Shockwaves 3, Tri-Valley Blaze 0
Great effort and play by the entire Blaze team: McKayla "Saavy" Saavedra, Josie Howatt, Adriana "Nani" Segovia, Alyssa "Lou Lou" Lanza, Nicole "Nu Nu" Evans, Breauna "Bre" Herrera, Heather Smith, Rachel Norman, Danielle "Dani" Lacombe, Audrey Howatt and Danielle "Bella" Deernick.

Master Swimmers

LivestyleX Tiger Sharks Master Swimmers recently competed in the Sharkfest 2007, a one and a half mile ocean swim from Alcatraz to the San Francisco Maritime Museum.
The following took part:
Youth swimmers: Patrick Leary, 11 (father and son team), 1st in age group, 38:77 overall, time 1:02.10. He received a special award for placing in the top three in his age group; Kyle McCammon, 13 (father and son team), 3rd in age group, 38:00 overall, 1:00:38.80, special award for placing in the top three in his age group; Elisha Clerico, 13, 6th in age group, overall 15:00, 48:39.80.
Master swimmers: Heather Wise, 44, 24th in age group, 1:35 overall, 36:58.60 dropping ten minutes from last year's swim; Peter Leary, 48, 63rd in age group, 3:88 overall, 1:03:10.60 (father and son team);

OBITUARIES

William H. Parness

Former Livermore City manager William H. Parness died May 19, 2007 in Concord following a prolonged battle with cancer. He was 81.

He was born in Florida March 9, 1926 and raised in San Francisco where he graduated from Polytechnic High School. At Poly he was an outstanding athlete, earning All City honors as a football player and subsequently was enshrined in the Poly Football Hall of Fame.

Bill joined the Navy and served in the South Pacific during World War II. Upon his return he studied at the University of California, graduating in 1949. He began his professional career as the assistant city manager for the City of Santa Cruz. He ultimately served as city manager in Claremont, San Raphael, Livermore and Bellevue, Washington.

The majority of his career was spent as city manager of Livermore between 1957 and 1979. He served as a board member for the League of California Cities and president of the City Manager's Department of the League. During his service in Livermore, he contributed greatly to the city's quality of life leading the development of the city and building the foundation that supports the community today.

His dedication to public service and the City of Livermore was only surpassed by his devotion to family. Bill is survived by his wife of 54 years, Betty, his children, Mike Parness of Napa, Bob Parness of Scottsdale, AZ, and Cheryl Gilinlo of Oakley, nine grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, July 2 at 11 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 458 Maple St., Livermore.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in memory of Bill Parness to the Hospice Foundation of the Eastbay, 3470 Buskirk Ave., Pleasant Hill, CA.

Roselma dePonte Bonde

Pleasanton native and lifelong resident Roselma dePonte Bonde died June 16, 2007. She was 97.

She was born Aug. 3, 1909 to Manuel and Rita Siva dePonte. She graduated from Pleasanton Elementary School in 1924 and from Amador High School in 1928. Roselma worked in San Francisco for the telephone company. She married her husband, Duke Bone Jr. in 1928. They were married until his death in 1982.

Roselma was very active in the community. She was a parishioner at St. Augustine Catholic Church, member of the Catholic Daughters, Pink Lady Valley Memorial Hospital Thrift Shop 1967-2000, Gray Ladies at Veterans' Hospital in Livermore and Parks Air Force Base in Pleasanton. She was also a 4-H Leader, Brownie and Girl Scout leader, PTA from 1934, past president of Pleasanton Elementary PTA, life member of Phoebe A. Hearst Alameda County District Council PTA where she received a citizen's award, Las Damas, Druids from 1935, past president Native Daughters of the Golden West, Women's Improvement Club, VFW Auxiliary, Amador-Livermore Historical Society, Castlewood Country Club from the time it was the Old Hearts Ranch, and the Republican Party.

She enjoyed skiing into the 80s, winning a bronze medal at 67 years in senior class. She also enjoyed gardening, traveling, and antique dolls. Her dolls won top awards at the Alameda County Fair. She loved talking to groups about dolls. She also

loved to ride, breed, raise, train and race thoroughbreds. Duke and Roselma farmed and boarded horses. They bought, rented and sold property all over the Pleasanton Valley. They purchased their ranch in 1948 for \$35,000 for 340 acres. In 1958, they sold part of the ranch, which became Pleasanton Heights. The last subdivision was called Bonde Ranch.

She is survived by her children, Duke T. Bonde, Jr., Wayne Bonde and his wife, and Gail Bonde Hendrickson, ten grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thurs., June 21 at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton and graveside following at St. Augustine Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to Shriner's Hospital of Northern CA for Children, 2425 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95817 or to a favorite charity.

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George Daley Howard

Resident of Livermore for 57 years, George Daley Howard passed away at his home on June 14, 2007. He was surrounded by his loving family. A devoted husband, father, brother, uncle and grandfather. George was born in Mississippi on Nov. 20, 1944.

He graduated from Livermore High in 1962 and attended Laney College, a technical school for plumbing. George was a Reserve Livermore Police Officer in the mid 1960's. He was member of Plumbers Union, Local 444. George started his career at Hickey & Sons, and then started his own business, "Howard Plumbing." Years later he partnered with his brother in law, Elwood Jr., forming "Howard and Mello Plumbing & Construction." He ventured off in 1983 working for the University of California, where he retired in 1997.

George loved to participate in all the family activities including boating, sporting events, camping and fishing. He had a passion for street rods and specialty cars.

George is survived by his loving wife of 41 years, Sandra, daughters, Kimberly Howard and Danielle Osborn, son-in-law Chris Osborn, grandchildren Madisen and Colton Osborn, brother Larry Howard, sister Sally Sue Blake, Aunt Betty Farmer, and Uncle Charles Warbritton, as well as many beloved family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Elizabeth and Dewey Hudson.

Funeral services will be held on Thurs., June 21st at 10 AM, Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore. Burial will be at St. Michael's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the American Cancer Society.

Kenneth Jacob DeYoung

Kenneth Jacob DeYoung died June 16, 2007. He was 82.

Kenneth was a native of Banks Township, MI. He had lived in San Ramon for the past 18 years. He spent 60 years of his life in Chicago, IL where most would have known him as the local milkman for 25 years, as well as a deacon and elder at Calvary Reformed Church and later as a sales consultant for 8 years before moving to California. In California, he was a parishioner at Danville Presbyterian and was a volunteer van driver for the community at Sunny Glen. He

also enjoyed being the golf marshal, playing golf, traveling, and playing first base with a softball league. He was an avid reader. Ken served his country in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1942 to 1944.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Ann DeYoung, sister Dorothy Juist and nieces and nephews, Nancy, Lorrie, Donna (DeWerd), Kim, Jill, John (Van Wyk), William, Steve, Donna, Gary, Kim (Juist), and David (Farr) DeWerd.

Visitation is 8 to 10 a.m. on Thurs., June 21 at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St., Pleasanton, followed by a service. Burial will be at Oak Hill Memorial Park, 300 Curtner Ave., San Jose.

Donations can be made in Ken's memory to Calvary Reform Church, 15101 S. 80, Orland Park, IL, 60462.

Agueda Enriquez

Agueda Mallari Enriquez died June 15, 2007 in Pleasanton. She was 78.

She was born Feb. 5, 1929 to Guillermo and Cecilia Mallari. The native of the Philippine Islands had lived in Pleasanton for four months, and San Leandro for 12 years. She worked as a seamstress. Her hobbies including cooking and sewing.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Medardo, daughters Ramona Dizon of Pleasanton, Maria Grando of San Leandro and Josefina Pantig of Walnut Creek, a son, Joeselito Enriquez of Pleasanton, sisters, Victoria, Guillermina and Marcelina, brothers Hermenegildo and Librado, grandchildren Angela, Dane, AJ, Diana, Patrick and Ryan, and great granddaughter Alyssa. She was preceded in death by a son, Crisanto Enriquez.

Mass was celebrated June 19 at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church in Pleasanton. Burial was at St. Michael's Cemetery in Livermore.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Irene Margaret Preftokis

Irene Margaret Preftokis (Mello) born in Pleasanton on Sept. 26, 1919, passed away peacefully on June 9, 2007.

She is preceded in death by her husband; Louis, her parents; Joe and Libby and a sister, Madeline. She will be remembered as a loving mother, an extremely hard worker and a fine seamstress.

She leaves behind her children Stan and Renee (Adams), her grandchildren Brian and Skye and her sister, JoAnn Ingersoll. Services will be private.

Donations can be made in her memory to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

David Scott Laird

David Scott Laird, formerly of Livermore, passed away in Nebraska on Thurs., June 14, 2007. He was 50.

Born Oct. 15, 1956 in Castro Valley, CA. He graduated from Granada High School in 1974. David worked as a marine mechanic for over 30 years.

He was preceded in death by his mother Joyce in 1991 and his son, David Jr. in 1989. He is survived by his father Bill and step-mother JoAnn of Livermore. His daughters Janice Laird of Lake Don Pedro and Tera and son in law Steve Hoyt of Byron, sister Lynn Laird of Livermore and brother Jeffery Laird and his wife, Gena of Idaho; grandchildren Samantha and Catie, nieces Addison and Jennifer, and nephew, Joshua Laird.

Visitation is Thurs., June 21 from 12-2PM followed by the service beginning at 2 p.m. at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Kenneth Dean Hill

Ret. USAF Major Kenneth "Papa" Dean Hill died June 16, 2007. He was 50. He was born Dec. 2, 1946 in Butler, PA.

He and his wife, Sandy, raised their children and made their home in Pleasanton for the past 23 years. Ken and Sandy own the Lighthouse Christian Supply Store in Dublin. He touched many hearts over the years. It is a comfort to know he is by Jesus' side this day. Ken was a man who walked with God and left behind a great legacy and example for those who knew him.

Ken received his bachelor's degree from Marshall University and his masters from USC. He served for 20 years as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force, serving in Viet Nam, and retiring as Major in 1988.

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Sandy Hill, three sons, Brian Hill of Tracy, Rich Hill of Livermore and Darren Hill of Livermore, daughter-in-law Monica Hill of Tracy, his mother Ruth Moniot of Asheville, NY, brother Rodger Hill of Larkspur, CO, and grandchildren, Kailyn Ann and Parker Dean. He also leaves behind a host of nieces and nephews.

A celebration of his life will be held at 7 p.m. on June 25 at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Parkway, Pleasanton.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the children's ministry center at valley community church in Tracy. Checks can be made to VCBC CMC and mailed to VCBC, 903 S. Corral Hollow Rd., Tracy, CA 95376.

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SPORTS NOTES

8th Grader Named to Rodeo Team

Billy Hammett, an 8th grader at East Avenue Middle School in Livermore, has earned a position on the California Wrangler Junior High rodeo team. He will be traveling with fellow teammates to Gallup, New Mexico from July 2 to 7 to compete in the 3rd Annual Wrangler Junior High Finals Rodeo in calf roping.

The rodeo features more than 900 contestants from 44 states, Canadian provinces and Australia. Contestants will be vying for more than \$50,000 in college scholarships and the chance to be named the Wrangler Junior High Finals Rodeo National Champion. To earn this title, contestants must finish in the top fifteen after two go-rounds of competition before advancing on to Saturdays' final performance.

To see results, go to www.nhsra.org.

Kent McCammon, 43, 381st overall, 1:38.70 (father and son team); Valentin Lota, 39, 42nd in age group, 2:17th overall, 40:44.80.

Granada Jr. 90s

The Granada Little League Gold Junior 90's team finished the regular season with a 27-6 record, taking a doubleheader from San Ramon, 10-0 and 12-2.

In the first game, Kyle Van Schaack pitched four innings of two-hit, shutout ball for the win, while Ryan Rogers got the save. Max Kurth went 3-4 at the plate, with two doubles. Austin Gavello also ripped two doubles in his three at-bats, while Eddie Horn also went 2-3 in the game.

In the second game, Rett Cortez got the win, and Adam Dickinson closed things out for the save, pitching two innings of no hit ball. Kurth went 3-4 in this game, too, and Brett Wagner was a perfect 3 for 3. Matt Eggs, Casey Van Galder and John Linney also contributed to the offensive fire power, generating key hits and RBI's for the Granada team.

Pleasanton American LL

Pleasanton American Little League highlights:

Junior 90s: PALL Phillies 17, Tassajara Phillies 17; PALL's Junior 90's Gold came up two runs short in the first game of a Saturday DH against visiting Tassajara Valley. A great battle by both teams, with a most impressive offense and defense. Matt Beadle, Nick Johnson and Jay Coles shared the position on the mound. On defense, Stephen Ferrer (CF) threw two runners out to catcher Joe Herman. Brent Usedom (SS) and Zach Piona (2B) played aggressively, picking up multiple hit balls and making the put-outs to Michael Herman at first. Offensively, PALL's 17 runs were a game season high! Ferrer went 2 for 5 with 4 RBIs. Usedom hammered a hit over the left-fielder's head for a stand-up double and an overthrow by Tassajara allowed him to take third in the second inning. Kevin Phiangsai went 1 for 4, scoring two runs with an RBI credit. MHERman walked twice, singled and scored twice. Coles crossed home plate four times. Even with all the red hat runs, Pleasanton was two runs shy of a win.

PALL Phillies 0, Phillies 5: In game two against Tassajara, Matthew Vance had an outstanding outing as PALL's starting pitcher. In five innings, he allowed only two runs, struck out four and issued no walks. Brent Usedom continued as the defensive terror, stopping five hits including catching three line drives and two 6-3 put-outs to Matt Beadle at the first base corner. Beadle also was on the receiving end with 4-3 plays initiated by Zach Piona playing second base. In the outfield, Kevin Phiangsai (LF), Nick Johnson (CF), and Sean O'Connell (RF) made great catches for big outs. Johnson was 2 for 3 and Usedom went 1 for 2.

Pleasanton Phantom

The Pleasanton Phantom 10U 'B' team went 6-0 to capture their division championship at the Devil Mountain Tournament in San Ramon. With strong defensive support from the entire Phantom team, pitcher Johanna Grauer delivered a perfect game defeating the Belmont Blast 5-0 for the championship.

In pool play on Saturday, Phantom defeated the San Lorenzo All Stars, Belmont Blast and Oakland Vipers in games that featured multiple RBI hits by eight Phantom players and back-to-back home runs by Ashley Lotoszynski and Victoria Molina. Having earned first seed in their pool, Phantom met and defeated the Livermore Smokey Black team 11-0 in the quarter final. Jenny Beadle started the scoring with a 2 RBI double. RBIs were contributed by six other Phantom players including Molly Phillips, Katie Eppard, Malory Masajlo and Corinne Valdic. Catcher Victoria Molina threw a bullet to second to catch a runner stealing and end a threat in the second.

In the semi final against the San Jose Twisters, Phantom put seven runs on the board in the first inning including Lotoszynski's second home run of the tournament and RBI hits from Malory Masajlo, Hannah Menck and Hannah Morino. Phantom added two more in the second on a 2 RBI single from catcher Roni Stone. Sharp throws by Stone beat two runners back to first keeping the Twister running game in check.

Phantom 12U 'B'
The 12 & Under Phantom team placed 1st in the Devil Mountain Tournament in San Ramon last weekend. It took four victories on Sunday to earn a 1st Place title with 16 teams from the surrounding area included in this venue. With the Phantom offense on fire, Phantom defeated Castro Valley Synergy 4-



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The first Tri-For-Fun Triathlon of the season was held last Saturday at Shadow Cliffs Park in Pleasanton. In the photo, competitors head into the water for a 400-yard swim. The swim was followed by an 11-mile bike ride and 3-mile run. There are two more Tri-For Fun events planned, July 21 and August 18.

2 in the Championship game. Phantom rallied in the 3rd with a double from Jessica McKeenan scoring Jenny Yang and Katie Mannion who reached base with singles. Julia Petros and Krista Williams also led the offense with hits. Mannion and McKeenan, with strong bats the entire weekend, went 2 for 3 to leading the Phantom offense. Williams led the defense on the mound holding the Synergy to 4 hits and striking out 6. Center Fielder Jenny Yang was exceptional catching everything in the gaps.

Phantom beat Belmont Blast in the Semi Final 8-1. McKeenan with 2 doubles led the offense, supported by doubles from Williams, Yang, Mannion and Nicole Borchard and singles from Petros, Kelly Taylor, Kennedy Poplawski and Aubry Wolf, made the offense unbeatable. Mannion led the defense with 12 strikeouts while only allowing 5 hits.

Phantom also beat Calaveras Sliders 10-1 and Oakland Vipers 10-0 Sunday. In Pool play games Saturday, Phantom went against San Lorenzo 9-1, Cordova Fury 9-1 and Livermore Smoke 11-1. With an exceptional offense, Phantom scored 61 runs and gave up 7 over the weekend. Phantom will compete in its Metro in Hayward this weekend to earn its berth to the ASA Western Nationals in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Phantom 14U 'B'
The Pleasanton Phantom 14U 'B' team won 4 games and placed 3rd in the Devil Mountain Tournament in San Ramon. Phantom finished pool play 3-0 starting with a 9-0 win over Stompers North. They then defeated Castro Valley Synergy 7-4 and beat Livermore Smoke Red 12-2. They also defeated Stompers South 9-3 before falling in the semi-finals to the eventual champion Calaveras Sliders 5-1.

For the weekend Phantom offense scored 39 runs and gave up just 14. Phantom was led by pitchers Kimmy Grano and Macy Masajlo who picked up 2 wins each. The offense was led by Heidi Johns, Gabby Faccini, Syd Schaffer and Lindsey Fowler. The defense by Kara Schott, Alli Pluschke and Brezy Perry.

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 includes one clinic station style practice per week with a pickup type game on Saturday mornings. 9th-12 grade program is pickup 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.

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 includes bunting, catching, throwing, all positions (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 go to www.pleasantonpony.com.

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

Baseball Camp

Matador Baseball Summer Camps, ages 6-14. Weekly skills-based camps at Granada High School Varsity field run by Varsity coaches and players. Camp dates: June 25-29 (not 27), and July 9-12, from 9-12 each day. Cost is \$150 per camp. For more information and registration, go to www.pleasantonpony.com.

www.granadabaseball.org.

Bowling News

Scott Cooper of the Gene's Pro Shop Championship Trio league rolled a perfect 300 game on the way to a 898 four game and Brian Edmond just missed when he rolled 10 strikes in a row for a 288 and finished with a 246 for a 718 three game set in the Sunday Family Affair to take top honors at Granada Bowl during last week's bowling action.

Also recording high scores was Ray Salas who for the second week in a row rolled a 959 4 game set that included a 277 game. Robert Nardy had a 267 to complete a 651 series in the Sunday Rollers league.

Greg Kwasiak had a 277 and a 257 to complete a 721 Series and Bill Duell had a 255 and a 254 on his way to a 709 series in the Monday Mashers league. Manuel Juarez of the Wednesday Wonders League rolled a 246 on his way to a 669 series.

The Tuesday Lab League Daniel Repose had a 275, 237 and a 205 for a 717 and Greg Repose rolled scores of 254 and 247 for a 681 series while Keith Coffee improved his 164 Average with a 616 series that included games of 229 and 210.

Youth Bowler Alex Stuber rolled a 265 and a 225 on his way to a 678 Series.

Tri-For Fun Series

On Saturday, July 21, 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 distance 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 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 triathlon.

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 at www.onyourmarkevents.com.

Baseball Showcase

Ringor Baseball Showcase Series Presented by the National Scouting Report June 27, Granada High School, Livermore. College & Pro baseball Showcase 412-741-2476 Claudio Reilsono www.nsrshowcases.com/baseball.

Open Water Swim

An open-water swim event will be offered for all levels at On Your Mark Events' 9th Annual Lake Del Valle Aqua Challenge, Saturday, July 28, 2008, at Lake Del Valle, 7000 Del Valle Road (right off Mines Rd.), Livermore. The start and finish area is located at the lake's East Swim Beach—south of the boat ramp.

The Aqua Challenge features a 2-mile, 1-mile, and ½-mile distance events in the beautiful Lake Del Valle. All three courses are accurately set via GPS and are marked by buoys. Certified lifeguards will closely monitor participants in all three courses. Water temperature is expected to be 72+ degrees. With three separate distances, this open-water swim is great for swimmers of all levels, as well as first time open water

Football/Cheer

Livermore Youth Football/Cheer is now taking registrations. Livermore Youth Football & Cheer (LYF&C) is a full contact football league that has been established for more than 30 years. There are 5 levels of play to tryout for with ages 7 to 14 (football) 5 to 14 (cheerleading).

The football and cheer squads have been very successful in the highly competitive Diablo Valley Youth Football Conference (DVFYC). DVFYC is one of the strongest youth football conferences in Northern CA.

It consists of 16 "city" teams that attract the best football players and cheerleaders in the Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. In the past 5 years LYF&C has sent at least 2 teams to the playoffs each year, with one team reaching the championship 4 consecutive years. The cheer squads consistently place in regional as well as national cheer competitions.

Registration will be held June 28th 6-8 p.m. at Round Table Pizza 1024 East Stanley Blvd. For additional information: web-site www.cteamz.com/lyfc or call 925-454-1421 (evenings).

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SHORT NOTES



Dog wash event will benefit the Valley Humane Society

Wiggle Waggle Wash

The Valley Humane Society's Wiggle Waggle Dog Wash will be held from noon to 4 p.m., Saturday, June 30 at the VHS office, 3670 Nevada Street, Pleasanton. Donations are accepted. The public is invited to bring their dogs for a wash. Proceeds benefit the Society. For information, call (925) 426-8656.

The Valley Humane Society, founded in 1987, is a no-kill organization dedicated to ensuring the humane treatment of animals in Danville, Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, San Ramon and surrounding areas. VHS provides a safe and nurturing environment for homeless dogs and cats until they can be permanently placed in loving homes. Programs include pet adoption, temporary pet foster care, Revive-A-Pet program, which provides animal resuscitation masks to local firefighters, community outreach, Paws to Read library program bringing dogs and children together to increase reading skills and confidence, and Pet Therapy volunteers taking their pets to visit the disabled, seniors and people in convalescent homes and hospitals. Volunteers are always welcome.

VHS is located at 3670 Nevada St., Pleasanton, CA. The phone number is (925) 426-8656. Visit www.valleyhumane.org.

SWAT Tip-a-Cop

The Pleasanton Police Department's SWAT team will be hosting a Tip-A-Cop on Thurs., June 21 at Chevy's Restaurant, 5877 Owens Dr., from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Tip-A-Cop is a fund-raiser for the Special Olympics Pleasanton Police SWAT team members and officers will be volunteering their time while off-duty to assist in serving patrons their meals and assisting wait staff. All "tips" to the volunteer officers will be donated directly to Special Olympics. The SWAT team will be wearing their SWAT uniforms and will have some special SWAT equipment of display.

The public is invited to meet and support the Police and the Special Olympics.

Charles R Celebrates

Charles R Vineyard in Livermore is celebrating a new release the weekend of June 29-July 1.

The new 2005 Syrah "sings with summer berry and plum flavors. It has a hint of spice and a wonderful smooth finish."

On the 4th of July, Chef Charles R will barbecue hot dogs. Stop by for a hot dog and fixings for \$1; club members free.

The winery will be celebrating its first anniversary August 17 to 19. More details about the party will be available in the future.

Charles R is located at 8195 Crane Ridge Road (beyond the end of Greenville Road), Livermore. Information is available at 454-3040 or www.charlesrvineyards.com.

Cooking at Fair

On Monday, June 25 from 5 to 6 p.m. and on Thursday, June 28 from 2 to 3 p.m., Executive Chef Neil Marquis of the Pleasanton Hotel will be featured at the Alameda County Fair Court of Four Seasons Cooking Academy. He will be demonstrating different menu items and giving out recipes. Chef Neil has been a frequent guest at the Fair over the last several years.

Pleasanton Hotel is located at 855 Main St., Pleasanton. For information call 846-8106 or go to www.PleasantonHotel.com. Both events are open to the public with fair admission.

Treasures Shared

Tattered Treasures at 5737 Valley Avenue in Pleasanton specializes in one-of-a-kind character pieces for the home. For two years the store has been a resource for area residents seeking distinctive previously-owned and new furniture and home accessories. Besides running a thriving business, owner Caroline Greenfield has made it a point to share the fruits of her success with several charities.

Since opening the store, Caroline has donated home accessories to the American Cancer Society's Discovery Shop on Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton. This month she started donating furniture as well. Caroline comments, "We all know someone who has been affected by cancer. I am pleased that my business is able to help in a small way to fight this disease."

One reason Caroline, a former real estate agent with a background in design, is eager to use the resources of her business to help others is that she is conscious of her own good fortune in being able to fulfill her long-held dream of opening a store where customers could find unusual, stylish furniture and accessories at reasonable prices. She comments, "I get so much joy from helping customers become more satisfied with their living environments, which are so reflective of who they are. I am a firm believer that good fortune should be shared."

Caroline scours the area for finds, attends furniture shows around the country, and works with dealers who import furniture and home accessories from Europe, particularly French style. Most merchandise remains in the store less than six weeks and the stock changes daily.

Tattered Treasures, at 5737 Valley Avenue in the Hopyard Village Shopping Center, is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 to 6 and on Saturdays and Sundays 11 to 5. For more information, call 925-426-8844.

Doctors Added

The Palo Alto Medical Foundation (PAMF) has added new doctors. They are Raafat K. Zamary, M.D., FACP, FCCP, Michael E. Abdel-Malek, M.D., Tracy A. Thompson, M.D., and Damayanthi Kaliseti, M.D.

PAMF Dublin Center, a new 60,000-square-foot medical center, is located at the corner of Dublin Boulevard and Tassajara Road. The four physicians formerly comprised the Tassajara Valley Medical Group.

Patients will eventually have the option of seeing Drs. Zamary, Abdel-Malek, Thompson and Kaliseti in Livermore or Dublin. PAMF's Livermore office at 1258 Concanon Road, formerly home to the Tassajara Valley Medical Group, is currently being remodeled and will reopen in July.

A variety of services are available to patients at the PAMF Dublin Center, including family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, pulmonology, obstetrics and gynecology, laboratory, X-ray, urgent care and a Community Health Resource Center - all in one location. The facility is now staffed by three family medicine physicians and a family medicine nurse practitioner, six internal medicine physicians, three pediatricians and a rotating group of obstetrics and gynecology physicians.

The PAMF Dublin Center, open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon, is part of PAMF-Palomares, which serves patients in the Tri-Valley area, as well as Castro Valley and San Leandro. More information is available about Drs. Zamary, Abdel-Malek, Thompson and Kaliseti, as well as PAMF's services in Dublin, at www.pamf.org/dublin.

Niles 4th of July Parade

The annual Fremont 4th of July Parade is coming to Niles. At 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 4, more than 80 entries including giant helium balloons, colorful floats, marching bands, drum corps, and equestrian entries will make their way through the Niles District.

Niles will play host to the City of Fremont's 4th of July parade. With its historic character, Niles is uniquely well suited for this year's patriotic, "American the Beautiful" theme. Residents and business owners are encouraged to participate by decorating homes and businesses with bunting, flags, and fans.

The parade route is as follows: School Street staging area, parade participants will begin at 10:00 a.m. along Second Street then make an immediate right turn onto D Street. They'll then turn right again onto Niles Boulevard. The parade will continue through the downtown until arriving at I Street, ending at J Street.

For information about this event please visit <http://niles.org/parade07.htm>, or call 510-742-9868. To volunteer to help, call Jesse Gomez @ 510-299-4450.

Grange Programs

The Danville Grange and the California State Grange is inviting kids and young adults to enjoy a variety of exciting and rewarding activities and programs.

The Grange is a community service organization with 185 chapters and 10,000 members across the state. The Grange's roots go back to 1867 when the first Grange was organized to promote the common interests of farmers and ranchers. Today, while a large part of the focus is still on agriculture (if you eat, you are involved in agriculture), the Grange has evolved into an organization with both rural and urban ties. Community service, like the welfare of children, knows no boundaries. Therefore, everyone is welcome to apply for membership.

Focusing on the diverse interests of today's kids while embracing the best traditions from its past, the Grange Junior, Youth and Youth Fair programs provide a fun and wholesome experience for boys and girls ages 5 - 20. Annual dues are only \$5.00 for Junior Grangers and \$9.00 for Youth.

There's an active Grange Youth and Junior Grange program at the Danville Grange #85 located at 1947 Diablo Road, Danville. For more information contact Candy Hogan at (925) 969-1325 or the California State Grange at (916) 454-5805, toll free 1-866-4GRANGE.

Top Crossing Guard

Martha Wiles has been selected as the Crossing Guard of the Year for 2006-2007 by All City Management Services. The announcement was made by the Pleasanton Police Department.

The City of Pleasanton contracts with All City for crossing guards. Martha has been a crossing guard for six years. She has served the students and community of Vintage Hills Elementary School for the past three years. She can be found at the corner of Touriga Dr. and Concord St.

Crossing guards are evaluated on their ability to control intersections they service, instruct children on safe crossing procedures while developing a good working relationship with the motorists, pedestrians, parents, and most of all the children. The attitude and appearance of the guards was also considered in the evaluation process.

Martha was honored June 14 at Vintage Hill Elementary by the Police Department with a City Proclamation, and by school staff.

Martha lives in Livermore with her husband, Jerry. She has one child and one grandchild.

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 different Italian region every week, with cuisine from Sicily, Lombardy, Tuscany, Abruzzo and more.

Locally, Garré is considering forming 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 includes three glasses of wine, 4 course Italian meal, group instruction and play. Reservations are required. For more information call Garré Winery at 925.371.8200 or check their website at www.garrewinery.com. All skill levels welcome..

Volunteers Honored

Barton Reading Program volunteer tutors, who work to improve the reading skills and confidence of countless students in the Pleasanton Unified School District, were honored with a luncheon on June 12, 2007, at the Blue Agave Club.

Barton Reading Program wanted to acknowledge these individuals who have attended an initial 25-hour training over 2-3 months. After the initial training period, tutors are matched with students who they work with three times weekly on an on-going basis. Many volunteer tutors take on additional students as their schedules allow.

These tutors come from all walks of life: retired and substitute teachers, concerned parents and grandparents, teacher and speech pathology candidates from local colleges and universities, and other altruistic community members looking for a way to make a difference. Our tutors travel from far and wide to serve students in our community. Volunteers travel from Danville, Castro Valley, Livermore, Dublin, Alamo, Fremont and even Oakley.

The Barton Reading Program would also like to acknowledge the Blue Agave Club for making this luncheon possible.

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 \$15.

The fee includes heavy appetizers

Controlled Burn Slated at Sycamore Grove Park

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) plans to continue a prescribed burn at Sycamore Grove Park on Monday, June 25. Sycamore Grove Park will be closed to the public on the day of the burn, and will re-open to the public on Tuesday, June 26.

The controlled burn will take place in the center of the park, encompassing the remaining 20-24 acres slated for the burn project. The park is a total of 724 acres. The burn will be managed by the Livermore/Pleasanton Fire Department, in cooperation with California Department of Forestry, Alameda County Fire Department, and East Bay Regional Park District Fire Department.

All involved fire fighting

Fire Fighting Recruits to Graduate

The XAL Academy, a joint academy produced by the Alameda County Fire Department, Fremont Fire Department and the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, will be holding its annual Family Day and Recruit Graduation on Friday, June 22.

Family Day will take place from 10 a.m. to noon at the LPFD Training Tower, located at 3301 Busch Road, Pleasanton. Firefighters will demonstrate their response to a fire, vehicle accident and patient extrication. Firefighters will have an opportunity to share with their families the skills they have acquired during a rigorous training plan that has been a part of their regimen for the past four months.

The Recruit Graduation will take place at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore, 6 p.m. The Graduation marks the completion of a 16-week academy that has prepared 23 individuals to enter the fire service as entry level firefighters.

Graduates will take an oath of allegiance, receive a department badge and helmet insignia. Performance and leadership awards will be presented to individuals nominated by their peers and instructors.

Shuttle Available to Fairgrounds

Wheels Fair Shuttle will run every 15 minutes from Fri., June 22 through Sun., July 8 between the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station and the Alameda County Fairgrounds. The trip takes 15 minutes. Passengers will be dropped off near the fair's west gate entrance.

Livermore residents are encouraged to leave their cars home and catch Wheels Route 10 from the Livermore Transit Center, 2500 Railroad Avenue. Free parking is available at the Livermore Municipal Parking Garage. Passengers will exit the bus on Peters Avenue and have a short walk to the fairgrounds.

The regular adult/student fare is \$1.50 per one way trip. Children six and under ride free with a paying adult. Seniors (age 65 and older) and disabled passengers with a valid RTC discount car, pay 65 cents.

For route and schedule information, call 455-7500 or go to www.wheelsbus.com.

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.

Fine Arts Faire

The Danville Area Chamber of Commerce, along with the Town of Danville will kick off the summer season by hosting the Danville Fine Arts Faire on June 23 and 24.

Featured will be the work of 200 fine artists from all over California and throughout the United States. There is something for every fine art collector, from hand blown glass, to lush oil paintings, unique jewelry pieces, fabric art, museum quality sculpture and astounding photography.

The Italian Street Painting was created just for the event. Participants are assigned 9ft. x 12ft. squares of asphalt that are transformed into chalk masterpieces.

Musical entertainment complements the art as you stroll through the faire. The sounds of country and jazz, blues and romantic ballads will fill the summer air.

Admission is free as is shuttle service, available Saturday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. from the Park & Ride at Hwy. 680 and Sycamore Valley Road, courtesy of Diablo Lodge. For more information please contact 925.837.4400, or visit the festival web site at www.mlproductions.com.

Girls Honored

Pure Girls, a downtown Pleasanton boutique, recognizes the achievements of local girls through the Pure Girl of the Month program. Each month, the business receives nominations from members of the community and selects a girl who has distinguished herself through community service, creativity, or another accomplishment.

Pure Girls recently announced its June Pure Girl of the Month, Shelby Margolin, who was honored for organizing an event called "Darfur - A Modern Day Holocaust: Genocide You Can Stop," which was held at Amador Theater in April.

Shelby was moved to action after hearing media reports about hundreds of thousands of black Africans who have been killed or displaced in the Darfur region of Sudan over the past four years. The Amador High School sophomore says, "I felt that people in the Tri-Valley have the resources to

make an impact in Darfur, but first we must educate ourselves on the issue."

For the recent event, attended by hundreds of local residents, she invited Adeyemi Coker, a member of the African Diaspora Foundation, to speak about the situation in Darfur and what we in this country can do to help. Shelby oversaw the myriad details necessary to plan a major community gathering and acted as moderator for the presentation and question-and-answer session.

In the first half of 2007, Pure Girls recognized five other outstanding girls:

January - Rachael Baine, 16, was nominated by her mother for being "such an awesome daughter" and was selected for all the contributions she has made to her family, including helping her mother raise funds for a local charity.

February - Hannah Fox, 13, was recognized for supporting her mother as she realized her dream of owning her own business, DAY Art Studio in downtown Pleasanton. Hannah's mom reports that her daughter is a source of inspiration and encouragement and helps out cheerfully and enthusiastically both at home and in the store.

March - Amelia Pennewell, 17, was chosen for her outstanding community service. Amelia began collecting socks for the homeless when she was in fourth grade and has continued this work to the present.

April - Emily Regal, 13, is another community service standout. She was selected as Girl of the Month for volunteering at Congregation Beth Emek's preschool summer camp and for collecting books, stuffed animals, art supplies, and games for Children's Hospital.

May - Neethi Bangalore, 12, was honored for her hard work preparing for the Alameda County Elementary Spelling Bee Championship, which she won in March. Neethi moved on to the California State Elementary Spelling Championship held May 19.

To nominate a Pure Girl of the Month, call 925-485-4380 or visit Pure Girls at 660 Main Street in downtown Pleasanton, open on Tuesdays through Sundays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on most Fridays and Saturdays extended hours until 9 p.m. for parties.

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 competition.

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 or more.

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.

Nature Programs

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff will present two programs this weekend.

The History of Veterans Park is the theme of a Sat., June 23 presentation. Meet Ranger Darren Segur at 10 a.m. at Veterans Park. The area called Veterans Park has had a rather interesting past including cowboys and Indians, padres and pumas, doctors and debutantes and a whole lot of wine. The program will include a slow-paced, one mile walk through Veterans Park. Bring water and a camera.

On Sun., June 24 the topic will be Birding for Beginners. Meet Ranger Patti at 8 a.m. at the Nature Area entrance to Sycamore Grove Park.

The program will cover basic bird identification, habitats, behaviors, optics, and other topics of interest. Bring binoculars and field guides, if available. There will be a few to lend. Don't forget drinking water and sunscreen, too. All ages welcome; children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Group size is limited so please call early to reserve your spot: (925) 960-2400.

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

natural landscape and reintroducing fire back into the park's ecosystem should help to expand and enhance the native plants and wildlife found in Sycamore Grove Park.

The park features one of the largest stands of Western Sycamore trees in California. Sycamore trees are among the oldest clan of trees on our planet, dating back to 100 million years ago. The oldest Sycamore trees in the park are approximately 350 years old and were seedlings when European explorers first landed on the California coast. Most of the trees in the grove are approximately 100 years old.

Scientists will study the effects of the fire on the sycamore grove to determine if it helps the trees to regenerate, since they have been in decline since the late 1980's. This element of the project is part of an ongoing study by the park district and Zone 7 Water Agency to determine the causes of the decline,

what can be done to reverse it, and what actions can be taken to improve the overall health of the Park's sycamore trees.

For more information about the upcoming meeting and restoration projects, contact Mike Nicholson at (925) 382-3342 or visit the LARP website at www.larpd.dst.ca.us. For general information about the park or to check if the park is open, please contact the Ranger Office at (925) 960-2400.

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Pleasanton Scout Troop 948 to Honor Six New Eagle Scouts

Only four boys out of a hundred will achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America. Celebrating six Boy Scouts from the same Troop achieving the Eagle Scout rank is truly a unique occurrence. Mike Arndt, Rishi Kripalani, Vijay Kripalani, Matt Kwan, Jonathan Portman and Kyle Williamson, all from Pleasanton Troop 948, will receive their Eagle Badges at a Court of Honor Ceremony to be held at 5 pm on Saturday, June 23rd at Congregation Beth Emek.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills. Each

Scout must also earn at least 21 merit badges, of which 12 are required. In addition, a Scout has a choice between Emergency Preparedness and Lifesaving and a choice among Cycling, Hiking and Swimming.

One of the last steps to Eagle is to plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to the Scout's religious institution, school, or community. The Eagle Scout candidate is responsible for planning, directing, and following his project through to its successful completion.

Mike Arndt started his scouting experience by joining Pack 116 in Monkton, MD in 1994 as

a Tiger Cub. He joined Pack 938 in Pleasanton in 1996 and advanced to Troop 948 in 1999. His leadership positions held in Troop 948, include Scribe, Patrol Leader and Troop Guide. Mike's Eagle Project was for Kidango, an early intervention program for developmentally delayed infants and toddlers. The agency's eighteen therapists shared one flimsy rocker balance to help the children strengthen their sense of balance but lacked the funding to purchase more. Mike organized the funding and building of eighteen rocker balances—one for each therapist—so they could better meet the needs of their patients. Mike is

currently attending Duke University and is pursuing a Biology Major, a Minor in Sociology, and a Global Health Certificate.

Rishi Kripalani built a set of cubbies for the nursery of the Pleasanton Presbyterian Church for his Eagle Project. The cubbies acted as both storage space and mobile walls to make the nursery supervisor's job more manageable. Mrs. Maher, the supervisor, was having trouble with the children running around, and the cubbies built sectioned off the room to help manage the traffic flow. Also, by organizing the countless diaper bags Mrs. Maher must manage, the cubbies simplified her job and reduced clutter in the nursery. Rishi joined Pack 910 as a Tiger Cub while in 1st Grade. He crossed over to Troop 948 and has been an Assistant Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader. Rishi is currently attending the California Polytechnic University in San Luis Obispo majoring in Materials Engineering.

Vijay Kripalani's Eagle Project was to construct a brick walkway connecting the Livermore Hindu Temple to the Priest house in the back of the grounds, which up to that time was just a large dirt field. Vijay's project involved digging out and leveling the clay, setting forms, then laying the brick pavers. Once constructed, the path looked nice and allowed for easier access between buildings, especially during inclement weather conditions. Vijay started Boy Scouts as a Cub Scout in Pack 910. He crossed over to Boy Scout Troop 948 and has held various leadership positions, which included Troop Guide, Patrol Leader and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. Vijay will be attending the Uni-

versity of California at Riverside, studying Biochemistry in the Fall.

Matt Kwan started with Scouting as a Tiger Cub with Pack 938 of Pleasanton in 1994. He achieved the highest rank in Cub Scouting, the Arrow of Light, in 1999 and bridged to Troop 948. The Leadership positions he held in Troop 948 included Troop Guide, Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader. Matt's Eagle Scout Project involved constructing three barn owl boxes/shelters. These owl boxes were donated to East Bay Regional Parks to be put up in the Del Valle area, to provide a home for barn owls, and in turn help reduce rodent populations. The boxes were constructed out of plywood and painted white. Richarts Lumber of Pleasanton subsidized the supplies needed for the project, and fellow scouts in Boy Scout Troop 948 helped with the construction. The boxes took four days to make, while the project required over 70 man-hours to complete. Matt is an undeclared Physics major at Bowdoin College in Maine.

Jonathan Portman's Eagle Scout Project consisted of the design and construction of a more sophisticated, yet completely secure donation box setup for the Pleasanton Museum on Main. The donation box had to incorporate a large decorative stand for a crafted acrylic top piece. Another concern was that of security, so a discrete cash drawer with a lock was also added. The project required over 30 hours of planning and 75 hours of construction to complete. Donations to the museum increased dramatically once the box was in place since the new case encouraged donations by

allowing visitors to see donations given by previous visitors. Jonathan has been involved with Scouts in Pleasanton since 1997 when he joined Cub Scout Pack 944. He crossed over to Troop 948 in 1999. His leadership positions within the Troop included Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader and Troop Guide. Jonathan is currently a Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Major at UC Davis.

Kyle Williamson says he always knew that taking on an Eagle Project would be difficult but he didn't realize how many months of planning discussions with the City of Dublin and the Troop it would involve. Kyle's Eagle Project involved restoring four stations of exercise equipment located throughout the grounds of Kolb Park in Dublin. Over the course of a month, Kyle and a dedicated group of volunteers stripped down and refurbished all the wooden equipment, then set up forms and established a gravel base for each set. The venture has helped create a safer and more accessible area for exercise while making the entire park more enjoyable to visit. Kyle's first introduction to Boy Scouts was when he joined Pleasanton Pack 910 as a Tiger Cub in 1994. He moved on into Troop 948 in 1999 and served as Troop Librarian and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. Kyle is currently majoring in Computer Science at CalPoly, San Luis Obispo.

These six Scouts have registered 188 nights camping between them during the past few years. They have participated in service projects, attended summer camps and hiked many miles together while building long-lasting friendships along the way.

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kids under 13. Regular ticket prices at the gate are \$9 for adults 13 to 61, \$7 for seniors over 61, \$6 for youths 6 to 12, and free for children under 6.

The opening weekend will admit members of the military free with a valid military identification, and also allow one free admission for a guest.

Fair hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on July 4.

The fair parade, with floats, bands and marching units, will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday at Amador Valley High School. It will travel a one-mile route down Main Street, turn onto Angela Street, and terminate in the parking lot on Pleasanton Avenue, across from the fair's main gate.

KTVU news anchor Julie Haener will be the parade's grand marshal. The parade is expected to draw 2000 participants and 10,000 spectators. In keeping with the Sounds of Summer theme, the parade will have giant helium balloons in the shapes of musical notes.

WIN MONEY BY TEXT-MESSAGING

Several events are new this year. There is a \$1000 text messaging contest, with entry deadline set for June 25. Entrants write in the word "fair" to a code given in the contest before the deadline at midnight June 24. They then wait for a clue to be sent to them at noon, June 26. Then the entrants mail their answers to an entry box, which will be announced.

The first 25 entrants with the correct answer will then compete in the final stage, which will be a scavenger hunt June 30 on the fairgrounds. The hunt winner will pocket the \$1000. All 25 contestants in the scavenger hunt will receive four free fair tickets.

Another new event will be the amateur grandparent/grandchild Rice Krispy contest. The entrants

will join across the generations to create original crispy treats in the allotted time.

A new event called the Culinary Challenge will reach beyond the traditional cooking contest by including the requirement to shop for all ingredients with an allocated budget that will be provided on the day of the contest.

The fair Cooking Academy event will be held at 1:45 p.m. July 1. The fair's cooking events again will have a variety of cooking demonstrations. Martin Yan, star of the TV show "Yan Can Cook," will be back again this year.

The text-message contest is not the only way to win a big prize at the fair. There also will be a \$10,000 putting contest, with sign-ups at the booth for Win, Place and Show (that's a contest, too). In the golf putt-off, there will be three qualifiers each day, who will have one chance at a 20-foot putt. The top three qualifiers with the closest putts from June 27 to July 6 will be invited to the 60-foot putt finals on July 7. The winner is the one who sinks a 60-foot putt.

The second annual pet look-alike contest is another spot to win money. Finals will be 7 p.m. July 6. There are three prizes of \$200, \$100, and \$50.

Some of the Sounds of Summer include the Barnyard at the fairgrounds. A miniature donkey will be a featured animal. There also will be the annual livestock auction, and a display of small animals, near the Hall of Commerce. The small animal exhibit includes poultry, rabbits, ducks, swans, geese, peacocks, guinea pigs, parakeets, pigeons, and miniature goats.

In addition to the regular carnival midway, there is a special small ridges area on the fairgrounds for younger children.

Live horse racing is June 27 to July 8, with July 3 dark.

ENTERTAINMENT

All of the entertainment

shows in the amphitheater are held at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. On the fair's opening night, there will be a show called Original Idols Live!, featuring Bay City Rollers, Leif Garrett, the Cowells, Bo Donaldson & the Heywoods, and Barry Williams.

On June 23, the act will be SheDaisy, a country music group. They will be followed on June 24 by Boyz II Men, who once rode high on the charts, and have sold 60 million recordings. New Monsoon will perform on June 25, a band reminiscent of the Grateful Dead. On June 26 the Imagination Movers, a children's music group, will play.

Herman's Hermits, who date back to the 1960s, will appear on June 27. Point of Grace, a Christian musical group, will be on stage on June 28. Another Christian music group, the Jonas Brothers, will be featured June 29. Con Funk Shun, the long-ago funk band, will perform on June 30.

One of the most famous of the fair attractions will be The Village People, who were a big hit at the fair last year. They will appear July 1. The Tommy Castro Band, which plays blues, will be on stage July 2. The scene will change to comedy on July 3 when the Blonde Moms take the stage.

On July 4, the amphitheater will be the scene of a blues concert from noon to 6 p.m., an annual Independence Day tradition at the fair. Most of the groups are from the Bay Area.

Collin Ray, who was a member of Men at Work in the 1980s, will perform on July 5. Grand Funk Railroad, another funk band that was played widely on radio in the 1970s, will perform July 6. Another name from the past, soul singer Peabo Bryson, will be the talent on July 7. Finally, Chuck Mangione, much loved for many years in the Bay Area for his jazz trumpet, will end the series on July 8.

MEETING

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Growers use fuel in tractors and in irrigation pumps. It's also a factor in trucking crops to market, adding to the retail cost of farm products.

The farmers were worried that they might not receive enough water in drought years. Much of California agriculture is served by both the state and federal water projects from two separate canals that run down the Central Valley. Almost all of the people on the committee are connected to Central Valley agriculture.

Affordable Housing Topic Of ABAG Forum

Focus on Bay Area Housing is the topic of a forum to be held June 28 in Berkeley. It is sponsored by the Association of Bay Area Governments.

Proven strategies for creating affordable housing will be shared by local governments, nonprofit housing builders, and for-profit developers.

The half day conference will be held at the Gaia Building, 2116 Allston Way, from 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Keynote speaker is Carol Galate, CEO of Bridge Housing. She will discuss how to create and sustain collaborations between local governments and nonprofits. A panel of local government officials and developers will describe how to meet and overcome the challenges of building affordable housing. ABAG staff will present the current regional housing needs methodology. The second annual housing report describing the status of Bay Area housing will be unveiled.

Registration fee is \$30 at abag.ca.gov or call 510464-7993.

Frank Faria, a dairy operator from Escalon, said that the price of water affects him, because the cost of his feed has gone up.

Committee members also were concerned about the impact of the inheritance tax on passing their farms and ranches along to the next generation in the family. A planned rise in the tax several years ago was postponed. Some agricultural people at that time said that they wanted the tax eliminated, but Congress did not do that.

Stone said that McNerney has indicated that he wants to ensure there is a long-term fix to the problem, such as an exemption, to en-

sure that family farms stay in the family.

Stone said that attendance at the session was affected by having the meeting on Saturday in a month filled with weddings, graduations and vacations. Future meetings might be held on weekdays, or through telephone conference calls, said Stone.

The panel is designed primarily to provide input individually through e-mail and phone calls to a staff contact person. That person will be talking to the panel members individually when bills come up of interest to them.

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Studio 7 to Host Subject Of "A Crossroads"

A new 250-page book titled, "A Crossroads," tells the unlikely story of Mackenzie Thorpe's journey as an artist, from creating work alone in his studio to collaborating with hundreds of workers who help bring his major projects to life. This book features Thorpe's most recent work and chronicles the full story of his sculpture collection, from early sketches on napkins to creation and final installation.

Thorpe will visit only twelve galleries this year to promote his latest work and limited-edition book (with print included). He will be signing limited-edition copies of "A Crossroads" at Studio 7 Fine Arts, 400 Main Street, downtown Pleasanton, on Sunday, June 24, from 1 - 3 p.m.

An artist "from the people" and "for the people," Thorpe, along with Kansas City Mayor Kay Barnes, unveiled an exhibition of five monumental sculptures in October 2006 in Kansas City, Missouri.

The five sculptures, which measure twelve to fifteen feet high, launched a planned two-year international tour, which will visit various sites throughout the United States, Japan, Australia and Europe. Currently, the sculptures are on exhibition in Christchurch, New Zealand, through August 2007.

Thorpe has spent much of the past twenty years creating work that expresses a compelling range of life's emotions. He was born in the industrial town of Middlesbrough, England, and suffered from dyslexia - at the time an undiagnosed learning disability. Despite, and in part due to, the challenges he faced, Thorpe learned to express himself through his painting and drawing. He has emerged as an international figure on the art scene. He understands there are hard truths in the human condition and is compelled to tell our entire story, both joyful and painfully agonizing.

For more information about his appearance at Studio 7, call 925.846.4322, or visit www.studio7finearts.com.

Medals Awarded to Top Wines at County Fair

The Alameda County Fair has released the top awards in the Best of the Bay Wine Competition and Zin Challenge, which took place on June 11-12, at the fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

They are: Best of Show White: Fenestra Winery, 2006 Verdelho, Lodi, Silvaspoons Vineyards; Best of Show Red: Stony Ridge Winery, 2004 Merlot, Livermore Valley, Harriet's; Best of Challenge Zin: Rodney Strong Vineyards, 2004 Zinfandel, Sonoma County, Reserve.

A total of 18 Gold medals were awarded to wineries who entered the Best of the Bay Wine Competition, which is open to all commercially bonded wineries located in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Benito, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz and Solano counties.

Gold medals were awarded to the following local wineries: Bent Creek Winery, 2005 Petite Sirah, Livermore Valley; Concannon Vineyard, 2004 Syrah, Livermore Valley Reserve; Fenestra Winery, 2004 Syrah, Livermore Valley Estate; and 2006 Verdelho, Lodi,

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

Shakespeare in the Vineyards and under the stars, The Comedy of Errors, Livermore Shakespeare Festival opens the gates an hour before show time for picnicking at Retzlaff Estate Winery. The Comedy of Errors is a robust comedy with two pairs of mix-matched twins, entwining desire with hi-jinks and past loss with present laughter. The setting is Rancho California, especially appropriate for the vineyard setting in an area that was once the wine producer for Mission San Jose. Four weekends July 12th - August 4th. For information: www.LivermoreShakes.org. Tickets go on sale May 15th: 800-838-3006. Preview/Family Night - Thursday, July 12th, 2007 at 7:30 PM; \$20. Opening Night - Friday, July 13th, 2007 at 7:30PM; \$50/\$45 Regular Performances: Saturday July 14th, F/Sat July 20 and 21 at 7:30PM, F/Sat

July 27 and 28, and F/Sat August 3/4 all at 7:30PM; \$30/\$25 Special Sunday performances/Family Nights or Groups on Sundays July 22nd and 29th at 6:30 PM; \$30/\$25.

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 www.pleasantonplayhouse.com.
Blues on the Patio 5:30 - 9:30 pm. Music will be played on the patio every Thursday through September. Cocktails, appetizers and light dinner selections served. Open to the public. No cover charge. Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St., Pleasanton; 846-8106, www.PleasantonHotel.com.
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 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.

Blacksmith Courtyard is planning a series of concerts to enjoy while tasting wine and shopping. The schedule: Sunday June 24th - Roger Kardinal; Saturday June 30th - Craig Pettit's Project. Blacksmith Square is located at the corner of So. Liver-

more and Railroad Avenue in downtown Livermore.

Opera in the Vineyard, Sun., June 24, 14th Annual Summer Outdoor Performance presented as fund-raiser by Livermore Valley Opera. 5 to 8 p.m. music begins at 5:45 p.m. "Opera-tunity" drawing and silent auction 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.

Free Shakespeare in the Park. City of Pleasanton Civic Arts will host San Francisco Shakespeare Festival for three weekends beginning Saturday, June 30, at 7:30 p.m. A Midsummer's Night Dream. Performances will take place every Saturday and Sunday evening, from June 30 - July 15, 2007, with the exception of July 7. The play will be performed on Friday, July 6, instead of Saturday, July 7. All performances will take place at Amador Valley Community Park located at 4301 Black Avenue, corner of Black Avenue and Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Admission to this event is free. For more information, call the Department of Parks & Community Services at (925) 931-5340.

Art Collecting 101: "Displaying and lighting your art and collectibles with style and flair. Free Art Collecting Workshop at Worthington Gallery West. Discussed will be the new energy efficient LED lighting and how

it can be used in the home to illuminate artwork. Worthington Gallery West, 739 Main St., Pleasanton, Saturday, June 30, from 3-4 p.m. Free. Please RSVP 485-1183 or wgallerywest@sbcglobal.net.

Visual Journey, Foothill College photographic portfolio exhibition, through July 14 at Photocentral Gallery, 1099 E Street, Hayward. Mon. 5-10 p.m., Tues., Thurs., Sat. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Show features a selected series of work from each artist focused on a particular theme. Information: 510-881-6721 or www.photocentral.org.

Jazz at the Ridge, Poppy Ridge Golf Course, 4280 Greenville Rd., Livermore. Every Thursday 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Smooth jazz by Two Guys or Opie Bellas and Jeff Massanar. Information 456-8215 or info@poppyridgegolf.com.

Local band Moreality will open for Michael Schenker, formerly of UFO and the Scorpions at the Avalon Nightclub in Santa Clara on Saturday, June 23rd. The Avalon Nightclub is located at 777 Lawrence Expressway in Santa Clara. Moreality will be performing their original material for their set that starts at 8pm. Following Moreality will be Doug Doppler, and then Michael Schenker to headline. Doors open at 7pm, with Moreality playing from 8pm-9pm. Tickets www.nightclubavalon.com. The Avalon has a full bar, huge lounge area and large dance floor, and is 21 and over only.

Outdoor Movie Features 'A Shark's Tale'

Drive-in movies are a thing of the past. However, an outdoor flick on a hot summer night is an experience families can still enjoy in Livermore on Friday, June 29 when the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARP) rolls the reel to show "A Shark's Tale."

The animated film tells the story of Oscar, a fast talking little fish that gets in hot water when a great white lie turns him into an unlikely hero. The film is rated a family-friendly PG and features

the voices of Will Smith, Angelina Jolie, Renee Zellweger and Jack Black.

The film will be shown in the courtyard of the Robert Livermore Community Center at 4444 East Avenue starting at 8:45 p.m. The fee is \$4 per person at the gate, or \$3 in advance by calling (925) 373-5700.

The pools and gym will be open 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. for swimming and sports prior to the movie showing for ping-pong, badminton, basketball, and board

games. There is a fee of \$4 for those ages 5 and up and \$2 for those 2 to 4 years of age. Please pay for swimming and gym activities at the Aquatics kiosk.

Popcorn and bottled water will be available for purchase during the performance. The Community Cafe will be open for business prior to the start of the movie.

Families and other groups can watch the film from the grassy knoll and are encouraged to bring lawn chairs.

Young Actors Invited to Learn Skills at Camp

Funny Lady Debra Wilson from FOX's "MADtv" and teen-comedian Josh Peck of Nickelodeon's "Drake and Josh" will be teaching "How to Get Your Laugh On!" at the upcoming Young Actors' Theatre Camp June 24-29th, 2007.

The Young Actors' Theatre Camp (YATC) is a one week overnight theatre camp held twice a year at Camp Loma Mar in the Santa Cruz Mountains. YATC is designed to help young adults ages 8-18 discover and develop the artist within.

Program Director, Shawn Ryan started the program 8 years ago in Berkeley, CA. By inviting working professionals to come teach at YATC, students receive valuable instruction and guidance on how to become a "Working Actor!"

"This is what I wish I'd had growing up!" said Mr. Ryan, "The opportunity to learn from professional actors like Josh Peck and Debra Wilson. This is like taking professional classes in Hollywood!" He went on to say that

YATC is "Committed" to bringing professional actors, singers, dancers and casting directors to the Bay Area to teach YATC's students.

Young Actors' Theatre Camp Summer Session June 24-29 overnight theater camp for ages 8 to 18. YMCA Camp Loma Mar in Loma Mar, California (45 miles South of San Francisco).

Registration is open until all spaces are filled. Call 858-3548. Information is available at www.YoungActorsTheatreCamp.org.

Performance Part of Summer Reading Game

Special performances are planned at Livermore libraries as part of the annual Summer Reading Game, "Get a Clue @ Your Library."

On Sat., June 23, multilingual singer/songwriter Juan Sanchez will be the featured performer. His appearances stress audience participation and focus on themes such as peace building, self-esteem, tolerance and multicultural celebration. Programs are presented in English and Spanish with traditional material and Sanchez's own compositions.

Saturday's concert will take place at the Springtown Branch, 998 Bluebell Drive. The performance takes place outside the library starting at 10:30 a.m. There is no admission charge.

Performers Brinda and Swetha

Dixit will present a family program of traditional dance of India on Wed., June 27 at the Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave.

Livermore resident Swetha Dixit is the artistic director of Kalaikol Dance School of Dublin and a teacher of the art and folk Dances of India. She has choreographed dance for the Las Positas College theatre department and Christensen Middle School.

The performance begins at 10:30 a.m. There is no admission charge.

The Rincon Library, 725 Rincon Ave., will be the location for an appearance by bilingual educator, children's author and performing artist, Jose-Luis Orozco. He will be singing and

telling stories on Wed., June 27.

His presentations are a musical journey through Latin American history, language and culture. Orozco's latest book, "Rin, Rin, Rin/Do, Re Mi" is a bilingual work with two purposes - a fun picture book and as advice for parents who want to provide their children a foundation in literacy.

The performance begins at 2:30 p.m. There is no admission charge.

The reading game is a free program. Children earn a variety of prizes for reading books, as well as attending storytimes, crafts and special events. The summer reading game ends August 11. For information go to www.livermore.lib.ca.us or call 373-5504.

Jazz at Poppy Ridge Features Opie Bellas

Opie Bellas will be appearing at Poppy Ridge Golf Course as part of the entertainment series, "Jazz at the Ridge."

Performances are Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Bellas has superb vocal range and a mastery of technique that takes possession of her audiences, regardless of whether she is performing with members of a symphony orchestra, an intimate group in a cabaret setting, a swinging jazz group, or with an instrumentalist providing accompaniment.

Her vocal styles can be compared with Carol Sloane, Julie London, Anita O'Day and other artists who have had loyal followings over the years.

In addition to Opie Bellas and Jeff Massanar, appearing in the series will be Two Guys. For schedule information, call 456-8215 or info@poppyridgegolf.com.

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Valley Humane Society's Wiggle Waggle Dog Wash will be held from noon to 4 p.m., Saturday, June 30 at the VHS office, 3670 Nevada Street, Pleasanton. Donations accepted. The public is invited to bring their dogs for a wash. Proceeds benefit the Society. For information, call (925) 426-8656.

Valley Spokenmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., June 23, 47 miles through San Francisco, meet 10 a.m. at Embarcadero, Randy Huey, 518-8439. Sun., June 24, 35 miles up northgate of Mt. Diablo down southgate to Lafayette and Orinda and Three Bears, meet 8:30 a.m. at Heather Farms, Kandice McDonald, 505-400-1689. Wed., June 27, 35 miles over Palomares Road, meet 9 a.m. at Shannon Center in Dublin, Elaine Nadeau, 361-7972. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Livermore Library Board meeting Thurs., June 28, 7 p.m. in the Civic Center

Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. An agenda will be posted at the library 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Ravenswood Progress League and the Amador Valley Quilters invite members of the public to spend a Sunday afternoon at Ravenswood on June 24th from noon to 4 p.m. Traditional Quilt Squares will be on display on the Main House porch. Also a pillow made from 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 to 9pm.

Indian Odissi Dance Workshop: Dona Ganguly, one of the top Indian Odissi dancers from Kolkata, India will be providing a workshop from July 6 thru 8 at Pleasanton. The fee for the workshop for all 3 days is \$125. Children, teens and adults learning any form of Indian dances are welcome. Private lessons provided from July 3-14 by apt. For more info, please call Rishi at 925-462-9088 or 408-472-8932 cell.

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 evolutionary biologist, anthropologist, and author, Richard Dawkins. The series consists of Part

1, "The God Delusion," and Part 2, "The Virus of Faith," both of them exploring 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 University. 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. Rogers State University announced President's and Dean's Honor rolls for spring 2007 semester. Erin Steeler of Livermore is on the Dean's List. The following students are on the Seattle Pacific Univer-

sity 2007 Winter Quarter Dean's List: Andrew Jeremy Aldrich and Nelson Mattaias Aldrich, both of Livermore.

Pleasanton VIP Club annual barbecue, 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 \$6 at the VIP Travel Desk at the Senior Center.

Free public tours of Ravenswood Historic Site are provided on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, except December. Tours are conducted by docents wearing 1890's costumes and include the two 19th century houses and the grounds. Also open to the public are a gift shop featuring unique Victorian gift items and the Ravenswood Progress League's Tankhouse Tea Room. Hours are noon to 4:00 p.m. (last tour starts at approximately 3:15.) Ravenswood is operated by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District and is located at 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore. The next tour date is June 24. Call (925) 443-0238 for tour information, or visit the LARPD website at www.larpd.st.ca.us.

RELIGION
Unitarian Universalist, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. Sunday Service at 10:30

a.m. Topic for June 24 is a surprise. Information 447-8747.

Catholic Community of Pleasanton, bereavement support ministry meetings meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 7:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton in the chapel, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. Upcoming sessions: June 28; July 12, 26; and Aug. 9, 23. All are welcome. Questions? For additional information, contact Joan Bell at 828-6864. Group open to all regardless of religious affiliation.

Vacation Bible Study for kids entering 1st-5th grade - June 25th-29th (Mon-Fri, 9 to 12pm) at Cornerstone Fellowship - 348 North Canyon Parks way 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 day).

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

Jews for Jesus, presents the Liberated Walling Wall, Sun., July 8, 10 a.m. Discov-

ery Church of the Nazarene, 5860 Las Positas Rd., Livermore. Jewish gospel music and drama. 449-5256.

Vacation Bible Camp, Our Savior Lutheran Ministries. July 9-13, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for ages 3 to 5th grade. Singing, games, crafts and snacks. Theme, "Quest for Truth." Registration forms in the church office or on-line at oslm.net. 1385 S. Livermore Ave. 447-1246. A donation of \$10 for each camper is requested.

SonForce Kids, vacation Bible school, 9 a.m.-noon, July 30-Aug 3, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. For children ages 4 to current 5th graders. \$5 per child. 447-950 Asburyline.org. Registration deadline is July 23.

Spirituality - Open Round Table William Fowler will host an Inter-Faith/Inter-Path discussion Group on Mon. 7/2/07 at 6 p.m. No charge and no group/organization affiliation. 4047 First St. 2nd Fl break room Livermore. (925)806-6066.

Vacation Bible School, June 25-29, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Faith Chapel, Assembly of God, 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton. Theme "Avalanche Ranch," a wild ride through God's word. Space limited; preregistration required. Call church office for information at 846-8650.

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LEGAL NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 395246

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This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 21, 2007.

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Frank R. Swezey

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 395793

The following person (s) doing 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, CA 94550

This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 1, 2007.

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Elizabeth Harvey

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on May 11, 2007. Expires May 11, 2012.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 395874

The following person (s) doing business as Aloha Transportation, 4613 Gerrilyn Way #102, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Scott Puuwaialoha Torres 4613 Gerrilyn Way #102, Livermore, CA 94550

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

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Scott Torres

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 396643

The following person (s) doing business as Bay Auto Recon Appraisers, 813 Roma Street, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Rebecca S. Bell, 813 Roma Street, Livermore, CA 94551

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

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Rebecca S. Bell

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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 hereby registered by the following 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 names listed.

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Fred N. Fisher

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 397022

The following person (s) doing business as Bay Town Studios, 1452 N. Vasco Rd. #342, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Stephen Dosch, 6014 Climbing Rose Common, Livermore, CA 94551

This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 1, 2007.

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Stephen Dosch

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 396287

The following person (s) doing business as AiroSound, 487 Joyce Street, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Colleen S. Bullard, 487 Joyce Street, Livermore, CA 94550

This business is conducted by a general partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 15, 2005.

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Colleen S. Bullard

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 397006

The following person (s) doing business as Archuleta Construction, 5251 Peony Drive, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Rick Archuleta, 5251 Peony Drive, Livermore, CA 94551

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

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Rick Archuleta

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SUMMONS CITACION JUDICIAL ON CROSS-COMPLAINT CASE NO. CIV 453968

NOTICE TO CROSS DEFENDANT: (Aviso Al Demandado):

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Entertainment by sax player Stephen Dreyfuss was part of the dedication ceremonies of the new plaza in downtown Livermore. The site is designed as an entertainment venue and gathering place.

Downtown Plaza Dedicated

I believe that man will not only endure; he will prevail. He is immortal, not because he alone among creatures has an inexhaustible voice, but because he has a soul, a spirit capable of compassion and sacrifice and endurance. The poet's, the writer's, duty is to write about these things. It is his privilege to help man endure by lifting the heart, by reminding him of the courage and honor and hope and pride and compassion and pity and sacrifice which have been the glory of his past.

-William Faulkner

The plaque containing the above quote was selected by the Livermore Commission for the Arts to be placed at the new downtown plaza. The plaza was dedicated last Friday.

The dedication celebrated the completion of the project and of things to come.

Mayor Marshall Kamena declared, "We welcome this long awaited day. It has been a dream of the city for many years. It will serve as a gathering spot for families going to movies, dining out, and soon for those attending the new theater. It will also provide a

venue for outdoor events."

He added, "It makes the downtown a true destination."

Kamena noted that the city's redevelopment agency had purchased the land and built the plaza at a cost of \$5.57 million. It was designed by MacCracken Architects.

Kamena also recognized those who had donated funds. Contributing to the amenities on the plaza were the following: Topcon Positioning Systems - Barry Shames; Hugh Walker & Family; Evelyn Bankhead; Retzlaff Vineyards, Gloria and Robert Taylor; Joan and Lynn Seppala; Henrietta Fankhauser; Dr. Susan DuPree & Hollis Bascom; Joseph Callahan; Linda and Michael Ransom; Gregory Reznick; and The Independent.

Jim Smith, chairman of the Commission for the Arts, explained the plaque contribution. He said that it represents the first

public art piece that the group has commissioned. It is part of word walk, which envisions quotes by various authors placed on walls, along the sidewalk, and other locations throughout town.

As part of the dedication, Livermore Poet Laureate Connie Post read a work created for the moment.

Go to where the water runs/ over the stone/ where the diligent day/ holds the hand of dusk/ find a pathway/ where the grass is soft/ where the cool blades/ Remember/ A Sunday picnic/ A summer moon/ A languid night/ go to where literature is carved/ into the unconscious life/ of a city/ the words finding their way/ to the back roads of thought/ Each footprint finds its place/ in the history of a town/ each finds its way/ beyond the beckoning lights/ To a song/ A dance/ An opera never heard/ go back to the time/ when you could fold your legs under/ feel the earth beneath you/ imbibe the self you have forgotten/ let it flow back to you/ close your eyes.../ The words, the stones/ The places inside the grass/ They will find you.

Cats and Kittens Adoptions

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 permanent homes this summer.

"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. "I believe it is the responsibility of veterinarians to help control the overpopulation of unwanted animals by offering a reduction in surgical costs for spay/neuter or reduced medical costs for animal rescue groups."

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.tv-ar.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 Like New Fund (www.valleyhumane.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 pet.

Bishop Ranch Veterinary Center & Urgent Care is located at 2000 Bishop Drive in San Ramon.

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Retiring Librarian Touted for Contributions

Long time Livermore Library assistant director for public services, Julie Casamajor, is retiring. She has been with the library and the City of Livermore for over 26 years.

Julie began her career with the library in early 1981 as a part time librarian working with then director Sallie Gray. She became a full time librarian in 1982 and was promoted to senior librarian. In 1998, with the library system consisting of a main library and two branches, she was promoted to her current position.

Julie's contributions to the success of the library are numerous. She helped develop a professional staff and implemented clear and outstanding customer service standards. She was responsible for the very successful annual summer reading program that includes the library sleeper. She developed and managed a library collection with a variety of formats includ-

ing electronic resources. Julie used technology and the growth of the internet to maximize information delivery.

In addition, she was instrumental in the design of the new Civic Center Library and the move there from the old library. Julie recently introduced the

Livermore Reads Together project. This community read idea had been a long time favorite of Julie's, one that she wanted to introduce before she retired.

Julie says, "I am now starting July 2.0." She plans many wonderful things for her retirement years.



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