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Youth have spent all year preparing their livestock to show at the Alameda County Fair. In the photo, breeding sheep await the judges' decision.

Livestock Auction **On Final Day**

By Patricia Koning This Sunday will mark the culmination of months of hard work by 4-H and Future Farmers of America (FFA) youth. Over 400 rabbits, hogs, steer, lambs, and goats will be for sale to the highest bidder in the Alameda **County Fair Youth Livestock** Auction.

Monica Reis, Alameda County Fair exhibit supervisor, says that the auction can be an emotional experience for younger kids. "These animals become like pets," she says. "However, auction is always the goal. This is part of life for ranch kids.

Reis, a self-described rancher, buys a goat at the auction every (See AUCTION, page 6)



Ron Hyde with his certificate.

New Initiative Exempts Auto Mall Land

A new citizens initiative has been launched so as not to affect pending plans to relocate a Pleasanton auto dealership on the Staples Ranch.

Pleasanton residents Matt Morrison and Anne Fox announced the launch of the new initiative, Pleasanton Eastern Gateway Initiative, in a press release issued Monday.

The initiative aims to protect dwindling publicly-owned open space within Pleasanton's eastern urban growth boundary, and defines El Charro Road south from I-580 as a "city entry" to ensure sensitivity to aesthetic considerations. The initiative exempts forty acres of the Staples Ranch property next to the I-580 interchange at El Charro from the provisions of the initiative.

Says co-proponent Matt Morrison, "As a group, we had from the beginning a goal to en-sure that the Pleasanton Auto Mall be provided opportunities to remain in Pleasanton. After meeting with executives from Hendrick Automotive Group, I am satisfied that the option of expanding at their current location, which the Automotive Group investigated as a preference, is not viable.

Proponents of the initiative note that entrances to the city to the west and south have parklands and open space. They want the same for the eastern gate-

The intent of the initiative is to amend Pleasanton's General Plan to protect any undeveloped public lands within the Urban Growth Boundary larger than 25 acres east of Santa Rita Road from commercial development, residential development and urban sprawl. Public lands would be preserved for permanent park land, open space, and/or green belt. Land uses include open space, parks, sports fields, schools, daycare centers, not-forprofit youth organizations, and art facilities.

According to Anne Fox, co-proponent of the initiative, "This initiative will expand on the policy to preserve community separators as outlined in the Alameda County East County Area Plan. The Pleasanton Ur-ban Growth Boundary was defined by a vote of the citizens of Pleasanton, and a vote of the citizens is required to modify it. By placing open space, parkland, and sports fields at the eastern gateway of Pleasanton, this will ensure that residents living on the east side of Pleasanton, many who lack backyards, enjoy the same public amenities as the rest of Pleasanton. It will also reduce traffic in the most congested part of town. Pleasanton's citizens should be given the opportunity to participate directly on how the few remaining undeveloped parcels of land are developed." Morrison notes that the pro-

posed *Pleasanton Eastern Gate*wav Initiative does not prohibit the City of Pleasanton from completing the entitlement requirements described in the Memoran (See INITIATIVE, page 5)

Dietrich said, "The council

has two choices, appoint a new

councilmember or leave the seat

vacant and declare a special

election in November. The only justification to make an appointment is to bring on someone not at the beginning of

a steep learning curve. There is only one of the applicants able to hit the ground running. I favor

Tom Vargas for the position." Mayor Marshall Kamena supported the selection.

on July 2 the council interviewed

the six finalists: Doug Horner, Steven Hunter, Carolyn Seigfried,

Tom Vargas, Darryl West, and Jeff

sues as the urban growth bound-

ary (UGB), the future of North

Livermore, the 1800-seat performing arts theater, the scenic

corridor, Livermore Airport, po-

tential for conflict of interest, and

Doug Horner is currently serv-ing on the Planning Commission.

He noted that he had spent the

(See COUNCIL, page 5)

Questions focused on such is-

Williams.

the budget.

Prior to the selection process,



New Pleasanton Poet Laureate Martha Meltzer plans to provide more children's programs.

New Official Pleasanton Poet Will Add Children's Programs

Pleasanton's new poet laureate, Martha Meltzer, plans to keep up all of the duties of the city's official poet, but likely will put special emphasis on schoolchildren.

Meltzer plans to become involved in the annual literary festival which the city hosts in April. She will also continue the bimonthly poetry readings by invited poets at Century House. In addition, Metzer wants to help combine poetry with visual art, something that Livermore laureate Connie Post has done. Meltzer was involved in that effort. 'Connie selected 25 of us, and assigned different pieces of art to

the art. The art was displayed along with the poem in one of the Livermore wineries," said Meltzer. The idea has her thinking about putting poetry in public places, perhaps at the Museum on Main Street.

The emphasis especially dear to Meltzer's heart will be encouraging more youth poetry. He publishes a poem a day on his web site for teachers to share with their classes. It's aimed at high school and middle school students. "It's exciting and exhilarating what these young kids can do, given the opportunity," said Meltzer. She hopes to contact English department chairs and the librarians at the schools

Council Undecided on Reitter's Replacement

The Livermore City Council could not agree on a candidate to replace Tom Reitter on the Livermore City Counci. They will hold another meeting later this week.

Reitter resigned from the council as of June 30. The council chose to appoint a successor to complete Reitter's termw, which ends Nov. 2009.

Members of the public, and Reitter, voiced support for Jeff Williams.

Reitter stated, "All of the times I ran for office, I never felt people were voting for me, but the positions I supported. I don't see the council's job as trying to replace me, but one of selecting someone who has similar positions to mine. I recommend Jeff Williams.

Others also spoke to the similarity of stands on various positions between Williams and Reitter on issues such as preservation of North Livermore and the urban growth boundary.

Councilmember Lorraine Dietrich nominated former councilmember Tom Vargas for the position.

Pleasanton Schools Eye Possible Fee Hike On Affordable Housing

for affordable housing and plan- sharper focus on growth projecning for a higher city population tions for the school district. cap were the two major ideas coming out of a Pleasanton school board workshop. No decisions were made on the two ideas at the study session June 26. Both thoughts were raised in the spirit of asking staff to draw up more scenarios for meeting future facilities needs. The city is winding up its general plan review. Decisions made

Boosting development fees by the city council would put a

Trustee Pat Kernan brought

Hyde, Severin Selected for **Patriot Award**

Two Pleasanton residents, Charlotte Severin and Ron Hyde, are recipients of the Ed Kinney Community Patriot Award.

A reception was held at the Museum on Main to honor the two. This is the third year that the awards have been presented in memory of former Mayor Kinney.

Severin was honored for her work with the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council (PCAC) and the American Cancer Society; Hyde for his projects through Pleasanton North Rotary and East Bay Stand Down. Both were honored for a second time during the community's annual fourth of July celebration, "Cel-ebrating Freedom and Its Evolution since the Revolution.'

William Berck, former superintendent of Pleasanton Schools and of Alameda County, introduced Severin. Founder of the PCAC, Severin worked with Berck to renovate the Amador Theater between 1980-1990. PCAC held many fund-raisers, including "Holiday Reflections" at the then new Ston-eridge Mall, to pay for the addi-tion of a new lobby in front of the theater, new theater seats, and upgraded lighting and sound systems. Now the theater, located

(See PATRIOT AWARD, page 8)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen Changing light creates a colorful view in North Livermore.

As the librarian at Alisal Elementary School for the past nine years, she has had plenty of contact with children. Meltzer wants to help Pleasanton's schoolchildren, perhaps by bringing "Poetry 180" into the classroom.

That is an idea from former us. We each wrote a poem about U.S. poet laureate Billy Collins. to see what might be accomplished with Poetry 180, or perhaps with something else that may be devised.

Meltzer wants to encourage students to have work published. "It's a thrill for kids to see their work in print," she said. Meltzer enjoyed that experience when

(See POET, page 2)

up both ideas. The school impact fee that developers pay for affordable housing is currently capped at \$2.63, which is the state-allowed maximum for affordable housing. That is compared to \$7.75 per square foot for the voluntary fee agreement that the Pleasanton district negoti-

(See FEE, page 12)

School Board Can't Agree On Site for Day School

By Patricia Koning

At last week's meeting of the Livermore Board of Education. the trustees voted unanimously to move forward with a Community Day School (CDS). However, the board could not agree on a location. Votes on both the former Almond Avenue and Arroyo Mocho elementary school sites as potential locations did not garner the necessary support.

"I think it is really appropriate to make sure both communities are represented at any meeting where you make the decision on where to locate the school," said Livermore School Superintendent Brenda Miller.

The CDS will serve students in grades 7 through 9 who have been expelled from traditional schools, identified as at-risk, or referred by a School Attendance Review Board (SARB).

At the meeting, Bob See, Director of Student Services and Special Education, presented the trustees with three possible locations: Almond Avenue, Arroyo Mocho, or the undeveloped Inman property.

Both the Almond and Mocho sites have space to open the pro-

gram in the 2007/08 school year. See estimated that a CDS could be opened at Mocho with an additional \$50-90,000 in staffing costs. There would be no additional cost at Almond because the District would leverage existing administration for the Vineyard and Adult Education programs. Opening a program at the Inman site would take 1-2 years and require extensive planning and construction.

Parents of children attending the Laboratory Employee's Children's Center, which serves employees of Lawrence Livermore and Sandia National Laboratories, have already registered their disapproval of the District's proposal to locate the CDS at the Almond Site. The Children's Center is adjacent to the Almond Site

At last week's meeting, Almond neighbor Rion Causey also spoke out against the Al-mond location. "The location you have chosen is within 100 feet of my home. I now have the honor of being the closest per-son to the site," he said. "There (See DAY SCHOOL, page 3)

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The chance to play with Legos is one of the favorite activities of the younger set at the Alameda County Fair. The fair continues through July 8 at the fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Entertainment, carnival rides, live horse racing, and a variety of exhibits offer something for everyone.

Tauscher Aims At Ban Of Noisy Small Planes

Rep. Ellen Tauscher (D-Alamo) has been successful in convincing a House committee chairman to add an earmark to a bill in Congress to phase out

noisy, Stage 2 aircraft from using general aviation airports.

After receiving letters from Livermore residents upset about airport noise from the older category of Stage 2 airplanes, Tauscher wrote a month ago to Rep. Jim Oberstar, a Minnesota Democrat who is chair of the (See BAN, pag3)

PET OF THE WEEK

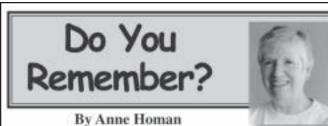
Zoe is a very sweet little 3-year old Siamese mix craving some "one on one" attention. She was left behind when her people moved away, and is a bit confused that she no longer has her happy home, but is eager to fit in with a new loving family. She can be shy and reserved with new people, and would do best in a quiet home without small children. She gets

along well with other cats. For more information about Zoe, 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.



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The Bothwell Arts Center The two-acre city block bounded by Seventh and Eighth and South G and H Streets has been an important part of Livermore history since 1892 when it became the site of the original Livermore High School. After the brick high school opened on Maple Street in 1930, the old wooden high school was torn down, and the city began planning a park on the site. With the help of \$16,000 in WPA funds, Recreation Park, with a softball diamond, two tennis courts and horseshoe courts, was dedicated on May 14, 1939 "to the spirit of fair play, clean sport, and the healthful recreation of outdoor sport." After the ceremony, Mayor George F. Tubbs took the mound, Samuel Bothwell Sr. crouched behind the plate and Dr. Paul Dolan stood in the batter's box. Dolan hit several fouls and then "slashed a drive out past shortstop to start softball on a new plane in Livermore." Some of the attendees adjourned to Sweeney's Restaurant for a celebratory meal.

Samuel Bothwell Sr. had emigrated from Glasgow, Scotland, to San Francisco in October 1906, hoping to find carpentry work in San Francisco, which was rebuilding after the earthquake and fire. He was successful. His wife Agnes (Marshall) and their four children-Nan, Elizabeth, Anna and Sam-followed four years later. They lived in Oakland, where in 1914 the youngest child, David, was born. The family came to Livermore in 1915 and bought a prune ranch on the west side of Vallecitos Road, not far from its intersection with Wetmore Road.

Samuel founded a construction company with his sons, Samuel Jr. and David, who continued the business after their father's retirement. They built many downtown structures, including Valley Furniture; the old Beauty College building; Granucci's, now the Blue Bar, and Jim's Glass on First Street as well as Livermore Auto and Tire on South Livermore Avenue. In the early 1950s they tore down the remnants of the swimming pool built by H.P. Winegar and erected houses along S Street by today's Centennial Park. They built houses on Palm Avenue and on J Street

According to his grandson, Don Bothwell, Samuel Bothwell was a stern man and held old-fashioned views of a woman's 'place." His sons attended high school, but not his daughters. Nevertheless, Elizabeth and Anna ran a dry goods business from 1929 to 1954 on First Street. Louis Gardella Jr. recalled that his mother and grandmother bought their sewing materials there.

Don remembered fondly many Sundays and Christmases spent at his grandparents' home with his aunts and uncles and cousins. He enjoyed his grandmother's cooking except for some sort of "real salty fish" that she made occasionally. Both grandparents retained their Scottish brogue. His grandfather never did quite understand the phrase "trick or treat." On Hallowe'en, a holiday unknown in Scotland, he would not give out treats to the children who came to his door until they performed some "trick"for example, tap dancing or singing. Samuel Bothwell loved to fish; he often went down to his pier at Old River, now flooded by the Clifton Court Forebay. In May 1936 he won a new fishing rod when he caught a 9¹/₂-pound striped bass at a river outing sponsored by the Livermore-Pleasanton Rod and Gun Club.

Bothwell served as a Livermore councilmember from 1932 to 1940 and helped to oversee Depression-era Works Progress Administration projects. "Due largely to his practical knowledge, it is probable that no city secured more real value from WPA than did Livermore." The projects included street and sidewalk con-struction throughout the city, the rebuilding of the city hall and the development of Recreation Park. During World War II he was chairman of the war ration and price control board in Livermore.

Without pay, Samuel Bothwell supervised volunteers in the construction of the recreation center building at the site of Recreation Park in 1949. He also organized the use of donated materials and loaned machinery. The keys to the new rec center, which included three clubrooms, a kitchen, restrooms and an office, were given to Mayor Louis Gardella on April 25, 1950. When Bothwell died in 1952, the ten members of the LARPD board bought a three-foot high trophy to be inscribed with the name of the person who had contributed the most to Livermore recreation during the preceding year. Several of the recipients were Dr. Ray Gurney, who won in 1955 for his development of Arroyo Park, and Al Čaffodio who received the award in 1964 for his organization of the Tri-Valley Relays. Each winner received a small version of the trophy to keep. In 1965 LARPD renamed the recreation building the Samuel Bothwell Sr. Recreation Center and gave the last in the series of 13 awards to architect Bill Roberts, who had donated plans for redesigning the rec center building and for the restrooms in LARPD's Camp Shelly at Lake Tahoe. LARPD held classes and sponsored the Teen Canteen in the recreation center, which also became a meeting place for senior citizens. In 2005 LARPD built the Robert Livermore Community Center on East Avenue to house all its activities and renamed the Samuel Bothwell Sr. Recreation Center. The newly christened Bothwell Arts Center is "an affordable incubator for the arts, with space available for classroom, workshop, rehearsal, and performance."

State of the City **Mayor Describe What's Great about Livermore**

Livermore is a great place to live.

Much of the credit for improving the quality of life goes to City Manager Linda Barton and her staff. Mayor Marshall Kamena made that point during his annual state of the city speech last week. Kamena also mentioned that business people and members of the public have stepped forward with a, "May I Help You," attitude. He cited numerous awards and accolades that have come to the city because of the efforts of many.

His talk was presented at a luncheon hosted by the Chamber of Commerce at Poppy Ridge Golf Course.

Kamena praised the city manager and city staff in implementing the council's policies. He joked that when he was first elected, the city manager told him, "Be careful what you ask of the staff. They believe so much in the city and role of the council they will do their darndest to get it done in high quality and finish as quickly as possible." Kamena said he has found that

to be true. "All of the departments do their darndest to take each request as if it were of personal interest to them. "I salute them.'

The mayor talked about what has happened over the past year. The projects include completing the Downtown Plaza, the cinema, and buildings in the Golden Triangle. The city has received \$1.2 million to build a pedestrian connection between the transit station and Livermore Village.

"The city has managed to handle the transition very nicely from where we were to where we are going." This fall the new performing arts theater, with its beautiful, ethereal design, will open. It will host 212 performances a year.

Livermore Village is getting close to obtaining its entitlements.

On July 9th, the council will

County Supervisors Approve \$2 Billion Budget

Alameda County's budget for the new fiscal year, which began July 1, was approved unanimously by the board of supervisors June 29. It totals \$2.26 billion, an increase of \$75.4 million, or 3.5 percent, over last year's document.

Except for a couple of minor tweaks, the budget was the same as the one proposed three weeks ago by county administrator Susan Muranishi. As she noted then, the county was able to balance the budget largely because of \$41 million in savings accrued during the past year.

Supervisor Scott Haggerty of Dublin said that the balanced budget was achieved because "all county department heads worked together with the board of supervisors, the budget workshop and other key stakeholders and the county administrator. Our agency and department heads must con-

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House series.

applying for the laureate's posi-

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she was in third grade. She sent a poem into a newspaper that published a children's page. That thrill encouraged her to keep on writing.

Asked about favorite topics for her own poems, Meltzer said, "The family joke is that anything is fair game." One poem might

tinue to control costs and increase their revenue-raising efforts.'

However, some of the budget gap was closed with one-time funding, noted supervisor Keith Carson of Berkeley. That means the county "will continue to struggle to provide essential services for our residents." Further, the one-time money does not address the ongoing problem of revenue shortfalls "to pay for all of the services our constituents deserve," said Carson.

The budget will be able to support new initiatives toward such things as green building and waste reduction, youth education and health programs at the juvenile justice center, and the East Bay Regional Communication Project, which will create compatible communications throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties for emergency responses.

reate weren't exactly what Meltzer had in mind years ago as a major in biology and public health. However, she started as a library volunteer in the Los Angeles school system when her daughter was young. When the family moved north, she worked at the Pleasanton library, and then switched to Alisal be about going with her college "I always loved libraries. I fell age daughter, Emily Raridan, to in love with it (the librarian's the laundromat on Sunday morning. Others might be about walkjob)," said Meltzer. Her background in the sciences helps her ing around North Beach in San Francisco, or watching a sunset, with the research aspect of librarianship. "I love to dig up arcane poetry and poets," she or hiking in Muir Woods. What Meltzer likes in poetry said. is the ability to "break the rules.

consider the El Charro Specific Plan. It includes Prime Outlet. Kamena stated that there is a magnificent structure for the shopping center. Stores to be included include are Nieman Marcus, Saks Fifth Avenue, Gucci, Bombay Outlet, Nine West and Anthropologie, among others

Historic preservation moves forward, including the railroad depot. It will be moved. Possible uses include a working museum or a place to buy tickets.

Kamena was proud of the fiscal health of the city. He noted that one excellent indicator was the rating of AA given recently to the city by Standard and Poor.

Kamena mentioned working with neighboring cities to attain the goals that impact all of them. Such partnerships are important. He anticipated that with the new management at the lab, the city will be exploring new areas of service. One of those would have the fire department become the fire department for the Lab. "Other facilities at the Lab may be open to our agency, as well," said the mayor.

Enhancing the community includes approval of the cultural arts master plan, the home rehabilitation program, and the opening of Heritage Estates. The senior housing includes 130 units, 55 are affordable to low income seniors, who pay a rent of \$942 a month.

"Open space preservation is at the top of the list of council priorities," he stated. "Library programs have been wonderful. Over 800 children each read more than 100 books last summer."

And, last but not least, the mayor listed an array of awards and recognitions given to Livermore

The city was named the 31st best place to live in the United States by Money Magazine. The building division and planning Steve Keifer were named the "best," the first time one city has received both. An award of excellence was given to the city for its downtown streetscape. The finance department received the distinguished budget award and its 17th certificate of achievement in reporting. There was a national planning award for implementation of the South Livermore Plan from the American Planning Association.



Meanwhile, the Bothwell trophy has disappeared. Does any reader know where it is?

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

Pleasanton Chamber Leadership Program Taking Applications

Commerce is now accepting applications for the Leadership Pleasanton Class of 2007-08, with the ideal candidates having one or more of the following interests:

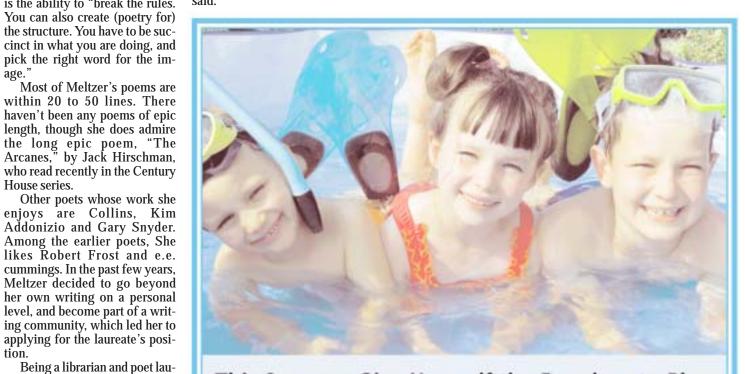
Desire to serve in a leadership role within the Pleasanton community; Interested and/or involved in vitalizing and strengthening the community; Passionate for the community and the people who live here; Committed to mentoring and developing leaders dedicated to the concept of community stew-

The Pleasanton Chamber of ardship; and Ability to meet the participation guidelines of the program.

Applications are available at the Pleasanton Chamber office (777 Peters Avenue), can be downloaded from our website at: www.pleasanton.org, or by calling 846-5858.

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Deferred Fees

Developers of certain affordable housing projects in California would be able to defer payment of development fees under a bill by Assembly Member Alberto Torrico (D-Newark) that passed the Senate Local Government Committee 3-1 last week. The deferral enables developers to have more financing available for construction early in the development process.

AB 641 would require local governments to defer the payment of local fees until the developer has received a certificate of occupancy for any housing development in which at least 49 percent of the units are affordable to low and /or very low-income households.

A number of affordable housing advocate organizations throughout California support the bill. Among the organizations in support are the California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, the Gray Panthers, the East Bay Community Law Center, the East Bay Asian Local Development Corp., the Western Center for Law and Poverty, Housing California, and the Affordable Housing Clearinghouse, among others.

Economic Summit

Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) has announced plans to hold an economic summit in August. The summit will gather business, education, transportation, and economic development experts from across the Central Valley and the Bay Area to discuss spurring economic growth in San Joaquin County. McNerney will serve as the honorary chair of the event.

"I am committed to helping create jobs in San Joaquin, particularly in the area of new en-

ergy technology," said Rep. McNerney. "Convening this summit, with a wide variety of speakers and participants, will contribute productively to the dialogue and address ways of utilizing the region's resources to stimulate further economic development and bring new jobs and employment opportunities to the region.'

The "2007 Economic Summit: Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Renewable Energy" will focus on expanding innovation and entrepreneurship in San Joaquin County to promote economic growth, particularly through the expanded use and production of new energy technologies. The summit is being organized by the Public Forum Institute.

Specifically, the summit will:

• Explore ideas, including tax incentives and a reduction in regulatory burdens, for creating an environment that will empower entrepreneurs and small businesses to locate or expand business in San Joaquin;

• Identify promising opportunities for further development of renewable energy businesses;

 Discuss the establishment of 'smart growth' guidelines for urban planning and affordable housing; and

• Examine the necessary steps to provide sufficient job training to local residents while making priority investments in science, math, engineering and technology education to create a pipeline for high tech and entrepreneurial jobs.

The summit will include an opening address from Rep. McNerney, then a series of panel discussions on a variety of topics with local experts. It will be held on August 22, 2007, at the University of the Pacific in Stockton.

Heavy Trucks Will Pay Impact Fee

The Livermore City Council recently approved a hike in gar-bage rates. The council also in-stituted a fee large trucks will pay to use city streets.

The actions took place at the June 25 council meeting. The council approved a 13.6

percent increase in garbage rates for a 32-gallon cart, the one most used. That represents a \$1.78 per month increase, bringing the monthly bill to \$14.86.

The rate increase will cover such things as increases in fuel and labor costs, for example. It also helps to cover the cost of the impact fee charged by the city for large garbage trucks using city streets.

No one spoke against the rate increase.

The addition of a user fee for construction and garbage trucks was more controversial. The idea behind the fee was to help pay for shortfalls in paving maintenance. A fee study was con-ducted, which found \$985,000 in maintenance attributable to the large trucks.

The fee is 49 cents a square foot for all new construction.

Alex Berry of Centex Homes said he was concerned about the new fee and its impact on the price of new homes. Currently the city charges fees well over \$100,000 per home. "We feel there is no nexus here," he declared

Speaking for the Chamber of

Commerce, John Mahoney asked the council to delay a decision on approval of a new fee. He noted that in the last two years, fees have gone up from 13 cents to 19 cents per square foot. The city is talking about a cultural arts fee. "There are only so many fees that can be applied given market conditions," said Mahoney. He asked the city to conduct an economic analysis to look at market conditions.

Director of the Northern California Homebuilders Association also spoke against the fee. Bob Glover stated, "The fee is clearly unlawful. It preempts the vehicle code.'

Rick Simonson, the city's consultant, said that other city's have a similar fee. None has been challenged.

Čity Manager Linda Barton noted that lots of trucks use city streets on a regular basis. It is more fair for those who create the impact to finance the repairs, rather than taxpayers. Construction trucks and garbage trucks are those large enough to make an impact."

Councilmember Lorraine Dietrich pointed out that options available to municipalities are pretty constricted. "As a garbage service user, I will ultimately pay for the impact. It doesn't seem wholly unfair that those who ben-

By calling us today

efit pay. We need to keep the roads in respectable, usable condition

Mahoney suggested that the city and chamber work together to look at fees. There is a point in time when all fees increase. It doesn't have to happen all at once

Mayor Marshall Kamena was supportive of the idea.

Dietrich also suggested the chamber and city have a lot of shared goals. In addition to looking at fees, there may be an opportunity to look at how we prioritize and achieve those goals.



DAY SCHOOL

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is also a private daycare and the park. Both are popular with mothers with small children. I really hope you reconsider before putting such a school next to my home.'

Causey noted that he only heard about the proposed CDS when he ran into a parent from the Children's Center. He said he conducted an informal survey of 10 neighbors, and found nine in opposition to the CDS. He said the one person who didn't have a problem with it was Anne White, one of the trustees.

Trustee Bill Morrison expressed concern about several recent expulsions for what he called "Big C" offenses. These offenses relate to possessing a firearm or explosive, brandishing a knife, drug possession or use, and committing or threatening sexual assault.

"I am convinced the Board will end up putting C offenders in the CDS. If you put those types of kids in a group, a pack mentality will take over," he said. "I believe the CDS is a necessity, but there is also a limit.'

Another issue concerns whether the new principal of the Vineyard/Adult Education pro-

trators at that site haven't been bored half the time."

Trustee Kate Runyon put forward a motion to place the CDS on the Mocho site for a one-year trial period. The District would review the types of students placed at the ČDS during the trial and determine if the location were still appropriate. Runyon's motion failed to pass, with only Bill Dunlop voting in support and White, Morrison, and Tom McLaughlin voting against.

White then made a motion to place the CDS at the Almond site with appropriate security measures, including barriers and arrival drop off times. "I don't think we've come up with any alligators that are show stoppers for me," she said.

The motion failed for lack of a second. Miller then pointed

Potential Livermore Candidates Invited to Information Session

The filing period for the November 6 general election will open July 16.

porting requirements, the city's In preparation for the City of election ordinance and cam-Livermore general election, the paign sign rules. city clerk will host a candidate informational meeting on Tues., July 10. It will be held at City Hall, 1052 South Livermore Ave. starting at 5:30 p.m. The city will be electing two councilmembers and a mayor. The meeting will provide information on the election, such

out that unless the trustees selected a site, it was unlikely they could open a CDS in the 2007/ 08 school year.

Runyon asked White to put forward her motion again and provided a second. "It is so important that we go ahead with this," said Runyon. "There is not anywhere that is going to be ideal.'

The motion to place the CDS at Almond failed by a vote of 2-3, with Runyon and White voting in favor and Morrison, McLaughlin, and Dunlop opposed.

The trustees made plans to visit CDSs in Tracy and other parts of the Bay Area to gather more information. Miller said the District would solicit input from neighbors of both the Almond and Mocho sites.

(continued from page one) House committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Oberstar has included

Tauscher's request in his earmark, which will be voted either up or down in a subcommittee that is dealing with the reauthorization bill for the FAA. The planes could still use airports that are not classified for general aviation. Most, if not all, of the small-plane airports near big population centers are general aviation airports.

The five-year period would provide pilots time to phase out their aircraft. The phase-out, already included in the Senate's version of the FAA bill, acknowledges that although aircraft noise has decreased substantially since 1990, communities "continue to face the disruptions caused by older, noisier, and less-efficient Stage 2 aircraft," said a press release from Tauscher's office.

Tauscher said in the release that "there is no reason for communities to be burdened by this type of noise pollution each time an aging plane takes off or lands,' said Tauscher. "By phasing out these aircraft we will get to a point where people can finally hear themselves think. The phase-out of Class 2 planes also is expected to ensure better fuel economy for the nation's private aircraft fleet, since the newer engines get better fuel mileage, said a spokesman for Tauscher.

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gram can adequately supervise the CDS if it were located at Almond.

"I'd hate for the Community Day School to take away from the success of the Vineyard program," said Beth Wichman, a Children's Center parent. "I assume the two full-time adminis-

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EDITORIAL

Chilling Effect

Anne Fox, chair of the Pleasanton Planning Commission, has come under fire over her involvement in Friends of Pleasanton. She is one of the leaders of the grassroots group that has launched the Pleasanton Eastern Gateway Initiative.

Several members of the City Council seem to feel that Fox's activism on this issue is improper for a Planning Commission chairman and she should perhaps be reined in. Jennifer Hosterman and Jerry Thorne have been especially vocal on the matter.

As Thorne said recently: "It seems to me there is considerable disconnect between the goals and policies of this council and leadership on the Planning Commission."

Councilmembers Cindy McGovern and Matt Sullivan have defended Fox. "I like diversity on any board I serve on," McGovern said. "I have absolutely no problem with the Planning Commission."

We have no problem with it either. Though we've yet to decide whether we support or oppose the Eastern Gateway Initiative, we wholeheartedly endorse Fox's right to be personally active in the issue.

It should be noted that Mayor Hosterman has herself been criticized for doing much the same - campaigning for causes that some believe are outside her purview. In now coming down on Anne Fox, the mayor seems blind to the inconsistency.

There should be no question about the propriety of Fox spearheading an initiative, Hosterman crusading for global issues, and other acts of engagement. Pleasanton has a rich heritage of citizen activism. The conformity that some seem to desire would bring a chilling effect.

Tauscher Legislation Aims at Preventing Nuclear Terrorism

Congresswoman Tauscher (D-CA) and Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY) have reintroduced legislation in both chambers of Congress to help prevent nuclear terrorism. The Nuclear Terrorism Prevention Act of 2007, based on research and recommendations by the Nuclear Threat Initiative headed by former Senator Sam Nunn, would require the President to develop a comprehensive plan to work with the international community to secure nuclear weapons and materials.

The bill also creates the post of Senior Advisor to the President for the Prevention of Nuclear Terrorism. The advisor will be responsible for developing and coordinating implementation of a strategy to prevent nuclear terrorism, coordinating the efforts of the Departments of Energy, Defense, State and other agencies. The advisor will lead efforts to work with the international community to develop specific minimum standards for the security of nuclear weapons and weapons-usable fissle material, to convince other countries to adopt these standards and to assist other countries in meeting and maintaining these standards. The Nuclear Terrorism Prevention Act of 2007 would devote real resources to preventing nuclear proliferation, including increased funding for: • U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Global Threat Reduction Initiative to convert research reactors around the world from highly enriched uranium to low enriched uranium and to remove the highly enriched uranium from such facilities, typically repatriating the material back to the U.S. or Russia. • DOE's National Technical Nuclear Forensics R&D Program to further ongoing efforts to develop the capability to attribute the origin of a nuclear weapon if there were a nuclear terrorist attack against the U.S., U.S. forces around the world, or U.S. allies.

Ellen The ability to pinpoint the origin of material could have a deterrent effect on countries that may consider transferring nuclear weapons or materials to terrorist organizations and would encourage countries to do more to lockdown all of their own nuclear weapons and materials against potential theft.

 The U.S. Department of State for the International Atomic Energy Agency's Office of Nuclear Security to provide international guidelines on nuclear security (including working with the U.Š. and other countries to implement the minimum nuclear security standard) and manage the international database of nuclear smuggling incidents.

• Conditional Authorization for Improvement and Expansion of the DOE's Material Protection, **Control and Accounting Program** to provide for security upgrades at vulnerable sites and facilities around the world that hold nuclear weapons and materials; to ensure that the security upgrades already in place can be maintained by the host country; and to develop and enforce nuclear security regulations. Funding could be released if the Administration certifies to Congress that diplomatic progress has been made that would enable security upgrades at certain Russian facilities that have not yet received them or at facilities in other countries that possess nuclear weapons or materials. Conditional Authorization for the Expansion and Acceleration of DOE's "Megatons to Megawatts" Program. Funding could be released if the Administration certifies to Congress that Russia acknowledges the need to downblend additional highly enriched uranium that is in excess of its national security needs. Funding would primarily be used to assist Russia to enhance its downblending capacity, which would enable the downblending of more highly enriched uranium each year.

Community Survey Shows High Regard For Pleasanton Schools

Pleasanton provides a high quality of education in its public schools. There might be support for adding more programs to boost the quality, school trustees learned in a meeting at which they also adopted a budget for the next school year.

As much as the community and parents like the district's academic achievement results, not all is perfect. The district must make more effort to deal with that, one trustee said during the meeting June 26.

The poll, conducted by consultant EMC about one month ago, asked 400 residents their opinions about the school district's performance, their ideas about ranking programs that could be added, and how much they might pay on a parcel tax to support such improvements.

Some 59 percent in the survey said there is a need for more money for the district to advance in achievement. However, that percentage is short of the twothirds vote that would be necessary for a parcel tax.

Superintendent John Casey said that the poll tested respondents at \$250 and \$190 tax per year. Both numbers lacked the necessary two-thirds. However, working with a lower figure, and trying to balance that out with how many new programs the board can fund could bring a package favorable to voters, he added.

Alex Evans, owner of EMC, said that the 87 percent of residents who gave a positive rating to the quality of Pleasanton public education was "phenomenally high." Only 10 percent rated it as poor, and 3 percent didn't comment.

The result was even better among those identified as parents of children enrolled in the schools. Some 93 percent were positive, and 6 percent negative. The job that teachers are doing also received high marks, both from the community and parents. The community gave teachers a positive rating of 84 percent and a negative of 10 percent. Parents had teachers at 91 percent positive and 8 percent negative.

The ratings for educational quality and for teachers were much higher than those of the public's view of the school board. Some 58 percent of the community at large rated the board favorably, and 20 percent had a negative opinion. The remaining 22 percent had no opinion.

However, the perception about the school board was worse among people with chil-dren in the schools. Only 2 percent had no opinion, while 35 percent had a negative perception and 54 percent gave the trustees a positive rating. However, compared to surveys about Congress and President Bush, the school board members are doing very well in the polls, quipped Evans.

Respondents singled out their top areas of support in any boost-ing of financial effort for the district. Continuing improvement in Pleasanton schools so they are among the top in the state led the list, at an average score of 5.72 on a scale of 1 to 7. Close behind at 5.56 was providing vocational education for 21st century careers. Science specialists in elementary schools was third at 5.4. Increasing computer resources to keep pace with fu-ture technology demands was fourth at 5.36.

Class size reduction, the addition of counselors, and hiring physical education specialists were just a little behind the top four.

The board already has autho-

rized the hiring of some counselors and PE specialists, since the poll questions were drawn up. All of the highly ranked options were among programs recommended by the district's excellence committee, and also were ranked highly by the school board, after reading the committee's recommendations.

GRANT SAYS DON'T OVERLOOK DEFICIENCIES

Although these are desirable priorities in bringing Pleasanton up to the next level of achievement, the district should also look at existing deficiencies, said trustee Chris Grant. Scores have shown a need for improvement for some students. "We are not performing at the level we should be. Speaking personally, I'm not comfortable with that," said Grant.

Jessica Reynolds, a representative of the Edwards Group, which is the consultant hired by the district to advise on the desirability of a parcel tax election, spoke about one aspect of performance, the priority of science education. "Our younger students are falling behind in science education. Whether it's the Pleasanton students or not, just the whole concept that it is possible (that they are falling behind) is disconcerting for folks. (It motivates parents in the survey) to support something higher.'

Reynolds described the public's perception about the desirability of a higher contribution for programs as a "healthy tension," in which "we know what we do well, and what we can do (beyond that)." The community is saying that it is "happy now, but to improve there must be a process to find that."

Casey said that his staff will make the raw data from the survey available to the board and the public. In the fall, the staff will return with some recommendations, based on the feasibly of obtaining two-thirds approval by voters for the top four programs and perhaps others on the list

TRUSTEES SPEAK UP FOR ADMINISTRATORS

The budget approved unanimously by the school board at the meeting is for slightly more than \$100 million. It includes recently granted raises for next year at approximately 4 percent for teachers. It does not include raises for classified staff, such as secretaries and janitors, or for district administrative staff. When Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signs the final state budget, there will be more revenue information enabling the district to come to specific terms on those contracts, said Lepley.

Trustee Pat Kernan said that he was concerned that the administrators don't have a contract yet. "It's a competitive environment (in administration)," he said. The board should let the administrators know they are trying to reward them as they should be, so they don't leave, "even if we have to dip into reserves," said Kernan. "Management talent sets the tone. Pleasanton has plucked people from other districts," said Kernan.

Grant agreed. "Senior leadership knows they will be justly rewarded for talents you bring. It needs to be done, even if we have to come in during July and scrub the budget (to get more money for administrators' raises).

Board president Jim Ott agreed. Although there was no vote on it, Ott added, "That's three votes for it.

Trustee Steve Brozosky increased the count to four votes with his brief remarks.

LARPD Board Approves Preliminary Budget

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) Board of Directors approved the annual Preliminary Budget for 2007-08 at its regular meeting of June 27.

The vote was 4 to 1 with Maryalice Faltings voting "no." Faltings objected to singling out one group of eleven individuals for an additional 2 percent raise, above the 3.5 percent granted other employees. The group includes ten extended student services (ESS) coordinators and one designated ESS teacher. Other board members felt that previous boards had promised the pay increase in an effort to raise the individuals to a level comparable to those in similar positions. Retiring Board President Dale Turner suggested that in the future the best thing to do

would be to make a one-time adjustment, rather than incremental increases. "Staff should research this issue on what the district has to do to catch up.

The Board will adopt the final budget in August, as permitted by the state's Public Resource Code. The balanced budget totals \$16,922,780 and represents an overall increase of 3.7 percent over the last fiscal year.

The budget restores several part-time and full-time positions that were eliminated in recent vears due to property tax shifts to the state. District reserves have now been built up to 18% of the operating budget. Approximately 5.2 percent is designated in the 2007-2008 budgets for capital improvement projects, equipment purchase and carryover and one-time project expen-

ditures. The district plans to slowly restore necessary service levels based upon demand and district priorities. The spending plan includes a 3.5 percent increase in full-time salaries and adjustments to part-time salaries resulting from a recent comprehensive classification/compensation study conducted by the District.

The Board also passed the preliminary Capital Improvement Budget for the next fiscal year, which totals \$3,365,490. It includes the completion of the

District's Parks, Recreation and

Trails Master Plan, Robertson

Park Master Plan, Ranger Station

at Sycamore Grove Park, Sunken

Gardens Park Bicycle Stunt

Course, the opening of Holdener

Park, construction of the Arroyo

Park, plans for a park renovation at the Bothwell Center Park, and a number of maintenance/repair projects.

In other business, the Board approved an Improvement Agreement with Shea Homes for the construction of a trail segment near Las Positas College, and adjacent to the new Shea Montage housing development in North Livermore. Shea homes will design and build the trail as a requirement of their development. LARPD will operate and maintain the trail. Shea will also design and construct the 9.8 acre

Cayetano Park in the same neigh-

borhood, which is slated to open

Steve Goodman was selected

to serve as the new president of

the board, replacing Dale Turner,

in 2009.

Lab Supercomputer Tops the List of Fastest Computers

The BlueGene/L supercomputer at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory topped the list of the world's fastest computers for a record sixth straight time, according to the new Top500 list released Wednesday, June 27 at the International Supercomputing Conference in Dresden, Germany

Built by IBM, BlueGene/L (BG/L) clocks in at a trillion floating operations per second on the LINPACK, the industry standard for supercomputer performance. BGL is a workhorse machine for the U.S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration's (NNSA) Stockpile Stewardship Program.

The detailed computer simu-

lations of nuclear weapons performance produced by the ASC program using BG/L, ASC Purple and other supercomputers at the three nuclear weapons labs are a cornerstone of stockpile stewardship. ASC is a tri-lab program uniting the high performance computing expertise of NNSA's Los Alamos, Lawrence Livermore and Sandia national labs.

NNSA's Advanced Simulation and Computing (ASC) program's 100 teraFLOP Purple system, another IBM machine at Livermore lab, dropped from fourth to sixth on the Top500 list.

"Since BG/L went into production in early 2006 it has performed beyond our expectations and delivered for the ASC pro-

gram. BG/L's architecture has proven suitable for a much broader range of applications than originally envisioned," said Dona Crawford, associate director for Computation.

BG/L's three year reign as the world's fastest supercomputer has seen significant progress in code development and the achievement of numerous milestones for NNSA's stockpile stewardship program. For example, simulations on BGL helped answer critical questions about plutonium aging – a key to under-standing the life expectancy of nuclear weapons systems. Breakthrough calculations/simulations run on the machine have over the last two years garnered

three Gordon Bell Prizes, widely regarded in the computing community as the Oscars of high per-

formance computing. Simulations on BG/L of high explosives, super-ionic water, and graphite to diamond experiments have provided scientific insights and/or confirmed results of earlier physical experiments.

ASC Purple played an important role in the development of the Livermore team's Reliable Replacement Warhead (RRW) design which was selected by NNŠA in a competition to design a replacement warhead for a portion of the country's nuclear weapons stockpile.

In January and February of 2006, a joint team of scientists from Lawrence Livermore and Los Alamos national labs performed a series of weapon simulations at unprecedented spatial resolution, utilizing the most advanced ASC simulation software. These simulations give new insight into weapons physics. Such detailed modeling was not practical on any previous computer architecture due to both time and memory constraint. But Purple, and its successors, will enable significant enhancements in both understanding and weapon simulation capability.

Appearing for the first time at No.19 on the Top500 list with 36.53 teraFLOP/s on Linpack is another Livermore machine dubbed Atlas; a 44.2 teraFLOP/s peak system dedicated to unclassified scientific computing through LLNL's Multi-programmatic and Institutional Computing program. Atlas is doing the heavy lifting for "Grand Challenge" science collaborations in fields ranging from climate and earthquake simulations to astrophysics, chemistry, materials and bioscience.

AILBOX

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Airport Decision Madeline Doucas Livermore:

The Council and the Mayor cannot have it both ways: Either it is possible or it is not possible to predict whether or not a private FBO at the Airport will invite increased jet traffic. The Council and the Mayor seemed to come down on both sides of the issue at various times during discussion at the meeting on June 25. On the one hand, when trying to soothe the fears of the majority opponents, opinions were floated that seemed to suggest that the trend is in the direction of less jet (and other) traffic. At other times, it was stated that it is not possible to know how much demand there will be in the future and that in any case, progress

cannot be halted. If it is not possible to predict, then residents living in the flight path have completely rational fears of a gross disturbance of tranquility and loss of property

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values should they be guessing correctly and the traffic does increase. At the last Council meeting, these rational fears were characterized by certain Council members (in statements that were insultingly close to arguments ad hominem) as irrational and incited by false or misleading information from LACG. Are the fears of the residents

any more irrational than the hope expressed by Airport Management that jet traffic increase? And isn't that the expectation of the private FBO management, also? It would not be a good business model to undertake to provide a service, the demand for which is expected to decline. So, it is reasonable to assume that due diligence has been performed and the business is expected to flourish profitably, bringing more jet traffic to the skies over Livermore. Unless you believe that the new FBO management group is going into business here solely

out of love for the community. Several members of the Coun-

cil expressed dismay that the process of updating the airport plan has been going on for too long, and so an immediate decision was imperative. It seems to us that this process would have been dramatically curtailed if the council had responded to the spirit of the majority sentiments expressed two years ago, by agreeing to keep the airport small and recreational/educational by every means possible. Instead, the council came back with the same plan (minus extending the runway) that was soundly rejected at the meeting then.

Airport staff was asked to give a count of the number of "transient" jets using LVK - a datum that should have been gathered two years ago. The Čouncil agreed to a noise-monitoring plan with Pleasanton to gather data for only one week, which (presumably representational)

week to be decided. This datagathering strikes me as too little, too late, and irrelevant now that the FBO is approved.

Now, despite another clear majority turnout against increased facilities, and by characterizing the fears of the majority as irrational, the Council has agreed to a plan that most residents oppose. One Council member even stated that they know best, presumably having pondered the unknowable more intensely than the rest of us.

It was suggested that this issue be put before the public as a ballot issue. Given the intractable nature of the conflict, this reader thinks it's a good idea, because it appears that anyone's guess as to the future of aviation is as good as anyone else's, and the whole of Livermore should not have to suffer the consequences of the 5-member council guessing wrong.

Mocho Trail through Robertson who has resigned from the board.

COUNCIL (continued from page one)

last six years serving the city

on various advisory groups. Asked what he saw as the most

Asked what he saw as the most important issue facing the city, Horner replied, "Development pressure on the northside and defense of the UGB. As long as large parcels are held by development interests there will be continuing pressure for housing in the years to come. We need to figure out ways to mitigate that pressure."

Potential threats under consideration now include a proposed cemetery in the north, said Horner. "That does not fit our, and certainly not my vision, of what we want out there. In the south, a new church, which is rather large, could impact the South Livermore Plan."

Horner suggested that such tools as the transfer of development credit program to purchase open space easements or ag easements as one way to preserve the area. He felt there were three things that had to occur in North Livermore. One was the purchase of water entitlements. The second was construction of infrastructure to deliver the water. The first two would lead the way to the third step, creating value at a level that could cause development interests to get out, enabling others to be encouraged to create vineyards and small ag enterprises.

The Livermore Airport is here to stay, he stated. There should be a fixed base operator (FBO). "The city should not be in the business of taking care of planes or pumping fuel." Horner supported extending the shorter runway to increase safety at the airport and building more hangars. "Putting roofs over existing aircraft does not represent expansion."

Horner was asked the role of a councilmember. He saw it as listening to what Livermore wants and representing those wishes with his votes on the council.

Horner said he did not have any conflict of interest. Since he works for Las Positas College, he would recuse himself from votes involving the college.

The scenic corridor is essential. "I have consistently voted to uphold it." The one exception was the current vote in support of Prime Outlets, the shopping area along El Charro.

Budgets lack certainty because of state take-aways. "I believe the city has done a good job in being conservative," said Horner. He felt specific developments, such as Prime Outlets, provide a terrific source of revenue to improve the budget picture. "We need to keep looking at opportunities to keep dollars in the city and attract others to spend their dollars here."

He believes that the larger, 1800-seat theater would be a

The scenic corridor is an important part of our community, he stated. "It differentiates us from places like Dublin. People who live here or drive by can see the hills. They want to stay or visit. It looks like a nice place."

Hunter felt that the downtown has dramatically changed since he moved here. He enjoys the outdoor seating at restaurants. He would reserve judgement on the 1800-seat theater until he learned more. Hunter said he was concerned about the ability to draw audiences from outside Livermore to attend the theater. He was also worried about parking availabilty.

When it comes to the city's budget, he noted that there is a shortfall in maintenance funding. As development slows down, revenues will drop off. It is important to respond to the need for maintenance now. He didn't offer any specifics.

He saw long term growth as the most important issue. "Instead of growing rapidly, the city should grow smartly. We need to plan traffic patterns so people can get to places more easily than they can now."

The UGB should be protected. Agriculture is a very important part of our community.

Hunter felt that the council's decision regarding an FBO at the airport was the correct one.

His issues included the need for bicycle trails. His primary commute vehicle, he said, is a bicycle.

Carolyn Seigfried said of the scenic corridor ordinance, like all ordinances, it needs to be evaluated over time. It needs to be asked if the situation is still the same as when it was instituted. Are the city's values and goals being met?

The South Livermore Plan is a model on how to protect open space and have an opportunity for some growth. Elements of the plan could be considered for North Livermore. "Voters are pretty clear that they don't want growth outside the UGB. It is important to look at what is appropriate growth to meet the goals of the community."

She said she hadn't seen the economics behind an ag plan for the north. "I'm not adamantly opposed to no growth out there. At the same time it is appropriate to have boundaries and defined edges to a city."

Seigfried felt that the UGB provided a sense of community. "It's unique. The UGB should be protected."

When it comes to a conflict of interest, Seigfried said she is the daughter of Bob Silva, who recently retired from the DeSilva Group. She did not believe she had a conflict of interest.

Seigfried works at cable channel TV 30. She interviews all of The 1800-seat theater is appropriate to have, if there is financial support. The city needs to do things that are sustainable and fiscally responsible. "Sometimes residents are willing to pay for things they want," said Seigfried.

Tom Vargas said he applied for the seat, because, "I found that people support me and have encouraged me to be part of the process."

When it comes to the budget, Vargas stated, "I know there are some challenges funding long term capital maintenance." He said he is a strong supporter of providing basic services such as fire, police and making sure streets are in good repair.

Vargas added that the city has to be kind of cautious with spending given the economy. At the same time spawning new interests and activities for people provide a catalyst for investments and helps the budget picture.

He was asked about working for North American Title Company and whether he sees any conflict of interest. "I have always been very careful to follow the guidelines of the city attorney and the fair political practices commission. I defer on the side of caution to make sure I am doing the right thing in behalf of the city and myself as a councilmember," he replied.

Asked if serving on the council could increase business for his company or for himself, Vargas said he thinks it's true for any business person who serves. "You have to conduct yourself to avoid any perception of conflict." He added that the impact works two ways. His business has been negatively impacted. For example school fees were not seen as a good thing by the industry. The school fees were the right thing to hold tough on, said Vargas. He also felt that his ties with the development community helped pull the industry along on the fees.

The UGB is important to protect. "The voters have spoken. The southern border is protected. There needs to be a vision created for east and north Livermore. I could use my skills to do such things as bring water to North Livermore. And, no, I don't see development in North Livermore," said Vargas.

He believes that if the north were to stay in ag, there needs to be a plan that provides value for the land. He stated that it would be wonderful to see additional vineyards. Accomplishing that comes with a lot of challenges. "If we want to protect North Livermore, we need more than the UGB. There needs to be more permanency."

When it comes to the airport, the vote to approve an FBO was the right thing to do.

is important to make a strong statement, particularly on the southside. "The church is an inappropriate use. The size of the cemetery in the north is inappropriate," he stated.

He would make an attempt to conduct a visioning process for North Livermore. "There is a need to develop guidelines, to find out what citizens want. The city could set out some ideas where it wants to go and see what the public has to say about them," he explained.

West felt that adoption of the UGB by the council was appropriate, given later elections that reinforced the idea. He would have preferred to put it up to a vote of citizens. "However, we have had enough votes to make it clear the citizen's want a UGB. I'm all for it."

He agreed with the council's decision regarding the airport. West said he had no conflict

of interest. The 1800-seat theater is an opportunity to become a regional draw and support the wine

county. The city should be involved in its financing, according to West. He called himself a staunch defender of the scenic corridor. The one exception is the El

Charro development. In budgeting, the city has to look at doing some serious infrastructure work. The city manager has done a phenomenal job in making sure the city is solvent.

West believes it is important to continue downtown redevelopment. It needs to be the highest priority. The utilities need to be available to provide services to the area.

Asked why he is running, West said he felt it was time. During his years of public service, he has not supported, nor donated to any candidate. "I wanted to remain independent." Now there are two and a half years left on my term on the planning commission.

"I've spent a lot of time learning the process and what our community is looking for," he concluded.

Jeff Williams said of Livermore said that he appreciated the diversity of opportunities offered in the city and hoped to contribute to expansion of those opportunities. He mentioned open space, views, the arts, and business.

Williams said that one of the real strengths of the city is that it has isolated scenic areas all around it. It stands apart as a city. North Livermore is a very important part of not only the visual, but also experiential and cultural piece of the city. The city was founded on agriculture.

Williams said he was impressed with the planning that created the downtown, South Livermore and El Charro projects. There needs to be similar planning for east and north Livermore. "My hope is that the north will be an agricultural plan. Water would add value to the land."

He said he is a strong supporter of the UGB. It is a powerful tool to maintain the quality of life of those who live here and visit here. Livermore is the last place with a serious ag component in the county. The UGB is critical to maintaining it, according to Williams.

Another critical part of Livermore is the scenic corridor, he added. "When you drive down the freeway you don't see a row of buildings or businesses. It is tough to make up a rule that can fit every circumstance. For example, the Prime Outlet project near El Charro. It would be a reasonable accommodation to make allowance for architectural interesting things. I personally voted against it. I had asked for representations to show how the design fits with the hills. That was not provided. I do believe Prime

Outlets is a wonderful idea."

Deferred maintenance on the city's infrastructure is a budget challenge. He would fund the maintenance partially by user fees. There may have to be a bond issue. In reviewing the budget, Williams said he did not see a lot of frivolous expenditures. "I have no real easy answer to budget issues."

The 1800-seat theater is an interesting and wonderful opportunity to provide a venue for entertainment. The fact that Wente sells out its concert series indicates to me there is a market. The finances have yet to be proven. "The city is obligated to provide other services. If the theater required significant drain of money, I would have to hear a good story as to why it is important. Fundamentally, I am in favor of the theater if the funding were okay," said Williams.

He too felt the council had made the right decision regarding the airport, while attempting to mitigate some of the concerns.

Williams said he headed the mechanical engineering department at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. He is retiring as of July 1. His experience involved making sure the quality of engineering was the absolute best and that employees were the best stewards of the taxpayers' money.



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great thing for the city. There is a need to be very careful about how the construction is being financed and the cost of ongoing management. "I believe there is a solid plan in place." Horner added that there are good arguments that the city could subsidize something like the larger theater because of the benefits derived from having the theater in the downtown.

Steven Hunter said that he was the one candidate that the council knew the least about. He stated that he had one special qualification for council, "I live north of the freeway. I know everything that has and hasn't gone on there."

Issues in the north include growth. Cut-through traffic is another huge issue in the north. The time it takes to get from our area to downtown has increased. Then there is the high school issue, said Hunter. the mayors and all candidates for the station. She would be guided by the city attorney, the station director, and other councilmembers as to whether there is a conflict there. She added, "I would step away from direct conflicts."

In the budget process it is important to make sure there are enough reserves in place to deal with infrastructure and to retain reserves for emergencies.

The most important issue is taking the redevelopment of the downtown to full completion.

In addressing proposed uses outside the UGB, Seigfried felt the church was possibly an appropriate use, depending on what the plan looks like. She pointed out that Concannon is constructing a large building in the same area. The cemetery in the north also depends on the scale of the plans and whether the proposed size of cemetery is really needed. Main issues include traffic and quality of life. Police, fire, the arts, a vibrant downtown are all interrelated.

Vargas said he put a lot of time into protecting the city's goals and visions when it comes to the scenic corridor. He pointed out that he has turned down some proposals to protect it.

He called the 1800-seat theater, "really exciting. It's a grand vision. My caution has been to make sure it is financially viable and operating it won't impact other services the city provides." Darryl West said the northside

Darryl West said the northside is the most important issue. He supports looking into the use of recycled or reclaimed water for use in agriculture. He was concerned that the UGB could be undermined unless a way were found to protect the land.

When it comes to the proposed cemetery in the north and church in the south, West said it

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dum of Understanding with Alameda County. The MOU stipulates best faith efforts for Alameda County to approve annexation of the Staples Ranch property to Pleasanton.

Also in the MOU is the agreement that the right-of-way for the Stoneridge extension would be retained. The extension has been an issue with the proponents of the initiative, who have expressed opposition to it. While, the initiative does allow the auto mall, it doesn't accommodate other development proposed for Staples Ranch, including senior housing and other retail and commercial sites. Development could have provided funding to build the extension.

Organizers will be collecting signatures to place the initiative on the November 2008 ballot.

Supporters ask that anyone interested send an email to friendsofpleasanton@yahoo.com if you have any questions or wish to volunteer to help protect open space in Pleasanton.



CANDIDATE INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR NOVEMBER 6, 2007 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

On November 6, 2007, the City of Livermore will hold a General Municipal Election for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two Council Members.

The City Clerk's Office will hold an informational meeting for all persons who are interested in running for office. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information on the election, such as the nomination process, conflict of interest and campaign reporting requirements, the City's election ordinance and campaign signs.

Persons interested in running for office, their campaign managers, treasurers, and other interested parties are invited to attend this informational meeting.

DATE: Tuesday, July 10, 2007 • TIME: 5:30 p.m. LOCATION: City Hall, 1052 South Livermore Avenue (Riesling Conference Room) Please contact the City Clerk's Office at 960-4200 if you have any questions. Alice Calvert, City Clerk

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Junior Golfers

Ten junior golfers have qualified for the Wal-Mart First Tee Open at Pebble Beach presented by Nature Valley. The one-day, stroke-play tournament was held at Poppy Ridge Golf Course and featured a field of 90. Junior golfers will advance and play in the fourth-annual Wal-Mart First Tea Open at fourth-annual Wal-Mart First Tee Open at Pebble Beach presented by Nature Valley Labor Day weekend

Among those advancing was Kirk Laffins of Pleasanton. He finished first with a 70. These ten qualifiers will join a field of 78 junior golfers who will play alongside 78 Champions Tour professionals and 78 ama-teurs in the Wal-Mart First Tee Open at Pebble Beach, an official Champions Tour

event. The First Tee will host a Selection Process to determine 60 junior spots, July 17-25, at Kansas State University and Colbert Hills Golf Course. The field will consist of participants from The First Tee facilities worldwide and will recognize participants for their playing ability and life skills knowl-edge. The Monterey Peninsula Foundation will distribute eight exemptions to complete the junior field.

Seahawks in Bear Country

Members of the Pleasanton Seahawks attended the BEAR C/B/A+ Long Course meet at Contra Costa College last weekend. Some new faces pulled off some impressive milestones. Annalisa Parker (age 9) not only swam new best times in 3 of her 7 events, she earned a Junior Olympic cut in the 50 Back with a time of 43.05. Elise Cox (age 11) was going for her 100 Breast split in the 200 Breast. She touched the wall in 1:33.85, just under the 100 BR JO's cut, and in the the 200 BR cut as well, finishing in 3:18.74, a New A- time (her first ever). In addition, the following swimmers

excelled: Wolfgang LaChance (age 9) swam a new best time in the 50 Breast, dropping 5 seconds. Rishab Nair (age 8) earned new B times in 4 out of 5 events. Kayla Lindsay (age 9) swam 4 new best times, including 4 B and 4 BB times. Morgan McGrath (age 10) swam to 7 new B - and best times. Heather Chandler (age 11) swam to a new best time in the 100 Free. Kevin McLaughlin (age 11) earned 3 new best times and 2 new B times.

Youth Soccer

The Livermore Roadrunners boys **U13 AC1** team played to a 0-0 draw on Saturday afternoon against the Madtown SC Scorpions. In the first half the Roadrunners had shots by Juan Carlos Alfaro and Jeff Gellerman that went over the crossbar and wide left respectively. Defensively, with Tristan Lewis in goal, the Roadrunners survived several break-away attempts by the Scorpion's whose shots also went wide of the goal. Trevor Long played well defensively to disrupt what looked to be a very threatening attempt on goal by the Scorpions. Alexander Zandian made a nice shot in the second half that just missed earning a goal for the

The Mustang Strikers U-16 boys team had two games this week versus the San Francisco Seals Academy coming away with victories in both matches. In the game Wednesday, Mustang won

with a score of 4-0. Goals were scored by Justin Chew who had 2 goals, Scott Brensel and Nadav Kariv. They were assisted on goals by Jose Garcia, John Wainscott and Sasha Čhalek

In the game Sunday, Mustang came away with a 2-0 score. John Wainscott headed in the 1st goal assisted by a throw in to the box by George Mayer. Nadav Kariv also scored the 2nd goal of the game with a header goal

again assisted by George Mayer. Ryan Rivera recorded both shutouts in the nets for Mustang. Playing awesome defense for Mustang was Michael Janjigian, Patrick Watson, Dominic Daley, Nick F and Alex Alvarez. Controlling midfield play for Mustang were Jose Garcia, Scot Brensel, George Mayer, Shawn Daut and Ashwin Subramanian. On the attack for Mustang was John Wainscott, Justin Chew, Nadav Kariv,, Sasha Chalek and Connor Kaminski.

Tri-Valley Blaze

The Tri-Valley Blaze U12 Girls Fast Pitch softball team won their way to the Championship Game for the second time in two weekends with a 3-0 pool play record before winning 2 more in bracket play and falling short in the championship to take second place at the USSSA World Series

yard breast and 100 yard individual medley Brett Melloch, 11-12 boys, 50 yard freestyle, 50 yard butterfly and 100 yard individual

Babe Ruth Champs

Last Wednesday, the Tri-Valley Babe Last Wetthesuay, the first and be the first and the ague championship was determined. The A's, managed by Pete Petros and Tim Farley's White Sox club had equal records, 15-6, going into the final game. The White Sox had won the previous league games 1-0 and 4-0 and led the league from the start. The and y o and reach the reagen from the Statt. The game was tied at one when the White Sox took a 2-1 lead. The A's rallied back behind hits from Andy Esslick, Garret Moore, Chris Keck and Will Lamarche to storm back to a C a lead. Duran Butter Areh back behind for

5-2 lead. Danny Petros took the hill from Esslick to close the game for the save. A's include Andy Esslick, Will Lamarche, Danny Petros, Jeff Siragusa, Tommy Pluschkell, Tony Olguin, Cameron Roland, Garrett Moore, Chris Keck, Alex Osterholt, Shane Jackson, Nate Vincent, Ryan Foley, and Chad Bianchi. Special thanks to the coaching staff; Pete Petros (Manager), Paul Keck, Paul Pluschkell and Kevin Lim.

Granada Junior All Stars

The Granada Junior All Stars opened the District 57 tournament with wins over Livermore American, 14-4, and Tassajara National. 10-1.

In the opener, Kyle Van Schaack pitched a five inning complete game, and Max Kurth and Eddie Horn each went 2 for 3 at the plate. Granada scored six runs in the bottom of the fourth, as Matt Epps' double and singles by Zach Martin and Brandon Keshmiry helped seal the victory.

In the second game, Adam Dickinson scattered just four hits to get the win, and Kevin Stein got the save. Kurth went 3 for 3 at the plate and John Linney went 2 for 3. Ryan Rogers, Austin Gavello and Casey Van Galder all scored runs in both games for Granada.

LALL Teams Bring HomeTitles

Making their final bid for District 57 Major TOC Champions, the Livermore American Little League Indians faced off against the Pleasanton National Giants. With home field advantage, the Indians went on top early with two hits by Franco and Hunt and then a home run by Schmierer to clear the bases, setting the score to 3 to 0, Indians at the bottom of the first. The Indians' defense crushed Pleasanton for the rest of the game crushed Pleasanton for the rest of the game allowing only 1 run. With the title within reach, the defense stole hits away from Pleasanton each inning. Drew Merrill charged two fired hits towards third base for the 5-3 put out out both times. Kyle Franco stole two hits heading for the outfield with a jumping catch at short and an over-the-shoulder im-ossible catch at short and an over-the-shoulder impossible catch at short, saving two runs from scoring. Brandon Hunt was on fire at first base, letting nothing get by as he fielded two lines drives close to the bag. Brandon was also responsible for 4 unassisted put-outs against Pleasanton, making the final game-winning out for Livermore. Great at-bat performances by Bradley, Robello, Mahler, Frangos and Dhru Merrill sealed up the final victory for the Livermore Indians who soundly captured the coveted TOC Banner

Livermore American Little League A's faced off against the San Ramon American Yankees in the District 57 AAA Division Championship. The Yankees came in with 19 wins and 1 loss on the season. The A's leadoff hitter, Travis Adams, knocked a single to right center to get the bats started for the A's. That was followed 3 pitches later by a hard hit base hit to center by Trevor Escover giving the A's an early threat. Two batters later, Taylor Wirth hit a single loading the bases. The next batter Logan Casey, drew a walk for an RBI, giving the A's the first run of the game. Jesse Robles drove in the second run. Jonah Maranon bit a colid onah Maranon hit a solid single, knocking in 2 runs, giving the A's a 4-0 lead. The Yankees bats then got their turn at the plate and Josh Revay took the mound retiring Yankees on 4 batters. The A's Josh Revay drove in the 5th run with a sacrifice. Through the first four innings Josh Revay pitching brilliantly and being helped by several big defensive plays from Travis Adams (two highlight real diving stops and outs) and Jesse Robles with his typical spectacular play at first. Revay was lifted after 4 2/3 innings with runners on first and second. He struck out six Yankees, walking 3 and yielding only 3 hits. Taylor Wirth was called on in relief and he got the A's out of the inning with only allowing 1 run. The game then came down to the bottom of the 6th with the Yankees trailing 5-1. The Yankees loaded the bases and the A's went to Jesse Robles to try and close it out. The first batter he face hit it to the hottest fielder of the day, Travis Adams and he made an unassisted play at second for the second out, but the Yankees plated their second run. Then with the score 5-2 and runners at 1st and 2nd and the tying run at the plate, Jesse Robles got the Yankee's batter to hit it once again to Travis Adams who field the ball throwing to Josh Revay at first for the final out. The win was a team effort with standout performances from Josh Revay, Travis Adams, Trevor Escover and Jonah Maranon. Livermore American has put its stamp on District 57 as for the second year in a row the Minor TOC Championship banner will be flying proudly at the fields of Liver-more American Little League.



Six members of the Pleasanton Seahawks were named High School All Americans. They qualified for this distinction by swimming one of the top 130 times in the US in their events. Pictured are (top row) Karen Wang, Brandon Fischer, Josh Meints, Lisa Narum; (front row) Neda Nguyen, and Kayleigh Foley.

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Summer 2007 wrestling camp offers three sessions weekdays, July 16 to 20 for

both boys and girls. Dale Hazen, wrestling coach at Harvest

Park Middle School, will host the camp. The goal of this camp is to provide instruction in the sport of wrestling, with the main empha-sis on fundamentals. No prior experience is

Session 1 is for grades 3-5; 3 to 4 p.m. with a fee of \$50 for Pleasanton residents, \$55 nonresidents, Session 2 is for grades 5 -6, 4

to 6 p.m. and session 3 is for grades 6-9, 6-8 p.m. The fee for sessions 2 and 3 is \$77 for

Pleasanton residents, and \$77 nonresidents. Camp sessions will be held at Harvest

Park Middle School in the multipurpose

Registration forms are available at the Pleasanton Tennis Complex, 5801 Valley

Ave., Pleasanton. For more information, call Ian Anderson at 931-3447.

Cross country training camp Registra-tion is now open for a new cross country training camp for high school-age runners. The Tri-Valley Cross Country Pre-Season Training Camp will be held 8-11 a.m. Aug. 13-17 at the Foothill High School track. Cost is \$120. The five-day camp, open to all interested runners, will include training, conditioning, goal setting, time trials and racing tactics, as well as off-site running sessions on local Pleasanton trails. The coaching staff includes Rik

The coaching staff includes Rik Richardson, president of Athenian Ahtletics

and assistant coach of Foothill's cross coun

try and track teams, and Shannon Sos

Foothill's head cross country coach and assistant coach for track and field. For more

information, contact Rik Richardson at (925) 518-9356.

The Chin family reigned during league play at Granada Bowl in Livermore. Ricky

Chin showed his son the scoring path with a big 280 game followed with 264-223 and

a 767 series; youth bowler Riely, showed why he was recently selected as a All Star in

Northern California, had high games of 239—212 to make it to the 630 mark. The Championship Trio was led by John

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\$10,000 scholarships are four years, paid at \$2500 per year.

Braun is ranked first in her class and represented the class as the 2007 Valedictorian. She played volleyball for both the school and a club and was captain of both teams. Braun is very active in her church community and school activities including the Interact Club, school and community fund-raisers.

Lacrosse Camp

Girls lacrosse camp: residents of Liver-more, 7-12th grade girls, all levels of play. The girls will be divided by age and ability. The camp dates are from 8/13 - 8/17. Camp hours will be from 12-3PM at Granada High School. Equipment will be rovided. Stu Brokowsky will be running the camp. He can be reached at 925-484-5854 or sbrokowsky@mindspring.com. Camp fee is 75

Pleasanton Meadows

Emily Tincher and Nicholas Tucker led the way with a pair of wins, but the Pleasanton Meadows Sharks fell short, losing 572-391 to the Briarhill Barracudas. Tincher, grabbed her wins in the U6 fly

and the breast stroke, while Tucker also won the fly (9-10), but got his second first place finish in the IM.. Both had siblings join them in first place finishes as Blake Tucker won the 7-8 back stroke and Mary Tincher also won the back stroke (U6).

Finishing first for the Sharks in the free were Perry Cheney (9-10), Madeline Bush (13-14) and Joey Silva (13-14). In the fly Elsa Schwaninger (13-14) took first while Jack Geasa (9-10) and Chris Bush (11-12) won in the breast stroke.

The breast stroke. Placing first in the back were Talia Florio (7-8) and Nicole Andrews (13-14); Free: (11 and older swim 50 yards, others swim 25): Cheney, Perry 10 Pleasan-ton Meadows-US 36.54; Bush, Madeline 13 Pleasanton Meadows-US 31.95 Silva, Joey 14 Pleasanton Meadows-US 27 26: 14 Pleasanton Meadows-US 27.26:

Fly: Tincher, Emily 6 Pleasanton Mead-ows-US 27.17 5; Tucker, Nicholas 9 Pleas-

ows-US 27.17 5; TUCKEF, NICHOIAS 9 Pleas-anton Meadows-US 18.68; Schwaninger, Elsa 13 Pleasanton Meadows-US 38.03 Breast: Tincher, Emily 6 Pleasanton Meadows-US 32.42; Bush, Chris 11 Pleasenter Meadows US 46.00 Pleasanton Meadows-US 46.40.

IM (100 yards): Tucker, Nicholas 9 Pleasanton Meadows-US 1:31 33

Back: Tincher, Mary 6 Pleasanton Meadows-US 37.77; Florio, Talia 8 Pleasanton Meadows-US 25.96; Tucker, Blake 7 Pleas-

AUCTION

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year for her family's consumption. If you are interested in humanely treated livestock and buying locally, there is no better place than the Alameda County Fair Youth Livestock Auction.

"You pay a premium price, but I think the animals have been well fed and cared for," says Reis. "Plus I like to support 4-H and FFA.

Kevin Hathaway, the Junior Livestock Auction coordinator, says bidders range from big corporations like Safeway and Raley's to mom and pop shops and include many individuals or groups of families (one cow does go a long way).

Once an animal is purchased it goes to a processing plant and then to a butcher shop of the purchaser's choosing. The purchaser can specify the cuts he wants, down to the thickness.

The average price for hogs is \$4.50 per pound, \$3.04 for beef, \$6.77 for lambs, and \$8.49 for goats. Very few rabbits are auctioned and the price varies wildly, last year from \$9 to \$112 per pound. The size of the animals is about 100 pounds for a lamb, about 200 pounds for pigs, and about 1,000 pounds for a steer.

Last year the Youth Livestock Auction raised over \$690,000, which the youth use to purchase new animals, invest in breeding projects, or save for college.

"It can be tough, especially the first year you sell an animal you've raised," says Marisa Silva of the Palomares 4-H Club. "You put so much time and effort into caring for the animal. At the same time, it's a relief not to have the

Livermore School District Offices Moving for a Year

The Livermore School District office will temporarily relocate for 2007-2008. Starting Friday, June 29, 2007 through Friday, July 6, 2007, the District Office will be closed to allow some departments to move to a new temporary location. Summer School will be in session as originally scheduled. All District departments will reopen on Monday, July 9, 2007 at 1040 Florence Road, Livermore during the 2007-2008 school year:

All phone numbers for District Office Departments and personnel will remain the same. The

Leslie R. Karlstrom-Krebs

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responsibility any more."

The FFA and 4-H youth typically spend the better part of a year raising an animal. Responsibilities include feeding, grooming, exercise, and medical care.

While the youth might net \$500 or more at the auction for each animal, Silva says after all the time and money invested the earnings end up being closer to \$100. She jokes that you'd be better off working in fast food if you were interested only in the money.

Silva's Suffolk Hampshire sheep, "Teeny-Weeny," cost her \$225. Then she had to build pens, purchase food, medicine, and equipment, and pay for fair entry fees. Teeny-Weeny, or TW for short, is a breeding sheep, so Silva will be taking her home after the competition.

Last week at the Alameda County Fair's Barnyard, Silva had TW on display and allowed curious children to pet and brush her. Showing TW to the public, Silva explains, helps prepare them for the big show in which both she and TW would be judged.

Řaising and selling livestock is about learning to produce a quality product and gaining experience. Silva, a senior in high school, plans to pursue a career as a large animal veterinarian.

The Alameda County Fair junior livestock auction begins at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 8. Those interested in bidding on livestock can register by calling the auction office at 925-426-7606, by visiting the livestock office at the Alameda County Fair, or the morning of the event.

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Qualifier this past weekend in Fremont. Championship Game: San Luis Obispo Shockwaves 5, Tri Valley Blaze 0. It was a well played game by both teams for 6 innings with the score 1-0 entering the 7th inning. A perfect-game pitching performance and a top of the seventh inning rally gave the Shockwaves the win. Blaze pitcher Josie Howatt was valiant on the mound as she completed 7 innings of solid pitching. Key Blaze defense with great plays from short-shop Rachel Norman, third baseman Alyssa Lanza and second baseman Danielle Lacombe. Semi Final Game: Tri-Valley Blaze 4,

Atwater Cutters 3. Trailing 3-0 in their final at bat of the game, a rally was needed to keep the Blaze burning and continue to the cham-pionship final and a final at bat rally it was. Danielle Deerinck's solid single got her on base and Rachel Norman followed it up with a single to help set up Alyssa Lanza's RBI single to tie the game. With blaze base runners on third and first, the Cutters intentionally walked a batter to load the bases with two outs. Adriana Segovia came to the plate for the Blaze and drove in the game-winning run off her solid base hit to left field. Blaze pitcher McKayla Saavedra threw a complete four inning game for the win. Tri-Valley Blaze 8, Sunnyvale Wicked 2.

In this first bracket play game, the Wicked Scored early to go ahead 2-0. A big rally by the Blaze in the third inning put them way ahead and sealed the victory. Blaze offense: Breanna Herrera triple; Danielle Deerinck single, triple, 2 RBI's; Rachel Norman single, and Nicole Evans RBI. Solid defense by second baseman Danielle Lacombe, third baseman Alyssa Lanza and winning pitcher Josie Howatt.

Game Pool Play: Tri-Valley Blaze 5, San Game Pool Play: Tri-Valley Blaze 5, San Luis Obispo Shockwaves 2. Winning pitcher Josie Howatt 4 IP, 4K's. Tri-Valley Blaze 8, Union City Dynasty 3. Winning pitcher McKayla Saavedra 6 IP, 8 K's. Tri-Valley Blaze 8, Visalia Heat 2. Winning pitcher Josie Howatt 5 IP, 6 K's. Blaze Pool Play Offense: Nicole Evans 4 singles, 2 doubles, 2 BUL's: Alvesa Larva trinol HP, 5 BBL's: 3 RBI's; Alyssa Lanza triple, HR, 5 RBI's; Rachel Norman 4 singles; McKayla Saavedra 3 singles, double, 3 RBI's; Adriana Segovia 4 singles, triple, 2 RBI's; Audrey Howatt 3 singles, double, RBI; Josie Howatt 2 singles, and the triple of the 3 RBI's; Danielle Deerinck single, RBI; Breanna Herrera singled; Danielle Lacombe singled; Heather Smith singled; Ocean Garcia singled

Briarhill Swim

Briarhill Barracudas defeated Pleasanton Meadows Sharks 572 to 391 in a dual swim meet

Briarhill had 3 swimmers that finished first in their 3 individual events; Matthew Grywczynski, 7-8 boys, 25 yard free, 25 yard butterfly and 25 yard breast stroke. Brittney Achziger, 9-10 girls, 25 yard butterfly, 25

Foothill Little League

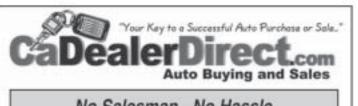
Pleasanton Foothill Little League's 9year old All Star team had a great post season run, posting 7-3 record, taking 4th place out of 16 teams in the Granada Little League Invitational and 2nd out of 8 teams in the Pleasanton American tournament. In one of the best Little League games

played in a while, Foothill beat Danville, 4-3 in 8 innings. Foothill was trailing 3-1 going into the 6th, but Ruben Mercado's clutch single drove in Sahil Patel and Tyler Wineger to knot it up at 3 all through 6 innings. Then in the 8th, Alex Lee's single drove in Kane Millerstrom with the winning run. Kane and Ruben threw 4 excellent innings each, keeping the Danville batters at bay. The Foothill defense was stellar throughout the game and there was one play really stood out. With a runner on first, the batter hit a deep shot over the head of left fielder, Michael Horton. Michael chased the ball down at the fence, fired to the ball to short stop Shaun Kienhofer, who relayed a perfect strike to catcher Jakob Davidson who slapped the tag on runner at the plate.

Other highlights: Zachary Stubbs threw 5 innings on 54 pitches in a key victory over San Ramon National. Brock Gustafson con-nected for a triple and a double vs. Livermore National. Troy Bachand played some excel-lent 1st base and had 4 multi-hit games. Greg Gamble made 3 outstanding plays in the outfield in the Championship game vs. Pleasanton National. Brian Blasquez had two RBI singles and pitched a shutout inning in ralief vs. Pleasanton American Blue in relief vs. Pleasanton American Blue.

Scholarship Winner

Catherine Braun, who graduated from Livermore High School with a 4.045 grade point average is one of four recipients of a Robert T. Nahas Scholarship for 2007. The



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Basketball Camp Livermore Girls Basketball Association will host a Youth Girls Basketball Camp 3rd-8th grade July 23-27th, 12-2pm at Granada High Register by July 6th-\$80, after July 6th-\$95 All proceeds to benefit the Granada High Girls Basketball Program. Contact jbsport20@aol.com

Summer Lacrosse

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The Pleasanton Lacrosse Club Summer Program registration is now open. Programs are available for boys entering grades 1 thru 12, no experience required. The program runs for six weeks starting week of July 9th. 1st-8th grade program includes one clinic station style precifice ner week with a pickun type style practice per week with a pickup type game on Saturday mornings. 9th-12 grade program is pick-up games only on Thursday evenings. Full equipment required for all players. Registration fee is \$50 per player. All games and practices are at Thomas Hart Middle School in Pleasanton. To register

Giambrone with a big four gamer of 994 with 237-256-234-267; Gene Bruihl, Gene's Pro Shop, was next with 235-225-247-229 and a 916 set; Ray Salas used a big 267 game for his placement at 904 and Zach Michelsen his practiment at 504 and Zach Michelsen finished with an eleven strike game of 279 and 899 total. The Sunday Family Affair saw youth bowler Brian Edmondo, 175 norm, with his second 288 game in three weeks to go with 199-216 - 703 series. Roger Purta, Granada Terrace took honors with 269-232-272, 728 series: Chose hy was Mal Cowen's 227-728 series; close by was Mal Cowen's 266-245 highs for a 694 series. The Friday Family Affair saw youth bowler Shawn Donahue blasting the pins for bowler Shawn Donahue blasting the pins for his 289 game to go with a 679 total; Ron Shaffer, 172 par, recorded a 265 game and 614 set. Tim Piper, Wednesday A's league, posted highs of 246-223 for a 682 set; David Bunch, Sunday Rollers, made it to the 682 mark with 245-233 Donny Foscalina, bowl-ing for the V & E Club, mastered his 152 norm with a 245 game; Mike Brinton, Strikes and Spares and 134 par, rolled his first 200 game. Friday Prime-timers saw Fritz Rittmann at prime time with a 239 game and

615 series.

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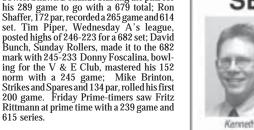
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Affordable Housing Opportunity

The City of Livermore is accepting applications from households interested in participating in a drawing of homes for sale in the Montage development by Shea Homes.

Note: A minim	MINCOME GUIDELINES num income is required based on it and debt-to-income ratios.
Household Size	Maximum Household Income
1	\$46,350
2	\$53,000
3	\$59,600
4	\$66,250
5	\$71,550
6	\$76,850

Application packets may be obtained at Livermore City Hall 1052 S. Livermore Ave., all Livermore libraries, the Multi-Service Center, 3311 Pacific Ave., or online at www.ci.livermore.ca.us. All applications must be received by the City of Livermore Community Development Dept., 1052 S Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA, no later than Friday, July 20, 2007 by 5:00 p.m. Applications received after this date and time will not be considered, even if postmarked earlier. Faxed applications will not accepted.

Please direct questions to housing@ci.livermore.ca.us or visit our website at: http://www.ci.livermore.ca.us/ housing_assistance/housing_opportunities.html

SHORT NOTES

Awards for Wines

New Crooked Vine/Stony Ridge winery owner Rick Corbett showed he has the winemaker's Midas touch when he took home seven awards at the Best of the Bay Wine Competition June 15. Corbett led all wineries in total

awards, including a Double-Gold-Best-of-Show for his 2004 Stony Ridge Harriet's Merlot that also won a regular gold medal. This championship red was named for Corbett's mother. It is her favorite wine.Corbett's other gold medals went to his 2004 Crooked Vine Zinfandel and 2003 Stony Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon.

The wineries also won three bronze medals, one each for a 2005 Crooked Vine Viognier, a 2003 Crooked Vine Port, and the no-vintage Stony Ridge Malvasia Bianca.

All the new award winners can be tasted and purchased at the winery tasting room at 4948 Tesla Rd. in Livermore. The tasting room is open daily, Mondays-Wednesdays from noon to 4 p.m., and Thursdays-Sun-days from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sea Kayaking

Sea Kayaking, mild to wild, is the theme of a slide show and book signing by author and kayak guide Roger Schumann to be presented Thurs., July 12 at Sunrise Mountain Sports in Livermore.

The program begins at 7 p.m. Schumann is the author of "Guide to Sea Kayaking Central & Northern California" and "Sea Kayak Rescue." Elkhorn Slough, Monterey Bay and the Mendocino sea caves to the whale lagoons of Baja and the Galapagos Islands.

Sunrise is located at 2455 Railroad Avenue, Livermore.

Book Events

Towne Center Books events:

Hogwarts Graduation Party will con-clude at 12:01 a.m. Saturday, July 21 copies of Harry Potter and the Deathly

Hallows will be available. The party begins at 10:30 p.m. Other events: Sun. July 15 2:00 Ann Homan and Historic Livermore A-Z.; Wed. July 15 12:00 tea with mystery writer Shirley Tallman. Free event: Wed. July 26 7:00 Stave and event.; Wed. July 26 7:00 Steve and Cathie from TV's Creative Juice will be at Towne Center Books.; Keely Parrack's writing classes for kids begin July 23-27 from 9:30-10:30 for Grades k-2; July 30-Aug. 3 for grades 3-6. Reservations 925-846-8826. \$75 per week

Located at 555 Main Street, Pleasanton

Fundraiser Set

On April 17, 2007 Martin, age 23 was diagnosed with T-cell Lymphoma

stage 4. This type of Cancer is very aggressive and it spreads fast. Martin is in need of a bone marrow transplant and to his luck his younger sister Marisela, age 22 is a match. The proce-dure will take place at Stanford Univer-sity Hospital in the end of August or beginning of September of this year. Once the procedure is done Martin will remain in the hospital for 4 to 6 weeks and once he is released he will have to return everyday for treatments, total-ing 101 days. Martin is a father of two young children and wants nothing more than to be here for his children.

A fundraiser is planned for Sat., July 14 to help pay the costs. It will be from 4 to 9 p.m. at Eagle's Hall, 527 North Livermore Ave. For information, call 449-4557

Admission is \$10 for age 12 and up, includes entrance, dinner plate, and soft drink; \$5 for age 11 and under, includes entrance, dinner plate and soft drink, age 2 and under are admitted

free. There will also be a raffle of various items ranging anywhere from DVD players, DVD's, music CD's, baked goods, toys, gift certificates, etc. Raffle tickets will be sold prior to event until

6:30 PM. All proceeds received from this fundraiser will go directly towards Martin's hospital bills, transportation fees and hotel fees.

Curves Raises Funds

Curves[®] International Inc., the world's largest franchisor of fitness clubs, is the first corporation to become a National Corporate Team Program member of the American Cancer Society's two signature events-Relay For Life[®] and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer®.

Companies must have at least 50 teams entered in Relay For Life events and 1,000 registered walkers in Making Strides to qualify as a National Corporate Team Program Member. Independent Curves locations across the U.S. fielded 555 Relay For Life teams and 411 Making Strides teams in 2006, and raised more than \$780,000.

Curves and the American Cancer Society are located in all 50 states and internationally. Curves has more than four million members worldwide

July at Wente

The 21st Annual Concert Season continues through July with a lineup that includes rock legend Steve Winwood, hometown favorite Chris Gladys Knight, swing masters Isaak, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy and wraps up July with the Pop hit makers Hootie and the Blowfish. The "Fresh Tracks" hiking series travels this month to the Pt. Pinole Regional Shoreline and the Summer Cinema includes the comical "Shrek" and the classic "Wizard of Oz." For more information on the con-

series

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

FRESH TRACKS

This hiking & luncheon series is held in partnership with the East Bay Regional Park District. It is a monthly series of healthy hikes held in area regional parks, followed by lunches soothing live music, courtesy of Smooth Jazz KKSF-FM. Every third Saturday through September a 1 and a half hour naturalist-led hike is offered. Each month you have a choice of a morning or afternoon hike. The morning hike will end with lunch and live music, while the afternoon hike will begin with lunch and music. Both will feature Regional Parks naturalists leading these energetic walks. Pre-registration required. July 21 is Pt. Pinole Regional Shoreline Park in Pinole, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For information visit ebparks.org. Fee is \$40 (12 and up) or \$38 (62 and up) for Contra Costa and Alameda County residents; nonresident fees are \$44 and

CINEMA AT WENTE The Cinema at Wente Vineyards carries on through the month of July with the line-up for its outdoor summer cinema series, starting the month off with the hilarious cartoon adventure featuring everyone's favorite ogre, "Shrek." In mid-July, watch out for Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh my! as Wente Vineyards features "The Wizard of Oz:'

Dining is available at Wente Vineyards' Reel Classics Café (think juicy burgers, grilled sandwiches, popcorn, ice-cream and more). "Family Fun Packs" and season ticket packages are available. Shrek will be shown July 9 and the Wizard of Oz on July 18.

Gates and Café open at 6.30pm, movie begins at twilight. Tickets are \$9 adults and \$5 kids (12 and under) for

movie only. Proceeds benefit the California Independent Film Festival The Restaurant at Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Rd., Livermore; for reservations call (925) 456-2400 or online

Ticketmaster.com at PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

"You don't take a photograph, you make it," Ansel Adams observed. photography by Dennis Galloway will be on display at the Estate Winery Tasting Room in July. There will be a reception with the artist on Sunday, July 8th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. View-ing hours are 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Estate Winery Tasting Room is located at 5565 Tesla Road. For informa-tion call 925-456-2305

Amateur Radio Training

The Livermore City Council Cham-bers, 3575 Pacific Ave., will be the location for a general class ham radio licensing class being offered to the

public by the Livermore Amateur Ra-dio Klub (LARK) on July 14. The class will be taught by Rich Harrington. It is

scheduled to start at 8 a.m. The examination for the amateur radio operator licenses is scheduled after the class, estimated to e at 5:30 p.m. Anyone may take the license exam whether or not they take the training class. Morse Code proficiency is no longer a requirement for an ama teur radio operator license, as the Federal Communications Commission dropped the requirement effective Feb. 23, 2007.

Those planning to take the class are asked to please RSVP to Mike Hass at AD6TA@arrl.net.

LARK was founded in 1958 as an organization of licensed hams and others interested in the radio communications hobby.

Gardening Classes

Alden Lane Nursery will offer two classes for locals interested in gardening: On July 21, students will learn to

build a backyard water display; and on July 28 guidelines for selecting the best and hardiest tropical plants will be offered. Each class begins at 10 a.m. and will last about 30 minutes. There is no charge.

Fall will kickoff with Alden Lane's Quilting in the Garden 10th Anniversary Festival, featuring a retrospective of the highlights of the last ten years of guilts at Alden Lane, plus classes on how to get started with a quilt of your

Alden Lane Nursery is located at the corner of Holmes and Alden Lane in

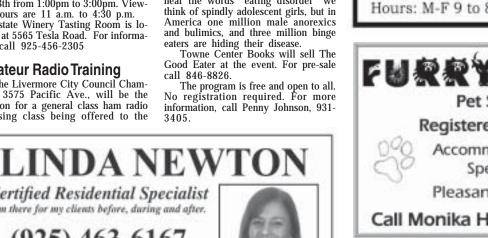
The Good Eater

Model Ron Saxen will speak at the Pleasanton Public Library on Sun., July 15 at 2 p.m. What's it like to be a sexy, straight,

male model appearing on TV and shar-ing dressing rooms with beautiful women? And why on earth would a man throw that away? In his memoir The Good Eater former model Ron

Saxen tells us. The Good Eater: The True Story of One Man's Struggle with Binge Eating Disorder is the first darkly humorous look at binge eating disorder (BED) from a male point of view. When we hear the words "eating disorder" we think of spindly adolescent girls, but in America one million male anorexics and bulimics, and three million binge

Good Eater at the event. For pre-sale



call 846-8826. No registration required. For more information, call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.

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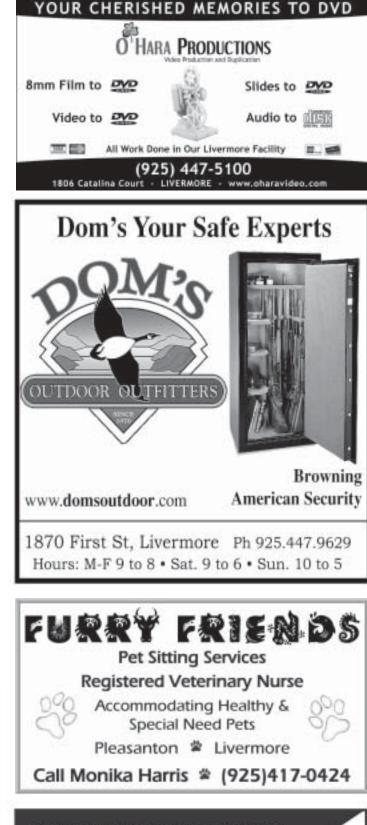


Shot Clinic

Axis Community Health has scheduled its free immunization clinics for children on July 7, August 4 and Sep-tember 8, 2007 from 9:00-11:30 a.m. The clinics will take place at Axis' Pleasanton Clinic only, 4361 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton. Saturday Immunization clinics are

open to all Tri-Valley families who are low income or uninsured, including those enrolled in Medi-Cal and Medi-Cal Managed Care. Parents should bring child's immunization records and information about family income and medical insurance. There is a fee for some immunizations.

Immunization appointments are also available at (925) 462-1755.





OBITUARI

Edward Jiro "Jichan" Keech

Edward Jiro Keech, 49, passed away on Sunday, June 24, 2007, after suffering a sudden heart attack.

Edward was born on October 9, 1957 at Tachikawa Air Force Base in Tachikawa, Japan. He came to the United States at the age of 3 months with his parents Donald and Chieko Keech and older brother Thomas. He spent most of his life in Livermore. He Sonoma Elementary attended and Mendenhall Middle School, and graduated from Granada High School in 1975. He also attended Chabot College and Cal State Hayward. Edward touched many lives with his sense of humor, his big smile and his infectious laugh. He enjoyed being in nature, and spent much of his time bicycling and hiking with friends or family. He was an avid reader, mainly reading science fiction and loved movies. He liked plants and flowers and was able to rejuvenate many "dead" plants with his "green thumb." Edward had a tender heart and it showed in his love for animals. He especially loved his cat, Bingo, who misses him terribly.

and Kathy, and her casino partner, her sister Eleanor Muyo. She also leaves grandchildren, Wendi, Mike, Erik, Barbara, Bridget, Amanda, Jennifer and

Victoria, eight great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews, including Nick and Jim Muyo. She was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, Harold Blanton.

A celebration of her life will be held at 2 p.m. on Sat., July 7 at Rick and Cheri's home, 5041 Golden Rd., Pleasanton.

Edward will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his parents, Donald and Chieko Keech, his brother Thomas Keech, his two nieces Kristin and Chantel Keech and his aunt Mary Butterfield, all of Livermore, as well as, uncle Masaru Yoshino and aunt Nobuyo Nagai of Kyoto, Japan, great aunt Sakae Osako and numerous other relatives of Ozato, Japan. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Edward "Ted" and Myrtle Keech, grandmother Kimie Yoshino, and his cousin Patrick Butterfield.

A gathering of family and friends to share memories of Edward, was held on Monday, July 2 at the Robert Livermore Community Center..

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Josephine Blanton

Josephine Blanton died June 26, 2007 at the age of 87.

The native of Oakland, CA. had lived in Pleasanton with her daughter for the past four years. Josephine, a dedicated homemaker for 50 years, loved cooking and spending time with her family. She also enjoyed watch-ing QVC and going to the casi-nos with her sister, Eleanor.

She is survived by a daughter, Marie Johnson, sons, Aldo Castro, Rick Blanton and Harold Blanton, son-in law, Jim and daughters-in-law, Cheri Gloria

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

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Olga Valenta Peiffer

Olga Valenta Peiffer, a resident of Livermore, passed away July 1, 2007 at her ĥome.

She was born on Aug. 30, 1914 in Elberon, Iowa. Olga Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. During her time in Livermore, Olga was active with the Livermore Heritage Guild and Hope Hospice of Oakland.

She was preceded in death by her husband Thomas E. Peiffer; a pilot with whom Olga flew many wonderful miles. She is survived by her sister; Mabel Ochs of Keota, Iowa and her niece; Maryanne Ochs of Des Moines, Iowa.

At her request, no services are planned. Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.



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PATRIOT AWARD (continued from page one) on the campus of Amador

Valley High School, is owned and operated by the City of Pleasanton.

Another of Severin's accomplishments was the formation of the Pleasanton Community Concert Band. The band will be serenading her during the July fourth celebration. Part of the USA Bicentennial celebration included upgrading the Chan Henderson Memorial Bandstand in Lions Wayside Park. "How could we have a bandstand without a band," asked Bill Herlihy, city а councilmember at the time. Severin brought the question to the local adult education director. The band has continued ever since under the auspices of Amador Valley Adult and Community Education.

'Music, like art, helps bring balance to our lives," says Severin. She has helped hundreds of others toward that balance by sharing with them her love of watercolors. Severin has volunteered in local schools to teach students Chinese brush painting. She also has taught many adults, leading groups all over the world to experience onsite painting. Her own paintings are now included in many museums and civic buildings in this country and abroad.

Severin put her art lessons onto videotape and DVD for teachers in public schools to use, making the recorded lessons available through public libraries. She is currently involved in raising funds to convert the historic firehouse on Railroad Avenue into an arts center.

Trained as a nurse at Stanford University, Severin put that skill to community service. Besides serving as a consultant in local schools, she has educated thousands of women how to conduct breast self-examinations in order to detect cancer. Herself a breast cancer survivor, Severin is credited with saving several women's lives by teaching them this method of early detection. Working with the American Cancer Society, she has taught service club members, employees of Lawrence Livermore and Sandia National laboratories, and inmates at the nearby federal prison.

Charlotte and her husband, Jerry are the parents of three children and grandparents of sevenand-a-half.

Severin has been honored as 'Woman of the Year" in 2003 by the Pleasanton Weekly and in 1976 by the Pleasanton Jaycees; was recipient of the Mayor's Award in 1966 "for outstanding service in the community," and in 1990 by the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce for community development.

Jim Ott, CEO of Uncle Credit Inion, introduced Hyde, He was selected for the award because of the many ways he has carried out "community service," not only in Pleasanton but around the world. Hyde graduated from high school at the age of 16 and worked his way through St. Mary's College. He was the first in his family to graduate from college. While working full time to process workers' compensation claims, Hyde attended night



William Berck presents Charlotte Severin with her award.

school to earn his law degree from Golden Gate university. He specialized in family law until he was appointed as a judge in 1982, a position he held until his retirement in 2003. Now he has turned his passion for golf into a second "career," heading up the marshals on the new Callippe Municipal Golf Course in Pleasanton.

Throughout his adulthood, Hyde has devoted countless hours to community service. While living in Dublin, he set what may be an unbroken record, serving si-multaneously as president of Dublin Rotary and Dublin Chamber of Commerce. When he attended the International Rotary convention in Switzerland, Hyde discovered that he was the youngest Rotary president in the world at that time.

When the municipal court became a superior court and moved to larger quarters, Hyde began the "Kids in Court" program, invit-ing fifth grade teachers to bring students to observe courtroom procedures. He estimates that over 30,000 youngsters participated. He said he still treasures the letters and artwork they sent him.

Hyde has also served youth by leading Community Against Substance Abuse, which sponsored Red Ribbon Week each autumn. Since 1993, Hyde has served on the board of directors of Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation, including two years as president. He has been an officer on the boards of directors for Tri-Valley YMCA, Children's Theater Workshop, and Tri-Valley Community Foundation.

Now affiliated with Pleasanton North Rotary, Hyde has been a supporter of international humanitarian projects. His club recently honored him as "Rotarian of the Decade," for the hours he has devoted to projects. He Traveled to Mexico to help deliver wheelchairs supplied in partner-ship with the Behring Foundation. "It changes people's lives so much," he commented.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Rotary International has taken on the challenge of eradicating polio. The organization has adopted the entire country of Ghana. Ron traveled there as a volunteer for National Immunization Day. He was one of 75,000 volunteers who helped immunize 3.4 million children in one day. "Mothers would hand me their infants, entrusting me with their precious children. I would hold them while the health care workers gave them the drops. It was an amazing experience," he recalls

Although Hyde has retired from the bench, his legal expertise continues to help in East Bay Stand Down. Stand down became the designation for programs "to serve back those who served their country." Now there are 200 stand down programs. However, the Alameda County one, held in early August at the fairgrounds, "is the biggest in scope of opportunities.

Ron is one of 13 members of the board of directors who make East Bay Stand Down possible. "We don't leave our wounded behind," is the motto of the organization. The stand down invites homeless and unemployed military veterans for a four-day "makeover" of their lives. His special contribution has been to set up the first multi-jurisdictional "homeless court" in the nation.

Hyde is married to Lety. He is the father of two children, both of whom have chosen careers in law enforcement in Southern California.

Last year's Ed Kinney Awards went to Juanita Haugen and Hank Gomez. The first recipients were Roger McLain and Jack Dove.

BULLETIN BOARD

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

NARFE, Livermore Chapter #0397, will hold its annual picnic on July 12 at the Livermore Farm Bureau Building, 638 Enos Way, Livermore. It starts at 11:30 a.m. There will be bingo, a silent auction, and lots of

will be bingo, a silent auction, and lots of food prepared by members. Open to current and retired federal employees. For info, call 484-0813 or 447-5030. **Available for adoption:** adorable, play-ful kittens, all colors and sizes at Pet Extreme in Tracy, Sun., July 8, 12 - 3. Information Sonora Cat Rescue (209)532-9579. **Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club**, Sat., July 7, 35 miles over Golden Gate Bridge through Sausalito and to Tiburon, meet 10 a.m. at the Ferry Building on the Embarcadero, Randy Huey, 518-8439. Sun., July 8, 45 miles hills to Moraga Commons and on to Orinda Theatre Square, meet 9a.m. at Central Park in San Ramon, Peter at Central Park in San Ramon, Peter Rathmann, 828-1973. Tues., July 10 and Thurs., July 12, 25-30 miles, depart Shannon Center at 6 p.m. Wed., July 11, 40 miles Benecia area, meet 10 a.m. on the Benecia waterfront, Randy Huey, 518-8439. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Livermore High School reunion, class of 1967, Sept. 14-16. Main Event will be September 15 Dinner/Dance from 5:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. at the Vets Hall, 522 South L St., Livermore. To register or for complete

details go to www.livermorehs1967.myevent.com or con-tact Ray Alsdorf (925) 606-5518, ray.alsdorf@acgov.org Cheryl Perry (Giv-ens) (925) 443-3375, cperry415@aol.com Carla Lewis (Viale) (925) 449-4941, bawtwo@sherdhola net vtwo@sbcglobal.net Writing 'Round the World: Twin

Valley Learning Center (the Tri-Valley's only non-profit learning center), 1304 Concannon Blvd., Livermore, offers second and third grade graduates a 4 week language and writing experience tour. Each class will be crammed with field trips, international speakers/performers and culturally related readings and experiences upon which students, guided by two veteral local teachers, will base their writings. Writing 'Round the World meets Monday through Thursday wornings (9-11am), July 9 through August 2. Ten students will be admitted. Cost is \$325. Call (925) 447-3455 for more infor-

Matton and to register. Armchair Travelers, Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Thurs., July 12 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Leonard Pitt will give a slide presentation based on his book "Walks Through Lost Paris: A Journey into the Heart

of Lost Paris." Adults are invited to this free program. For additional information please

call 925 373-5500. **Be Smart Buy Smart**, Joaquin Murphy of the California Dept. of Consumer Affairs identifies various scams and how to avoid them. Find out what smart shoppers know about telephone, mail order, and Internet sales; prizes and gifts; door-to-door sales; sweepstakes, lotteries, and contests; and refunds. Tuesday, July 10, 10am-11:30am at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., \$1.25 residents/1.75 nonresidents. Call 931-5365. Call 931-5365

Amador Valley Quilt Guild will meet on Saturday, July 14, at 1:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Av-Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Av-enue, Pleasanton. Author and teacher Nora McMeeking is the guest. She will also conduct a workshop the following day. The Guild will host the annual Lemonade Social prior to the general meeting, so pack a lunch and join us for lemonade and cookies at 12:30. The guild is a nonprofit educational association for quilters of all skill levels. Anyone interested in quilting may attend. For further information about the guild or upcoming speakers, please visit our website, http://amadorvalleyquilters.org. Let's Make Dinner, 7-13 yrs. & 1 parent, 1 Session Dinners Galore Staff 51 Wright Bro. Ste. E, (925)456-3257. The

Wright Bro. Ste. E, (925)456-3257. The child will assemble either 2 or 4 family-sized dinners and bring them home ready to cook. Fresh ingredients and supplies provided. www.dinnersgalore.com to see specific class dates/times on our reservation calendar & to Saturday, July 14th, with ongoing dates through November. Dinner Preparation for Teens, 14-18 yrs. Dinners Galore Staff 51 Wright Bro. Ste. E, (925)456-3257. Twin Valley Mothers of Twins Club: Maete Tues. July 10 at John Know Presby.

Wright Bro. Ste. E. (925)456-3257. **Twin Valley Mothers of Twins Club:** Meets Tues., July 10 at John Knox Presby-terian Church, 7421 Amarillo Road, Dublin. Club membership is a mix of Alameda Co. & Contra Costa Co. residents in and sur-rounding San Ramon/Dublin/Pleasanton. The goal is to provide support, information & friendship for Mothers of Multiples (Mom's). Roundtable discussion is open to new and prospective multiple moms (a Q&A forum that deals with parenting multiples, from pregnancy on up.) hosted by one of the Club's members. Round table discussion begins at 6:30 PM. The general meetings begin at 7:30 PM. Speaker approx. 8:00 PM. Babies up to eight months are welcome to the Roundtable discussions. At the general meet-ings, newborns and breastfeeding babies only, please. For more info visit www.twnotc.com or call club voice mail: 925-948-0004. Refreshment will be served. Entering the Entrepreneurial World, Attend TVC's Center for Commercialization & Entrepreneurial Training on Wednesday, July 18 from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm (registra-tion/continental breakfast at 8 am). This session introduces the emerging or expand-ing entrepreneur to the services of Technol-ogy Ventures Corporation (TVC), commer-cializing a technology-based product, analyz-

ogy Ventures Corporation (TVC), commer-cializing a technology-based product, analyz-ing the business and financial potential of a

product, and exploring the organization and legal alternatives. TVC's training sessions are free to attendees and will be held at the Carr America Conference Center, 4400 Rosewood Drive, Pleasanton. Please register online at: h t t p : //w w w. 1 2 3 s i g n u p. c o m/ calendar?org=techventures. For more infor-mation, contact TVC at 925.960.1600 or

calendar forg=techventures. For more muor-mation, contact TVC at 925.960.1600 or tvc.ca@techventures.org.l Student news: Two students from the Valley were named to the Valparaiso Univer-sity Dean's List for spring semester. They are Jordan Even, Livermore, a junior with a music performance and history major, and Erin Murray, Pleasanton, a junior with a marketing major. Interested in teaching, sharing a special talent? Livermore Adult Education is look-ing for community members who have tal-ents and training that may qualify them to teach a class. Instructors for Taiko Drum-ming, Dog Training, Senior Fitness, Dance, Guitar, Posting on Craig's List computer class and any other course ideas are appreci-ated are being sought. Phone (925)606-4722 or stop by 1401 Almond Ave. Livermore. Pleasanton-Tulancinco Sister City As-sociation Dinner, Mon., July 9, Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St., Pleasanton. 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner. S25 per person.

cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner. \$25 per person. Reservations required by July 1. Call 462-

6723. Odissi Dance Performance: Bay Area Prabasi hosts Dona Ganguly & her group's famous Odissi Dances and a Bengali Drama from Kolkata at Amador Theater on July 14 from 5:30 to 10 PM. For tickets call Rishi at 925-462-9088. Dona is also performing at Cultural Integration Ellowsbing at San Fran-Cultural Integration Fellowship at San Fran-cisco on July 3. For more info, please call Sandy <u>at 415-668-1559</u>. RELIGION

Jews for Jesus, presents the Liberated Wailing 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. Liver-more Ave. 447-1246. A donation of \$10 for

each camper is requested. **Design4Living Conference**. July 20 -21 The Cost \$78 includes all main & breakout sessions, Fri concert, & Sat coffee & lunch. This year's theme is ...Divine truths of the Yahweh Sisterhood. Authors and speakers from around the country will be featured, such as Jennifer Rothschild, Nancy Stafford, Sheri Rose Shepherd and Debbie Ålsdorf. Chonda Pierce as special guest comedian & Bethany Dillon will perform in concert Friday night. This is the third year with the Design4Living Conference, which is hosted by Cornerstone Fellowship in Livermore. Register online at www.cornerstoneweb.org or call 925-447-3465.



Amador High Recognized For Work in **Civic Education**

The Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE) held an awards ceremony recently to honor three area high schools that were cited for their work in Civic Education in the Constitutional Rights Foundation's inaugural Education for Democracy: the California Campaign for the Civic Mission of Schools

awards program. Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton and Irvington High School of Fremont both received the Schools of Distinction Award by the Constitutional Rights Foundation (CRF) for implementing a civic-based plan to strengthen current prac-tices or for already having programs in place that operate at a high level of excellence.

Amador Valley High, a pilot school with the California Cam-paign for the Civic Mission of Schools, was honored for convening parents, teachers, students and administrators in an effort to examine their practice in the six promising areas; to develop a plan for strengthening their practice; and to imple-

ment their plan. Highlights of the school's activities in all six areas include newly implementing Project Citizen in all civic classes; strengthening the civic component of extra-curricular clubs by requiring each to have elected officials, to participate in Lead-ership representative council meetings; and increasing student voice in school governance through a Principal's Council comprised of diverse students who advise the principals on critical issues at the school.



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Dynamic Duo Electrifies Audience

By Nancy O'Connell

The audience arrived at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Livermore on June 30th, expecting to hear a trio, but we were greeted with the news that the flute player and fellow composer, Larry Kassin, had climbed on a roof the day before and fallen, breaking four ribs and puncturing a lung. The other musicians, Tom Darter and Michael Manring, decided the "Show must go on," and produced a remarkable evening of unusual music.

The musicians were dressed informally, as was the audience. Both soloists were jeans, and some men in the audience wore summer shorts. This was not your typical audience at a formal San Francisco Symphony concert in Davies Symphony Hall. It was rather a group of people who came to hear the unexpected, and no one was disappointed. The music was complex, the rhythms intricate, and the two played with a total command of their instruments.

There was no printed pro-gram. Tom Darter informally introduced his own works. Michael Manring introduced his. The first composition was one of Darter's "Spool" which he based on a play by Samuel Beckett. He said it was, "sort of like helicopter blades spinning around." Darter, the pianist, took off after the duo opened the piece, and spun a tune, improvising his way through a maze of notes and embellishments. Then the bass guitar reentered, and the duo came full circle with echoes of the opening.

Manring then played his solo for bass electric guitar, "Excuse Me, Mr. Manring." The sounds

were otherworldly, as though originating in a cave, or drawing inspiration from the long drawn out eerie songs of the humpbacked whale - beautiful and mysterious sounds as he used a right hand vibrato. Later it became percussive, like drops of water falling on a low drone bass.

Manring's "A Forgotten Wish" followed for the duo. Quiet and meditative passages in the piano began, then the guitar entered, low and soulful. The piano improvised with running notes and chord changes. As in Baroque music, both men improvised and embellished. Looking over Darter's shoulder at the printed music, there might be one page written out, but in classical music scores of today, there would be at least ten pages to cover the elapsed time from beginning to end. The rapport between these two soloists, a give and take, was excellent.

Darter's "Dad's Rag" was written a couple of years before his father passed away. This he played by memory. One heard ascending octaves in a crescendo passage, then a mezzo forte section in a descending pattern. Syncopation in a faster tempo sounded difficult technically, with good contrasting sections between the quiet and melodic and a rag right out of the 1920's.

Tom Darter dedicated two short pieces to his young next door neighbors who sat in the first row-"Little Fire Waltz" and "Little Light Waltz." A night for them to remember!

Darter's "Paleontology" is a fusion of bebop, twelve-tone music, and dinosaurs. One could hear the ponderous movements of the gigantic beasts. Again there was a lot of improvisation.

A big guitar section in the center had some very low passages sounding like a ponderous slow moving beast stumbling about. This work was amusing with many dissonant passages in the piano part.

Manring's "The Enormous Room" was based on a work by the poet, ee cummings. Cumming's book is a metaphor for the problems of the world, and Manring created an evocative piece of music for solo guitar. At times it sounded like two instruments with a low drone accompaniment with special effects above. It became hypnotic. In talking to him later, Manring explained the magical looking box at his feet. With that box, which he called an "effects processor," he can prolong the notes. It can produce an "echo effect." It picks up his sounds and enhances them.

The last work, "Gizmo," in the first portion was composed by Manring for all three instruments. In the absence of the flute, it still stood as an intricately woven musical number. In his notes for the CD, Manring writes that only Darter and Kissen were brave enough to perform it with him. In the spirit of the informal approach to this concert, Darter introduced the work and said, "It has lots of notes. Wish us luck." Several sequential patterns emerged, but both musicians utilized the full range of their instruments, and surmounted the difficult passages with ease.

After intermission, other pieces followed which were similar to those in the first portion, but three stood out in this reviewer's mind as memorable. Darter wrote "Presence #7" after a visit he and his wife, Karen Hogan, made to see his former high school music teacher, Goldsmith, in the Sierra foothills. Karen wrote "Silenced Voices," a short story about the magnificent redwoods they saw there. Her words captured her feeling for the tall trees, some of them cut down after living for over 2,000 years. She poses the question, "What will become of us after we have destroyed all other living creatures?" Tom then played his work in honor of Goldsmith, ending in a quiet tonal cadence.

Next came experiments with sound. Darter removed the front panel of the Yamaha upright, exposing the strings and dampers within. He called this a fusion of stripped piano and science fiction to produce his "Eubie Blake on Mars." Years ago I heard John Cage experimenting with the sounds within the piano at Stanford University. In "Eubie," many unusual tones emerged: plucked strings and dampened notes when the felts were held down, producing a hollow, empty sound. These strange effects were enhanced by Manring on his bass

guitar. Manring's "Equilibre" closed the program. He said this music encompassed a "a little bit of everything," and was inspired by the music of Brazil. Having just played 'cello in an orchestra concert earlier this month with Jeremy Cohen as our composer, I heard similarities - the rhythms of the Tango, the merging of intricate jazz forms and syncopation with the familiar form of the Tango. "Equilibre" ended in a free and relaxed style and again, that quiet reverberating echo - an echo which stayed with this listener long after the concert

ended



Winners of the PAL scholarships went to full time art students at Las Positas College, Hilary Kauffman, left, and Miji Kim, right.

PAL Hands Out Art Scholarships

The Pleasanton Art League (PAL) announced the winners of their 2007 scholarships to full time art students at Las Positas College: Hilary Kauffman and Miji Kim. Awards were made on June 18th at the 38th Annual PAL

Show held June 18-21 at the Pleasanton Senior Center in Pleasanton. The show was judged by Professor Emeritus, J. Ronald Pecchenino, UOP. For information contact the show chairperson Pat Smith 846-4138.

Jazz Guitarist Kicks Off Events at Library

Internationally known jazz guitarist Mimi Fox is joined by bass-ist Cindy Browne Rosefield to kick off Jazz in July, a month-long series of jazz events at the Livermore Public Library.

Guitar Player Magazine calls Mimi Fox, "a prodigious talent." She has also been named a "Rising Star" in four consecutive Down Beat International Critics Polls. Mimi's latest recording is Perpetually Hip on the Favored Nations label.

Cindy Browne Rosefield is a noted jazz clinician and music instructor with more than 30 years experience as a touring and recording musician playing everything from jazz to classical to folk.

This free event will be presented at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center in the Craft/Storytime Room on Sunday, July 8th at 2pm. The Friends of the Livermore Library have underwritten this program as part of the Friends Authors and Arts Series.

For additional events, check out the library's website at www.livermore.lib.ca.us.

Muir Station Jazz Band Plays in Pleasanton

The Muir Station Jazz Band will be at the Pleasanton Library on Sun., July 8.

The band will perform a variety of musical styles ranging from early Dixieland to swing and easy listening. The performance will be from 2 to 3:30 p.m. The band features vocals by Kit Nelson, Morgan Olk on piano, Larry Risner on banjo and guitar and Fredy Kinideter on bass and tuba.

There is no admission charge. No registration is required. For more information, please call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.

Medieval Adventure Part of Reading Program The actors of CLAP! (Creative Learning through Arts Program)

will bring knights, dragons and princesses to the Pleasanton Library meeting room on Wednesday, July 11. CLAP! will invite children in the audience to help enact a comical tale of medieval adventure!

No registration is required for the hour-long program, which is recommended for children entering kindergarten and older. Because large crowds are anticipated, two free performances have been scheduled. The first show will be at 1:00 p.m., and a repeat performance will be at 2:30 p.m. Free tickets for each show will be distributed at the Children's Desk 30 minutes prior to the start time. Doors will be closed to late arrivals once the program begins.

For more information about summer programs, go to www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library/programs-events-child.html, or call the Children's Desk at (925) 931-3400 ext. 8.

Wizard Training School Offered at Library

Master magician Brian Scott conjures up his Wizard Training School at the Pleasanton Library meeting room on Saturday, July 7. The Harry Potter-inspired show will delight and amaze with a unique mix of magic and story, including teaching audience members tricks they can do on their own.

No registration is required for this 45 minute program, which is recommended for children entering kindergarten and older. The performance will be at 2:00 p.m., with free tickets distributed at the Children's Desk 30 minutes prior to show time. Doors will be closed to late arrivals once the program begin

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A short term choral opportunity is available to singers interested in experiencing the rich a capella musical tradition of Russia and the near East. The choir of St. Innocent Orthodox church of Livermore invites singers to join them in presenting a concert showcasing 1000 years of sacred Russian melodies at the Livermore Public Library on December 9th. Must be willing to commit to one hour of practice a week in Liv-ermore on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. from July – Dec 5th (Holiday's excluded). Previous choral experience is preferred; being able to match pitch is required. Interested parties should contact Susan Anderson via email at choir@stinnocent.net or call 510-708-3938. Enrollment target is

July 18. Phil Kellogg and Sean Smith in Con-cert at the WestEnd Stage, The Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street (between "G" and "H" Streets), Liv-ermore. July 21, 8pm (doors open at 7:30). \$10. Tickets may be placed on hold at on hold at lryan@livermoreperformingarts.org or 925-447-ARTS. Seating is lim-

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Summer Drama Camp – ages 7 to 18.
Offered by Tri-Valley Young Performers Academy. Star in the musical Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr. Learn and improve in all three areas of performing arts as you work with a professional choreographer, voice coach and drama director. Session II: July 23 – August 18. Monday-Friday, 9am – 3pm. Extended hours available. For more information and to register, visit to register, visit www.trivalleyypa.org or call (925) 551-8238. Class sizes are limited and are filling up fast. **Carol Maddox** will be teaching her 7th workshop at La Romita School of Art in Italy from August 20 through September 3, 2007. Participants will visit small Italian hill towns. Carol is Signature member of the National Watercolor Society. For more information about this opportunity contact Carol at (925) 462-8866 or email: cmad4paint@pacbell.net. Shakespeare in the Vineyards and under the stars, The Comedy of Er-rors, Livermore Shakespeare Festival opens the gates an hour before show time for picnicking at Retzlaff Estate Winery. Four weekends July

12th - August 4th. For information: 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, E/Sat July 20 and 21 at 7:30PM F/ 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.

Blues on the Patio 5:30 - 9:30 pm. Music will be played on the patio every Thursday through September.

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pm - 9:00 pm Information: 925-373-1795 or www.livermoredowntown.com

Ticketmaster.com. Concerts In the Park, July 13, D-Lucca, jazz featuring original com-positions,. hosted by Pleasanton Downtown Association, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Lions Wayside Park, First and Neal Streets, Pleasanton. Bring a picnic dinner or grab a bite at one of Pleasenton's downtown restaurants Pleasanton's downtown restaurants. Free. Information: (925) 484-2199 or www.pleasantondowntown.net. Art Under the Oaks, July 14 and 15,

Art onder the Oaks, July 14 and 15, Alden Lane Nursery, Livermore. Art displays, demonstrations, entertain-ment. No admission charge.
 Thoroughly Modern Millie, Pleasan-ton Playhouse, July 20-August 5, 2007. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd. Pleasanton Curtain time on

2007. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Curtain time on Fridays and Saturdays is 8 p.m. and Sundays 2 p.m. Tickets adults, S30; seniors over 60, S28; juniors under 18, S20. Tickets or information, call 462-2121 or go to www.pleasantonplayhouse.com.
History Talk, Wed., July 18, 7 p.m. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Liver-more Ave. Anne Homan will intro-duce her new book, "Historic Liver-more Ave. Anne Homan will intro-duce her new book, "Historic Liver-more, California, A-Z." Doors open 7 p.m., talk begins at 7:30 p.m. Come early for cookies and chat. For more information, call the Livermore Heri-tage Guild at 449-9927.
Cinema at Wente Vineyards. Gates and Café open at 6:30 pm, the movie

id Cafe open i, the movie begins at twilight. Tickets for the movie only are \$9 adults and \$5 ages 12 and under. Proceeds benefit The California Independent Film Festival. Wed., July 18, "The Wizard of Oz." The Cinema at Wente Vineyards is presented in conjunction with the restaurant at Wente Vineyards on Arroyo Road. For reservations call (925) 456-2400 or online at Ticketmaster.com.

Vineyard Nights, summer music and dinner series at Garré Winery. The schedule: July 6: The Powell St. John Trio. Formerly of the band Mother Earth and the Waller Creek Boys with Janis Joplin, Powell brings his irrev-erent and cutting edge sound to the Livermore Valley. Outdoors under the stars. Indoor seating available. Reservations strongly recommended. Seating from 6-8pm; music until 9pm. Garré Winery, 7986 Tesla Road, Livermore. 925-371-8200, www.garrewinerv.com.

www.garrewinery.com. School House Rock Live! – ages 7 to 18 There is still time to enroll in Tri-Valley Young Performers Academy's summer camp! Featur-ing the musical Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr. Learn and improve in all three areas of performing arts as you work with a professional choreogra-pher, vocal coach and drama/improv director. Second Academy runs July director. Second Academy runs July 23 – August 18. Monday-Friday, - 3pm. Extended hours avail-9am able. For more information and to register, visit www.trivalleyypa.org or call (925) 551-8238. Class sizes

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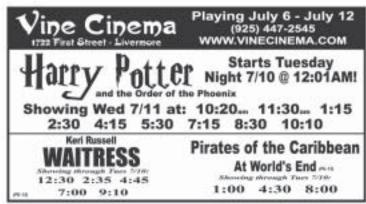
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nies. The Pleasanton Hotel. downtown Pleasanton. Wed. 8 to 10 p.m. Cover is \$7 plus two item minimum. John DeKoven 264-4413, john@laughalotproductions.com, www.laughalotproductions.com.

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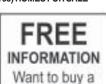
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Photo - Doug Jorgensen One of the scenes from San Francisco Shakespeare Festival's "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

SF Shakespeare's Midsummer Magic

By Susan Steinberg A full moon and a full house (well, lawn) combined to welcome SF Shakes 2007 free production in the park last Saturday night.

The crowd applauded a very different work from last year's sober masterpiece "The Tempest": the ever-popular romantic comedy "Midsummer Night's Dream". Like "Tempest", it combines both mortals and fairy spirits who can influence human lives. And, as in last year's show, the actors perform dual roles in both worlds, adding a fascinating extra dimension to each.

Four mismatched young lovers and their marriage -of -political-necessity rulers enter dream states in an enchanted forest. There a fanciful crew of fairies, their King Oberon, his queen Titania, and the famously mischievous sprite Puck change them all into wiser, more mature couples.

Interwoven with both worlds are the simple local workmen trying to rehearse their amateur play for the royal nuptials Their earnest efforts provide some of the Bard's heartiest comedic scenes, in almost vaudeville

(Rowan Brooks), which are carried off with unusually stylish ease. (Many productions cut or eliminate these beautiful lines just to speed the action.)

Maria Grazia Affinito as Helena does wonders with an overlylengthy reminiscence of her childhood friendship with Hermia, now her romantic rival. The tedious repetition of images ("double cherry", "two lovely berries on one stem", etc.) is given just the right light touch of parody. Petite Summer Serafin as sweet little Hermia responds to her friend's accusations with surprisingly feisty spirit, achieving the realism of a girl's lockerroom quarrel.

While the well-trained cast is nearly perfection, the production itself is problematic. Pieces of the set and many props seem inexplicably random, from odd pieces of metal bed-frames to a series of graduated silver moonballs and a not-very-functional large alarm clock carried by chief courtier Philostrate.

Costumes are even more wildly varied, from the rulers' long leather military coats, vaguely evocative of Čold War heavies, to their skin-tight shiny metallic forest outfits. like something from a futuristic intergalactic movie. Hermia's 50's-style yellow prom dress and Helena's more Carnaby Street mod togs, their boyfriends' streetcorner-casual t-shirts, and the peasants' anonymous black "nightclub band" attire may evoke "timelessness" to the director, but seemed a confusing hodgepodge

duction, similar musical excerpts bracketed many scenes, and even competed at one point with an actor's speech. Traditionalminded listeners were not amused, but younger ones obviously happy to hear popular music grafted onto a classical play, gave the show their rapt attention.

Kudos to SF Shakes for so successfully bridging the gap between page and stage, and appealing to the wide age span present. Special bravos to trouper Rowan Brooke (Puck), who played a very physically demanding role despite a back injury sustained during dress rehearsal. (His broad Cockney speech for Puck, while well-differentiated from the courtly Philostrate's English, is a bit difficult for American ears, and probably should be modified in future performances.)

All the rustic players are excellent - the best such group in memory - with their presentation of outrageous comedy in deadpan earnest. Lewis Sims, as leader Peter Quince, gives a wonderful true-to-text delivery of the Prologue, his errors of miss-spoken nunctuation transforming this

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ated with the developers for fair-market housing. State law allows districts to seek voluntary contracts above the state caps.

Kernan noted that the city is under pressure from the state to create more units of affordable housing. However, affordable housing units have fewer square feet, and with the lower fee, it would contribute much less than the big single-family homes on which the district's projected facilities construction revenues are based. That situation would leave a cash shortfall. Because of the potential change in the housing stock, the district should consider meeting with developers, after the city's general plan is adopted, to re-negotiate the fee, said Kernan.

It's not clear whether state law would allow going above the cap on low-income housing fees. However, staff will research that point. If the low-income fee can't be raised, developers might agree to pay more overall, in a blending of fair-market and low-income fees at the negotiating table, said Kernan.

Kamena said that building enough units to meet the affordable housing goal might force the city to rise above its discussed housing cap of 27,700 units. The city is now out of compliance with (the state assigned) low-income housing goals, according to Kernan." A couple of years ago, Folsom was shut down in midproject, until the housing was addressed. So I felt all along that we may be forced to build additional housing beyond the cap," concluded Kernan.

Trustee Steve Brozosky, a former city council member, said that he would like to see the school district staff develop scenarios for a mixture that would include more small units, with two of them at a 29,000-unit cap, and the third at 27,700.

Brozosky said that developers, and therefore their customers, would pay twice. They have to pay fees to subsidize low-income housing, and, under Kernan's proposal, also have to pay more for schools, too. "Essentially you are calling for a moratorium on building, Brozosky told Kernan.

Kernan's response was, "I have no problem approaching developers on it." Even if the affordable housing fee could be raised to \$5 per square foot, "we are vulnerable, if the state comes down with increased housing numbers. The numbers could change dramatically. We get the kids, regardless of single family units, multi-famly units, or whatever," he said.

Increasing the housing cap

Kernan replied, "We should be proactive.

ÔTT WANTS TO WEAN KIDS OFF CARS Trustees also looked over an

item related to growth, the priority lists for various high school facilities projects. The board has reviewed these during several meetings in the past few months. Superintendent John Casey

said that it looked as if some \$18 million worth of projects could be built. However, another \$37 million in proposals might not be attained without coming up with new means of financing.

The staff has shown the board a list with three levels of priorities at the various meetings, with little hope of building the third level with revenue sources currently available. Virtually all of the top priority tier would be covered by the \$18 million. The list is still subject to change.

Trustees said they will be e-

mailing some of their thoughts to Casey about what looks good to them for the top priority cat-egory. One item on the third-priority list, a \$110,000 bicycle rack and a secure enclosure at Amador Valley High School, was singled out during board discussion by trustees as being a high price. Amador Valley principal Bill Coupe said he could lower the cost by building it himself.

Board president Jim Ott said, "We should take one-half of the parking area and make it for bicycles, if we are going to start to make a difference in reducing our carbon footprint."

Trustee Kris Weaver said, Good luck" on weaning the teen-age culture away from cars.

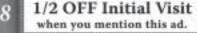
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could also delay the ultimate build-out date for the city. ALL ABOUT DA Trustee Kris Weaver said that as it stands now, city manager Ballicom, Latin, Salsa, Wedding Dances Nelson Fialho has told the dis-Friendly, Experienced Instructors. We Make It Easy and Fun. trict, "We should feel comfortable www.itsallaboutdancing.com using 27,700 units. It would take (925) 449-9292 · 2247 Second Street, Livermore

style.

As always, SF Shakes actors' miraculously clear articulation made every word of the text easily accessible to listeners, including those unfamiliar with Elizabethan speech. Even youngsters obviously relished the realistic zest of the boyfriend/girlfriend dialogues, as well as their fights (verbal cattiness for the girls, and more testosterone-fueled physicality for the boys).

The broad burlesque humor of the rustic amateur players, with their ignorant misuse of words, was endearing as well as hysterical. In fact, the most outstanding cast member was veteran actor Gary Martinez as Bottom the Weaver, with his vigorous theatrics (both with and without his famous donkey's head). Hearing him emote provides a textbook example of excellent Shakespearean delivery - neither too declamatory nor too conversational, but bringing out all the best of his lines with nuance and good humor.

All ages of listeners picked up on his hysterical malapropisms: "We shall rehearse most obscenely" (obscurely), "flowers of odious (odorous) savors sweet", and "I see a voice".

In fact the entire play-withina-play is a virtual parody of all Shakespeare scorned in lesser authors and actors, which he targeted in other works, such as Hamlet's speech to the players. So too are the lovers' hot protestations of undying love, changing instantly to utter loathing, He ridiculed such exaggerated bombast in Sonnet 130, ("My mistress' eyes are nothing like the sun").

Every actor in this production is strongly dedicated to playing the comedy to the hilt without doing it grossly. It's a fine line between exaggeration for effect and witless burlesque, and all the players walk it deftly. Especially noteworthy are the long expository monologues by Oberon (Michael Storm), Titania (Emily Jordan), and Puck to this viewer. The insertion of off-beat recorded musical excerpts has become a newly-popular way of "jazzing up" Shakespeare. In last year's "Merchant of Venice" at Cal Shakes, Shylock lived in a dumpster full of money, serenaded by a recording of "If I Were a Rich Man". In this pro-

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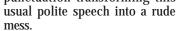
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Come early, bring a picnic, a low beach chair, and a warm jacket. Admission is free, but like most happy attendees, you'll probably want to help fill this fine company's donation baskets.

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