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Sean Smith will be one of the featured performers in the opening concert.

Concert Series Debuts at Center

The Bothwell Arts Center will begin a new, acoustic live music concert series starting July 21st and running through August 24th. The series is the first in what is hoped to be a regular occurrence at the Bothwell

The Summer Concert Series takes place in the Bothwell's West End Theatre. It will offer special evenings of music ranging from blues to original rock,

alternative to pop. Opening the series on Satur-day July 21st, Phil Kellogg and Sean Smith deliver a night of original and traditional blues performed in their unique and individual styles that have brought them critical attention. The next week, on Saturday, July 28th, Paul Manousos performs his original alternative music delivered with the passion his reviewers and audiences applaud. Opening for Manousos is Arthur Dodge, a folk/country singer on tour from Kansas.

On August 4th, the many followers of Moreality will hear (See CONCERTS, page 10)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen Karen Halliday

Landowners Happy with Habitat Effort

East County landowners are looking forward to signing up with the Partnership for Land Conservation and Stewardship (PLCS), which will put them in a position to sell conservation easements on their properties.

Allison and Albert Batteate, who own 65 acres in Collier Canyon, are among 13 landowners who are interested in being listed on the PLCS register. The regis-ter informs agencies and developers about landowners who can offer species habitat for the miti-gation that EIRs require when habitat is displaced.

Deadline to sign up for the

initial registration is July 31. Allison Batteate said that

when ranchers and farmers sell habitat easements to developers and agencies, it provides the perfect solution to the impact that development has on East County. "I see it as the county trying to provide what voters said they wanted (in Measure D in 2000) in preserving agricul-ture. This is the way to try to give it to them, in a fair way. The people taking away the open space, (the developers and agen-cies) need to fund it," said Batteate.

The county is paying for one-

half of the cost of the approximately \$200,000 start-up cost for PLCS, with the combined federal and state agency known as the **Resource Conservation District** (RCD) paying the remainder. Batteate hopes that when new

development proposals come to the county, there will be an auto-matic referral to the PLCS as a way of locating habitat for any mitigation that might be required from such developments. She wants the mitigation kept in Alameda County, not sent to Tracy or Modesto.

The PLCS landed its first agency seeking habitat mitiga-

tion one month ago when Caltrans signed up to find mitigation land for the work it will be performing in widening Highway 84 at Pigeon Pass. Others are expected to follow soon, accord-ing to Terry Huff, executive director of the federal Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), one of the two partners in the RCD.

The Batteates have several cattle grazing parcels in the Val-ley. Albert Batteate comes from an area ranching family that dates back to the 19th century. The couple wants to stay on the land. They use their Collier Canyon parcel, where they live, for taking care of the calves that come from the other pastures. If they receive money for their conservation easements, they can put it into the ranch, and leverage it to qualify for some 50/50 grants through the RCD, said Allison Batteate.

Both she and Albert have day jobs in order to be able to stay in ranching. The Batteates have looked at PLCS thoroughly, because it's a long-term commitment that involves taking away the development rights to the property. The Batteates are com-

Mayor Gets Underway

The only local election slated for the November ballot concerns the Livermore City Council and Mayor. Two council seats and the mayor's position are Încumbents open. Councilmembers Marj Leider and Lorraine Dietrich have said they plan to run, as has incumbent Mayor Marshall Kamena.

The nomination period for candidates for school and municipal offices on the ballot for the November 6, 2007 election opened on Monday, July 16 and ends Friday, August 10 at 5:00 p.m. In the event that an incumbent fails to file for re-election, the nomination period for that office is extended until Wednesday, August 15, 2007.

Leider has already picked up her nomination papers. Also picking up papers for a council seat was Jeff Williams. He had applied for the vacancy created when Tom Reitter left the council, and was supported by Reitter.

Leider said, "I feel we still have a lot of projects in the works. I would like to see them further along before I retire." She mentioned the Lucky site, 1800-seat theater, infill development and transit oriented development on Vasco Road.

Williams said he would continue the vision, energy and lead-ership exhibited by Reitter over nearly two decades. "I believe the city is heading in the right direction. The downtown and urban growth boundary will continue to make Livermore a desirable place to live. Maintaining and enhancing the quality of life is what I want as a retiree who plans to live here the rest of my life."

Carolyn Siegfried, who was interviewed for the recent appointment, said that she has not made a final decision about whether she will run in November. "I will look to see whether it would be possible, especially the (See ELECTION, page 4)

Pleasanton Planning Commission to Hold Hearing on Land Use Element

The Pleasanton Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the general plan draft land use element.

The meeting is Wed., July 25 at 7 p.m. At its May 1 meeting, the

Pleasanton City Council voted

anton, Kottinger Place/Pleasanton Gardens, and the downtown. There will also be units held

in reserve for future planning. The council asked that wording be included that would establish sufficient flexibility in the general plan so that the council could consider alternative land uses if they were presented. Also requested was wording that would encourage development of smaller, affordable-by-design homes.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen Art Under the Oaks offered an opportunity for young artists to try their creative skills. One of the young artist was Anthony Colandone of Livermore, age three and a half. He is making a clothespin butterfly.

Pleasanton Initiative Process Underway

Supporters of the Pleasanton Eastern Gateway Initiative have started the legal process to qualify it for the ballot. The initiative would

the ballot in November 2008. The proponents had released

tial zoning would be required for the uses that the county and dean earlier ballot petition, but are velopers want to see occur there. substituting the current one so The standard procedure is to seek that it would not block setting pre-zoning from the city. The approved zoning would go into effect when the city annexed the land. Customarily, the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) wants to see pre-zoning on property before it gives approval for annexation.

(See HABITAT, page 4) **Race for Livermore Council,**

Retired President Proud Of LPC's Student Focus

Karen Halliday and her husband, Jim, unpacked the last Uhaul load of many at their home in rural Oregon last week. Now it's time for Karen, the recently retired president of Las Positas College (LPC), to relax and entertain California friends and relatives who will be making their way to the Hallidays for visits.

The couple have owned the property for several years, and have planted 2 acres of Pinot Noir grapes. "There are some world-class wineries here. Brick House is in partnership with us, teaching us the process," Karen Halliday said by phone from her new home.

In a way, the Halliday's vineyard is a souvenir of Livermore wine country. Jim Halliday learned about growing vines by taking viticulture classes at Las Positas. A former CEO of a technology firm that served sightimpaired people, Halliday was able to move his more recent (See HALLIDAY, page 3)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen A scarecrow, with a futuristic look, has been installed to scare birds away from this year's grape crop.

that most of the 125-acre Staples Ranch be reserved for open space and playing fields. One of the initiative's chief backers, Matt Morrison, said that the initiative is scheduled for publication July 19 in the Valley Times. If the backers collect approximately

4000 valid signatures in the next six months, it would qualify for

aside 40 acres for expansion of a Pleasanton car dealership. However, it would block such uses as a senior housing facility and also an ice rink, which is being proposed by the San Jose Sharks. The land is still unincorpo-

rated, and owned by the Alameda County. The zoning is agricultural. Commercial and residen-

Morrison said that despite the pre-zoning, the initiative could (See INITIATIVE, page 4)

to move forward with a preferred land use plan identified by the council at earlier workshops.

The preferred land use plan identifies a 350-unit apartment complex at the new West BART station and 333 units in Hacienda Business Park. The remainder of the units would be distributed among Staples Ranch, East Pleas-

There are approximately 1200 units left to be allocated under the 29,000 unit housing cap approved by voters.

Retirement Benefits to Match Los Alamos

Last week, Secretary of Energy Samuel Bodman announced that the Department of Energy will offer employees at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory a benefits package that is congruent with the current package being offered to their colleagues at Los Alamos National Laboratory. The package will be maintained through June of 2008 when a new comprehensive benefit valuation study will be conducted for both labs, at which time lab managers will have a role in determining which companies are evaluated as part of the study.

The Energy Department had previously proposed a package that would have put the Lawrence Livermore National Lab at a significant disadvantage in retaining and recruiting world-class scientists and researchers, and had resisted a comment period (See BENEFITS, page 4)

LARDP to Appoint **New Board Member**

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) Board of Directors on Wednesday voted 4-0 to appoint someone to fill the vacant seat on the panel left by the recent departure of President Dale Turner.

The other option would have been to call a special election. The four directors will fill the vacancy by September 10, 2007 for a term that will continue until the next general district election on November 4, 2008.

"We encourage anyone with a special interest in the recreation and parks opportunities and resources within the LARPD area scope to apply for this position," said LARPD General Manager Tim Barry. "This is a great chance to participate in the community building process around some very exciting projects such as the Robertson Park Master Plan, a new bicycle stunt course, and completing the South Livermore (See LARPD, page 4) Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Kelly and Dave Corkill show off the newest theaters opening soon at Livermore Cinema.

Last 3 Screens To Open At Livermore Cinemas

The final three theaters at Livermore Cinemas will be opening soon, bringing the total there to 13 theaters. Cinema West owner Dave Corkill said that he expects to have the rooms open either

July 20 or the following Friday, July 27.

Cinema West is an independent chain based in northern California.

The new theaters will seat 65,

80, and 100 people. The largest of the theaters currently seats 300. It will bring the total in the building to 2100 seats.

All of the cinemas have digi-(See CINEMA, page 5)

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PET OF THE WEEK

Raven is shy and takes her time about opening up to people, but once she does she will be a friend for life. She is a 5-year old black haired beauty who needs a quiet home where she can get a lot of one-on-one attention and love. She gets along with other cats, but would prefer a home without dogs and small children. For more information about Raven,

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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Photo - Doug Jorgensen "Ribs and Rims" was the theme of a community event held last Saturday at Crossroads Church in Livermore. The "Rims" featured a variety of cars ranging from hot rods to classics.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Artist Patrizia Griovacchini is painting a scene looking out from the tasting room at the Thomas Coyne Winery. The mural will be at the downtown tasting room located at Blacksmith Square in Livermore.

DOE Proposes \$3.3 Million Fine for Los Alamos Incident

Valley Ave. **Extension Opens Today**

The opening of the Valley Avenue extension, connecting Valley Avenue at Bernal Avenue through the Bernal Property development to Case Avenue, is scheduled for Thursday, July 19.

In anticipation of this roadway completion, Junipero Street between Case Avenue and Sunol Boulevard has been renamed Valley Avenue.

Completion of this project by the Bernal Investment Corporation, developers of the Bernal property, provides the link between the residential development on the Bernal property and the public schools located on Case Avenue.

"We're very pleased to be opening this extension and offering nearby residents another road by which to reach schools, shopping and other destination points," said Rob Wilson, Pleasanton's Director of Public Works.

The new traffic signal at Case Ave and Valley Avenue was activated on Tuesday and tested throughout the day on Wednesday prior to the removal of fences and barricades on Thursday morning to open the new Valley Avenue underpass. This underpass will provide the fourth "grade-separated" crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks through Pleasanton.

The extension had been scheduled to open earlier in the year. However, a high groundwater condition was encountered during construction of the underpass. Working with the City, Bernal Investment Corporation has installed back up systems that assure adequate stormwater and groundwater pumping.



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proposed \$3.3 million in fines against the University of California and Los Alamos National Security, LLC. It is the largest fine the department has evern assessed.

The penalty was proposed for violations of classified information security.

The incident involved a subcontractor's employee who stole documents out of a classified computer system. The documents were found during a drug raid at a trailer park.

The Department of Energy (DOE) and its National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) took the formal enforcement actions following extensive investigations.

The NNSA issued a Prelimi-nary Notice of Violation to the University of California with a \$3,000,000 proposed civil penalty and a Preliminary Notice of Violation to LANS with a \$300,000 proposed civil penalty.

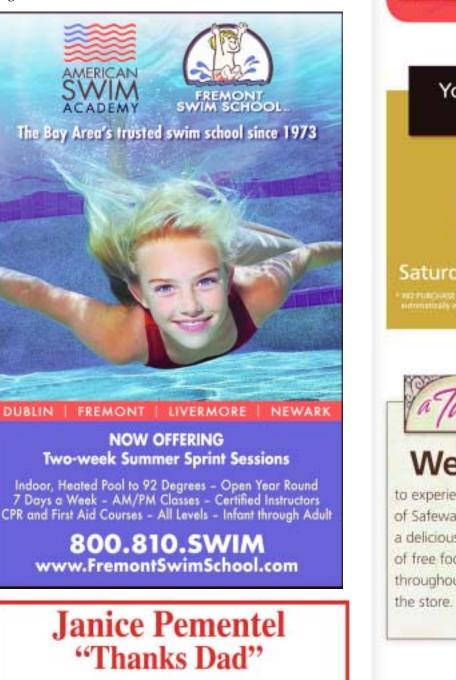
In addition, Secretary of En-ergy Samuel Bodman issued a Compliance Order to LANS which requires the contractor to take specific corrective actions on a prescribed timetable in regard to the physical protection and cyber security of classified information at the Laboratory. Violation of a Compliance Order is itself a violation of departmental regulations, which may result in the imposition of civil penal-ties up to \$100,000 per day for each violation.

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and operated the Laboratory for the Department and its predecessor agencies. On June 1, 2006, LANS, a limited liability corporation comprised of Bechtel National, Inc., the University of California, BWX Technologies, Inc., and the Washington Group International, Inc., took over as the new management and operating contractor.



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VALLEY ROUNDUP

BART Train Delays

BART has had to adjust slightly train departures and arrivals at the Dublin/Pleasanton station as a result of construction of a new station in West Dublin/Pleasanton.

On weekdays, between 4 a.m. and 7 p.m., trains will depart the current station approximately two minutes early. Most trains will arrive five to seven minutes late. These changes will be in effect until the new station is completed, scheduled for mid-2009.

The magnitude of the construction-related delays is too extensive for Wheels to be able to absorb with simple bus schedule adjustments. All passengers with critical BART to bus or bus to BART connections at the Dublin/Pleasanton station are advised to start their entire trips early in order to arrive at their final destinations in a timely manner.

For more information about train delays or the new station, go to www.bart.gov. For Wheels route and schedule information go to www.wheelsbus.com or call 455-7500.

Meeting with Seniors

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi (D-Hayward) is hosting a series of Mobile District Offices (MDOs) at local senior centers. In the Tri-Valley, the MDO will be Wednesday, August 1, at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. from 10:40 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Assembly staff will be available to answer questions and address any concerns the community may have regarding state agencies. Seniors will receive complimentary copies of the 2007-2008 Senior Community Resource Guide. The guide provides listings of federal, state, and local community and non-profit services available to seniors. The guide also includes a section on senior scams and tips to avoid becoming a victim of fraud and theft. Other informational literature will be available on topics such as stroke, diabetes, high blood pressure, identity theft prevention, and earthquake preparedness. The Mobile District Offices are open to the

public. For more information, please contact Assemblymember Hayashi's district office at (510) 583-8818 or visit her website at www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi.

Vasco Road Safety Assemblyman Guy Houston's Assembly Bill 15, dealing with safety improvements on Vasco Road, was approved by the Senate Transporta-

tion and Housing committee on July 10th. Assembly Bill 15 will direct the California Department of Transportation to provide recommendations to help speed up any necessary regu-latory permits and will assist in identifying funding sources to build a median barrier on Vasco Road

The construction of a median barrier along Vasco Road will require both state and local fund-ing. Voter approved bonds can provide millions in funding through Proposition 1B for Vasco Road, but commitments from local governments will be necessary to help cover the cost of the barrier.

"Since arriving in the State Legislature in 2002, safety on Vasco Road has been one of my top priorities. This road, which serves my constituents that reside in East Contra Costa County and Alameda County, has been the site of a num-ber of tragic deaths. A permanent solution to this deadly problem is needed," said Assemblyman Houston

Since 2003, 17 people have been killed in accidents on Vasco Road; many of which were "crossover" type accidents that could have been avoided with a median barrier. The number of cars using Vasco Road daily has gone up from 16,000 a decade ago to now over 22,000. enue and Sycamore Valley Road.

Construction fences were installed on Wednesday, July 11. For the public's safety, the trail was closed at that time for the duration of the project, which should take approximately one month. Grade Tech Incorporated of Castro Valley has been hired by the Park District to complete the construction. All streets and parking lots will remain open with minimal impact to traffic. For more information on this project, please contact Park Supervisor, Louie Guzman, 925-687-3419.

West Nile Virus

Mark Horton, director of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), announced last week that West Nile virus (WNV) has claimed the life of an elderly woman in Kern County. She is the first to die this year in California from complications associated with the virus.

To date in 2007, WNV activity has been detected in 30 of California's 58 counties. In addition to the death, seven people have become ill with WNV infections in Kern County and one in San Joaquin County. WNV also has been detected in 230 dead

birds (2 in Alameda County and 5 in Contra Costa), 182 mosquito samples, two horses, 13 chickens and three squirrels. WNV is transmitted to humans and animals through a mosquito bite. Mosquitoes become infected when they feed on infected birds and tree squirrels.

Most individuals who are infected with WNV will not experience any illness. Individuals 50 years of age and older have a higher chance of getting sick and are more likely to develop serious symptoms when infected with WNV. Recent data also indicate that those with diabetes and/ or hypertension are at greatest risk for serious illness.

The most effective ways for individuals to prevent exposure to WNV are: • Apply insect repellent containing DEET, picaradin or oil of lemon eucalyptus, according to label instructions. • Ensure doors and windows have tightfitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or holes. • Eliminate all sources of standing water that can support mosquito breeding.

For more information about WNV and to report dead birds and tree squirrels, visit www.westnile.ca.gov or call toll-free 1-877-WNV-BIRD (968-2473).

Loni Hancock Guest Speaker

Assembly Member Loni Hancock will speak to the Tri-Valley Democratic Club on Monday July 23rd at 7 p.m. at the IBEW 595 Hall 6250 Village Pkwy Dublin, CA. Q&A will follow her talk. The press and public are invited. Admission is free. The site is wheelchair accessible.

Hancock served as mayor of Berkeley, California from 1986 to 1994, and is currently representing California State Assembly District 14. The 14th Assembly District includes Albany, Berkeley, Canyon, El Cerrito, El Sobrante, Emeryville, Kensington, Lafayette, Moraga Orinda Pleasant Hill, Richmond, San Pablo and parts of Martinez, Oakland, and Walnut Creek.

If Don Perata were term limited, she has announced plans to run for his state senate seat. He represents Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Castro Valley, Dublin, El Sobrante, Emeryville, Livermore, Oakland, Piedmont, Richmond, and San Pablo.

Correction

The article "Charter School Fills Interim Ad-ministrative Positions" in the July 12 edition of the Independent states that "Goldstein has accused the Board of violating the Brown Act by making the decision to fire him in closed session." It should have read "Goldstein has accused the Board of various violations of the Brown Act." Lon Goldstein has not accused the Board of the Livermore Valley Charter School of any Brown Act violation in relation to the Board's decision to terminate his employment.

HALLIDAY (continued from page one)

work in business to their home. Karen Halliday grew up in Hayward. She said she had no idea in her early years that she would wind up being a college president. She began her career as a teacher at De Anza College in Cupertino. She helped to develop the first community col-lege program in the state for adults with learning disability.

The statewide office for community colleges noticed Halliday's work at De Anza, and asked her to join the state staff in Sacramento to work on a new program on learning disability. Later, she was promoted to dean of student services for the statewide system.

However, Halliday missed the contact with students on a college campus. She had visited nearly all of the state's 103 community colleges at that time, and liked what she saw at Las Positas. "It was small, and new, and so focused on students. When the vice president left, and my husband's job was mobile, I applied for it," she said.

Halliday spent seven and onehalf years as vice president of stu-dent services and five and onehalf years as president at LPC. She saw quite a bit of progress during that time. Enrollment grew from 4000 to the current 8200 students, with a projection of 8600 for this fall.

Although a few years ago it

looked as though the Daugherty campus of the Contra Costa college system would seriously hurt LPC, the Livermore college has fared pretty well, said Halliday. Although some 200 classes had to be canceled in 2002, partly due to a state budget crisis, the growth has been steady since then.

"Two years ago, (community colleges across the state) were down 2 percent. We grew 4 percent. Last year, we grew 7 percent, while the whole state grew only 1 percent. This year, growth will be closer to 5 or 6 percent," said Halliday.

The multi-million dollar bond issue passed by voters in 2004 was a big step ahead during her administration. Combined with state bond money, it is helping to expand the campus. Such things as a gym/PE complex and a multi-disciplinary building have been added. In the fall there will be groundbreaking for an aquatic center.

Other projects to be started are a performing arts complex and a child development center. Design is starting on a student services building and on expansion of the science center and library.

Halliday also mentioned the college's viticulture program. "As we speak, the vines are going in today (last week) on the south end of campus. Shea Homes is deeding a demonstration vineyard (of 3.5 acres) to the college," she said.

Halliday attributes LPC's success to "being absolutely stu-dent-focused. These are not empty words. Everyone on campus cares about students. Las Positas students know that, and I think the community knows that. Students stay until they get their goals met."

"Our community is incredibly supportive of us. They are sending us great students. We are in a growing area. We have great relations with the feeder high schools. The LPC faculty is excellent. The faculty has won state and national awards. The staff is terrific," said Halliday, who sounds as if her heart hasn't left campus, with her references to 'we" and "us."

Halliday said that she "loves the college and the community so much." It was easier to leave knowing that she has been succeeded by Bob Kratochvil as LPC president, and that former vice chancellor Joel Kinnamon has replaced Susan Cota as chancellor. "I'm incredibly excited about the team that is still there."

As far as what Halliday will do in retirement, besides entertaining guests and growing grapes, "I have no idea. I won't be making commitments to do anything for awhile. This is the first time since I was 17 years old that I haven't worked.'



Trail Section Closed

The East Bay Regional Park District will oversee a two-section rehabilitation project on the Iron Horse Trail this summer in Danville. The major portion of the project will occur on a 0.7 mile section of trail running from Prospect Avenue north to Del Amigo Road. A second project includes a 750 foot section between Hartz Av-

Correction

John Mahoney was incorrectly quoted in a story on traffic fees.. He stated the cost of fees per square foot rose 13 dollar to 19 dollars not cents.

Advantages of a full day Kindergarten

A full day Kindergarten gives the child and their teachers the opportunity for more in-depth learning. For about 17 years, The Quarry Lane School has offered full-day Kindergarten with remarkable success. Studies show that full-day Kindergartners exhibited more independent learning, classroom involvement, productivity in work with peers and reflectiveness than half-day Kindergarteners. (Humphrey 1994)

Children at this developmental level have more time to learn academic subjects and more time for social skills practice. At The Quarry Lane School, children are exposed to more specialized learning in Spanish, physical education, music, art, library and computer in addition to the daily core curriculum.

The Quarry Lane Kindergarten day includes time for learning, sharing, discussion and rest periods not found in a typical three hour Kindergarten day. Child-centered activities allow children to explore the classroom, play and engage with their peers. They have more time to learn about sharing, taking turns, understanding rules, following directions, the ability to work in a group, the ability to work independently, and how to show concern or empathy for others.

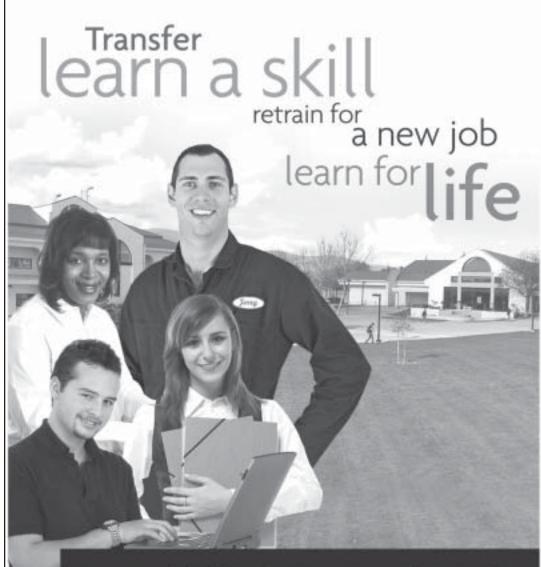
Today's Kindergarten is more academically demanding than it was 20 years ago. Children now learn to read and write in Kindergarten and the full day program allows for a more relaxing pace in which to master these skills. Teachers also have more time to give students individual attention and arrange small group activities.

The Quarry Lane School offers its full day Kindergarten from 8:15 am to 2:50 pm at its Dublin Campus at 6363 Tassajara Rd. It is an exceptional opportunity for young children to experience a high quality program with daily practice in language, math and writing. The program also includes classes taught by specialty teachers in music, art, computers, library, science and Spanish. Children thrive and develop a lifelong love of learning in this supportive and enriched environment.

Schedule a personal tour today of The Quarry Lane Dublin campus. This award-winning school has been named the East Bay Family Favorite for six years in a row by readers of Bay Area Parent magazine. Call the school Admissions Office at (925) 829-8000 to reserve space for your child, as classes are filling for Fall 2007.

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EDITORIAL

ValleyCare Children's Hospital

ValleyCare Health System has signed an agreement with the University of California at San Francisco (UCSF) to create at ValleyCare a "hospital within a hospital" specializing in enhanced treatment for Tri-Valley women and children.

Plans call for a children's hospital to be developed over the next three to five years. It will be named the UCSF Children's Hospital at ValleyCare.

The two systems began working together as of July 1.

UCSF has never before collaborated on such a large scale outside its own facilities. ValleyCare, too, is reaching to a new level, as it strives to meet increasing patient needs.

"UCSF views this relationship with ValleyCare as a bellwhether example of how academic medical centers can coordinate care with a community hospital," said Mark Laret, UCSF Medical Center CEO.

ValleyCare and UCSF, thank you! This partnership is exciting news. It will bring world-class specialty care to the grassroots - to women and children right in their own community.

LARPD

(continued from page one) system of trails that connect with regional trails and public points of interest, to name just a few,' he added.

Persons who are qualified voters and live within the 245square mile boundary of the LARPD are invited to apply for the seat. Application materials will be accepted until Friday, July 27, 2007 at 12:00 noon. For more information, please contact Gretchen Sommers at the LARPD, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550-5053. She can be contacted by phone at (925) 373-5725, and by email at gsommers@larpd.dst.ca.us.

In other business, the Board approved the concept of a conservation easement over the Ravenswood Historic Site. The property is owned by the City of Livermore. It is managed and operated by the LARPD. The Tri-Valley Čonservancy would hold the easement for the Ravenswood property. Similar easements are in place in South Livermore, where olive groves and vineyards are protected from future development.

The purpose of the easement would be to prevent future commercial or residential development on the 33 plus acre site on Arroyo Road.

There would be negotiations regarding the content of the easement. Currently, LARPD has a master plan approved for Ravenswood that includes the construcbuilt to host events so that the historic buildings on the site would not have to be used.

Sharon Burnham, executive director of the Tri-Valley Conservancy, said the idea was not to tie the hands of the district in operating the site. "We just want the easement so that the site is never built on.'

Director David Furst asked if the easement would prevent moving forward with the master plan.

"That is correct," replied Burnham. "The district would not be able to add a building. However, we haven't closed any doors." As to whether a pavilion could ever be built, Burnham noted that the land belongs to the city. It would be up to the city to make the final decision.

Director Scott Kamena suggested that he would support an easement that is simple and elegant; that would allow historic uses on the site. He suggested drawing a line around the buildings and areas not currently planted in grapes, and place a easement that allows the historic uses. The planted areas would be put under an ag easement.

Board President Steve Goodman agreed with Kamena. He didn't want the uses to be too specific.

In other action, the Board approved the plans and specifications for the Sunken Gardens Bicycle Stunt Course located at 3800 Pacific Avenue in Livermore. The course, which will be adjacent to the existing skate park, will feature a six-foot halfpipe, quarter pipes, a street spine and a concrete barrier that can be used by all skill levels. The expected completion date is October 2007.

Congressman McNerney Makes Direct Pitch To Keep Livermore VA Open

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McNerney said in a confer-ence call with reporters,

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make a decision in the near fu-

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announced the Livermore outpa-

tient clinic will be closed, but has

not yet determined the fate of the

nursing home. The VA's reason-

ing for closing the outpatient clinic is that it's a poor location for the growing San Joaquin

County population to come for services. The VA promises to

keep the clinic open until it can

build a replacement somewhere

in Alameda or Contra Costa coun-

ties, which likely wouldn't hap-

pen until sometime after 2012.

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cluding keeping the clinic open and adding the half-way house for PTSD and TBI patients.

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cause of the wars in Afghanistan

and Iraq. He declared that the \$6

Kamena voted for Tom Vargas in

the first round of voting, but also

voted for the eventual winner

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garded as more on the environ-

who were sought for comment

were former council member Tom

Vargas and Darryl West. However,

they didn't return phone calls be-

fore the Independent's deadline.

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councilmember that he would

evaluate the situation and decide

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Other potential candidates

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Nicholson's office already has

it to be relatively soon.

more campus open.

Rep. Jerry McNerney is hope-ful that the Veterans Administration will keep the Livermore campus in operation for veterans medical care, he said after meeting with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs James Nicholson.

The Pleasanton Democrat met with Nicholson July 12 in Washington. McNerney is a member of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs.

His goals include keeping the 120-bed nursing home in Liver-more open, or, if it were closed, starting one in French Camp near Stockton, next to a community hospital there. He also wants VÅ to start a half-way house on the Livermore campus for veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).

Central Valley cities have been lobbying to have more VA facilities in their area. French Camp is in the eastern portion of McNerney's 11th Congressional District. Although the Livermore facility is in Democratic Rep. Ellen Tauscher's 10th CD, many veterans in the remainder of the Tri-Valley want Livermore to stay open, too.

Tauscher, a member of the House Armed Services Commit-

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fact that the incumbents are already running," she said.

Steven Hunter, who was also interviewed for the recent vacancy, said he is not going to run. He said, "I pretty much support the current council There is some balance there. I hope that would remain.

When he applied for the vacancy appointment, he wanted to be of service, but he said that he has no special agenda that he would want to advance as a candidate in November. Hunter, an electrical engineer at LLNL, said, "I see Lorraine Dietrich as balancing out the council interests in terms of representing businesses. Marj Leider is "the epitome of no-growth. The mayor

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still halt any uses on the property. According to Morrision, the city could deny hook-ups to developers for power and sewage treatment

However, Pleasanton City Attorney Michael Roush told the Independent that if a developer were already vested in development with an approved development plan, then that status would take precedence over the initiative's power to block development. If that were the case, then it's apparent that developers would race the clock to vest their developments before the initiative would take effect. Morrison said that he doubts development will move rapidly, because of the traditional long process in Pleasanton. However, if there is a need to move the initiative up, the proponents could do that by trying to hold a special election. That would require more signatures, 15 percent of registered voters, instead of 10 percent.

In a related matter, Pleasanton councilmember Matt Sullivan issued a press release praising the initiative drafters for making an exception for the 40 acres for the car dealer. "I think this opens the door for further discussions and a potential compromise that could meet the needs of the county as property owner, the local business community, the neighborhood, and the city of Pleasanton. I would encourage

billion that has been allocated by Congress to the VA should enable the agency to keep both the outpatient clinic and the nursing home open at Livermore, and build a new facility at French Camp. He doubted that any more money would be appropriated for the budget

"They (VA) are in a position to make it happen," he said. Nicholson sounded more receptive to the PTSD half-way house idea than he did to keeping the Livermore outpatient clinic open, said McNerney. The veterans secretary was "very concerned about PTSD and TBI. He was sympathetic to the cause."

The VA treats PTSD as a counseling matter for an outpatient clinic, so there is no need for beds in a facility. However, McNerney told Nicholson that the Livermore campus, with its bucolic, relaxing atmosphere, would be an ideal place where war-front veterans "can stay for a month or so, and get back on their feet."

Currently, the only PTSD counseling offered by the VA in the Bay Area is in Palo Alto. "He talked about Palo Alto. That's a heckuva commute for veterans with this kind of problem. That's why I'm fighting so hard for this," said McNerney.

The movement to close some facilities and build others was launched by a VA national drive called Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES). The idea is to shift facilities to outlying communities outside of metropolitan areas, because veterans are moving there to obtain affordable housing. The VA established a local

panel from Alameda and San Joaquin counties several years ago. The panel conducted public hearings, and was limited only to exploring the best loca-tion for a nursing home, because Nicholson had already made the

decision to close the clinic. The panel offered Nicholson the options of rebuilding the Livermore nursing home, or closing it and opening one in French Camp. There was also sentiment on the panel to build a nursing home at both locations. However, Nicholson's office has made it clear that only one site would be favored, because of budget.

Although no decision has been announced, McNerney said last week that it appeared to him that Nicholson had fewer objections to the French Camp loca-tion than to Livermore for the nursing home.

(Marshall Kamena) appears ready been endorsed by Friends of Livermore. Hunter pointed out that

According to a statement released Tuesday by Friends of Livermore, "Leider, who is finishing her first term on the Council, has a solid track record of doing just what she said she would do, which is to support the preservation of agriculture and open space, maintain the urban growth boundary all around the city, defend the scenic corridor as much as possible, rehabilitate the downtown and promote infill development that includes affordable housing.'

Bob Baltzer, Chairman of Friends of Livermore noted, "We have made excellent progress in these areas, but we are not finished.³

Baltzer, stated, "We believe, Jeff Williams represents the same views as former councilmember Tom Reitter. This is based, not only on the strength of Jeff's interview, which we felt was outstanding, but on his record at the Lab, where he bootstrapped himself through the ranks of Me-chanical Engineering with his technical expertise, integrity and leadership skills to become Mechanical Engineering Leader. Over the last several years he has shown concrete evidence that he shares a view of the issues that coincides very well with that of Tom Reitter and Marj Leider."

the council to pursue this opportunity to resolve this conflict in a way that best represents the community as a whole," he said.

At Tuesday's city council meeting, several speakers urged the council to take a stand on the initiative, either for or against.

Brad Hirst called the initiative, "a thinly veiled attempt to stop the extension of Stoneridge Drive. If it makes the ballot, the city faces the loss of revenues and control of the land. The council has a responsibility to speak out as to whether they believe the initiative is good or bad.'

request. She told the council that the initiative jeopardizes the city's relationship with the county and its neighbors and could have an impact on the downtown, where the city is trying to negotiate with the county for the transportation corridor. Batchellor said that if the initiative were approved, she believes that Livermore would eventually

tion of an events pavilion. Barry told the board there would be negotiations regarding the allowable uses and the allowable maintenance on the site. His concern is that the district be able to operate the site and make improvements to buildings that are appropriate. The pavilion was to be

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mitted to do that. They hope their neighbors throughout Collier Canyon will do the same. It not only would preserve open space, but also would create the kind of wildlife corridors needed for listed species to continue to survive, said Allison Batteate. "Neighbors I've talked to are interested in this, and said they will see how we are doing before they

decide," she said. MULQUEENEY DESCENDÂNTS SEE WAY **TO STAY IN RANCHING**

Ginny Strieff is another landowner interested in singing up for PLCS. She is a daughter of the late Elwyn Mulqueeney, who was a well-known rancher and a founder of the Livermore Rodeo.

Strieff's great-great grandfather started homesteading the current ranch back in the 1850's or '60s. She owns 160 acres with her sister, JoAnn McCabe, near Patterson Pass Road. A bigger Mulqueeney ranch nearby has several more family partners in it. "My sister and I feel this is our heritage. We want to be able to maintain the open space as it was maintained by our forefathers. This is a way to keep our land for agriculture," said Strieff.

McCabe and Strieff have been working with PLCS for awhile. learning about what species habitat is on the land, so that they can find an interested developer or agency looking for those species' habitats.

Jennifer Malakoff doesn't have any land for PLCS, but she is an enthusiastic booster of it.

She went through a somewhat similar process with her 30-acre ranch in south Livermore, through the South Livermore Conservancy. The site had been the former Zumbach Ranch, where the old Holdener Dairy was located. Now there are eight acres of chardonnay grapes and four acres of olives on the land.

The PLCS wasn't operating yet when Malakoff offered her land for open space preservation, but she encourages others to sign up for it. "There is a huge need for landowners to be aware of the options available to them. I can understand the perspective from the business side. There were some bumps along the way," said Malakoff. However, the education available from PLCS will help smooth out the bumps, she said.

Altamont resident Darrell Sweet, past president of the California Cattlemen's Association, said that it takes a lot of patience to deal with such public agencies as state Fish and Game and federal Fish and Wildlife in settling on location and conditions for habitat mitigation. "They may be slow to respond, and sometimes you don't know what they want," said Sweet.

However, the RCD, as part of the PLCS operation, can make things simpler for the landowners. Without that help, dealing with agencies can take three or four years or more. Sweet expects that with PLCS operating, if will cut that time in half.

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Pleasanton Council OKs Pay Increase

approved its first pay increase in eighteen years.

The council and mayor are allowed to increase their salaries by 5 percent for each year from the last adjustment. In December 1990, the council pay was set at \$500 per month; the mayor's at \$600 per month.

The raise does not apply until after the next council election in November 2008. The new council and mayor will be the beneficiaries of the increase. At that time, council will receive \$950 per month and the mayor \$1050 per month.

The vote was unanimous, with Matt Sullivan on vacation.

The council had approved a pay increase prior to the 2006 election. However, complaints concerning the timing of the raise and the fact that it was discussed in a closed session, led the coun-

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for employees to register their concerns, noted Representative Ellen Tauscher. In her role as Chairman of the House Armed Services Strategic Forces Subcommittee which oversees the weapons complex, she pushed for parity between the Livermore and Los Alamos benefit packages and a comment period for lab employees.

Tauscher issued the following statement regarding the announcement: "This is a huge a victory for our security and for the Lab employees who have devoted their careers to keeping

The Pleasanton City Council cil to rescind the pay raise. As part of the recent budget process, the council authorized

funds be set aside to allow it to consider raising the salaries. The pay increase had been on

the consent calendar. However, resident Julie Testa asked that it be discussed as a regular agenda item.

Councilmember Cindy McGovern commented, "Discussing the item in public is part of this council's efforts to sunshine the procedure for granting raises." She asked if the public would still be able to comment on the increase before it becomes official.

City Attorney Michael Roush explained that the change requires a second reading. The public could comment any time up to and during the second reading, which is set for August 21.

us safe. Keeping the labs on equal footing with congruent benefit packages is a first step toward ensuring the best science and security for the United States. I commend Secretary Bodman for his decision and thank him for listening to all of us who wanted to do what's right for the future of the labs and the men and women who work there.

"I look forward to working with Secretary Bodman and the National Nuclear Security Administration to maintain the scientific capability of all our laboratories.²

Jan Batchellor made a similar

MAILBOX

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Lab Clean-Up Sheyda Sabetan Pleasanton

The Livermore Lab has been conducting experiments since 1955 that contaminate the soil, air, and groundwater, and put our community's health at risk. Concerned members of our community must seize this opportunity to improve health prospects for future generations.

The Lab's bomb component testing ground, Site 300, is located southwest of downtown Tracy. Many contaminants are cancer-causing substances left from radioactive explosions. Livermore Lab is confinuing to expand these polluting experiments.

Tri-Valley CAREs is the watchdog organization for the Lab, and, while interning there, I quickly became alert to the harmful repercussions these experiments have. This may seem like another item on the cancer-causing list, but we can actively prevent this contamination from continuing – and achieve proper cleanup of the toxic materials already in our soil and water.

The Lab's 2008 clean-up proposal is inadequate and under review. This plan will be the deciding factor in determining "how clean is clean?" for final standards. Under their current design, the Lab will "clean up" many of its contaminants, but leave in the environment as much as they can get away with. As a

annex the property.

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman said of the county, "I believe the city enjoys a good relationship with the county. As for my stand on the initiative, tune into this week's mayor's report.'

health-conscious college student, this is not good enough for me – and should be equally unacceptable for every family in this area.

I urge you to express your concern and recommendations for a comprehensive clean-up by submitting written comments to the Department of Energy. Each recommendation will be taken into account for the revision of the clean-up plan. Comments are accepted until July 25th, 2007. Refer to http:// www.trivalleycares.org/ for dehttp:// tails.

Sad to See You Go! **Stacy Kovisto** Livermore

To the Fanucchi Family:

I was so sad to learn about the closing of Granada Bowl. Of course, everyone loves to bowl and it is wonderful to have a terrific bowling center here in Livermore. What will be missed most, however, is the amazing support your family has always given to the young people of Livermore.

As a teacher in the community for the last fifteen years, I cannot remember a time I sent a child home for summer without the Granada Summer Bowling Pass! The children (and their families) always look forward to this. A free game of bowling for every week day, for every child in the Livermore School District! Wow! Your family has also been so very supportive of Livermore youth soccer, baseball, softball, Girl/Boy Scouts, these are just the groups I personally know about.

Although, I wish all your family a wonderful, well deserved retirement, and I'm sure the "New' bowling center will be nice, the Fanucchi Family is irreplaceable in the Livermore Community

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and to the children of Livermore. Your unending generosity has not gone unnoticed and I thank you for all you have done.

Tribute and Thanks Pat and Clarence Hoenig Livermore

It's not easy to say good-bye and express our appreciation to Councilman Tom Reitter. I speak only for Pat and myself. Community approval and admiration is clearly proclaimed by his enduring popularity with the people of Livermore who have entrusted their confidence in him at the ballot box in many past elections.

A long time ago, in an election I can't quite remember, I received an unknown phone call from a quy named, Tom, asking how he could get involved in the campaign. Little did I realize then how involved Tom Reitter would be in both the past and future well being of Livermore.

In his Livermore legacy, what principles and issues might characterize his distinguished record of public service? How will we remember Tom Reitter - a patient, open and considerate Councilman?

In our view, he will mostly be remembered for his unwavering dedication to sound land use fundamentals that oppose urban sprawl, preserve open space, support viticulture / agriculture and promote local employment and business - all to help underwrite Livermore's distinct and admired identity and quality.

Equally İmportant, Tom Reitter as an elected representative, always recognized and championed the right of the Livermore electorate, on their own, to decide important issues at the ballot box. The North Livermore election is the most recent example.

Last, but not least, we will remember his devoted support for our schools and the visual / performing arts in our community.

Thank you and come home often Tom Reitter. You will always be welcome in Livermore.

Protect Pleasanton Dan Faustina Pleasanton

I am writing to encourage the residents of Pleasanton to not sign either of the so-called "open space" initiatives. These initiatives are misguided and misleading to the public. Of course we all like open space. However, these initiatives have the potential to eliminate any chance of open space on the Staples Ranch property.

Currently the land is owned by Alameda County, not Pleasanton. The County would like to see the land developed and if Pleasanton punts then we will turn the ball over to Livermore or Dublin. At that point we would lose control of the land and I can bet that our neighbors to the East or North will develop that property as quickly as possible. Pleasanton would lose close to \$5 million in annual tax revenue and a proposed 17 acre community park among other amenities.

Our City Council needs to start taking leadership around this issue and educate the public as to why it is essential that we annex the Staples Ranch property. Not much has come out of City Hall surrounding these initiatives and it is time for someone to step up and lead a charge to protect our community's interests. Please join me in protecting the interests of Pleasanton, our future and our real chance at open space and reject these poorly conceived initiatives.

TVs on BART Linda Jeffery Sailors Former Mayor, Dublin

What is BART management thinking? They plan to put TV screens on the noisy station platforms and the trains to bombard us with advertising. We are hit with enough advertising all day long. Why would we want to have our BART ride tainted with a constant stream of ads that we probably couldn't clearly see or hear? If you are on the Dublin station platform, you definitely will not be able to hear anything. The decibel level on the platform is already higher than is healthy for your ears.

I would suggest that if BART has money to waste that it choose from any of the following things instead: 1) Install some sound proofing at the Dublin platform. 2) Clean the trains-both inside and out...or my personal favorite, 3) Begin plans to bring BART to Livermore and keep the promise made to us 50 years ago.

If you feel as I do, contact BART at the following, BoardofDirectors@BART.gov, and let them know how you feel.

Say No to Initiative Dolores Bengtson Pleasanton

Two recently filed initiatives are potentially destructive to Pleasanton. They fly under the banner of "saving open space" but will likely result in far more intense development on Staples Ranch than now proposed.

Read the initiatives. Both seek to control development of the 124-acre Staples Ranch. Staples Ranch is not in Pleasanton. It is in the County. Promoting an initiative hobbling landuse for land not in your jurisdiction simply encourages the landowner, in this case, the county, to choose other development options. Options available are to develop the land in the county with a cooperating city providing services via a tax sharing agreement or annexing the land to another contiguous jurisdiction (Dublin? Livermore?).

If Staples Ranch is developed by the County or another jurisdiction, Pleasanton citizens will have little opportunity for input. The result will likely be more intensive commercial development than now proposed with no amenities or revenue for Pleasanton. Pleasanton will have the impacts, not the benefits.

Pleasanton leaders are completing a long process to arrive at a win-win development agreement with the County. The County gets to sell the land profitably; the city gets to annex the land and control development. The agreed upon development plan includes: a 17-acre park, major ice skating facility, trails, senior independent living facility, an auto mall and retail. Property generated revenue will help fund more parks, art facilities and other citizen directed projects. Let the process continue.

Put Pleasanton first! When asked to sign the initiative, just say, "no."

Vote on FBO Evelyn Murphy Livermore

On June 25, 2007, the Livermore City Council unanimously approved a controversial FBO contract with a private operator for fueling facilities and new hangars at Livermore Municipal Airport. They called this an improvement, not an expansion. The only thing not approved, at that time, was lengthening the second runway. This came after a clear majority of Livermore and Pleasanton residents spent years fighting against this improvement/ expansion.

The fight all along has been about noise, air pollution, property values, and above all, quality of life in our beautiful valley.

This vote was not surprising as it appeared to be a done deal way back with the City of Livermore Budget-in-Brief came out. On page one, under Livermore City Council 2004-2005 Strategic Priorities under economic vitality, the last bullet read, Adopt Airport Master Plan Update." In the end, those with money and political influence always get what they want. Whereas the average Livermore taxpaying citizen dreams of owning a home, not multiple airplanes. And just where do these pilots and plane owners live?

City officials contend the airport improvement/expansion plans will not appreciably in-crease the number of flights in and out. In fact, they say in the past seven years aircraft operations are down 35% or about 180,000 aircraft operations annually. If this is true, why do we need improvement/expansion for a diminishing facility? Let's see, 180,000 divided by 365 days a year is about 493 takeoffs and landings each and every day. Sure am glad usage has fallen off. Besides, we have the city council's word this improvement/expansion will not appreciably increase the number of flights in and out. Wonder how they know this.

In the "State of the City," where Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena described what's great about Livermore, the airport improvement/expansion was conspicuous by its absence. One can only conclude the mayor does not consider the airport to be "great." Well, neither do the majority of the Livermore taxpayers.

At the same time, Rep. Ellen Tauscher has been receiving letters regarding airport noise and has chosen to pursue getting Congress to phase out noisy, Stage 2 aircraft from using general aviation airports. Isn't it interesting that Rep. Tauscher is more responsive to local citizens than the Livermore City Council.,

So, do you think maybe if this improvement/expansion were put on the ballot the outcome would be different. Why don't we try the democratic way and vote to find out. How about it city council? (continued from page one) tal sound and projectors. The walls to insulate the rooms from

sounds from the other cinemas are state of the art. The seating is rocking-chair loge, the same as that in the existing 10 cinemas.

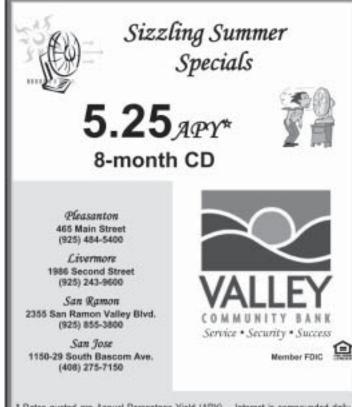
Corkill said that the new cinemas will "help us add to our menu. We will have more variety. Possibilities include foreign films or independent films. We show a lot of movies. We like to open them on more screens. This will give us the opportunity to do it, to stagger the starting times."

Livermore Cinemas opened Dec. 15. They participated in the annual California Film Festival in April with several screenings.

Corkill said that he is happy to see so many restaurants opening on the same block along First Street, between Livermore Avenue and Railroad Avenue. "We will have seen at least a halfdozen high quality restaurants open by the end of this year," he said. Corkill praised developer Mike Madden for signing so many high-quality tenants. He named Starbuck's, Star Anise, Harry's Hofbrau, Fire and Ice and Simply Fondue among them. Attendance at the cinemas has been increasing from the foot traffic from restaurants and other attractions, such as the block's plaza, which links First Street to the plaza. "People are coming to see the new things, and the performing arts center will be open (in October)," said Corkill.

Live theater at the performing arts center will help the movie business, said Corkill. "We create awareness for one another. We are co-creating an entertainment district. People will focus on this as a place to go to have fun. They can choose a live performance, a movie and a meal. All the choices will be in one place in Livermore. It will be the biggest benefit for each and for all as a whole," he said.





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"Last year over 570,000 people died from the same cause" Yet nobody built them a monument...

Dear friend,

them well. My family does not take medication to seek health and attacks and is a much healthier boy."

It's hard to believe, I know, but it's true. Last year, prescription drugs killed more Americans than guns, AIDS, suicides and terrorists combined...but we'll get to that in a minute.

Let me start by explaining the photo in this letter. You know, when I meet people in town they usually say, "Oh, yeah, I know you, you're Dr. C, the Chiropractor on East Avenue." Well that's me. I'm also that lucky guy whose family is in this photo.

Years ago something happened to me that changed my life forever. Let me tell you my story.

"I was just driving home from a family party and bam! I was involved in a horrible head-on car accident. After being released from the hospital, I was left with severe problems in my neck and upper back. It was so bad that when I tried to use my shoulder, I had no strength and the pain was unbearable. I stopped weight lifting and playing sports because I tried to use my left arm as little as I could due to the pain. At the age of 19, school and sports were my life. Being a young man, I figured that I could deal with the pain. But, after some time, it didn't seem to be getting any better.

And that's not all.

The Medical doctor gave me some powerful drugs, but nothing was helping. I started to get pretty scared. Here I was, this young guy, losing muscle strength and in pain everyday. Would I have to live like this forever?

But, there's more... A friend of mine convinced me to give his doctor a try. This new doctor did an exam, ran a few tests (which didn't hurt), and then 'adjusted' my spine. The adjustment didn't hurt; it actually felt good. After that first adjustment the pain dramatically decreased. I felt so much better.

Oh, did I mention that this doctor was a chiropractor? It worked so well for me, and I was so impressed with the other 'miracles' I saw in his office, that I finished up my undergraduate school and headed off to chiropractic school myself. And that's how it happened!"

The beautiful woman in this picture is my wife and her chiropractic story is a miracle in itself. Now for Mateo, the older boy in the photo, he is my first son. He is 3 years old and gets adjusted on a regular basis. My other son Dominic, who is 14 months old, also gets adjusted on a regular basis. They rarely get so much as a cold and have never taken antibiotics.

A healthy family does NOT rely on medication to make

we don't have a "medicine chest" in our home. Due to years of advertising saturation from the pharmaceutical companies, most Americans seek health from outside-in and most families have a "medicine chest" filled with an average of 16 different medications. In



an average year, the World Health Organization (WHO) reported over 1.5 million hospitalizations due to medication. Last year, the WHO also reported 570,000 deaths due to medications people took... and 160,000 of these deaths occurred when the drugs were prescribed correctly. More people died last year from medications than at Pearl Harbor and Vietnam. Amazing, huh?

If drugs make people well, then those who take the most should be the healthiest, but this simply isn't the case.

Many people are beginning to understand that health comes from within. This is why chiropractic helps so many people. You see, God created a body that can heal itself. Your body doesn't need any help; it just can't have any interference. With chiropractic, we don't add anything to the body, or take anything from it. We find interference in the nervous system and remove it, thus enhancing the healing capabilities of the body. We get tremendous results...it really is as simple as that. Here's what some of our patients have to say:

"Before our family started care with Dr. Contreras, our son Ethan was having asthma attacks quite frequently. Now he has less asthma (Barbara Fovel - Livermore)

"I was having horrible migraines and headaches, but since started seeing Dr. C I no longer have these problems."

- (Gloria Fulford Livermore)
- "I am living a better life now, since seeing Dr. C"
- (A. Scott Tibbets Livermore)

Being a chiropractor can be tough because there's a host of so-called experts out there. They tell people a lot of things that are just plain ridiculous about our profession...usually it's "My neighbor's sister's friend said..." Let me ask you, do you make your health care decisions based on honest facts or biased opinions? Interesting question, isn't it?

You Can Benefit from an Amazing Offer- Look, it shouldn't cost you an arm and a leg to correct your health. You are going to write a check to someone for your health care expenses, you may as well write one for a lesser amount for chiropractic. When you bring in or mention this article, you will receive my entire new patient exam for \$17.

That's a consultation, exam, paraspinal thermal imaging.... the whole ball of wax. This exam could cost you \$350 elsewhere. But, please call <u>right away</u> because this offer expires on August 2, 2007, and I don't want you to miss out. By the way, further care is very affordable and you'll be happy to know that I have affordable family plans. You see I'm not trying to seduce you to come see me with this low start up fee, then to only make it up with high fees after that. Further care is very important to consider when making your choice of doctor. High costs can add up very quickly. By law, this offer excludes Medicare/Medi-caid patients.

Great care at a great fee... Please, I hope that there's no misunderstanding about <u>quality of care</u> just because I have a lower exam fee. You'll get great care at a great fee.

My assistant is Brittany and she is a really great person. Our office is both friendly and warm and we try our best to make you feel at home. We have a wonderful service, at an exceptional fee.

Our office is called CONTRERAS CHIROPRACTIC and it is located at 4200 East Avenue. Our phone number is 925-606-5490. Call Brittany or me today for an appointment. We can help you. Thank you.

-Gerardo Contreras, D.C.

P.S. When accompanied by the first, I am also offering the second family member this same examination for only \$10.

SPORTS NOTES



The Tri-Valley Babe Ruth clinched all three All Star District 5 Titles. The 13's (Pictured) start Nor Cal state championship play Saturday at 2 p.m. at College of Alameda.

Killer Whales Fast

Ruby Hill Killer Whales defeated the Dolores Bengston Aquatic Club (DBAC) Piranhas 525 to 457 in a Tri-Valley Swim League dual meet.

6&under Taylor Sowers (25.30) and 7-8 Tom Sornsen (16.55) both broke teams

Results: 25 Freestyle 6-under girls: Tay-lor Sowers (RH) 22.41; 6-under boys: Paarsa Heidari (DBAC) 23.41; 7-8 girls: Kirsten Hewitt (RH) 17.29; 7-8 boys: Tom Sornsen Hewitt (RH) 17.29; 7-8 boys: Tom Sornsen (RH) 16.55; 50 Freestyle 9-10 girls: Kaitlyn Schnierer (RH) 36.38; 9-10 boys: Myles Hewitt (DP) 35.35; 11-12 girls: Winky Wong (DBAC) 28.13; 11-12 boys: Nick Johnston (RH) 29.35; 13-14 girls: Lindsay Baxter (RH) 29.76; 13-14 boys: Nicholas Perry (RH) 26.54; 15-18 women: Michelle Schirle (RH) 29.18; 15-18 men: Jason Cunningham (RH) 23.99. 25 Butterftv6-under girls: Tavlor Sowerss

25 Butterfly 6-under girls: Taylor Sowerss (RH) 25.30; 6-under boys: Daniel Han (DBAC) 37.64; 7-8 girls: Kirsten Hewitt (RH) 23.33; 7-8 boys: Jax Pedersen (DBAC) 18.65; 9-10 girls: Naomi Chan (DBAC) 18.65; 9-10 girls: Naomi Chan (DBAC) 16.98; 9-10 boys: Myles Hewitt (RH) 19.28; 50 Butterfly 11-12 girls: Shannon Miller (DBAC) 34.19; 11-12 boys: Nick Johnston (RH) 34.11; 13-14 girls: Marissa Pereira (RH) 33.92; 13-14 boys: Nicholas Perry (RH) 29.71; 15-18 women: Jana Gaytan (DBAC) 30.29; 15-18 men: Jason Cunningham (RH) 27.31.

25 Breaststroke 6-under girls: Jessica Jensen (RH) 37.04; 6-under boys: Paarsa Heidari (DBAC) 32.22; 7-8 girls: Emma Long (DBAC) 27.52; 7-8 boys: Zachary Corbishley (DBAC) 24.68; 9-10 girls: Katie Tsui (DBAC) 23.00; 9-10 boys: Chase Psinakis (RH) 23.54; 50 Breaststroke 11-12 Psinakis (RH) 23.54; 50 Breaststroke 11-12 girls: McKalee Mooney (RH) 42.41; 11-12 boys: Daniel Huang (DBAC) 41.53; 13-14 girls: Taryn Qi (DBAC) 41.89; 13-14 boys: Miro Asadourian (DBAC) 38.37; 15-18 women: Caitlyn Beardsley (DBAC) 38.17; 15-18 men: Bret Trombley (DBAC) 32.23. 100 IM 9-10 girls: Naomi Chan (DBAC) 1:24.76; 9-10 boys: Myles Hewitt (RH) 1:38.20; 11-12 girls: Shannon Miller (DBAC) 1:16.81; 11-12 boys: Nick Johnston (RH) 1:17.36; 13-14 girls: Lindsay Baxter

(RH) 1:17.36; 13-14 girls: Lindsay Baxter (RH) 1:17.67; 13-14 boys: Chris Johnston (RH) 1:14.46; 15-18 women: Jana Gaytan (DBAC) 1:13.08; 15-18 men: Bret Trombley (DBAC) 1:01.27.

25 Backstroke 6-under girls: Jessica 23 Backstroke 6-under girls: Jessica Jensen (RH) 27.81; 6-under boys: Daniel Han (DBAC) 34.56; 7-8 girls: Kirsten Hewitt (RH) 22.80; 7-8 boys: Tom Sornsen (RH) 21.13; 9-10 girls: Courtney Seams (RH) 20.39; 9-10 boys: Joey Repac (RH) 18.84; 50 Backstroke 11-12 girls: Winky Wong (DBAC) 32.39; 11-12 boys: Nick Lombardi (DBAC) 42.41; 12 14 cirlset Jindong Poxter (DBAC) 32.39; 11-12 boys: Nick Lombard (DBAC) 42.41; 13-14 girls: Lindsay Baxter (RH) 35.05; 13-14 boys: David Hank (RH) 35.28; 15-18 women: Christin Nguyen (DBAC) 35.04; 15-18 men: James Raynel (RH) 32.44.

Sharks Records

Nicholas Perry (RH) 25.91; 15-18 women: Taylor Peterson (DP) 26.58; 15-18 men: Jason Cunningham (RH) 23.99.

Jason Cunningham (RH) 23.99. 25 Fly 6-under girls: Jessica Jensen (RH) 27.52; 6-under boys: Michael McMasters (DP) 38.31; 7-8 girls: Nicole White (DP) 23.01; 7-8 boys: Tom Sornsen (RH) 19.64; 9-10 girls: Megan Doi (DP) 18.06; 9-10 boys: Ryan Hogue (DP) 19.53; 50 Fly 11-12 girls: Lindsey DeWilde (DP) 33.48; 11-12 bys: Cameron Kurotori (DP) 33.46, 11-12 bys: Cameron Kurotori (DP) 38.89; 13-14 girls: Erin McGillivary (RH) 33.48; 13-14 boys: Eric Gates (DP) 28.35; 15-18 women: Colleen Mayes (DP) 31.41; 15-18 men: Alex

Colleen Mayes (DP) 31.41; 15-18 men: Alex Beatty (DP) 26.38. 25 Breaststroke 6-under girls: Taylor Sowers (RH) 32.67; 6-under boys: Matt Loeffler (DP) 38.61; 7-8 girls: Meghan Hogue (DP) 27.28; 7-8 boys: Tommy Juarez (DP) 26.65; 9-10 girls: Danielle Sullivant (DP) 20.80; 9-10 boys: Tommy Sabatini (DP) 21.77 50 Breaststroke 11-12 girls: Elaina Gates (DP) 40.12; 11-12 boys: Alex Acosta (RH) 46.42; 13-14 girls: Jaclyn Strom (DP) 39.46; 13-14 boys: Christopher Nespor (DP) 36.42; 15-18 women: Taylor Peterson (DP) 37.22; 15-18 men; Trevor Peterson (DP) 37.22; 15-18 men: Trevor Landas (DP) 32.07.

100 IM 9-10 girls: Kathryn Kitayama (DP) 1:31.43; 9-10 boys: Myles Hewitt (RH) 1:35.01; 11-12 girls: Lindsey DeWilde (DP) 1:16.84; 11-12 boys: Nick Johnston (RH) 1:10:34, 11-12 bbys. Nick Johnston (RH) 1:18:22; 13-14 girls: Lindsey Baxter (RH) 1:17:17; 13-14 bbys: Nicholas Perry (RH) 1:09:45; 15-18 women: Niki Doi (DP) 1:10:74; 15-18 men: Alex Beatty (DP) 1:00.95

1:00.95. 25 Back 6-under girls: Jessica Jensen (RH) 28.33; 6-under boys: Steven Reimer (DP) 33.67; 7-8 girls: Kirsten Hewitt (RH) 22.83; 7-8 boys: Sean Sullivan (DP) 24.50; 9-10 girls: Danielle Sullivant (DP) 20.10; 9-10 b mer Huer (DP) 20.20; 9-10 10 boys: Ryan Hogue (DP) 22.46; 50 Back 11-12 girls: Camille Lusher (RH) 38.26; 11-12 boys: Connor Kashyap (DP) 41.33; 13-14 girls: Lindsay Baxter (RH) 34.95; 13-14 boys: Eric Gates (DP) 30.02; 15-18 women: Colleen Mayes (DP) 32.01; 15-18 men: Alex Beatty (DP) 28.97.

Legends Move On

The Tri-Valley Legends won the July Jail Break USSSA tournament this past weekend in Manteca. Saturday the Legends beat Car-nage 9-1 and the Oakdale Colts 6-5. Entering Sunday as the number one seed, the Legends went up against Carnage in the semifinal game and won 12-4 in 5 innings. This put the Legends in the championship game against the Delta Dawgs who previously beat the Oakdale Colts in 8 innings in the other semi final game.

In the championship game the Legends jumped out from the start and went on to win 7-1 and earn their fourth tournament victory *r*-1 and earn their fourth fournament victory of the season. The Legends finished the spring/summer 12U AAA season with a 30-22-2 record. They will now go to Steamboat Springs, CO to compete in the Triple Crown World Series.

Youth Soccer

rsonal best scores: Emily Haskell, Caroline Gjerde, Hannah Thoe, Kate Battaglia, Abby Smith, Alyssa Serrano, Julia Gonsman, Kyla Harris, Gavin Wallace, Travis Silva, Nathan Williams, Tommy Scavone, Chase Bradley, Samantha Howell, McKenna Harris, Tessi Scavone, Daniella Block, Anna Bosse, Sophia Holbrook, Delaney Bammer, Heather Collins, Emma Goldner, Jonathan Battaglia, Luke Ingram, Trevor Ahlberg, Matthew Gumerson, Emma Furr, Katelyn Shaw, Maggie McIntyre, Melissa West, Paige Sellick, Sophia Reed, David Bartolomucci, RJ Scott, Brady Smith, Robert Helmer, Michael Morgan, Brett Walsh, Ali Ferlazzo, Emma Shader, Raymond Bartolomucci, Jacob Shinnick, Rachel Orpina, Daniel Usedom, Skylar Riley, Alison Corsie, Rachel Usedom, Elizabeth Orpina, Brody Bockover, Adam Aziz and Sidney Lee Winners of each individual event are

recognized as follows: 25-Yard Free: 6-under girls - PVC

- Samatha Howell, 18.3; 5-Uder ghrs - PVC -Gavin Wallace, 19.95; 7-8 girls - PVC -Samantha Howell, 18.31; 7-8 boys - PVC -Matthew Dotson, 16.03; 50-Yard Free; 9-10 girls - PVC - Taylor Truex, 33.67; 9-10 boys - PVC - RJ Scott, 36.06; 11-12 girls - PVC - Lissi Knell, 29.01; 11-12 boys - PVC Brent Bockover, 28.40; 13-14 girls - PVC Brent Bockover, 28.40; 13-14 girls - PVC -Lindsey Collins, 33.16; 13-14 boys - PVC - Chris Dotson, 26.31; 15-18 girls - PVC -Emily Pease, 29.16; 15-18 boys - PVC -Garrett Worsey, 25.31, 25-Yard Fly: 6-under girls - PVC -Hannah Thoe, 30.93; 6-under boys - PVC -Gavin Wallace, 23.35; 7-8 girls - LVTC -Megan Fairbanks, 21.92; 7-8 boys - PVC -Matthew Dotson 19.20; 9-10 girls - PVC

Matthew Dotson, 19.29; 9-10 girls - PVC -Matthew Dotson, 19.29; 9-10 girls - PVC -Kennedy Truex, 17.26; 9-10 boys - PVC -Thomas Gjerde, 21.43; 50-Yard Fly: 11-12 girls - PVC - Lissi Knell, 31.73; 11-12 boys 907 - 907 - 12531 Kneit, 31.73; 11-12 D098 - PVC - Brent Bockover, 33.84; 13-14 girls LVTC - Haley Boehrer, 30.81; 13-14 boys - PVC - Chris Dotson, 27.41; 15-18 girls PVC - Sarah Ferlazzo, 35.60; 15-18 boys -

PVC - Saran Feriazzo, 33.00; 13-18 boys -PVC - Garrett Worsey, 28.00. 25-Yard Breaststroke: 6-under girls -PVC - Grace Shader, 32.13; 6-under boys -PVC - Nathan Williams, 30.15; 7-8 girls -LVTC - Megan Fairbanks, 25.65; 7-8 boys - PVC - Brian Wiener, 24.48; 9-10 girls -PVC - Brian Wiener, 20.16; 9-10 boys - PVC - PVC - Brian Wiener, 24.48; 9-10 girls -PVC - Taylor Truex, 20.16; 9-10 boys - PVC - David Bartolomucci, 23.00; 50-Yard Breast-stroke: 11-12 girls - PVC - Lissi Knell, 37.25; 11-12 boys - PVC - Dominic Giordano, 39.39; 13-14 girls - PVC - Beth Battershell, 45.16; 13-14 boys - PVC - Chris Dotson, 34.93; 15-18 girls - PVC - Rachel Usedom, 37.81; 15-18 boys - PVC - Vince Giordano, 33 68 33.68

100 IM: 9-10 girls - PVC - Taylor Truex, 100 IM: 9-10 gris - PVC - 1 aytor Truex, 1:26.07; 9-10 boys - PVC - RJ Scott, 1:34.21; 11-12 girls - PVC - Lissi Knell, 1:13.77; 11-12 boys - PVC - Dominic Giordano, 1:17.89; 13-14 girls - LVTC -Haley Boehrer, 1:13.21; 13-14 boys - PVC - Chris Dotson, 1:08.25; 15-18 girls - PVC - Rachel Usedom, 1:13.04; 15-18 boys - PVC - Vince Giordano - 1:10 18 Vince Giordano, 1:10.18.

25-Yard Back: 6-under girls - PVC Hannah Thoe, 29.41; 6-under boys - PVC Jackson Butler, 24.14; 7-8 girls - PVC Nicole Melo, 22.94; 7-8 boys - LVTC Nicole Melo, 22.94; 7-8 boys - LVTC -Tucker Zischka, 22.18; 9-10 girls - PVC -Taylor Truex, 19.95; 9-10 boys - PVC - RJ Scott, 20.09; 50-Yard Back: 11-12 girls -PVC - Ali Gonsman, 34.44; 11-12 boys -LVTC - Bobby Shull, 38.60; 13-14 girls -PVC - Allie Rodriguez, 40.55; 13-14 boys - LVTC - Andrew Hayes, 34.77; 15-18 girls - PVC - Emily Pease, 32.99; 15-18 boys -PVC - Adam Aziz, 35.43.

Babe Ruth Titles

The Tri-Valley Babe Ruth clinched all

three All Star District 5 Titles. The 13's beat Hayward 14-8 in game one but were defeated by Fremont 6-3 in game two. Yesterday Tri-Valley roared back from a 5-2 deficit versus Hayward, winning 10-5 to make it to the double elimination final. TVBR had to win the next game to stay alive in the world series chase. Chad Bianchi was the winning pitcher in game one. He was supported by three hits from Andrew Hobson. Tyler Hollander boomed two triples and hit three sac flies ine leading the team in RBI's in the tourney. Evan Brisentine pitched well in the loss against Fremont. Hollander pitched five strong innings in the second win versus tourney host Hayward. Nate Vincent has scored six runs from his lead off spot in the tourney and came in to get the last out with the bases loaded to notch the save in Sunday's

win. The13's avenged the early round loss with a 9-2 win against Fremont, leading to the winner take all District 5 championship. Alex Rojas continued to play stellar behind the plate throwing out three runners in the tourney and keeping all runners honest. His bat was booming as well including a two run double. Gunnar David scored two runs and continued to provide offensive spark. Nate Vincent had three hits and was the winning pitcher after pitching three scoreless innings to start the game. Shane Jackson pitched well over the closing four innings. Fremont scored two runs in the 7th. However, Ryan Foley recorded all three outs of the inning stopping some hard hit balls at 1st base to close down the rally

tournament! In the championship AJ Kontillas belted a 350-foot grand slam to blow open the game, and later added a double hitting in the 9 spot. Gunnar David started on the mound and pitched smartly over six innings to notch the win. Andrew Hobson played super at shortstop to lead the defense.

The 13's start Nor Cal state champion-ship play Saturday at 2 p.m. at College of Ala

14's Championship Game: Tri-Valley 5 - Fremont 0: With strong defense behind him, LHP Justin King threw a 3 hit, complete game shutout with 5 K's to open the tourna-ment. The offense was led by David Camarena who was 3 for 3 and had 2 RBI's. Tri Valley 4, Hayward 1: Tri-Valley

vith David Camarena throwing 6 strong innings allowing 0 earned runs in his appear-ance and Ryan Stein coming in to strike out the side in the 7th inning. A strong Tri Valley defense turned 4 double plays during the game. The offense was lead by Brian Pearl with 2 RBIs and Alex Osterholt contributing a double.

Championship Game: Tri Valley 2, Fre-mont 1: Once again, Tri Valley received an outstanding pitching performance, with Alex Osterholt and Ryan Stein combining to throw a 3 hit, 6 K outing with 0 earned runs allowed in a rematch of the opening game of the tournament. Osterholt threw 5 and 1/3 strong innings with Ryan Stein coming in to close out the game. The offense was paced by David Camarena who was 2 for 2 on the evening and RBI's from Chris Keck and Steven Moen. The 14 year olds now advance to the state tournament in Woodland beginning on July 21st with their first game at 5 p.m. that evening. 15's Captures District 5 Champion-

ship! Game 1 - TVBR 9, Castro Valley 8 Casey Hazen went 4 2/3 to earn the win, scattering 3 runs. Andy Eslick tripled and drove in 3; Mike Smith went 2-3 with 2 runs scored. Kean Stancil and Ryan Fairclough each went 1-3 with 2 rbi's. Game 2 - TVBR 10, Hayward 4 Danny Petros went 4 1/3 innings to earn the win and Andy Eslick picked up the save. Ryan Fairclough went 2-3 and drove in 3 runs, Danny Petros was also 2-3 with 2 rbi's. Tony Olguin drove in 2 and Kean Stancil threw out runners at home from cf on consecu-

tive plays in the 3rd inning. Game 3: Tri-Valley got great pitching from starter Johnny Love and stellar relief from Andy Eslick to defeat Hayward 11-1 in the District 5 Championship. Tri-Valley advances to the Northern California State Tournament in Galt beginning Saturday July 14. Tri-Valley opens at 3 pm against San

Mateo. Tri-Valley blew open a tight game in the 4th inning. Trailing 1-0, Tony Olguin delivered a key single to drive in two runs to put Tri -alley on top. Casey Hazen, Brian Hamm, Danny Petros and Kean Stancil all delivered base hits in the 7 run 4th. TVBR scored 4 more in the 5th with key hits from Ryan Fairclough, Hazen, Hamm and Petros. Hamm finished 3-3 with 2 rbi's and 2 runs scored. Fairclough was 2-2 with 2 runs, Petros was 2-4 with 2 rbi's and Stancil was 2-3 with a run and an rbi.

Del Prado Faster

The Del Prado Stingrays overpowered the FAST Dolphins at Wednesday nights meet at the Stingray's Pool. FAST has a small, but dedicated team, and should be

The Dolphins had some outstanding performances by the girls, Paige Heacox (8), Juhee Goyal (6), Elizabeth Brown (8), and Juhee Goyal (6), Elizabeth Brown (8), and Kate Berrigan (10). The Dolphin boys top performers were led by Jeffrey Liebman (11), Michael (13), Danny Caraballo (6), and Jared Camacho (14). The Stingray girls top swimmers include Alyssa Goard (14), Taylor Peterson (17), Kimberly Kurotori (17), and Jaclyn Strom 13). Congratulations go to Stephanie Doi for lowering her own 11-12 50 Free record of 28.56 to 28.32. The boys were led by Taylor Smith (8), Alex Beatty (17), Erric Gates (14), and Ryan Hogue.

led by Taylor Smith (8), Alex Beatty (17), Eric Gates (14), and Ryan Hogue.
Event winners: 6-under girls: 25 Yard
Free: Hicks, Lacey, DP-CC, 23.26.25 Yard
Back: Jeffrey, Sara, DP-CC, 35.32.25 Yard
Breaststroke: Hicks, Lacey, DP-CC, 32.69.
25 Yard Fly: Sullivan, Sarah, DP-CC, 34.82.
Girls 7-8: 25 Yard Free: Heacox, Paige,
FAST-PC, 17.35.25 Yard Back: Heacox,
Paige, FAST-PC, 22.66.25 Yard Breaststroke: Brown, Elizabeth, FAST-PC, 24.64.
25 Yard Fly: Bardakos, Alvssa, DP-CC,

25 Yard Fly: Bardakos, Alyssa, DP-CC, 21.95. irls 9-10: 50 Yard Free: Walde

Taylor, DP-CC, 26.84. 50 Yard Back: Mayes, Colleen, DP-CC, 32.64. 50 Yard Breast-stroke: Kurotori, Kimberly, DP-CC, 37.74. 50 Yard Fly: Peterson, Taylor, DP-CC, 31.16. 100 Yard IM: Mayes, Colleen, DP-CC, 11.190 CC. 1:10.89.

Boys 6 & Under: 25 Yard Free: Reimer, Steven, DP-CC, 22.00.25 Yard Back: Aitken, Callum, DP-CC, 28.99. 25 Yard Breaststroke: Caraballo, Danny, FAST-PC, 33.07. 25 Yard Fly: Caraballo, Danny, FAST-PC, 31.44.

Boys 7-8: 25 Yard Free: Sullivan, Sean, DP-CC, 20.26. 25 Yard Bree: Smith, Tay-lor, DP-CC, 20.26. 32 Yard Back: Smith, Tay-lor, DP-CC, 22.43. 25 Yard Breaststroke: Smith, Taylor, DP-CC, 26.34. 25 Yard Fly: Smith, Taylor, DP-CC, 23.96.

Smith, Taylor, DP-CC, 23.96. Boys 9-10: 50 Yard Free: Hrycewicz, Theo, DP-CC, 38.24. 25 Yard Back: Balas, Peter, DP-CC, 21.80. 25 Yard Breaststroke: Sabatini, Tommy, DP-CC, 21.27. 25 Yard Fly: Hogue, Ryan, DP-CC, 21.34. 100 Yard IM: Hogue, Ryan, DP-CC, 1:46.76. Boys 11-12: 50 Yard Free: Kurotori, Cameron, DP-CC, 31.71. 50 Yard Back: Kashyap, Conner, DP-CC, 41.12. 50 Yard Breaststroke: Liebman, Jeffrey, FAST-PC, 42.60. 50 Yard Fly: Goard, Andrew, DP-CC, 39.90. 100 Yard IM: Liebman, Jeffrey, FAST-PC, 1:25.24. FAST-PC, 1:25.24. Boys 13-14: 50 Yard Free: Udinski,

Michael, FAST-PC, 27.66. 50 Yard Back: Gates, Eric, DP-CC, 30.33. 50 Yard Breaststroke: Nespor, Christopher, DP-CC, 36.66. 50 Yard Fly: Gates, Eric, DP-CC, 28.68. Boys 100 Yard IM: Gates, Eric, DP-CC, 1:07.31.

Men 15-18: 50 Yard Free: Beatty, Alex, DP-CC, 23.89. 50 Yard Back: Compton, Jeffrey, DP-CC, 29.97. 50 Yard Breast-stroke: Strom, John, DP-CC, 31.69, 50 Yard Fly: Beatty, Alex, DP-CC, 26.71. 100 Yard IM:Beatty, Alex, DP-CC, 1:01.41.

Pleasanton Phantom

With perfect weather for softball all weekend, the Pleasanton Phantom 10U B' team swept their division in winning the championship at their home tournament this past weekend. This is the 10U 'B' team's sixth straight tournament chapionship giv-ing the team a 32-0-1 overall record for the

In pool play, the Phantom went 3-0 with wins over San Ramon Valley Stompers, Los Gatos/Saratoga Magic and the Cordova Fury. The team slugging percentage was enhanced with triples by Victoria Molina and Casey Eddy and a home run by Roni Stone. The team also racked up several doubles in these games

In championship play on Sunday, Phantom came into a quarterfinal rematch with the Los Gatos/Saratoga Magic. The defense was on top of its game supporting great pitching by Corinne Valdix. Valdix made several great defensive plays to first baseman Molly

Phillips to hold the Magic. RBI hits by nine Phantom players led the team to a 13-0 win. Phantom moved on to face the San Ramon Valley Stompers in the semi-final. The Valley Stompers in the semi-tinal. The defense continued to shine with consistent great plays from shortstop Victoria Molina nailing five batters at first and placing a perfecttag on a throw down from catcher Roni Stone to catch a runner attempting to steal second. On offense, multiple hits by Katie Eppard, Hannah Menk and Molly Phillips placed them in scoring nosition and RBIs for placed them in scoring position and RBIs for their following hitters. Solid pitching from Ashley Lotoszynski gave the Phantom a 4-

Asiney Looszynski gave the Friandon a 4-1 win and a place in the championship game. Meeting the East Valley (San Jose) Twisters in a championship for the second time this season, Phantom knew they were facing a challenge and stepped up. Behind the masterful pitching of Johanna Grauer the defense put on a great show for the fans who stayed with the team through four games on Sunday. Shortstop Victoria Molina contin Sunday. Shoristop Victoria Monina contin-ued denying the opponent passage to first as did second basemen Mallory Masajlo and Reno Moreno. Katie Eppard, Hannah Menk and Roni Stone continued hitting well, getting on base and crossing the plate on two RBI hits from Jenni Beadle, and RBI hits by Mallory Masajlo, Ashley Lotoszynski and Labouro Crewer, Bhoritor accound the chem Johanna Grauer. Phantom secured the cham-pionship with a 7-0 win.

The Phantom Rose 10 and under "C" team placed 2nd in the 17th Annual Pleasan-ton Summer Classic. Pool play started off with a 7-3 win over the Livermore Smoke. with a 7-3 win over the Livermore Smoke. Lead by excellent pitching from Kassie Kochan, consistent hitting and some strong defensive plays, especially by Sami Spain at second base. Saturday's highlights included some brilliant playing by the catcher Dani Taylor, throwing out multiple players as they attempted to steal bases. The girls made it into the Championship game on Sunday, by grain defeating the Livermore Smoke behind into the Championship game on Sunday, by again defeating the Livermore Smoke behind the pitching of Madison Duval and Kassie Kochan. In the heat of the day, the girls battled in 2 exciting games. In the Champi-onship game against Roseville Thunder, the teams battled back and forth for 7 innings with the Thunder prevailing 10-8 for the championship. All the girls had a hand in the fun filled weekend. An outstanding catch in the outfield by McKenzi Schlag and strong defense from all the girls made the game a nail defense from all the girls made the game a nail biter. Booming hits to the outfield by Janelle Tanis and Kelli Finn exhilarated the fans. **The Phantom 12U 'B'** took the title

in the 17th Annual Pleasanton Summer Classic Softball Tournament July 13-15.

Classic Sottoali 1 ournament July 13-15. Gearing up for the ASA Western Na-tional Championship in Las Cruces, New Mexico, the Phantom 12's beat the Albany-Berkeley Sting 9-1 in the Championship game. The 12's division hosted 12 teams and with at least half the field going to the National Championship compatition was at National Championship, competition was at it's highest

NOTICE OF VACANCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Section 1780(a) of the Government Code, State of California, that a vacancy has been created on the Board of Directors of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, effective July 11, 2007.

It is the intention of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District. Board of Directors to fill the vacancy by appointment by September 10, 2007. The person so appointed will hold office as a Member of the Board of Directors until the next general district election, which will be held on November 4, 2008.

Persons interested in being considered for appointment should contact Gretchen Sommers at the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District. 4444 East Avenue, Livermore, California 94550-5053, (925) 373-5725, gsommers@larpd.dst.ca.us, for application procedures. Application materials will be accepted until Friday, July 27, 2007 at 12:00 Noon.

> Steve P. Goodman, Vice President Board of Directors ATTEST: Timothy J. Barry General Manager and ex-officio Clerk to the Board of Directors The Independent Legal No. 2280 Austration July 18, 2087

Emily Tincher had quite a night for the Pleasanton Meadow Sharks, setting a team record in the U625 yard butterfly with a 23.25 time and participating in the medley relay team that recorded a time of 1:58.26 also a new club record. Tincher also won the breast stroke while her sister Mary took the U6 backstroke. The Sharks dropped the meet to ClubSport 698-299. The Sharks recorded first place finishes

from Sidney Vaeth in the 7-8 butterfly and Chris Bush in the 11-12 breaststroke.

District 5 Title

After losing to Fremont on Saturday afternoon, Tri-Valley Babe Ruth 13's won three straight, including two convincing wins over Fremont to claim the District 5 title. Alex Rojas, Gunnar David, Tyler Hollander, Nate Vincent, and Andrew Hobson all hit over .450 in leading a potent offense attack that outscored its 5 opponents 48 to 23. David, Hollander, Vincent, Shane Jackson Evan Brisinitine and Kyle Haggard led a solid pitching performance. Tri-valley begins play at the state level July 14th at the College of Alameda.

Tri-Valley swept the District 5 Babe Ruth titles winning at the 13, 14 and 15 year-old age groups.

'Rays Sting Whales

Del Prado Stingrays swam past the Ruby Hill Killer Whales 623 to 377 in a Tri-Valley Swim League meet.

Tom Sornsen (age group 7-8) broke his own 3-day old free record with a time of 15.91. Finishing first in age groups were the

following: 25 Free 6-under girls: Taylor Sowers (RH) 20.31; 6-under boys: Steven Reimer (DP) 22.60; 7-8 girls: Kirsten Hewitt (RH) 17.85; 7-8 boys: Tom Sornsen (RH) 15.91; 50 Free 9-10 girls: Courtney Seams (RH) 33.71; 9-10 boys: Peter Balas (DP) 35.90; 11-12 girls: Kristine Waldear (DP) 29.75; 11-12 boys: Nick Johnston (RH) 29.17; 13-14 girls: Emily Klein (DP) 29.92; 13-14 boys:

The Livermore Elite United boys U13 soccer team won 1, tied 1, and lost Ž at the Placer United Prestige Cup in Sacramento over the weekend.

Livermore started out strong, scoring a goal early on in their first match of the weekend against the Mustang Flash. Evan Enzmann scored the goal after receiving a pass from Alexander Zandian. Unfortunately, the Flash were able to break through the Liver-more defense to score twice in the first half, ultimately winning the game 2-1. In the second half, Jeff Gellerman and Sergio Alvarez fought hard on defense to keep the Flash from scoring again.

Livermore played to a 0-0 tie in a very physical game against the Placer 95 Black team. Goalkeepers JT Addington and Paul Mayes performed well to earn the shut out.

On Saturday, Livermore fell to Union City, last season's State Cup finalists. Brandon Marantan, Juan Carlos Alfaro and Enzmann performed well for Livermore's offensive line, but were unable to break through Union City's defense to score.

Livermore triumphed over Pacifica in their last game, winning 4-1. Marantan scored first for Livermore in a full team attack on Pacifica's goal. Ryan Gollott tapped in Livermore's goal and coll with accident Livermore's second goal, with assistance from Alfaro. After the half, Livermore scored again when Damon Tregear fed the ball up the line to Enzmann for a perfect cross. Alfaro headed the ball into the net for the goal. Alfaro scored again to earn Livermore's 4th goal of the game after receiving a cross from Gollott. Cody Martinez, Tyler Ellis and Marco Arana-Nolasco performed well on defense to contain Pacifica

Pleasanton Valley Undefeated

Pleasanton Valley Club extended its undefeated winning streak this season in a

winning with a score of 1079 - 611. The following swimmers of PVC are recognized this week for dropped times and

the raily. The 13-year-olds battled back from a second round loss to defeat Fremont twice in a row including Tuesday nights champion-ship where they thumped Fremont 12-3. The team scored an incredible 38 runs in the

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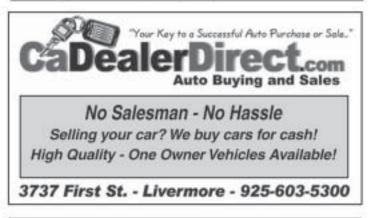
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SPORTS NOTES

In the Championship game, Phantom exploded with 6 extra base hits from Nicole Borchard, Jessica McKeehan, Kate Mannion Borchard, Jessica McKeehan, Katie Mannion and Krista Williams. Singles from Jenny Yang and Kelly Taylor added to their offen-sive strength. Mannion led the offense with a triple and 2 doubles going 4 for 4. Williams also contributed going 3 for 4 in the Cham-pionship game. Kendall Moore, Natalie Tiongco and Williams led the defense mak-ing some clutch plays. Mannion was out-standing on the mound with 9 trike outs no standing on the mound with 9 strike outs, no walks and only giving up 3 hits to the powerful Sting offense. McKeehan, behind the plate, held the few runners from any stealing attempts. In the semi-final game against Belmont Blast, Phantom trailed 1-3 in the third. With hits from Yang and Borchard, Phantom picked up another run. In the bottom of the 4th, Phantom came alive with hits from Brooke Quesinberry and Aubry Wolff. With good base running Phantom scored 5 runs making the final 7-3. Defensively, Julia Petros, Borchard, Mannion, McKeehan and Yang were solid. With Tiongco behind the plate and Williams on the mound with 6 strike outs, 2 walks and giving up 6 hits, the team held the Blast to only 3 runs.

Phantom played 4 games total Sunday, also beating Roseville Thunder 3-1 and Ceres Sizzle 7-1

In pool play Friday and Saturday, Phantom beat San Carlos Force 8-0, Valley Magic 11-6 and had a tie with Livermore Smoke Black 2-2. The Phantom 12's goes to the National Tune-Up tournament in Stockton next weekend before their trip to the National Championship July 31 – August 5th.

The Pleasanton Phantom 14U 'B' team won 4 games over the weekend to place 2nd in the12 team,17th annual Summer Classic hosted by the Pleasanton Girls Softball League. Phantom finished pool play 2-1 winning 8-0 over Livermore Smoke Red and 5-1 over Valley Magic. They lost the 3rd game 8-0 to Belmont. In Sunday's Bracket play, Phantom got a last inning, two out double from Jessica Johns to win a close 6-5 game vs. The San Ramon Stompers. Gabby Faccini earned the victory on the mound.

In the semi-finals, Phantom rallied for 5 runs in the last inning to pull out a thrilling 6-5 victory over Castro Valley Synergy. Trailing 5-1 entering the last inning, Macy Masajlo reached base on an infield single and subsequently scored on a single from Faccini. With two outs, Phantom then strung together 5 consecutive hits from Jenica Holt, Syd Schaffer, Heidi Johns, Nicole Sisneros and with the bases loaded, Kara Schott drove home the winning run with a base hit which earned Phantom the 6-5 victory and a trip into

the Championship game. Phantom fell 1-0 in the championship game to the Calaveras Sliders. Kim Grano pitched well yielding just 4 hits to the very explosive Sliders who came in to the very everying 8 runs a game for the tournament. The 14u next will play in the Western Nationals August 1-5 and currently have a 20-12-1 record.

Pleasanton Meadows

Pleasanton Meadows came through with a 526.5 to 420.5 victory over Foothill Area a 526.5 to 420.5 victory over Foothill Area Swim Team (FAST) on Saturday. Swim-mers on both teams performed their best individual and relay times landing them in the top ten rankings in the Tri-Valley Swim League. Top ten individual Pleasanton Mead-ows swimmers: Isabelle Epley, Tyler Rhoads, Blake Staniford, Colin Burke and Nicolas Tucker. Top ten individual FAST swim-mers: Juhee Goyal, Brandon Chen, Spencer Goodwin, Danny Carballo, Paige Heacox, McKenna Moura, Madalyn Warren, Nicholas Tucker Jeffrey Liebman and Michael Udinski. Four FAST relay teams and three Pleasanton Four FAST relay teams and three Pleasanton Meadows relay teams scored their best times of the season. FAST 7-8 girls free relay and medley relay teams are currently ranked first in the league based on Saturday's performance

Girls 6 & Under: 25 yd Free: Mary Tincher 25.75(PM); 25 yd Fly: Emily Tincher 27.78(PM); 25 yd Breaststroke: Emily Tincher 33.13(PM); 25 yd Back: Juhee Goyal 31.39(FAST)

Girls 7-8: 25 yd Free: Paige Heacox 16.86(FAST); 25 yd Fly: Sidney Vaeth 23.87(PM); 25 yd Breaststroke: Elizabeth Brown 25.47(FAST); 25 yd Back: Paige Heacox 21.32

Girls 9-10: 50 vd Free: Kate Berrigan 36.37(FAST); 25 vd Fly: Danielle Hammer 18.51(FAST); 25 vd Breaststroke: Haley Hjerpe 23.33(FAST); 100 IM: Danielle Hammer 1:41.65(FAST); 25 yd Back: Kate Berrigan 21.28(FAST).

Chen 26.45(FAST); 25 yd Fly: Danny Carballo 29.80(FAST); 25 yd Breaststroke: Danny Carballo 28.47(FAST); 25 yd Back: Brandon Chen 29.14(FAST).

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23.27(PM); 2.5 yu back. black fucker 22.85(PM). Boys 9-10: 50 yd Free: Colin Burke 34.79(PM); 25 yd Fly: Nicholas Tucker 17.02(PM); 25 yd Breaststroke: Erik Thornally 22.95(FAST); 100 IM: Nicholas Tucker 1:30.34(PM); 25 yd Back: Sean Burke 21.18;(PM). Boys 11-12: 50 yd Free: Jeffrey Liebman

4.98(FAST); 50 yd Fly: Steven Camacho 45.84(FAST); 50 yd Fly: Steven Camacho 45.84(FAST); 50 yd Breaststroke: Jeffrey Liebman 1:29.02(FAST); 100 IM: Jeffrey Liebman 1:29.02(FAST); 25 yd Back: Nils Thornally, 41.89(FAST) Thornally 41.89(FAST). Boys 13-14: 50 yd Free: Jared Camacho

28.34(FAST); 50 yd Fly: Cameron Manzano 32.12(FAST); 50 yd Breaststroke: Michael Udinski 36.67(FAST); 100 IM: Joey Silva 1:12.68(PM); 50 yd Back: Jared Camacho 28.02(FAST)

112.200(FM); 30 yu Back, Jaren Cantactio 38.03(FAST)). Men 15-18: 50 yd Free: Michael Corbin 26.78(PM); 50 yd Fly: San Correia 31.04(FAST); 50 yd Breaststroke: Joey Walsh 41.63 (PM); 100 IM: Sam Correia 1:12.47 (FAST); 50 yd Back: Michael Corbin 38.17(PM).

Bowling News

Steve Mack of the Wednesday Wonders League increased his 156 normal average when he rolled a 280 game to complete a 602 series while Cheryl Smyth of the Strikes and Spares League rolled her first ever league 203 reme for upreading the 121 average game far exceeding her 131 average. Ray Salas of the Championship Trio

added another superb 931 Four game series which included games of 249, 248, 234 and 200. Lloyd Smith bowling in the same loop had a 269 game on his way to a 892 set. In the Granada Terrace league Roger Purta rolled a 279 game for a 704 series and Mike Hill's 266 game helped him to a 674. In the Sunday Rollers, David Bunch rolled a 256, 231 and a 214 for a 701 series. Ed Tolsdorf bowled a 246 on his way to a 610 series

Senior Bowler Clara Edeal rolled a 225 game while Otis Farris reported a 219 and Sam Cancilla had a 210 game in the Friday Primetime Seniors. In the Monday Primetime Seniors, Don Tunison used a 216 for his 610 series. Mike Miller had the high game among seniors with a 235 followed closely by Jim Foscalina who had a 235 and Dick Greene had a 207 and a 214. Youth Bowler Vincent Salinas Piper rolled a 278 game and Michael Shaffer recorded a 235, 220 and a 229 for a 684 and Brandon Klinefelter had a 215, 232 and 209 for a 656 Series.

Whales Nip Briarhill

Ruby Hill Killer Whales defeated the Briarhill Barracudas 495.5 to 490.5 in a very close Tri-Valley Swim League dual meet. Ruby Hill's longest held team record was broken by Jason Cunningham (back 29.14). The record had originally been set by Killer Whales' first coach, Ben Vargas (29.19) in 1999.

Results:

25 Free: 6-under girls: Jessica Jensen (RH) 21.35; 6-under boys: Joey Grywczynski (BH) 19.21; 7-8 girls: Craig Bailey (BH) 18.21; 7-8 boys: Nikolas Cory (BH) 19.35; 50 Free 9-10 girls: Courtney Seams (RH) 22 46: 0.10 born: Cheistensky Malek (RH) 33.46; 9-10 boys: Christopher Malek (BH) 33.46; 9-10 boys: Christopher Malek (BH) 27.73; 11-12 girls: Marissa Berg (BH) 27.73; 11-12 boys: Nick Johnston (RH) 28.72; 13-14 girls: Frances Moreno (RH) 30.70; 13-14 boys: Nicholas Perry (RH) 26.66; 15-18 women: Haley Burgardt (BH) 27.33; 15 18 more: Jacon Curningham (BH) 27.33; 15-18 men: Jason Cunningham (RH) 23.83.

23.83.
25 Fly: 6-under girls: Jessica Jensen (RH) 26.15; 6-under boys: Joey Grywczynski (BH) 23.60; 7-8 girls: Juliet Allen (RH) 24.94; 7-8 boys: Matthew Grywczynski (BH) 22.84; 9-10 girls: Kaitlyn Schnierer (RH) 19.91; 9-10 boys: Chase Psinakis (RH) 19.65; 50 Fly: 11-12 girls: Kirsten Jensen (RH) 36.37; 11-12 boys: Nick Johnston (RH) 33.10; 13-14 girls: Marissa Pereira (RH) 34.00; 13-14 boys: Nicholas Perry (RH) 30.66; 15-18 women: Michelle Schirle (RH) 31.98; 15-18 men: Brent Reed (BH) 26.25. 25 Breaststroke 6-under girls: Taylor

25 Breaststroke 6-under girls: Taylor Sowers (RH) 33.08; 6-under boys: Kenny Peng (RH) 37.69; 7-8 girls: Kylie Berryhill (BH) 26.30; 7-8 boys: Matthew Grywczynski (BH) 26.35, 9-10 girls: Kaitlew Grywedynski (BH) 26.85, 9-10 girls: Kaitlyn Schnierer (RH) 22.91, 9-10 boys: Chase Psinakis (RH) 24.19; 50 Breaststroke: 11-12 girls: McKalee Mooney (RH) 42.41; 11-12 boys: Alex Acosta (RH) 45.89; 13-14 girls: Shannon Corrigan (BH) 39.57; 13-14 boys: Kevin Standart (BH) 36.08; 15-18 women: Jenna Vidovich (BH) 39.09; 15-18 men: Brandon

(RH) 20.00;9-10 boys: Joey Repac (RH) 18.55; 50 Back: 11-12 girls: Marissa Bergh (BH) 33.71; 11-12 boys: Brian Standart (BH) 39.08; 13-14 girls: Madison Mooney (RH) 39.48; 13-14 boys: Jamie Somerville (BH) 37.08; 15-18 women: Haley Burgardt (BH) 34.57; 15-18 men: Brent Reed (BH) 28.16.

Pleasanton Lacrosse

Lacrosse 1st & 2nd grade boys will be July/August at Hart Middle School. Will include Monday night clinics & Sat a.m. games. Training by high school coaches & players. Helmets provided. Information contact Rory Manley at 425-9198 or www.pleasantonlacrosse.com.

CYO Basketball

St. Michael's/St. Charles CYO Basketball is now accepting registration for 07/08 season. Register on-line at www.smsccyo.org for player's 1st - 8th grade, coaches and referees. Sign-ups on line conclude August 17. Visit the website for more information or ameli wincontenuund com or email vince@teamwpd.com . CYO hot line number 925-417-5429.

Place Kicking Camp Steve Jordan, former All-PAC 10 and NFL place kicker will host the 2007 Junior Football Place Kicking Camp to be held July 30 to August 1. Jordan, who is currently the varsity kicking coach at Amador Valley High School, will teach campers the fundamental concept of kicking a football with accuracy and power. Campers will learn preparation techniques and techniques to improve overall kicking methods including field goal kicking - accuracy, consistency, and distance; and

kickoffs - accuracy and distance. The sessions are for 3rd to 9th graders, July 30-Aug. 1, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The fee is \$95.

Register at JKS - Jordan Kicking Ser-vices, PO Box 1137, Pleasanton, CA 94566. For more information contact Jordan at 200-8661 or BayAreaKicking@sbcglobal.net.

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 675

Open Water Swim

An open-water swim event will be offered Annual Lake Del Valle Aqua Challenge, Saturday, July 28, at Lake Del Valle, 7000 Del Valle Road (right off Mines Rd.), Livermore. The start and finish area is located at the lake's East Swim Beach—south of the

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

ming. The entry fee to any of the three Lake Del Valle Aqua Challenge competitions is \$30 advance and \$35 race day; for those who choose to compete in the ½-mile race along with the 1- or 2-mile races may do so for an additional \$5.00. Entry fee includes refreshments, T-shirt, swim caps (which must be

worn during races), awards, and entry into an exciting raffle. Lake Del Valle Aqua Challenge will kick off at 8:30 a.m. with the ½ mile race. The 2-mile and 1-mile events will start soon after the ½-mile race completes (to accommodate those who chose to compete in the $\frac{1}{2}$ mile race along with the 1- or 2-mile swims). Checkin and registration will begin at 7:00 a.m. For more Aqua Challenge information and/or an application go to On Your Mark Events Web site at www.onyourmarkevents.com or call them at 209-795-7832.

Open Heart Board Elects New President

The Board of Directors of Open Heart Kitchen has elected Nancy Richardson of Pleasanton as President, succeeding Barbara Gilmartin of Livermore.

Shelece Draper of Pleasanton was elected Vice President, and Linda McKeever of Pleasanton has been named Treasurer.

Richardson has been a member of the Open Heart Kitchen Board since 2001, and most recently served as the organization's Vice President. She works as a marketing consultant to environmental, geotechnical, and civil engineer-

Zoomobile to Visit Rincon Branch

The Livermore Public Library will host a visit by the Oakland Zoomobile on Wed., July 25, as part of its Summer Reading Game, entitled "Get a Clue @ Your Library.'

Wednesday's Zoomobile pre-sentation will be the program "Creatures of the Night!" and will give audience members a chance to learn about the mysteries of nocturnal animals as they get a safe up-close look.

The Oakland Zoomobile appearance will take place at the Livermore Public Library's Rincon branch, located at 725 Rincon Avenue. The free public program will begin at 2:30pm, and will take place outside the library, with the audience to be seated on tarps. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early for best parking and viewing opportuni-

The Livermore Public Library's "Get a Clue @ Your Library" Summer Reading Game is a free program for all young people and their families. Children earn a variety of prizes for reading books, as well as attending storytimes, crafts, and special events at Livermore's three library locations. Special programs throughout the summer are scheduled to include magic shows, puppetss, animals, and international music, dance, and stories. The Summer Reading Game began June 8, and ends August 11, 2007.

Člick on the Summer Reading Game link from the Livermore Public Library's web site http:// www.livermore.lib.ca.us, or call 373-5504 for more information.

ing firms. Draper, who joined Open Heart Kitchen's Board of Directors in 2005, is Director of Communications for Lennar Homes in San Ramon. McKeever, a member of the Open Heart Kitchen Board since 2003. recently retired from the financial services industry.

Helen Meier and Waseem Sufi have joined the Board of Directors. Meier, a resident of Livermore is currently Executive Di-rector of Hope Hospice. Sufi, who resides in Livermore, is Plant Manager at W.R. Grace. Jane Staehle and Audrey Hornig, both of Livermore, announced their retirement from the Board after completing six years of service.

Open Heart Kitchen, a 501© (3) non-profit agency is dedicated to providing nutritious prepared food to families and individuals in need in Livermore, Pleasanton, and Dublin. Through four free hot meal programs, a weekend box lunch program for school children, and dinner meal service to seniors in Pleasanton, Open Heart Kitchen is working to address hunger in our local community. A small staff and hundreds of generous volunteers prepare and serve almost 3,000 meals every week.

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Lind (BH) 31.70. 100 IM: 9-10 girls: Phoebe Chung (BH) 1:38.18; 9-10 boys: Christopher Malek (BH) 1:42.89; 11-12 girls: Marissa Berg (BH) 1:14.32; 11-12 boys: Brian Standart (BH) 1:16.15; 13-14 girls: Marissa Pereira (RH) 1:21.27; 13-14 boys: Cavan Page (BH) 1:10.72; 15-18 women: Haley Burgardt (BH) 1:13.17; 15-18 men: Brandon Lind (BH) 1:01.49.

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Cross country training camp Registration 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, 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 Richardson, president of Athenian Ahtletics and assistant coach of Foothill's cross com-

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.

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OBITUARIES

Arlene Joyce Lang Giroux

Arlene Giroux died July 7, 2007 in Livermore at the age of

Born and raised in Montana, she had lived in Livermore since 1956, and in Hayward, California the previous 2 years. Arlene attended elementary and high schools in Billings. Artistically creative, she enrolled as an art major at Montana State University, Bozeman. There she met (Elliott) Dick Giroux and they were married December 23, 1950. Later, after their three daughters were in elementary school, Arlene attended Chabot College and California State College at Hayward and graduated with a B.A. in Art. She continued her education and earned her teaching credential, then began her 13 year career as an elementary school teacher in the Livermore School District, primarily at Marilyn Avenue School.

Arlene touched many lives with her enthusiastic spirit and her positive outlook in life. She had an explorer's curiosity and loved to travel. Wherever she traveled, she always had a book she was reading. She enjoyed camping and boating with her family and friends. Once a golfer and a square dancer, she loved being active, worked out at the gym and recently placed first in her bowling team. Her artistic creativity and talent were expressed through her paintings, drawings and ceramic sculptures. She was an enthusiastic partner and laborer in the designing and building of her home with Dick, their workshop and mountain cabin. A member of the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore, she and Dick were also active in the church's Mariners group.

Arlene is survived by her husband of 56 years, E. Dick Giroux; children Díane Boivie of Novato, Audrey Giroux of Santa Rosa and Denise Kellom of Livermore; sons-in-law Robert Boivie, John Bratina and Michael Kellom; grandchildren Jason and Brian Boivie, Matthew and Daniel Kellom; step-grandchildren Kelley Bratina and Katherine and Nathan Nies; brothers/sisters-in law Clayton and Sharon Giroux, Bill and Anna Giroux and sisterin-law Patricia Giroux, and many nephews and nieces.

A memorial service was held Saturday, July 14 at the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore. A family burial ceremony will be held at a later date at the Amador Memorial Cemetery in Pioneer, CA

Memorial contributions are suggested in lieu of flowers to Heifer International, the American Diabetes Association, or the Memorial Fund of the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore. Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Cheryl Lynn Bennett

Cheryl Lynn Bennett died of sudden heart failure on July 2,

missed most intensely.

A memorial to celebrate her life and for sharing of pictures, memories and stories, will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Livermore, at 1893 Vasco Road, on August 11, 2007 starting at 1:00. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to a favorite charity of your choice in memory of Cheryl.

Shirley Holloway Gordon

Shirley Holloway Gordon died July 9, 2007 in Pleasanton. She was 80.

She was born August 26, 1928. She had lived in the Sunnyvale/Cupertino area for the past 50 years. She was the mother of Curt, Brett and Kristen, a mother-in-law to Valarie and Ayda and Kelly. She is survived by grandchildren Alicia, Jason, and Ryan, and a great grandson, Logan. She leaves behind many "best" friends and family: Bunny Holloway, Ralph and Mary Loucks, and nieces and nephews, Cathy, Debbie, Jim, Ron, Elizabeth and Mary Jane. In addition, Shirley was a loyal and beloved sister of her Northwestern University sorority, the Cats. She was preceded in death by her two sisters, Margery and Lois and a grandson, Ryan. She will be missed.

A celebration of her life will be held at 2 p.m. on Fri., July 20 at the Stone Church of Willow Glen, 1937 Lincoln Avenue, San Jose.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Santa Clara Audubon Society, 22221 McMiellan Rd., Cupertino, CA 95008 or the Ryan Gordon Scholarship Fund, First Republic Bank, 249 Main St., Pleasanton, CA 94566.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Nancy J. Carlin

Nancy J. Carlin passed away suddenly on July 9, 2007 at her home in Pleasanton. She was 51.

She born in Oakland on Sept. 1, 1955. Nancy graduated from Bishop O'Dowd High School in Oakland. She went onto Santa Clara University Law School and graduated Magna Cum Laude. Nancy worked for LeBoeuf, Lam, Greene and MacRae LLP in San Francisco for 17 years. She loved her job and co-workers. She had a busy life; loved swimming, travel, and her dog, Sammy.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, Jim Carlin, who was the Oakland Fire Dept. Battalion Chief, and her mother, Lucille Carlin. She is survived by a brother, Paul Carlin and his wife, Joy Carlin, aunt and uncle, Barbara and Jules Glaser, niece, Caneel Phlean and nephew Larry Orluck.

Funeral services were held July 12 in Pleasanton.

by his children, Mario M. daSilva of Dublin and Maria D. Bower of Pleasanton and their respective spouses Cristina C. daSilva and Don Bower; three grandchildren, Justin and Brett Bower and James daSilva. He is also survived by two brothers, Antonio Silva of Pleasanton and Gualberto Silva of Livermore, a sister Melania Gomes of Somerset, MA, and many other family members and friends.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Thurs., July 19 at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. Burial will be at St. Augustine Cemetery in Pleasanton.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Elwanda Lee Bradley

Elwanda Lee Bradley, a native of Okalahoma and a 51-year resident of Castro Valley, died at Kaiser Hospital in Fremont on Sat., July 14, 2007 at the age of 82 years.

Elwanda worked as an assembler for Friden Calculator in San Leandro, Singer Business Machines and Diablo Systems in Fremont before retiring in 1987. She was a member of the First

BOARD BULLETIN

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should also be included. Sister City Fund-raiser, Pleasanton/ Tulancingo BBQ 2007. Sat., Aug. 11, Pleas-anton Fairgrounds, 5:30 to 11 p.m. Chips and salsa, salad, rolls, corn on the cob, beans, tri-tip, dessert. Silent and live auctions. Mystery door prize, music, no-host bar. Tickets \$30 per person in advance, \$35 at the door (limited availability); \$240 reserved table for eight with sponsor sign. Tickets available at Chamber of Commerce, Pleasan-ton Downtown Association, or call Alice Prvor 462-5786 or Jorge Victoria 462-6723.

Pryor 462-5786 or Jorge Victoria 462-6723. Friends of the Vineyards Summer Picnic is Saturday, July 21, 5 to 7 p.m. Retzlaff Vineyards, 1356 S. Livermore Avenue Livermore. Bring favorite food to share. (No wine from outside, please.) Entertain-ment will be by Bill O'Neal and the Valley Banjo Band. Plan to stay after the picnic for Livermore Valley Shakespeare Festival's presentation of "The Comedy of Errors." Tickets at 800-838-3006 or on the web at www.shakespearesassociates.org/where you can also get full details. \$30 adults, \$25 seniors

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., July 21, 55 miles, seven islands vide Sacramento Delta, meet 10 a.m. in Rio Vista, Randy Huey, 518-8439. Sun., July 22, 30ish miles, from Walnut Creek BART, meet 8 a.m. Kandice McDonald, 505-400-1609. Wed., July 25, 32 miles Pleasanton Hill to Crockett and Martinez, meet 10 a.m. Pleasant Hill Community Center, 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. Student news: Ian Darlington, Livermore, David and Katheryn Darlington, Livermore,

earned a bachelor of arts degree cum laude in art history June 10 from Lawrence University. He is a 2003 graduate of Valley Christian High School, San Jose.

Seniors Plan on a wonderful afternoon of space adventure. We will explore the many interactive exhibits on display and view a scheduled show. This is a bus trip and lunch is included. Wednesday, July 25, 11:00 am to 3:30pm. Pleasanton residents \$43, non**Pooch Parade,** Wed., Aug. 1, Wayside Park, First and Neal Streets, downtown

www.holisticmoms.org for further informa-

Presbyterian Church in Hayward.

Elwanda enjoyed gardening,

making crafts, and watching her

favorite soap operas. She loved

cooking for her family and

her husband, Raymond Bradley

in 2006. She is survived by a

cousin Ruth Brown of Oakley;

nephews, Lee Pettus of Liver-

more , Gerald Hyatt of

Livingston, and J.M. Bradley of

Amarillo, TX; nieces, LaVelda

Singleton of Livermore, Corene

Henry of Houston, TX and Pat

Collins of Texas; many great

on at Callaghan's Chapel, 3833

East Avenue, Livermore. Funeral

service will be at 11 a.m. on Fri-

day, July 20 the same location.

Burial will be at Memory Gar-

Frances S. Gomes passed

She was born Nov. 17, 1917.

peacefully with her family

present on July 14, 2007. She was

Throughout her years she be-

longed to the Eagle's Club of

Livermore and worked at the VA

Hospital for 20 plus years. She

Visitation will be 4 to 8 p.m.

nieces and nephews.

dens Cemetery.

Frances S. Gomes

She is preceded in death by

friends.

Pleasanton. Registration at 5 p.m., parade at 6 p.m. S10 entry fee per category. Proceeds benefit Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers. Held in conjunction with the 1st Wednesday Street Park sponsored by the Pleasanton Downtown Association. Goody bags to the first 150 entrants. For details and registration

go to www.trivalleyguidedogs.com. Singles to help open new night club, Single professionals of all ages are invited to the Grand Opening of Blend Night Club, 519 San Ramon Valley Blvd, Danville, on Tuesday, August 7, 2007, 7-11pm. The cost is \$10 at the door, which including dancing, plus light hors d'oeuvres the first hour. The party is sponsored by The Society of Single Professionals, a division of American Singles Education. Inc. world's largest non-profit Education. Inc., world's largest non-profit singles organization. Anyone wishing infor-mation about this and many more parties for singles may visit www.ThePartyHotline.com or call 415/507-9962.

Dessert-dance, Pleasanton Senior Cen-ter, Fri., July 20. Dessert served at 6:30 p.m., dancing at 7 p.m. Entertainment by Frank Bertoni. 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. Information 931-5365. Tickets \$7 residents, \$8 nonresidents in advance; \$8/\$9 at the door.

Blue Vinyl, an often humorous film expose' on the vinyl industry, will be shown Sat., July 21 at 7 p.m. at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. This non-partisan event is open to the public, wheelchair accessible, free or \$3.00 donations accepted. Refreshments are provided. Meet & greet begins at 6:30 PM with a short discussion following the movie. For more information, call 925-462-3459.

Stressed Out? Stress is the cause of 80-85% of all illness according to the AMA. It can affect your metabolism, body weight, cardiovascular system, digestion, central nervous system, muscle function, and sleep. Dr. Lynne Sullivan shares ways to reduce or eliminate stress without addictive medica-tion. Tuesday, August 14, 10:00am to 11:30am, Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. Activity fee: \$1.50 residents, \$2.00 non-residents. Call (925)931-5365 for information.

Political Book Club, will discuss "Collapse" by Jared Diamond. He writes about how societies choose to fail or succeed.

loved treating herself to a day of shopping and getting her hair done. She particularly enjoyed crossword puzzles and was an avid reader of the daily newspapers and kept up with current events. She valued family and loved to baby-sit her grandchildren and grand-dogs.

She is survived by her sons George Magann of Yuba City and Edward Magann of Livermore, eight grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Joe Gomes in 1963, a sister Ruth Sherin in the early 1980s, son Jimmy Magann in 1973 and daughter Linda Gainous in 1999.

Visitation will be from 9 to 10 a.m. with services beginning at 10 a.m. on Thurs., July 19 at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore. Graveside services follow at Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Shadon Dorrin Dixon

Shadon Dorrin Dixon was born and passed away on July 2, 2007 in Pleasanton.

The precious baby is survived by her parents Shalea and Darmahn Dixon, Sr., and brothers Marlon Mays, Darmahn Dixon, Jr., and Dexter Dixon.

No services were announced. Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Grace Micale

Grace Micale passed away peacefully on July 17, 2007 in Pleasanton after a short illness. She was 91.

The native of Hamilton, OH, had lived in San Leandro sine 1947. She worked for 25 years at Hudson Lumber Co. in quality control. Grace enjoyed reading, word search puzzles, eating out, and pickup up loose change.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law Don and Sue Micale, a brother Mike Pichichero of Ohio, grandchildren Dominic Micale, Matthew Micale and his wife Manija. She was preceded in death by her husband of 44 years and her three sisters.

Visitation is 5 to 8 p.m. Thurs., July 19 at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St., Pleasanton. A funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Fri., July 20 at the same location. Burial will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward.

Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 2065 West El Camino, Suite C, Mountain View, CA 94040.

Physical Therapy. Info: Lorene Stack, 447-6158 or Ann Laye, 443-4098.

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. Register or for details go to www.livermorehs1967.myevent.com or contact 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,

lewtwo@sbcglobal.net Child care licensing orientation will be held Aug. 7 from 9 a.m. to noon. The Licensing Orientation is the first step in becoming a licensed family child care pro-vider and is open to all. Participants will vider and is open to all. Participants will receive the application packet and handouts with information from Department of Social Services - Community Care Licensing re-garding the licensing process. Child Care Links will be present to offer an overview of the services provided to potential child care providers. There is a \$25.00 Community Care Licensing Orientation fee for all attend-ges This fea availas to guery preson attending ees. This fee applies to every person attending the orientation. Must pre-pay and pre-register prior to attending a licensing orientation. For more information, contact Child Care Links at (925) 417-8733 or Department of Social Services-Community Care Licensing (510) 622-2602.

Interested in teaching, sharing a special talent? Livermore Adult Education is looking for community members who have talents and training that may qualify them to teach a class. Instructors for Taiko Drumteach 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. **Organize Your Piles of Photos**, Let Carole MacLean help to get you started. Discover ways to organize photos to effec-

Discover ways to organize photos to effec-tively convey your story. Learn ways to preserve your photos or recover damaged ones. Talk set for Tuesday, July 24, 10am-11:30am at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., \$1.25 residents/\$1.75 non-residents. Call 931-5365.

Laughter Playshop, laughter has health

benefits; participate in simple improvisation exercises to make us laugh. Facilitated by Shelly Gordon. Sat., July 21, 10 a.m. to noon. ValleyCare Health Library, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suites 240 A & B. For cancer patients, families and friends. Free. To rearister call 933-0107 register, call 933-0107. Moonlight on the Mountain, August

25, Save Mount Diablo will host Moonlight on the Mountain, its annual dinner and auction fundraiser, on August 25. Silent auction, sit-down dinner, live auction and live music by Aja Vu with beautiful Mt. Diablo, lit by the moon as the back drop. Tickets \$200 per person. RSVP Tickets \$200 per person. 925.947.3535.

RELIGION

Unitarian Universalist, 1893 N. Vasco Ad., Livermore. Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m. July 22 will be a Native American Service led by Michelle Herrera. Information 447-8747.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Livermore, has services at 10 a.m. every Sunday and at 7:30 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month. Sunday School for students (ages 3-20) is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday. The church and reading room are located at third and N Streets. The Reading Room, which is open to the public, features books, CDs and magazines for sale. For information, call (925) 447-2946.

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

SonForce Kids, vacation Bible school, 9 a.m.-noon, July 30-Aug 3, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. For children ages 4 to current 5th graders. S5 per child. 447-950 Asburylive.org Registration deadline is July 23. Tri-Valley Unity Church meets at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. Sunday service and children's school at 10 a.m. Ongoing classes and groups. All are welcome. Rev. Mary Anne Harris, minister. Call (925) 829-2733 or visit www.trivalleyunity.com.

2007 at the age of 56, while on vacation with her husband Charles and daughter Caitlin at the Sunriver Resort in Oregon.

Within the week before her death, she had had quality time with all of her closest family: her sister Jennifer Manning, of Springfield, Oregon, her grandmother Opal Lanning, of Spring-field, Oregon, her stepfather and stepmother Bruce and Janice Stark, of Eugene, Oregon. She is also survived by brother Douglas, of Dexter Oregon, and brother Phillip, of Portland Oregon. At the time of her death, she was very happy and at peace. She had just finished a massage treatment, and while waiting for a pedicure appointment, she went into a sauna, drifted off to sleep, and

simply did not wake up. Cheryl was born April 10, 1951 in Camp Pendleton, California. All of her life she loved music and dance. She and her husband Charles shared this passion, and frequently played mu-sic together. At performances of her favorite band, the Royal Society Jazz Orchestra, she and her husband were often the first ones to take to the dance floor, and many times the last to leave.

In her professional life, Cheryl had a passion for helping people ergonomically and especially for helping children. She was the driving force behind fitting tables and chairs for not only kids, but also for the staff at three different local schools in Livermore. She is also known internationally for her work with the International Ergonomic Agency and the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society.

Cheryl had a playful and fiercely independent spirit. Cheryl was her husbands' best friend, most intimate companion, and passionate lover. She will be

In fieu of flowers, donations may be made to Asante Africa Foundation, 1334 Carlton Place, Livermore, CA 94550.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

James Pierre DuVall

James Pierre DuVall passed away July 10, 2007 following a long battle with cancer. He was 58.

He was born June 3, 1949. He will be missed by all. He is survived by his wife Bette, sons, Jimmy (Mandy), Linc (JoAnne) and Todd (Tina), grandchildren, Nicole, Jacob, Jessica, Brandon, Sydney and Jimmy; sisters Cherie and Yvonne, and his mother, Virginia. He also leaves behind his loving pets, Lexi and Sandy. Plans are pending for a "Cel-

ebration of Jim's Life.

Donations may be made to the American Lung Association, 1900 Powell St., Suite 800, Emeryville, CA 94608, or Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd., Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568. Arrangements by Graham-

Hitch Mortuary.

Manuel A. daSilva

Manuel A. daSilva, 83, passed away peacefully on July 15, 2007 following a long battle with heart problems and diabetes.

He was born Sept. 25, 1923 in Castelo Branco, Island of Faial, Azores and had lived in Pleasanton for the past 41 years. He was a member of the Catholic Community of Pleasanton and the Portuguese I.D.E.S. Livermore/ Pleasanton fraternity. He worked as a Millmen Carpenter for 17 years, retiring in 1982.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 42 years, Maria E. daSilva in 1999. He is survived residents \$46. Please call or stop by the Pleasanton Senior Center located at 5353 Sunol Blvd. phone 931-5365 for registration

or more information. **Tri-Valley Holistic Moms Network**, new group to the area and will be holding an Open House on Wed., August 15, at Village High School Multi-Purpose Room, intersec-tion of Dural and Mar Titte Startet tion of Bernal and Main/First Streets, from 7PM - 9PM. Regularly scheduled meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of the month at the same time and location. Children are welcome! Please visit

Meetings are the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7pm at the Livermore Public Library Board Room. This month will be July 24th. A dollar should cover the cost of renting the Board Room.

Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group, meets 4th Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m. at Heritage Estates Retire-ment Community, second floor conference room, 900 E. Stanley Blvd, Livermore. All are welcome. The next meeting is Tues., July 24. There will be a speaker from ValleyCare



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By Anne Homan

"All Things Shall Perish from Under the Sky; Music Alone Shall Live"

In 1963 a study section of the American Association of University Women recommended an orchestra of local musicians as a good addition to Livermore's cultural life. The study section developed into a valley-wide steering committee led by Carolyn Jordan. The adult education department of the Livermore School District made arrangements for the orchestra to be under its jurisdiction; this arrangement only ended three years ago.

With financial help from AAUW, rehearsals began, and on January 25, 1964, the first concert of the Livermore Symphony was presented by 40 musicians in the Livermore High School auditorium. Daniel Steinberg was the first concertmaster; his wife, Sue, remembered that guiding such a beginning group was difficult for him with his gift of perfect pitch. Keith Polk, a doctoral student at Cal Berkeley, was the conductor and led the early rehearsals. Cal Wood created the first program design, Sue Steinberg wrote the notes. The programs were printed gratis by Coast Manufacturing. Dr. Arthur Barnes, soon to become a Stanford music professor, was hired as conductor in the fall of 1964, and a paid concertmaster was hired in 1966. Most of the principals of the sections are now paid; the rest of the players are volunteers. A number of them have been local high school students

In 1971 the organization's name was changed to the Livermore-Amador Symphony to recognize the participation of many residents from Pleasanton, Dublin and Sunol. The symphony awards scholarships to local graduating high school musicians and also sponsors an annual youth competition for local instrumentalists and vocalists. Winners of the competition play as soloists with the orchestra in their February concert. The first of the now yearly "pops" concerts in October, which include audience sing-alongs to Broadway shows, was held in 1979 at the barn to raise money to support the orchestra. The group now has about 60 members and plays four regular concerts from December through May. Rehearsals are held at East Avenue Middle School. The orchestra's music library is stored there.

One of the early members of the orchestra was Juanita Schenone Vidalin, a direct descendent of Robert Livermore and a longtime elementary school teacher in Livermore and Pleasanton. She played flute with the group for 30 years. A teaching colleague, Del Warren, remembered that "she was very proud of playing the flute with the Livermore-Amador Symphony. She was always joking that they only kept her around because they needed someone to fill the seat. ... Juanita always had a smile on her face and a kind word for everyone." She helped to run the local youth soloist competition for many years for the orchestra. Nan Davies, who played flute beside Juanita, said that Juanita was careful to make sure the young people were comfortable about the contest; she worried about the feelings of those who didn't win. She died this past January.

Marion and Arnold Clark are both charter members. Marion plays the viola; when she began with the group, she was the only viola player; now they have 10 in the section. Arnold began as a violinist, but switched to cello. He recently had a stroke and has been unable to perform with the symphony. However, he still plays weekly in a quartet at their home. Marion said, "I don't like solo playing—playing an instrument is a social activity. It's a good way to meet a wide variety of people." She stressed the feeling of accomplishment that comes when a person can work at and see improvement in something. Marion has given private violin/viola lessons for 25 years. She and Arnold have volunteered to tutor fourth-grade beginning strings at many of the elementary schools in Livermore. Marion continues to work with the strings at East Avenue Middle School. "Young people today are 'I' people-it feels good to teach them what it means to work together." In 2002 Arnold and Marion received the Association of California Symphony Orchestras' most valuable player and volunteer award in recognition of "extraordinary commitment and exceptional performance."

Marion noted that most community orchestras fold. She ascribes the success of the Livermore-Amador Symphony to its auxiliary, the Symphony Guild, as well as to the board of direcinia McFann, a charter member in th section, has served countless hours with the guild and the board. Currently, she is the chair of the orchestra management committee. The board oversees financial matters. A board committee plans the music and concerts for each year. The Symphony Guild, an integral part of the orchestra organization, has the responsibility for publicity, tickets, ushering, and large scale fund-raising events. These have included house tours, treasures and trivia, the pops concert, appraisal days, and estate sales. Such events are necessary since ticket sales do not cover the orchestra costs—for example, paying for the guest soloists or for ringers needed for specific performances. Marie Ruzicka, also a charter member of the second violin section, no longer plays with the orchestra, but has been working in the guild for many years. The concerts of the Livermore-Amador Symphony 2007-2008 season will be held downtown at the new Bankhead Theater. The program includes Tchaikovsky's Third Symphony and shorter pieces by Beethoven, Frumerie, Barber and Wagner. As the old round informs us, music shall never die, but continue to delight us with its lift to our spirits.

SHORT NOTES

Rotary Grants

The Rotarian Foundation of Livermore is now accepting applications for the 2007-2008 annual grants program. The grant filing period closes September 30, 2007 with interviews for award finalists scheduled in October 2007. Awards will be announced in Novem-ber, and funded in January 2008. Applications and guidelines can be downloaded from the Foundation website at www.rotarianfoundationlivermore.org.

The Rotarian Foundation of Livermore is a nonprofit organization cre-ated to provide funds for community service projects benefiting the Livermore Valley. With a focus on youth, the Foundation supports projects that have the greatest impact per dollar spent by helping start- up exciting new programs, supporting proven good ideas, and developing strong institutions and community resources. A Board of Directors comprised of

members of both Livermore Rotary Clubs governs the Foundation, which was formed in 1987. The Foundation has granted more than \$400,000 for over 40 projects. Beneficiaries from this year's grants include Community Children's Health Access Program, Disabled Persons Pool Lift for the Las Positas College Aquatic Center, Liver-more Hot Meals Program, Operation School Bell, ValleyCare Health System - Fitness Celebration, Dictionaries for Young Scholars, LVJUSD Electronics Laboratory Upgrade Phase I, Commu-nity Based English Tutoring, and the Opera ala Carte Program.

Fund-raiser Begins

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Community Foundation, the Philanthropic arm of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, the Bay Area's largest real estate services company, has the launched its ninth annual Habitat for Humanity fund-raising cam-

paign. Last year's fund-raising campaign raised \$365,000 to help low-income families build their own home. Orga-"Hearts and Hammers," have set a goal of raising \$500,000. The major event of this year's fund-raising effort will once again be a Habitat for Humanity raffle, which kicks off today. The "Hearts and Hammers" cam-

paign is running now through Friday, September 7 in all 66 Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage offices through-out Northern California. Tickets are \$2 each. The public is invited to partici-Checks should be made payable to Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Community Foundation. All monies raised through the raffle will be donated to local Habitat for Humanity chapters.

There are 36 raffle prizes includ-ing a \$5,000 cash grand prize donated by Princeton Capital Mortgage, round trip airfare for two on Jet Blue Airways and a fantasy weekend in a BMW Z-4 donated by Concord BMW. For a list of prizes or Coldwell Banker Residen-Brokerage offices, visit CaliforniaMoves.com call or 925.275.3085. Raffle prize winners will be notified September 12 or 13.

Apollo 11 Anniversarv

The USS Hornet Museum welcomes former NASA astronaut Captain Daniel W. Bursch, USN, Retired, as special guest and keynote speaker at Living Ship Day: Apollo 11 Anniversary commemorating the 38th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon mission. The USS Hornet CVS-12 was the

primary recovery ship for this historic event. Living Ship Day will be held onboard the ship docked in Alameda from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday,

Bursch is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy with a degree in physics and from the Naval Postgraduate School with a degree in engineering science. He has over 3,430 flight hours in more than 35 different aircraft. Selected by NASA in January 1990, Bursch became an astronaut in July 1991. The USS Hornet Museum has the West Coast's premier Apollo space collection, featuring an Apollo cap-sule, the Mobile Quarantine Facility, the moon-germ trailer, used by the Apollo 14 crew, and three types of helicopters used to recover astronauts after splashdown including an SH-3

SeaKing used in the "Apollo 13" movie. In addition, special exhibits will be on display for this event including a Russian Soyuz space capsule on loan from the Chabot Space and Science Center, a Gemini boilerplate capsule and several space artifacts on loan from the W Foundation, and a moon rock collected by the Apollo 16 mission on loan from

NASA. Visitors will have the opportunity to participate in mission briefings, see airplanes lifted to the flight deck, and sit in a fighter jet cockpit. There is ample free parking and a

food concession. Admission is adults \$14, seniors (65 and older) \$12, Military ID and students \$12, youth 5-17 under 5 years free with paying \$6 adult. The museum is open 7 days a week

from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located at Pier 3, 707 W. Hornet Avenue, Alameda, CA. For more information, visit www.uss-hornet.org. Call (510) 521-8448.

Quest for Excellence

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

The next Quest for Excellence seminar will be held on Tuesday, July 24th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Robert Livermore Community Center, located at 4444 East Avenue in Livermore.

Barry H. Gump, of CSU Fresno, will speak on the topic of Nitrogen Nutrition. Gump is a prolific writer and scientific researcher on many technical subjects. He co-authored "Wine Analy-sis and Production," and "Production Wine Analysis" textbook/references for students and practitioners in the wine industry. Among many of his profes-sional activities over three decades, Gump serves as Associate Editor for the Journal of the American Society for Enology and Viticulture. He regularly reviews technical manuscripts for a number of national, international, and trade publications.

Please RSVP by July 20th to the Livermore Valley Wine Growers Asso-ciation at (925) 447-WINE (9463). The session will have a fee of \$10.00 to cover the cost of materials.

Happy Birds

Trained parrots will be singing, riding bikes, playing dead and shoot-ing hoops on Wed., August 1 as part of the Livermore Public Library's Sum-mer Reading Game, entitled "Get a Clue @ Your Library."

"The Happy Birds," a group of hand-raised, people-friendly parrots, have been performing for over fifteen years with their trainers, Ed and Julie Cardoza. The Happy Birds have been featured on "The Tonight Show," "Ellen," "America's Funniest Home Videos," and Animal Planet.

The "Happy Birds" program will be presented at the Livermore Public Library's Civic Center location, 1188 South Livermore Avenue. The free public performance will begin at 10:30 am, and will take place outside the library, with the audience to be seated on tarps over a lawn. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early for best parking and viewing opportunities.

The Summer Reading Game be-gan June 8, and ends August 11, 2007. Click on the Summer Reading Game link from the Livermore Public Library's web site http:// www.livermore.lib.ca.us, or call 373-5504 for more information.

Gem Faire

The 18th annual Gem Faire will be

August at Wente

The 21st Annual Concert Season continues at Wente Vineyards through August with more great artists, includ-Red, Red Wine" legends UB40, Texas fusion Los Lonely Boys, rockers Huey Lewis & The News and Hall of Famers Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons.

August concert schedule includes Wednesday, August 8: George Carlin (Adult Content); Wednesday, August 15: UB40; Thursday, August 16: Los Lonely Boys; Thursday, August 23: Huey Lewis & The News; and, Thursday, August 30: Frankie Valli And The Four Seasons

Fresh Tracks: A hiking & lun-cheon series in partnership with the East Bay Regional Park District offers a new way to stay fit with a monthly series of healthy hikes held in area regional parks, followed by lunches provided by Wente Vineyards and soothing live music, courtesy of Smooth Jazz KKSF-FM. Every third Saturday through September, there is a 1 and a half hour naturalist-led hike at select regional parks. Preregistration is required.

August 18 walk is at Coyote Hills Regional Park in Fremont. Two times are offered: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For information visit ebparks.org. The cost is \$40 for age 12 and up, \$38 for seniors age 62 and up for residents; \$44/\$42 nonresidents.

The Cinema at Wente Vineyards carries on through the month of August with the line-up for its outdoor summer cinema series, starting the month off with a touch of childhood nostalgia and baseball fun in "The Sandlot" on August 6. On August 27, be careful not to grow up too quickly and watch out for fortune tellers in "Big," featuring Tom Hanks

Films are shown under the starry sky. Casual dining from Wente Vine yards' Reel Classics Café (think juicy burgers, grilled sandwiches, popcorn, ice-cream and more) is available. Gates and Café open at 6:30 pm, Movie begins at Twilight. Movie only \$9 Adults, \$5 Kids (12 and under). Proceeds benefit The California Indepen-dent Film Festival. The Restaurant at Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Rd., reservations call (925) 456-2400 or online at www.ticketmaster.com/ venue/229578

Work by ceramic artist Hanno Hegan will be on display at the Estate Winery Tasting Room through the month of August. There will be a reception with the artist on Sunday, August 5.

The Estate Winery Tasting Room Tesla Rd., Livermore. For information please call (925) 456-2305

Cooking, Lisa Shaver, Pastry Chef for The Restaurant at Wente Vineyards, leads "Summer Sweets and Sorbets," an interactive class that will show you how to capture the essence of summer fruits and prepare your own sublime and refreshing artisan delicacies. The class will be held Aug. 20 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Recipes include Peach Cobbler with Vanilla Bean Buttermilk Ice Cream, and Mixed Berry Crisp with Blueberry Ice Cream Gallette, served with Mango Sorbet, Coconut Sorbet, and Sour Cherry Sorbet. Cost is \$69 per person. Call (925) 456-2400 for Reservations

Nth Degree, The release of the 2005 The Nth Degree Syrah is sched-uled August 4 from noon to 4 p.m.. In celebration, winemaker Karl Wente will host a day of three of his favorite things: fine wine, great music and de-licious food. The Jubilee will feature wine tasting, live music by Jim Hurley and Night Harvest, and Wente Vine-yards' Catering will have food available for sale as well. Cost is \$10 to the public, \$5 wine club members. Price includes a commemorative crystal Riedel logo glass. For more informa-tion please call (925) 456-2300

Port Chicago The National Park Service will host a commemoration of the 63rd anniver-

held Sat., July 21.

sary of the explosion at the Port Chi-

cago naval ammunition base during World War II. The ceremony will be

More than 320 men, predominately African American sailors, were killed.

Keynote speaker for the event will be Robert Allen, Professor of African American Studies and Ethnic Studies at UC Berkeley. He will speak on the

social and historical impacts of the explosion. The program will focus on the diverse perspectives of those who experienced the devastation and pro-vide an opportunity to listen to firsthand accounts of survivors.

This free event includes a visit to the Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial. To attend, please RSVP at 838-0249 838-0249 or poch_interpretation@nps.gov. Include name, phone number and number of people in the party. The program will be held from 10 a.m. to noon. However, those attending will need to arrive in the parking lot at the weapons station's main gate on the Port Chicago Highway between 9 and 9:45 a.m. in order to board the required shuttle bus to the event.

Mystery Movie Night

The Dublin Library continues its summer reading theme of "Mystery," with a series of mystery movies to be

whit a series of mystery indvies to be shown Wednesdays starting July 25. The schedule is: July 25, National Treasure (PG), 5:30 to 7:45 p.m.; Au-gust 1, The Young Sherlock Holmes, 6 to 7:45 p.m.; August 8, Wallace & Gromit: Curse of the Were-Rabbit, 6 to 7:15 p.m.

7:15 p.m. All movies are free. They will be shown in the program room at the library, 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin. For additional information, call 803-7275.







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

held July 27-29 at the Santa Clara Convention Center in Santa Clara. Hours are noon to 7 on Fri., 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sat., and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sun. Admission is \$5, valid for the entire weekend.

Nearly 80 dealers will be offering fine jewelry, gems, beads, crystals, minerals, findings and much more. Finished and unfinished jewelry, rare gemstones and jewelry making tools are available under one roof.

visit For information, www.gemfaire.com.

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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

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Photo - Eric Wood

Pictured rehearsing are, at left, Morgan Breedveld (Millie) and Peggy Huff-Stratton (Muzzy)

Playhouse Offers Audience a High-Spirited Musical

Pleasanton Playhouse's final production at the Amador Theatre is the high-spirited musical romp, "Thoroughly Modern Millie.

The show will open on Friday, July 20, and run for 3 weekends closing on Sunday, August 5.

Thoroughly Modern Millie is a high-spirited musical romp that has all of New York dancing the Charleston. It's the zany new 1920's musical that took Broadway by storm just a few short years ago. Set in New York City in 1922.

The play tells the story of young Millie Dillmount (Morgan Breedveld) arrives in the city fresh-faced and eager to shed her country-girl image and embrace the flapper lifestyle. Refusing to fall in love, she is determined to marry her wealthy boss - whoever he maybe. After moving into the Priscilla Hotel for Women, she quickly finds a job as a stenographer at an insurance company and begins vying for the affections of her boss, Trevor Graydon (John Brown). Soon she befriends Miss Dorothy Brown (Melanie McKay), an aspiring actress, Muzzy van Hossmere (Peggy Huff-Stratton), a glamor-ous but zany cabaret singer, and

Jimmy Smith (Min Kahng), a poor but fun-loving paper clip salesman. Millie falls for Jimmy despite herself, and with the help of Mr. Graydon they uncover a slavery ring run by the mysteri-ous and sinister hotel proprietress, Mrs. Meers (Joan Évans).

"Thoroughly Modern Millie" was written by Richard Henry Morris, with music by Jeanine Tesori and new lyrics by Dick Scanlan.

The play is directed by John Baiocchi, produced by Kathleen Breedveld, vocal direction by Matthew Liebowitz, musical direction by JoAnn Fosselman. and choreography by Shawnel Herbst.

Curtain time is 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton.

Tickets are \$30 for adults (18-60), \$28 for Seniors (60+), and \$20 for Juniors (under 18). There is a substantial discount for groups purchasing 20 or more tickets. Tickets can be purchased 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the box officeat 1048 Serpentine Lane #307 or by telephone at 462-2121 or925-484-4486 or at atwww.pleasantonplayhouse.com.

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South Pacific, presented by the Asbury Players, July 27-28. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. This is a free readers theater style presentation. Reservations recommended. Seating is limited. To reserve tickets or for additional in-formation, call Cherie at 455-1048. Program at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. Cantabella Children's Chorus is currently accepting applications for the training choir classes. Cantabella Training Choir is for children in trading Choir to the Children in grades K-5. Cantabella Children's Chorus is a non-profit organization, under the direction of Bee Chow, which provides quality choral edu-cation to children of the Tri-Valley. For more information please visit www.cantabella.org or contact Bee Chow at 292-2663. Application

deadline is July 27th. Call for Artists, Tri-Valley Artists Guild's 6th Annual ArtWalk is set for October 13th in Livermore. Exhibit artwork in businesses and help us spread art throughout downtown! For prospectus application, download pdf from www.tvag.org. Dead-

line August 1st. John Christopher Cellars in Blacksmith Square located in downtown Livermore on July 28th. Stone's Throw will play classic rock tunes from 1-4 PM in the courtyard. Visi-tors are urged to try the recently released proprietary Red Blend -Courtyard Rod Music, 1 to 4 n m Courtyard Red.Music 1 to 4 p.m., taasting room open noon to 5:30 p.m. No charge for event. Tasting p.m. two charge for event. Tasting fees apply, waived with sine pur-chase. John Christopher Cellars at Blacksmith Square 25 So Livermore Ave, Suite 103 Livermore. www.johnchristophercellars.com (925) 456-WINE (9463).

Dublin Summer Concert Series, July 20, Dave Hardiman All Star Band big band sounds of Duke Ellington and Count Basie. 7 to 9 p.m. in the fountain plaza at Dublin Civic Center. Free admission. Information 833-

ter. Free admission. Information 833-6645 or www.ci.dublin.ca.us. **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 at lryan@livermoreperformingarts.org or 925-447-ARTS. Seating is lim-ited ited.

Paul Manousos in Concert at the WestEnd Stage, July 28, 8pm (doors open at 7:30). The Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street (between "G" and "H" Streets). \$10. Tickets may be placed on hold at lryan@livermoreperformingarts.org or 925-447-ARTS. Seating is limited.

Shakespeare in the Vineyards and under the stars, The Comedy of Errors, Livermore Shakespeare Festi-val opens the gates an hour before show time for picnicking at Retzlaff Estate Winery. The Comedy of Errors is a robust comedy with two pairs

of mix-matched twins, entwining desire with hi-jinks and past loss with present laughter. The setting is Rancho California, especially appro-priate for the vineyard setting in an area that was once the wine producer for Mission San Jose. Four weekends for Mission San Jose. Four weekends July 12th – August 4th. For informa-tion: www.LivermoreShakes.org Tickets go on sale May 15th: 800-838-3006. 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. Cocktails, appetizers and light dinner selections served. Open to the public. No cover charge. Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St., Pleasanton; 846-8106, www.PleasantonHotel.com.

Meet Me in St. Louis, Contra Costa Civic Theatre production. June 29-Aug. 4. 951 Ponoma Ave., El Cerrito. Sundays, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Tickets \$24 adults, \$15 age 16 and under. 510-524-9132 ir

Jazz at the Ridge, Poppy Ridge Golf Course, 4280 Greenville Rd., Livermore. Every Thursday 6:30 to 8:30 note: Every findsday 0.30 to 0.50 p.m. Smooth jazz by Two Guys or Opie Bellas and Jeff Massanar. Infor-mation 456-8215 or info@poppyridgegolf.com. **Tuesday Tunes**, June 5 to October 16,

2007 Livermore Downtown Inc. Free live music at the Flag Pole Plaza 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Information: 925-373-1795 or

www.livermoredowntown.com. Livermore Art Association: exhibit July 1 - 31, Dave Brubeck Tribute At The Library. Livermore Library Art Gallery, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Sponsor: Livermore Library and

Various Artists . Concerts In the Park, July 20, Georgi and the Roughweek, rockin' blues, R&B, hosted by Pleasanton Down-town 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 Pleasanton's downtown restaurants Free. Information: (925) 484-2199 or www.pleasantondowntown.net. Wine Country Luncheon, hosted by Livermore Chamber of Commerce. 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Thursday, July 26, at the Martinelli Center,

3585 Greenville Rd. Supervisor Scott Haggerty, "State of the County Ad-dress." Seating is limited; advance reservations are required. Seats are \$35 for members & their guests, \$45 for nonmembers. Reservations, 447-1606

Woman's Will, all female Shakespeare troupe performs Romeo and Juliet, Sat., July 28, 6 p.m. Centennial Park, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. Free. The Mad Woman of Chaillot, Las Positas College production. July 28,

29, August 2, 4 and 11 and 12. performance on campus, 3033 Collier Canyon Rd., Liver-more. Information, 925-424-1100 or see www.laspositascollege.edu/ performingarts. \$10 general admission, \$7 seniors/students.

Vineyard Nights, summer music and dinner series at Garré Winery. July 20: The Chubby Dog Band with sultry vocals, searing guitar, a solid rhythm unit and added horn section, July 27: Tormenta Musical Trio per-forms lively Latin sounds. Outdoors under the stars. Indoor seating avail-able. Reservations strongly recommended. Seating from 6-8pm; music until 9pm. Garré Winery, 7986 Tesla Road, Livermore. 925-371-8200,

www.garrewinery.com. Wednesday Night Funnies at the Pleas-anton Hotel in downtown Pleasanton, Comedy Showcase every Wednesday featuring 6-7 comedians in the lounge. Presented by Laugh-A-Lot Productions. Doors open at 6:30 pm; show at 8pm. For best seating, plan to arrive early. Dinner Service and Full Bar Available. Event is open to the public. No reservations required. Cover charge \$7. Informa-tion at 925-264-4413, tion at 925-264-4413, john@laughalotproductions.com, www.laughalotproductions.com

Poet Plans Presentation in Pleasanton



Poet Susan Wooldridge will speak at the Pleasanton Public Library on Thursday, July 26, at 7 p.m.

She is the author of "Foolsgold: Making Something From Nothing And Freeing your Creative Process."

Wooldridge has been teaching writing workshops to adults, children, youth-at-risk and teachers-in-training since 1980. Her poems and essays have been published in numerous journals. Susan has been making bookstore, TV and radio appearances nationwide. She's held hundreds of workshops including sessions for the National Assoc.of Poetry Therapy, The National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), The Bay Area Great Books Club, The Chicago Teacher's Center, The California Writer's Club at Asilomar, the Hendrick's Institute's Mastership program in Santa Barbara and the International Women's Writing Guild.

Towne Center Books will sell Foolsgold at the event. For presale call 846-8826.

The program is free and open to all. No registration required. For more information, call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.

Adventures in Jazz at Livermore Library

The Dave Rocha Band presents "Adventures in Jazz" as part of Jazz in July, a month-long series of jazz events at the Livermore Public Library.

Dave Rocha has been playing jazz trumpet in the Bay Area for over 15 years. Dave, joined by his band, will be playing "straight ahead" jazz and providing a peek into the workings of a jazz band the music, the instruments, and how it's all put together to produce that exciting jazz sound.

This free event will be presented at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center in the Craft/Storytime Room on Sunday, July 22nd 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 the library's website at www.livermore.lib.ca.us

For more information, please contact Joyce Nevins at (925) 373-5500 extension 5577.

Drop In Art Studios Available for Teens

The Pleasanton Public Library is hosting three drop-in art studios for teens in grades 7-12. All studios are in the large meeting room.

Artist and librarian Morgan Mitchell will be on hand to facilitate the teens' vision and provide inspiration and guidance. The library will provide all materials. No artistic ability required. Teens should bring their imagination and creativity.

The schedule is:

• Design a Dream Library - Saturday, July 28 from 10am-2pm. Budding architects and artists will draft plans for the interior or exterior of a fantasy library space. • Illustration Make Over - Thursday, August 2 from 5-9 pm. Re-do

a book's cover; illustrate a character or favorite scene.

• Altered Clothing - Saturday, August 11 from 10-3 pm. Bring

Opportunity to Taste Local Wines Matched with Food

Wine and food enthusiasts, curious consumers, gourmets, and gourmands will experience first hand the bounty of the Livermore Valley Wine Country on Thursday evening, July 26th. Co-presented by Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association and Tri-Valley Conservancy, "Liver-more Valley's Wine & Food Experience: Taste of Terroir," takes place at Pleasanton's vineyardsurrounded Palm Event Center.

This summer celebration

26, at the Palm Event Center, 1184 Vineyard Avenue, Pleasanton. Call 925-447-9463 or visit www.livermorewine.com for tickets or information.

Participating Wineries: Bent Creek Winery, Big White House, Charles R Vineyards, Chouinard Vineyards, Concannon Vineyard, Crooked Vine Winery, Deer Ridge Vineyards, el Sol Winery, Elliston Vineyards, Fenestra Winery, Garré Winery & Café, John Christopher Cellars, La Rochelle Winery, Les Chênes Estate Vineyards, Little Valley Winery, Livermore Valley Cellars, Mitchell Katz Winery at Ruby Hill, Murrieta's Well, Page Mill Winery, Tamás Estates, The Steven Kent Winery, Thomas Coyne Winery, Wente Vineyards Estate Winery, White Crane Winery. Participating Restaurants, Chefs, Caterers, and Producers: A Tasteful Affair Catering, As Good As It Gets Catering, Baia Nicchia of Sunol Agriculture Park, Beets Catering, Blue Sage Catering Company, Campo di Bocce, Checkers Catering & Special Events, Fuzio, Garré Café, Lark Creek, Mudd's Restaurant, Patrick David's, Pacific Coast Farmers¹ Market, Peasant & The Pear, PW Markets, Scott's Seafood Grill & Bar, The Grill at Poppy Ridge Golf Course, The Grill at Wente Vineyards, The Pleasan-ton Hotel, Wente Vineyards Restaurant, Zephyr Grill & Bar. Participating Olive Growers and Olive Oil Producers: Olivina, Sera Festino-Purple Orchid Inn, Victorine Valley Farms, Wood Ranch Estate.



showcases the region's dedication to preserving its agricultural heritage by bringing together the Valley's vintners and growers with leading area chefs to highlight locally produced wines and foods.

Eighteen teams of chefs and winemakers will create signature dishes using fresh, local produce, provided by the Pacific Coast Farmers Market and Baia Nicchia of the Sunol Agriculture Park. The dishes complement the wines. Guided tastings of the region's olive oils, outdoor cooking demonstrations, live music, and two new Livermore Valley wineries further enhance the festivities. Guests will taste many recently released wines as they cast their votes for the People's Choice Award for favorite pairings. The evening will culminate with Bay Area food and wine experts awarding "best of" pairings in several categories and special tastings of Desserts with Ports from four Livermore Valley Wineries

Livermore Valley's Wine & Food Experience: Taste of Terroir Tickets are \$65 per person 6 to 9 pm, The event is Thursday, July

Saturday Salon Set for July 21

4th Street Studio invites writers to read and listeners to listen at its monthly Saturday Salon on Saturday, July 21 at 7:30 p.m. at 4th Street Studio, 2235 Fourth Street, in Livermore.

Salon founder Karen Hogan, stated, "This month's salon celebrates the sun also rising — a Hemingway kind of thing. You can interpret that however you want (Running with the bull? Short simple sentences? Anything you want?). Everyone is a featured writer; everyone has up

to 10 minutes to share their

work." The public is welcome. People are welcome to just come and listen as well.

Salons are held on the third Saturday of each month at Fourth Street Studio, 2235 Fourth Street. Each reading includes one or two featured writers (prose and poetry), followed by open readings. For more information, contact Karen Hogan at 925 456-3100 by email or at 4thstreetstudio@pacbell.net

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something new when these local rock musicians, who recently opened for groups such as Blue Oyster Cult and Pat Travers, take the stage for their first-ever live acoustic performance. And, on August 17th, The Mundaze brings a bouncy blend of pop's simplicity with R&B groove, funk movement, classic rock guitar riffs, shimmering vocals, and great lyrics that have been getting fans off their seats throughout Northern California

The Grand Finale will be on August 24th, with the gypsy-flamenco-reggae sound of the James Robinson group, accompanied by Teresa Orozco on flute. Robinson, winner of the KKSF Bay Area Artist Contest, is a guitarist whose artful playing has earned him a long string of excellent reviews as well as the respect of guitar legend Steve Vai,

who calls him "phenomenal." After hearing him play, Vai signed him to his Favored Nations label and re-released his latest album, "Colours."

Tickets for all of these concerts are available through the Bothwell Arts Center's box office at (925) 447-ARTS. Reservations can also be made via e-mail at lryan@livermoreperformingarts.org. Shows begin at 8pm, and doors open at 7:30pm.

The Bothwell Arts Center is a project of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center. It is an affordable incubator for the arts, with space available for classroom, workshop, rehearsal and performance. Located at 2466 8th Street in Livermore, it is a place where all facets of art can find a home in which to grow and flourish.

Garré Winery Presents Blues in the Vineyard with T Lane and the Nitehawks Winoyard Nights Friday, July 20, 6-9pm Summer Music & Dinner Series

Sit outdoors under the stars and enjoy sultry, live blues from a Bay Area favorite. WINNER* 2005 & 2006 Taste of Terroir Most Innovative Indoor & outdoor seating. Reservations Recommended.

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your own t-shirt, jeans, or other article of clothing to transform into hip wearable art. Sewing machines will be provided.

All programs are free. No registration required. These programs are for teens in grades 7-12 only.

For more information call Teen Services Librarian, Teresa Parham 931-3404 (925)or check out the BLOG: www.ptownteenlib.blogspot.com.



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For more info on this & other events, please contact Livermore Downtown Inc. 925-373-1795 www.livermoredowntown.com

No Errors in Livermore Shakespeare's "Comedy"

By Susan Steinberg

Tired of summer sitcoms and reruns? Try a masterful sitcom by the Master Himself, William Shakespeare.

If you think he wrote only heavy history or bloody tragedies, think again! Livermore Valley Shakespeare is offering the funniest family mix-up of the season with its current production of "Comedy of Errors".

In this show, nobody knows who is who or which end is up **EXCEPT THE AUDIENCE. That** makes watching the hysterical misunderstanding of all the characters even funnier, as they muddle along without a clue about their confusion.

For playgoers, it's all perfectly clear: an old man named Egeon travels to Ancient Ephesus, unaware that as a Siracusan, he is an "enemy alien", and must pay a huge fine or lose his life. Completely distraught, he explains why he has risked his life to visit a hostile country.

Many years earlier, on a sea voyage with his family, a storm and shipwreck separated his twin sons and their twin servants. Having raised one son, he is now traveling the "known world" seeking news of his missing son and servant

The sympathetic Duke of Ephesus gives the unhappy old man one day of freedom to secure the ransom amount, and the comedy begins to bubble. First we meet a young Siracusan merchant named Antipholus of Siracuse, and his servant, Dromio of Siracuse, newly arrived in Ephesus.

Warned about the harsh law against Siracusans, they hastily change clothes to blend in with the locals. Having heard of the many thieves and swindlers in this town, they are especially wary, since they have a large bag of gold coins from successful trading.

Enter an identical Antipholus - this one a prosperous local merchant, who also has a servant named Dromio. Of course we all get the setup for total confusion, but the players on stage are completely in the dark.

Antipholus (of S) sends his servant Dromio (of S) back to their inn to guard his gold. Enter Dromio of Ephesus with a message from his mistress, wife of Antipholus of Ephesus, summoning the master home for dinner.

Antipholus (of S) asks if the

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The cast of what the reviewer calls "funniest family mix-up of the season" during one of those funny moments.

money has been safely hidden and smacks Dromio (of E) who protests he knows nothing about it. Instead Dromio (of E) keeps insisting that Antipholus (of S) come home immediately or face his wife's rage. Again, Antipholus (of S), knowing no "home" or "wife" in Ephesus, becomes angry at his servant's "practical joke" and smacks him again.

Poor Dromio (of E) returns to his mistress Adriana to report the problem, receiving a few more smacks from that temperamental brunette, and the command to go back and get his master "or else". Her sweet blond sister Luciana gently reproaches Adriana, reminding her of the beautiful golden necklace her husband had promised to order for her from the goldsmith.

Aha – yet another chance for merry mischief. The goldsmith happens to meet Antipholus (of S), and assuming him to be his twin (of E), presents the "beautiful chain he ordered". Although confused by the reference, Antipholus (of S) gladly accepts the generous gift and begins to change his opinion of the townspeople.

So, when Dromio (of E) returns with an even more urgent request to join his "wife" and her sister at dinner, he decides to play

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along and enjoy the local hospitality. Adriana, who had feared his infidelity, showers him with loving affection, also puzzling, but not too unpleasant.

Giving orders to Dromio (of E) to keep out all visitors, Adriana and Luciana go in to dine with her supposed husband. Of course the REAL husband, Antipholus (E), soon comes home to dinner, shocked to find the gates locked in his face, and to learn that his wife is entertaining another man.

In a rage, he decides to visit a "lady friend" and promises her the golden chain ordered for his wife, whom he now considers unfaithful. Meeting the goldsmith he demands his chain, while that worthy craftsman is equally insistent that he has already delivered it, and now requires his payment, as he has an impatient French creditor to repay, or face imprisonment.

Like any savvy customer, Antipholus (E) refuses to pay for something he never received, and the goldsmith calls the police to have this "dead-beat" arrested.

Meanwhile the "lady friend" of Antipholus (E) spots his twin (S) and asks for the necklace he promised her. A dumbfounded Antipholus (S) denies any such promise, and also refuses to return a ruby ring she gave "him" at dinner.

Furious at being cheated, the "lady friend" resolves to confront her gentleman-friend's wife with his terrible behavior. Oooh - bad move! Adriana has just given Dromio (E) a bag of gold to pay her husband's bail, but he sees Antipholus (S) and gives it to him instead.

Could things get any more tangled up? Just watch and laugh and enjoy the crazy complications before all is sorted out in the end.

An imaginative setting of the play in Old California's rancho days is a brilliant concept, realized in costumes, music, and impressive mission-architecture set. Director Lisa Tromovitch has assembled a solid professional team to coordinate the production: Scenic Designer Randall Enlow, Costume Designer Cathie McClellan, Musical Director/ Lighting Designer Rob Evans, **Properties Designer Peta Grimes** and Fight Choreographer Matt Ballin.

Caballero outfits, guitar serenades, a mock male/female bullfight, exotic tangos, and some really exciting swordplay add evocative period touches. Incongruous bits of shtick like the spontaneous Bunny Hop and the Chicken Dance add hilarity. A trio of strolling musicians (Aluja Deri, Megan Cohen, and Christine Macomber) contribute effective background music.

From the commedia dell'arte tradition comes the comical slapstick, amplifying the noise of each physical slap. A slide whistle accompanies Dromio's signature salute, evoking more audience laughter with each repetition. Pratfalls and other exaggerated body-language reactions hark back to classical Greek comedy, Renaissance stage humor, and "silly shows" of modern movies and TV.

The actors themselves deliver their lines clearly, but with a wonderfully broad humor, especially both Antipholus and Dromio players, Lee Simons, Nicolai Lokteff, Bryant Hoex, and Matt Ballin. Female leads Michele Levy (Adriana) and Kathleen Brower (Luciana) give lively interpretations of high-spirited women trapped in a male-dominated world. Delicious!

Not accounted one of the Bard's great dramas, "The Comedy of Errors" has been delight-

wrote "The Twins". Shakespeare doubled the fun by giving the twin masters twin servants. Finally a creative Lisa Tromovitch has sprinkled her directorial pixie dust on the whole show, polishing it to a fine comic sheen.

Get in the spirit of summer fun by catching a performance in the magical moonlit setting of Retzlaff Vineyards, just off South Livermore Avenue on a short gravel driveway. Remaining showtimes are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 PM on July 20 and 21, 27 and 28, August 3 and 4. A special family performance will be offered on Sunday July 22 at 6:30 PM. Seats are not reserved, so you may want to come early and bring a picnic supper (tables and chairs are available).

For ticket information and reservations, call (800) 838-3006 or go to www.livermoreshakes.org.



Battaion Cellars Will Focus on Sparkling Wines

The Livermore Valley's newest winery, Battaion Cellars, will focus on traditional and contemporary sparkling wines. Owners are San Francisco Bay natives Dustin and Chandra Battaion.

The winery will be working exclusively with local grapes for the 2007 harvest. Dustin Battaion, winemaker, is excited about this year's harvest and the potential the Livermore Valley offers. Starting as an organic grape grower, Dustin has been producing wine with an emphasis on the traditional French methods of making sparkling wine. "Patience is a necessary virtue for successful sparkling wine production. Memorable French champagnes are aged in cold cellars for a minimum of five to ten years, before reaching true maturity and complexity," explains Dustin.

The couple decided they wanted to open a winery. They received a huge amount of support from local wineries in their efforts to do so.

They chose to use their name on the label.

However, Battaion wasn't the original family name. When Dustin's great grandfather came to America from Italy in 1906, he didn't expect the Immigration Department would change his name Battagione to Battaion. By dropping the "g" and the "e" from Battagione, the end result was the American name of Battaion, *pronounced bad-e-on (long e).* The winery currently offers four sparkling wines available for

purchase. Traditional styles include a 1996 Vintage, a Non Vintage Brut, and a Blanc De Noirs; a pink California Sparkling wine, made entirely with Pinot Noir grapes. For the bold, Battaion offers Cuvee Rouge, an aromatic red sparkling made with Syrah and Grenache grapes.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 397325-397328

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by:a limited partnership Registrant has not vet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed. Signature of Registrant: /s/:Gary T. Bruton and Harold A. Pierce This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on July 12, 2007, Expires July 12, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2197. Publish July 19, 26, August 2, 9, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 398325

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Cal Water Service Asking for Rate Increase

California Water Service Com-pany (Cal Water) has filed a General Rate Case (GRC) application with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) asking for a rate increase. The requested increase reflects higher costs and water system upgrades for years 2007 through 2009, including approximately 4,500 feet of new water mains, an additional purchased water connection to Zone 7, two new storage tanks, and two new backup generators.

If the request were granted as initially submitted, for the average residential customer using 18 Ccf, or 13,464 gallons, each month, the monthly water bill would be \$13.36 (45 cents per day) higher in the first year, ef-fective July 2008 or later, and \$2.86 (10 cents per day) higher in the second and third years.

The GRC application also in-cludes increased costs of centralized services provided from the company's headquarters (such as water quality, engineering, accounting, and conservation programming), and reflects increases in payroll, employee health care and pension costs, taxes, trans-portation and fuel, and facilities maintenance.

Additionally, Cal Water is proposing company-wide programs to improve water quality and customer service, including a more comprehensive cross-connection control program that prevents non-potable water from flowing into the drinking water system, an unidirectional water main flushing program to enhance water quality, a centralized afterhours call center to support local staff and ensure high levels of service 24 hours a day, and additional conservation programs.

In its initial request, Cal Water asks for rate increases of 31.3% in July 2008 or later, 5.7% in 2009, and 5.4% in 2010. However, according to Cal Water, these numbers will likely change during the year-long review process.

"The numbers in the filing are based upon preliminary project cost estimates and expense forecasts, and often, during the course of the year-long review process, projects are modified and the numbers are updated. It is possible that the final increase will be lower than the initial request," said Cal Water Local Manager John Freeman, Jr.

Cal Water's last GRC in the Livermore District was filed in 2004 and resulted in a water rate decrease of 0.6%. The CPUC now requires regulated water utilities to file GRCs every three years to ensure that rates accurately reflect the costs of providing water service.

new plan, Cal Water will be required to file another GRC for all of its districts, including the Livermore District, in 2009, which could result in another rate change in January 2011 or later. After the 2009 filing, the CPUC will resume its three year review process.

According to Cal Water Rates Manager Tom Smegal, the CPUC is making changes in the way it regulates water utilities, with more focus on encouraging conservation, investment in necessary water system infrastructure, and assistance for low-income customers.

One outcome of the CPUC's later in 2007.

new approach is a separate application Cal Water currently has pending before the CPUČ for conservation rates, also called "increasing block rates," which encourages conservation by setting a lower rate for a base amount of water use, and higher rates for greater water usage. This application will not change the overall amount of revenues collected by Cal Water, but it could increase or decrease individual customer's bills, depending on water usage. The CPUC is expected to issue a decision on this

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Puppet Show at Springtown Branch

The Springtown branch of the Livermore Public Library will be presenting live performance by the Swazzle Puppets on Wed., July 25, as part of the library's Summer Reading Game, entitled "Get a Clue @ Your Library."

In addition to constantly performing throughout California and beyond, the human members of Swazzle Puppets design and build their characters, and continually write new material. Their combined experience includes arts and performance training including work with Pixar and training under Jim Henson's Muppet masters. In "Rex & Boots: Super Sleuths," Swazzle presents a comedic mystery in which Lady Fromage, the richest mouse in England, discovers that her prized Gold Fish is missing. She calls on a dog & cat detective team to solve the crime.

The Swazzle Puppets performance will take place at the Livermore Public Library's Springtown branch, located at 998 Bluebell Drive. The free public show will begin at 10:30am, and will take place outside the library, with the audience to be seated on tarps. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early for best parking and view-

ing opportunities. The Livermore Public Library's "Get a Clue @ Your Library" Summer Reading Game is a free program for all young people and their families. Special programs throughout the summer are scheduled to include magic shows, puppets, animals, and international music, dance, and stories. The Summer Reading Game began June 8, and ends August 11, 2007.

Click on the Summer Reading Game link from the Livermore Public Library's web site http://www.livermore.lib.ca.us, or call 373-5504 for more information.

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