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Martha Meltzer to host poetry reading.

### **Five Local Poets** Laureate to Read

Pleasanton's new Poet Laureate, Martha Meltzer, will host the next program in the Century House Poetry Reading series on Sunday, August 5, from 1 to 3 p.m. Guest poets will be three previous poet laureates from Pleasanton and Livermore's current poet laureate.

**Previous Pleasanton poets** laureate to appear will be Jim Ott (2001-2003), Kirk Ridgeway (See READING, page 10)

### **Tauscher Featured** Is Speaker at **Business Summit**

The Tri-Valley Business Council will hoľd a special "Business Summit" on Thurs., August 9 at the Palm Event Center in Pleasanton. East Bay Congresswoman Ellen O. Tauscher (D) will be the keynote speaker.

The Summit, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Center, 1148 Vineyard Avenue includes a buffet breakfast. Reservations can be made online at www.trivalley.org. Sponsorships are available on a first come, first serve basis.

Tauscher is serving her sixth term in the U.S. House of Representatives. She represents California's 10th Congressional district, which includes Contra Costa. Alameda and Solano Counties. Tauscher is the senior Bay Area member of the influential House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Among her goals is the revitalization of California's infrastructure and reduction of congestion. The Congresswoman is a leader on defense, homeland security, high-tech, transportation and veterans' issues and is also known as one of Congress's leading experts on nuclear nonproliferation. Another highlight of the Business Summit will be the unveiling of the Business Council's new Innovator's Website, an online tool for entrepreneurial companies to connect with Tri-Valley businesses as potential partners, vendors and customers. Tri-Valley businesses will have (See SUMMIT, page 3)

# **Small Business Group Opposes Big Box Stores**

of the area.

Jeff Melchen was just a con-cerned resident in Boulder, Colo., in 1999, opposed to a plan to build a big-box store at the edge of the city in violation of what he felt were good planning principles for the community.

Two years later, Melchen cofounded the American Independent Business Alliance (AIBA), which fights on behalf of small businesses against proposals for big-box stores. Melchen was at a Dublin hotel last week to address area business people and interested residents about what they can do to keep big-box stores out

The talk was part of a Bay Area tour for Melchen, which

was arranged by Phil Tucker of the non-profit California Healthy Communities Network. Having a sustainable planned city is part of the health outlook of the organization, which also works for health care reform, said Tucker.

Tucker said the Dublin meeting was not well-attended, because word got out late. Business owners were unable to line up someone to take over for them during that time. However,

the interest they expressed to him on the phone was strong, he said. He might bring Melchen back to the Bay Area in January or February and give the public more advance notice, he said.

Melchen told The Independent by phone that local organizing depends on whether one or two people step forward in a community to become involved. The pattern, then, is that those individuals conduct meetings that attract others, and an effort is launched. "At this point, up to 80 percent of the cities where we've offered help have led to

that direct organizing. So far, there's a good track record about people following up," said Melchen.

Traditionally, big-box chains have answered their critics by saying that the public demands lower prices, and that big-box stores, because of ability to store and order more goods, can provide them. Their TV ads point to job creation, and talk about high sales-tax generation for cities. However, studies dispute the financial claims by big-box stores, said Melchen. The jobs they create are lower positions, mostly

clerks and cashiers, with only one store manager and some department heads on a career track.

Also, local businesses contract out for support tasks locally. They hire local attorneys, graphic designers, accountants and webmasters, instead of doing the tasks in-house at corporate headquarters, said Melchen. "Local businesses return three times more to the local community than an absent-owned chain competitor," he said.

In Iowa, over a few years, a major big-box chain opened 25 (See GROUP, page 4)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The Northern California Outrigger Canoe Association held the Summer Sprint Regatta Series championship races last Saturday at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park in Pleasanton. Pictured is a triple canoe, which takes 22 people to paddle.

# Six Apply for Park Board Seat

Six candidates have applied for the vacant seat on the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District board.

On Wednesday, board members met to determine which applicants would be invited to participate in a public interview process on August 8.

The applicants include former board member Alice Quinn. Others are Robert J. Coomber. Jr.,

Corey Nelson, Stan Peters, Mark Thrailkill and Beth Wilson. the vacancy occurred when Dale Turner submitted a letter of resignation effective July 10. The board decided to fill the vacancy by appointment. Applicants submitted a letter of interest and a resume.

responsibilities have included the oversight of more than \$250 million in company assets and receivables.<sup>3</sup>

His main interest is adding additional trails and ensuring that users of many kinds can enjoy them. He is a trail user.

Nelson lists more than ten vears of experience in volunteer work including his membership on the Livermore Youth Soccer League Board. He notes that special districts, such as LARPD rovide services and administration for special community needs. "I believe my formal education in school and never ending lessons throughout my endeavors have given me a solid foundation to take on a new adventure as a member of the LARPD board."

partments and says, "I know what it's like to work out in the field." He served as an athletic director for 21 years and was the faculty senate president of Laney College for four years and vice presi-dent for two years. "This experience enabled me to work with a variety of people in many different areas. Peters also served as head football coach.

Quinn served on the board form 1992 to 2004. "I am still

# **Asphalt Plant To Move By March**

Granite Construction has agreed to move its asphalt batch plant away from a site near Vineyard Avenue on the outskirts of Pleasanton one year earlier than previously agreed.

Residents along Vineyard Avenue and in Ruby Hill have complained to Alameda County and the City of Pleasanton about noise and odors for several years. There has also been concern about air quality.

The plant was granted a permit by a county zoning administrator, based on an approval from the 1950s that was grandfathered in. The permit did not require any modern review, except by the one official admin-

When the Pleasanton City Council saw the plant had been built and started receiving complaints from neighbors, they entered into talks with the county about correcting the situation.

## **Airport Panel To Spell Out Hangar Priority**

mission is looking into a change in policy about assignment of large hangars when they become

After long negotiations with the county planning department, Granite agreed to relocate the plant to a site near a gravel quarry on Stanley Boulevard where people have no objections.

The new wrinkle from the agreement Tuesday is that the plant will be dismantled in January or February 2008, instead of 2009. It will re-open in March at the Stanley Boulevard site. The agreement was approved by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

Neighbors had complained last summer about more odor and noise, and wanted something done on a faster schedule.

The supervisors' vote to sign the agreement was unanimous.

Chris Gray, chief of staff for Supervisor Scott Haggerty, said, "The plant wasn't built in the proper place to begin with. Finally, we will be able to move it (See ASPHALT, page 4)

The Livermore airport com- operator that the city will be hiring. That operator will build its own facilities.

There is a waiting list of 50 or

istratively.

### **Kottinger Creek** Park Open Again

Kottinger Creek Park re-opened for public use on Wednesday. The temporary fencing around the newly completed creek restoration project was removed.

The 14.5-acre park, located at 1000 Kottinger Drive, has undergone a major transformation that involved realignment and revegetation of the creek to a more natural condition. The 1,800 foot long creek - also known as Saint Mary's Creek – has been replanted with native grasses, plants, shrubs, and trees.

"This project exemplifies Pleasanton's commitment to being a good steward of our community," said Mayor Jennifer Hosterman. "The return of the creek to a more natural setting sends a message that in Pleasanton we care about the long-term preservation of our environment.

> Efforts to restore Kottinger (See PARK, page 14)



Columnist Bob Coomber conquered one of the Morgan Territory trails. For the story, see page 9.

Coomber wrote, "I am familiar with management of staff, budgets and project management. During my tenure with Wells Farm, my

Peters is retired. He has worked for two recreation de-

involved in the goings on of the valley and feel I could help the board by already knowing the nuts and bolts of how the district works," she writes.

She notes that at present she is a member of the East Bay Area Trails Council, Farm Bureau, and Bay Area Barns and Trails.

Thrailkill works for the com-(See PARK BOARD, page 4) available.

About 20 of the 400 hangars at the airport are approximately 10,000 square feet. They are large enough to accommodate one large plane or two small ones. They can also provide space for important commercial plane-related operations. However, they are not related to the fixed-base

so people for the large hangars, which become available at the rate of about one per year, said public works director Dan McIntyre. One person on the waiting list thought that he was high on the priority list, and was bypassed by someone else who had a commercial operation.

(See HANGARS, page 4)

### Kamena Ahead In **Assembly Fund Derby**

Republican Scott Kamena of Livermore has reported a total of nearly \$257,000 in contributions to his 15th Assembly District (AD) campaign. Of that total, \$137,000 was collected during the last reporting period.

The new contributions are for the state reporting period that ended June 30, 2007. Kamena emphasized in an e-mail to the Independent that none of the contributions to him are in the form of a gift or loan to himself. California election law permits lending one's own campaign any amount of money, but only the first \$100,000 may be listed as a loan and is repayable by donations from others.

Only two other 15th AD candidates report money in their campaigns so far this year. Both are Republicans who gave themselves the money, and did not go over the \$100,000 pay-back limit. Livermore resident Robert Rao, a retired CEO of a car dealership, donated \$100,000 to his campaign, which was reported on July 5. Rao listed no other donors for the period.

San Ramon Mayor Abram Wilson listed donations of \$60,000 to himself in May and \$35,000 in the last week of June, for a total of \$95,000. He also has no other donors.

There are two other Republicans listed on Secretary of State Debra Bowen's website as officially declaring their intention to run. They are Judy Biviano Lloyd of Pleasanton and Joseph Rubay of Alamo. Neither is listed as having reported any donations. (They weren't due until Tuesday.)

Bowen lists seven Democrats who have gone through the official declaration procedure. None has reported any new funding. They are Chris Van Schaack of Livermore, Joan Buchanan of Alamo, Davies Ononiwu of Elk Grove, Steve Filson, Steve Thomas, and Terry Coleman, all of Danville, and Frederic Klaske.

Filson and Thomas were unsuccessful candidates for the 2006 congressional nomination that McNerney won. Coleman was the Democratic nominee (See CAMPAIGN, page 4)

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Patrick Leary swims from Alcatraz (in the background) to San Francisco.

### **Livermore Youth Finishes Alcatraz Swim**

### **By Andrew Glazier**

This is not a story about a young man who made a long swim in cold swift water. This is a story of persistence. Patrick Leary, of Livermore, is on a mis-

sion to succeed at everything he does. He is a seventh grader at East Avenue Middle School. After seeing a newscast of a young boy who swam from Alcatraz, he told his father, "I could do that."

His father didn't believe him but his swim team coach agreed. Thus began Patrick's mission to complete the swim himself. Patrick began swimming at five (See SWIM, page 2)



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### PET OF THE WEEK

Panda is as sweet and friendly as he is cute and fluffy. He is a 5year old Pomeranian weighing about 7 pounds. He is housetrained and will require regular grooming to keep his long coat beautiful. He is afraid of other dogs, so would do best as the only dog in the household, but he seems to get along with cats. He has never lived with children.



### The Carnegie Library in Livermore

The first library in Livermore was organized by the Livermore Library and Dramatic Association shortly before April 1875. Family membership was \$3 annually or \$20 for a life membership. The books were kept downtown at a jewelry store and then, when more volumes were added, at George Freeman's furniture store in the IOOF building. By 1887, public interest in the library had waned. It was closed, and the book collection was stored in the local newspaper office.

The Ladies League of Progress, organized in 1896, managed to reopen the library, now called the Livermore Free Public Library. The Ladies League held a number of events to pay for the librarian's salary and for new books but soon was having financial difficulties. In 1901 the California legislature passed a law that made it possible for a town the size of Livermore to maintain a municipal library. In September of that year Livermore became the first town in the state to take advantage of the new law. The trustees voted to establish and support a library, the collection of 3,500 books became town property. A tax of 10¢ per \$100 of assessed property was approved to generate maintenance funds. As the collection continued to grow, this library on First Street became too small. Many residents were concerned about storing the books in a wooden building easily susceptible to fire.

In 1902, having heard of grants being made to libraries by steel magnate Andrew Carnegie, the Livermore Library Board made an initial attempt to gain such a grant. The project sim-mered until 1908 when Mrs. Dell C. Savage became president of the library board. Mrs. Savage worked resolutely to keep up community interest in the library and led the campaign to obtain a Carnegie Library for Livermore. Funds were raised in the community and by the spring of 1909, a lot at the corner of Fifth and K Streets had been purchased. The town trustees agreed to contribute \$1,000 per year for 10 years to support the library, thus earning a matching \$10,000 grant from Carnegie. His approval of the grant came in October, and a bond election held in December passed easily. The architect selected was William H. Weeks; Carnegie approved his Greek Revival style plan with its central portico supported by Ionic columns.

Opposition developed to the site, however, and a new one was chosen, the present city block between J and K, and Fourth and Third. This site formerly held butcher Peter McKeany's slaughterhouse and corral. Work on the new library began in June 1909. The building opened to the public in May 1911; patrons were first allowed to check out books on May 15. Citizens were encouraged to contribute to the library holdings: "Each visitor will be expected to bring a book, not necessarily a new one as long as it is suited to the needs of the library."

Down on the lower floor of the Carnegie Library is a special room dedicated to Sarah and Myrtle Harp, mother and daugh-ter, sometimes called "the Harp girls," who spent a combined 52 years as librarians for the city of Livermore. The room was remodeled from a small meeting room into a periodical and reading room in their honor. Sarah Harp served from 1896 through 1911 and Myrtle Harp from 1911, when the Carnegie Library opened, until her retirement in 1949. As a child, Dorthorary opened, until her refinement in 1949. As a child, Dor-othy Ralph Santucci was often at the library, and she remem-bered Myrtle Harp well: "She kept an eagle eye on us. You didn't dare talk or there would be this rap, rap, rap. You could have put a board down her back. She wouldn't let you take a book out if she didn't approve of it." Betty Hock Banke lived across Fourth Street from Carnegie Park and also spent many hours at the library. "Miss Harp knew everybody. She knew everybody's family. If I brought a book up and she did not think it was appropriate, plunk! it was pushed off to the side, and I did not take that book out. When I think back on it, she was the moralistic literary critic for the Livermore Valley." The city flag was flown in Miss Harp's honor on the day of her retirement in 1949, designated "Myrtle E. Harp Day" by mayor

Harold W. Anderson. The Carnegie Building remained the city library until Labor Day weekend in 1966 when the books were moved by the staff and members of the Job Corps to new quarters on South Livermore Avenue near the Civic Center. In 2004 Livermore's

### **SWIM** (continued from page one)

and also has done some boogy

boarding and surfing in Hawaii. He trained in cold water at Pebble Beach to prepare for the swim. He saw sea lions while practicing, no sharks though. Patrick has been swimming for the LifeStylesRX "tiger sharks" swim team for four years. He trained for seven months in the cold water to prepare for the shock of the bay. Without training, people are vulnerable to the cold and drowning is a real con-

The night before his swim, Patrick ate spinach pasta to "carbo load" the way athletes in triathlons do. That morning, he had oatmeal and hot chocolate.

Patrick and numerous other swimmers had to jump off the ferry behind Alcatraz and then swim a mile and a half to Aquatic Park. Never mind that hardened criminals never made it successfully, Patrick was determined to succeed. Even though it is a mile as the crow flies, swimmers need to swim in an arc of a mile and a half to compensate for the tides which run like a river and can push the inexperienced out to sea. Patrick wore a wetsuit and three swim caps to keep his head warm. Water this cold can actually give one an ice cream headache. Earplugs are worn for sterility and to protect the delicate bones of the inner ear.

Patrick completed the swim in one hour, three minutes and ten seconds. Patrick finished first in his age group, 387th overall. He received a special award for placing in the top three in his age group. When asked how he did it so fast he replied calmly, I just

### A Taste of Downtown Slated

Livermore Downtown Inc. will present Taste of Downtown on August 11 and 12. The event runs from 1 to 5 p.m.

Over twenty-five downtown stores and restaurants will serve food or local wine and more. There will be live music at the Flag Pole Plaza, Livermore Plaza, and Blacksmith Square. Explore the different shopping areas using the complimentary horse and buggy carriages. The event will also celebrat-

ing the official 2007 Art Banner Project unveiling. Maps will be available the day of Taste of Downtown. The banners will be displayed until they are auctioned on October 13th at the Livermore Performing Arts Centers Gala Opening.

Visitors will be issued a passport as part of the \$25 admission price (if purchased by Aug. 10). Prizes will be awarded for those who have their passports stamped

stayed with the kayaks." Patrick's dog is a Weimaraner named "Berkeley." He waits patiently on shore for Patrick to finish his swims. Patrick says he will do the swim again next year.

His next swim is the Tiburon Mile September 16<sup>th</sup>, which starts at Angel Island and finishes at Tiburon.

In addition to swimming, Patrick has completed the Gilroy Kids Triathlon, the Hammerhead Triathlon that is a swim, a bike and a run.

The whole Leary family runs cross-country and unlike the swimming, his dog Berkeley joins too. His father Pete has competed in the Shadow Cliffs Triathlon, the twenty-six mile Suzuki Rock and Roll Marathon in San Diego and the Livermore ten kilometer Grape Stomp.

Patrick is an avid skateboarder, golfer, a straight "A" student, and never has missed the honor roll once. He likes basketball, soccer, and baseball. He wants to play football when he gets bigger. He says when he grows up he wants to play both football and baseball and hopefully have time to work like his father at Fed Ex.

Besides sports, Patrick likes to draw and read books; his latest is new "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows.

He indulges in video games on occasion. He has ten trophies and twenty medals for sports. He has more ribbons than he could hold in two hands.

His room is a shrine to sports heroes. After all this he still mows the lawn every Saturday.

Street and Livermore Avenue.

2007 wine glass.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The Pleasanton Relay for Life was held at the fairgrounds last weekend. The event features teams of walkers/runners who have at least one person on a set course during a 24-hour period. The teams raise money for cancer research by collecting pledges for the number of laps they complete. Cancer survivors and victims were also remembered.





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main library moved again, this time to a site south of the police station, but still on South Livermore Avenue.

Since September 1974 the upper floor of the Carnegie Li-brary building has housed the Livermore Art Association Gal-lery and the History Center of the Livermore Heritage Guild. At one time more than 2,800 Carnegie libraries existed in English-speaking countries around the world, 142 in California, all partly funded by Andrew Carnegie, but many have disap-peared through the years. Livermore's Carnegie Library Build-ing is one of the few remaining in the Bay Area. (Readers can reach me at am50homan@yahoo.com.)

### at all the locations. Participants will be able to vote for their favorite restaurant, shop and win-

ery. Presale passports will be availble at Vino Cellars & Ac-cessories 1772 First St.; John Christopher Cellars 25 S. Livermore Ave, Ste 103; or by phone from Livermore Downtown Inc. at (925) 373-1795.

Passports will also be avail-

### **History Lecture Focuses on Ice Age**

The Ed Kinney Lecture Series presents "Ice Age Fossils of the East Bay," a talk by Geologist Joyce Blueford of the Math Science Nucleus.

The program will be at 7 p.m., Thursday, August 16 at Lynnewood Methodist Church, 4444 Black Avenue, Pleasanton. The lecture series is presented by the Museum On Main Street in Pleasanton. This lecture is sponsored by Jim Allen.

The East Bay was a different place over 1.5 million years ago. Mammoths, mastodons, dire wolves, saber tooth cats, and other large mammals dominated the landscape. This lecture will look at one locality in the Irvington District in Fremont where the first remains of these fossils were scientifically recorded.

As a geologist, Joyce Blueford has distinguished her-

self in the field of radiolarian micropaleontology and sedimentology in California, Alaska, the Russian Far East, and Siberian Platform. She had written over 30 papers, including editing eight scientific books.

As an educator, she has designed numerous classes in ge-ology and science education. She has written six volumes of curriculum, which are used around the world. She started a nonprofit, Math/Science Nucleus which is devoted to increasing science to children throughout the world. She has been the lead researcher on several projects in-cluding the integration of pen computers into schools and the use of internet technology to cre-ate a new medium of electronic textbooks.

Lecture reservations are requested. Admission is \$5 for museum members and \$10 for



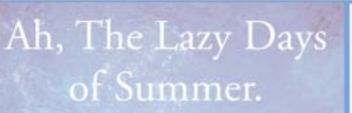
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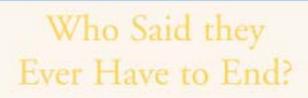
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# VALLEY ROUNDUP

### Water, Wastewater Classes Offered

In the next five years, 10,000 people nationwide are expected to retire from the water and wastewater field," says Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) General Manager Bert Michalczyk. "So, to meet that staffing challenge, eleven East Bay agencies have joined forces and contracted with Solano Community College in Fairfield to bring water and wastewater technology courses closer to home.'

For more than 25 years, Solano Community College has been offering a two year Certificate of Achievement in Water/Wastewater. Now, Solano Community College will offer three introductory courses in water/wastewater operations starting this September at the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (CCCSD), 5019 Imhoff Place, Martinez. Students who complete a total of 28.5 college level credits are awarded a Certificate of Achievement and can begin a career that can pay more than \$50,000 at entry level.

Underwritten by eleven agencies (CCCSD, Contra Costa Water District, Delta Diablo Sanitation District, Diablo Water District, Dublin San Ramon Services District, East Bay Municipal Utility District, City of Livermore, Mountain View Sanitary District, Rodeo Sanitary District, Union Sanitary District, West County Wastewater District), these three and four unit courses will only cost the students a nominal fee.

The water/wastewater courses offered this September at CCCSD are as follows:

• Water 100, Introduction to Water/Wastewater Treatment (four units), Thursday lecture.

• Water 104, Introduction to Water Supply and Treatment (three units), Tuesday lecture and lab.

 Water 107, Mathematics of Water and Wastewater Treatment (four units), Wednesday lecture.

All classes begin at 6 P.M. Students must apply for admission to Solano Community College and can do so online at www.Solano.edu, click on Admissions, then go to Apply Online and follow the instructions. Students register for the specific classes on the first evening the class is held at CCCSD the first week of September. For more information, call (925) 335-7728.

### Water Conferees

The House of Representatives has named Rep. Ellen Tauscher (D, CA-10), the senior Northern Californian on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and Rep. Jerry McNerney (D, CA-11) as conferees for H.R. 1495, the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). The two will be responsible for working out differences in the House and Senate versions of the bill, which passed earlier this year.

The legislation authorizes approximately \$14 billion for water resources studies and construction projects by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, including several in the Bay Area. Similar legislation passed the House and Senate in the 109th Congress, but stalled in conference negotiations.

The Senate had previously designated its representatives on the conference committee. With the naming of the House conferees, the two chambers can formally reconcile the different versions of WRDA that were passed by the House on April 19 and the Senate on May 16. Once the conference report has been agreed to, the House and Senate will vote on the final version of the bill, and it will go to the President for his signature.

### Nuclear Strategy

The strategy emphasizes President Bush's goal of maintaining a credible nuclear deterrent with the lowest possible number of nuclear weapons. The policy document also supports the President's 2004 directive to cut the overall U.S. nuclear weapons stockpile almost in half, so that in just five years the nuclear arsenal will be at its lowest level since the Eisenhower administration in the 1950s.

The strategy also describes the proposed Reliable Replacement Warhead (RRW) as the best means for ensuring the future nuclear deterrent, while allowing for a decrease in the size of the stockpile.

Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher, who originally supported the RRW warhead, now opposes the program.

### **Nuclear Triggers**

The Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) last week recognized the production of the first replacement pit in 18 years for a nuclear weapon. The pit is typically made of plutonium and acts as a trigger, allowing a weapon to function. The pit was built for the W88 nuclear warhead ahead of schedule and under budget by NNSA's Los Alamos National Laboratory, with support from other sites in the nuclear weapons complex.

"Having this capability means that we can maintain the safety, security and reliability of the W88 nuclear weapon without having to conduct underground nuclear tests," said NNSA's Acting Administrator Bill Ostendorff. "This achievement could not have been possible without the tremendous scientific and technical expertise at NNSA's Los Alamos National Laboratory and the very important contributions from the rest of the nuclear weapons complex."

After the Rocky Flats Plant in Colorado stopped production in 1989, the country lacked the capability to manufacture pits, also called primaries, for the stockpile. Under its Stockpile Stewardship Program to ensure the reliability, safety and security of the weapons without underground nuclear testing, NNSA regularly takes apart and examines weapons. Most of the weapons are reassembled and returned to the stockpile through this process. However, some of the inspections are so thorough that the pit and other components must be destroyed. An insufficient number of W88 pits were manufactured at Rocky Flats to allow for the necessary destructive evaluations. Replacement pits are needed to provide continued confidence in the current W88 stockpile.

Because the Los Alamos laboratory had the only remaining complete plutonium manufacturing capability in the country, it was tasked in 1996 with recreating the W88 pit that was built at Rocky Flats. This led to a 10-year effort to plan, develop, design, build, qualify and guarantee a replacement W88 pit process at Los Alamos.

By using small-scale plutonium experiments, data from past underground nuclear tests, groundbreaking materials science, extensive statistical analysis and adapting computer codes, Los Alamos was able to guarantee the structural and thermal integrity of the pit, ensuring it will have the same reliability and performance as the original pit.

The Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory supplied radiographic inspection capabilities, produced small scale plutonium samples for testing and provided engineering evaluations and technical peer reviews.

The W88 pit has been sent to NNSA's Pantex

## **McNerney Leads Bipartisan Visit to Iraq**

This past weekend, Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) led a bipartisan, all-freshman Congressional delegation on a trip to Iraq. The trip, the first all-freshman delegation to tour the country, included three Republicans and three Democrats.

"Going to Iraq was an eye opening experience," McNerney said. "It's one thing to read about the situation and hear from others who have been there, and quite another to see and experience firsthand the reality of the situation.'

"After visiting Iraq, I still strongly support implementing a reasonable timetable to begin withdrawing troops. I believe that is the only way to give the Iraqis the incentive they need to step up and take control of their country. In fact, coming home from Iraq, I'm more willing to work toward a solution," McNerney continued. The delegation left Washing-

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the opportunity to sign up at the event to be a part of this website. This project was funded by Dublin, Danville, Livermore, Pleasanton, and San Ramon with the goal of attracting new business to professional service providers in the Tri-Valley.

"We greatly appreciate the cities financial support for the development of a website that will benefit the Tri-Valley economy and community," said Tri-Valley Business Council CEO Toby Brink. "This project also recognizes the need to nurture emerging companies and foster public/private partnerships.

The Business Council will also introduce its five new Policy Councils and key initiatives for 2007/2008. These councils and initiatives are part of a re-organization and renewed focus by the Business Council to increase its role as a strong advocate for the private sector on issues that affect the economic vitality of the region.

The Tri-Valley Business Council was founded in 1994 Its focus has primarily been on the cities of Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, San Ramon and the Town of Danville.

ton, DC, on Friday evening before heading to Kuwait, and then to Baghdad. That evening they met with Gen. David Petraeus and U.S. Embassy staff. The following day, the delegation headed to Ramadi, a city west of Baghdad, then to meet with the 11th Iraqi Army Division in East Baghdad. Later that day, the group met with Barhem Saleh, Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister.

"In meeting with Deputy Prime Minister Saleh, we had a frank discussion," said McNerney. "I told him that Iraqi leaders must take responsibility for their country.'

In the evening, McNerney joined California soldiers from the Army's 3rd Infantry Division for dinner. He brought several items including newspapers, magazines, DVDs, and a deck of cards collected by Thanks to Our Troops, a volunteer group in Stockton that collects and ships items to soldiers serving in Iraq.

"The soldiers I met with were in good spirits and committed to their mission, but are ready to be back with their families in California," McNerney declared.

On Sunday, the delegation

flew to Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany where they met with wounded troops and other U.S. military leaders.

In addition to Rep. McNerney, on the trip were Republicans Mary Fallin of Oklahoma, Dean Heller of Nevada, and Peter Roskam of Illinois; and Democrats Keith Ellison of Minnesota and Tim Mahoney of Florida.





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# **EDITORIALS**

### **City/County Cooperation**

City of Pleasanton and Alameda County have reached an agreement that will enable Pleasanton to expand downtown parking.

The settlement involves a 10-acre former Southern Pacific railbed adjacent to downtown. The county acquired the strip from SP in 1989, but was never able to do anything with it. Pleasanton then sought it, seeing an opportunity to develop some needed parking, and also create a downtown connection to the regional trail system.

Pleasanton and county officials and a hired mediator spent a day in negotiations two weeks ago. County Board of Supervisors President Scott Haggerty and Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman commented afterward that the city/county cooperation greatly pleased them. Haggerty said, "We want to support Pleasanton's plans to make its downtown even better. I am delighted ... we made a deal that accomplishes this and is fair to county taxpayers."

Meanwhile, a permanent location in Pleasanton for the ACE train station remains an issue between the city and county. They hopefully will take advantage of the current cooperative mood and settle it.

### A Sign 'Really Worthwhile'

"Our town is sadly in need of some sort of sign and club members should consider something really worthwhile."

So stated the April 11, 1930 minutes of the Pleasanton Women's Improvement Club, launching a project that culminated two years later, on March 8, 1932, in the dedication of an arch over Main Street bearing the name PLEASANTON. The lettering was done in a lyrical style meant to resemble the rolling hills of the Amador Valley. The women held numerous fund-raisers to come up with the \$532 cost of the sign. It was a rather heroic effort, as that was a significant sum in those Depression days.

Pleasanton will hold a very special birthday party this evening, celebrating the arch. Sponsored by the Pleasanton Downtown Association, the festivities will take place downtown from 6 to 9.

At 75, this sign has grown to landmark status, a symbol of a community in touch with its heritage. The Main Street arch has turned out to be "something really worthwhile" indeed.

Happy birthday!

# MAILBOX

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### School Site Heidi McMichael Livermore

As someone who resides in the Arroyo Mocho school site area, is a concerned parent who has two young children, and has been a high school and community college instructor for the past eleven years, I am shocked that some members of the Livermore School Board would even consider the Arroyo Mocho and Almond Avenue school sites to house its proposed Community Day School.

After reading the article dated July 5th entitled "School Board Can't Agree on Site for Day School," I am greatly alarmed and imagine that most of my neighbors would be genuinely appalled too—that the "expelled" and "at-risk" pre-teen students might be placed at a site where young children frequent the adjacent neighborhood parks or where childcare facilities currently exist.

At the Arroyo Mocho site the neighborhood with which I am most familiar—Sunset Park is directly adjacent to the school's campus, and access between the park and the school is unrestricted nearly all day. To get to the park, many parents and children have to stroll right along the perimeter of the campus—close enough to be within sight of the students in the classrooms—and this is simply too close for comfort.

When we moved to Livermore a few years ago, we purposely chose this neighborhood because of the wonderful and safe park and elementary school site and the general feeling that this was a great neighborhood in which

to raise our children; a CDS would grossly change the character of this area and leave many people nervous about their wellbeing.

Having been a high school teacher myself, I know that every student deserves and is entitled to an education-no matter the mistakes he or she may have made; however, my years of teaching also have taught me that in order for these students to be given the opportunity to become successful and be able to return to a mainstream educational environment, the learning milieu in which we place them must be conducive to achievement. In other words, we need to place them in the best place they we can in order to learn and correct their past mistakes. The kinds of misdeeds we're talking about with these students aren't just the occasional talking-out-of-turn or chewing-gum-in-class kinds of offenses; these are students whose behaviors were bad enough to have gotten them permanently removed from conventional schools either as punishment for their actions or because what they did was a threat to the other students at their schools. Yes, they need a place they can go to learn, but it doesn't have to be in such close proximity to resi-

dences and neighborhood parks. In the Central Valley school district I taught in for nine years, the alternative and continuing education programs were housed in buildings close to the district office and far, far away from other educational facilities, recreational areas, and homes. Let's suppose for a moment that the District plans for very tight su-pervision of the CDS students during the school day; who's to say that the students won't loiter in the park after the last bell has rung? Who's to say that the parks will no longer be safe places to which parents can take their children? Who's to say that the parks won't become magnets for graffiti and vandalism-not to mention other illicit acts that come as a result of students who are often possessed of a nasty combination of too much time on their hands and no place to go but the nearby playground where soccer teams play and Little League baseball players have af-ternoon practices?

### HANGARS (continued from page one)

That person told the city that the existing policy was arbitrary, and that there was no transparency about any special qualifications for a priority for a hangar, said McIntyre.

"The person on the mailing list said he would like to under-

These students need a second chance, a chance to get back on track before they hit the mindbogglingly difficult high school years...but they also need to be housed at a school site where temptation won't come in the form of playground equipment or young children.

Please, School Board, please consider a site other than Arroyo Mocho and Almond Avenue schools—one not so close to parks and family-oriented neighborhoods.

### Charter School Cynthia Gibson Pleasanton

It is difficult for one who has followed the progress of the Charter School to understand how the malice of one disgruntled parent has brought the school to its knees.

Everyone, including the present Board members, agree there would be no Charter School had Lon Goldstein not had the vision and work ethic to bring his dream for the school to fruition. The new Board members are apparently not aware of the unpaid 16 hour days, seven days a week Mr. Goldstein, with the help of a group of parents who shared his vision, gave time, work and expertise to get the Charter School off the ground and eventually a brilliant success. It is my understanding the position we were led to believe was offered Mr. Goldstein was taken off the table and Mr. Goldstein is no longer employed at the Charter School. It would behoove parents to look into the reason for closed Board sessions (which are in violation of the Brown Act). Right now it would seem that the Charter School, which originally held such great promise, is on a downhill slide. Too bad.

### Thank You Tom Jean King Livermore

Tom Reitter served the citizens of Livermore on the City Council for more than 17 years with intelligence, competence, and integrity. He negotiated compromises between the wishes of the individual and the needs of the community by listening and respecting the opinions of others. Tom never succumbed to the arrogant self-importance that afflicts some elected officials.

I thank Tom for his service to Livermore and wish him well in his retirement.

### Oppose Initiatives Dorene Paradiso-Carroll Pleasanton

I completely agree with the views expressed by Dan Faustina, Dolores Bengtson, and many othCity Council need to step up and take an active leadership role in explaining the true impact of these initiatives, and the negative consequences for Pleasanton.

Allowing Staples Ranch to be developed by Alameda County, or Dublin, or Livermore would leave Pleasanton with little, or no say in the planning and development. You can be sure those other entities will allow much more development, with negative impact on our city. Don't be fooled by the two initiatives. There will be no open space left to save! Please say no to these initiatives.

### What If? Alex Dourov Livermore

Not really - but it would be a funny one !!!!

A new Lifestyle 2.0 Safeway opened near my house-

It has an automatic mister to keep the produce fresh. Just before it goes on, you hear the sound of distant thunder and the smell of fresh rain,

When you approach the milk cases, you hear cows mooing and experience the scent of fresh hay,

When you approach the egg case, you hear hens cluck and cackle, and the air is filled with the pleasing aroma of bacon and eggs frying,

The veggie department features the smell of freshly buttered corn,

I don't buy toilet paper there anymore!

### Regional Theater Len Alexander Executive Director

As many know, the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center will soon open its first venue, the Bankhead Theater and is rapidly moving forward on final plans for the larger regional theater that will open in 2010. As I travel around the community, some people ask me why they should be interested in and supportive of the regional theater. Below are eight points that respond to that question and might give all residents some perspective on the project.

1. The regional theater completes the original vision of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center to provide two different size venues supporting a wide variety of performing arts events for both local and regional audiences.

2. The regional theater will significantly advance the City's stated plan to transform downtown Livermore into the shopping, dining and entertainment center of the Valley. No other potential downtown im-

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(continued from page one) or 30 stores throughout the state. The result was 7000 business closings or relocations to other areas because their markets were destroyed, said Melchen.

lestroyed, said Melchen. Although national chains tout communities, big-box stores pay large dues, because chamber membership is based on a firm's number of employees.

Dale Kaye, executive director of the Livermore Chamber of Commerce, said that some chamber executives in her profession offer the notion that with a free market operating, a chamber's answer should be "yes," if a bigbox store asks a chamber for an endorsement. However, the Livermore chamber's answer was "no endorsement" when Wal-Mart proposed a Super Wal-Mart store on the city's west side. It is a store that would have been much larger than the existing Livermore Wal-Mart. A chamber of commerce should not take an automatic 'yes" position on a proposed business, but look at what is best for its own community, said Kaye. Wal-Mart regional officials met with Livermore chamber officials and staff about the requested endorsement of the Super Wal-Mart. "We are not against big-box stores per se. We have Costco, and a smaller Wal-Mart. We don't have set policies on anything. We study the issue, and try to put together information, and analyze the economic impact or benefit. In this case, we thought that it was a possibility that it could be detrimental to businesses downtown, and to the grocery stores we already have here, and we already have a Wal-Mart here," said Kaye "We also look at the bigger picture about what fits into Livermore and its destination for wineries and the downtown. So there are several factors. It's not strictly business thinking, though fundamentally we look at that, and also we look at what fits in with the citizens' vision," said Kaye. The Livermore City Council has effectively blocked the Super Wal-Mart proposal by passing an ordinance which put a cap of 75,000 square feet on how much floor area a big-box store can devote to sale of non-taxable items, which is usually food. It's

a smaller area than Wal-Mart wants for groceries. There has been no further action from Wal-Mart on the issue.

Tucker said that several neighbors who fought against

their sales tax contributions, when both sides of the ledger are examined, the picture isn't so rosy, said Melchen. "The big-box stores generate the need for new sewer, water, traffic lights and fire protection. You rarely see any increase in property or sales tax revenue. In Ôhio, a detailed study showed eight communities in which a (big box) store located. When they added up the full increase in tax revenues compared to the full cost of adding infrastructure, there was net loss to the communities," said Melchen.

A study in Massachusetts demonstrated that the average new big-box store costs taxpayers \$80,000 annually, because of added infrastructure costs and certain special-incentive discounts on public costs. Currently in Concord, one of Melchen's stops on his speaking tour, the city is considering two big-box stores.

Tucker said that Concord has "done a nice job" redeveloping its downtown near Todos Santos Park. Sales tax revenues are at an all-time high. Tucker said, "The downtown is back. Concord put a lot of money in it. There are new businesses, a lot of independently owned small business. Sun Valley is doing well. They have a booming economy right now. (The big box stores with 400,000 square feet of retail) would transfer business from downtown to the edge of town in the worst traffic area of the city.'

### VIEWS VARY IN CHAM-BERS OF COMMERCE

Asked about the attitudes of chambers of commerce, Melchen said that they were "all over the map. Some are very supportive of their independent constituents. In many cases, they are not willing to take any stand, because they may have membership from the chains, or developers who are geared to building big-box stores." He added that in some

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the Livermore Super Wal-Mart proposal attended Melchen's talk in Dublin. Melchen said that AIBA's web page is at amiba.net and the phone number in Montana is 406-582-1255.

### **ASPHALT**

(continued from page one) to a place where there is less impact on the public."

Although city officials had no direct involvement in formalizing the agreement, they find it satisfactory, said Gray. Pleasanton school district officials are also satisfied, he said. The school district was concerned because the current plant site is not far from acreage reserved for Neal elementary school.

The proposal to build the school is tied up in litigation over an agreement signed by the district and Signature Properties, which said it would build the school, and turn it over to the district. The two parties don't agree on the financial promises in the agreement.

### McNerney Collects Nearly Half-million In 2nd Quarter

Rep. Jerry McNerney, the Pleasanton Democrat who defeated long-time incumbent Republican Richard Pombo in the 11th Congressional District, raised \$471,097 in contributions in the second quarter, according to Federal Election Commission disclosure records that closed June 30.

The donations, reported online at fec.gov, brought McNerney's cash on hand to \$662,545 on June 30. The figures were confirmed by a spokesman for McNerney.

McNerney's only announced opponent, Republican Dean Andal of Stockton, raised \$288,168 during the second quarter, and had \$279,814 on hand on June 30, according to press reports. The Independent was unable to confirm the figure at fec.org, or reach him or a representative for confirmation. stand how public works and airport management do it, so we want to create a transparent policy, and eliminate a sense of arbitrariness. The person who was upset about a lack of transparency struck a chord with us. The policy was adopted in 1990, and we haven't looked at it in 17 years," said McIntyre.

One thing that does confer preference on a would-be renter is operating a commercial service, such as testing or certification of aircraft, said McIntyre. However, possession of a commercial license is not a requirement for obtaining a large hangar, he said.

Part of the new policy will spell out a point system that will tell how much a commercial license will be worth in conferring priority. Seniority in waiting on the list also will have point value, said McIntyre.

The airport commission has reviewed the new rules at two meetings, and is expected to ratify the staff recommendation at its meeting at noon September 10 at the airport.

Andal announced his run for

office in May. He has a web page

in his run for Congress, but no

contact information. He is de-

scribed as a businessman on his

web site, but no business name is

mentioned. Andal served in the

The Republican National

Campaign Committee has made

McNerney a target, and has al-

ready sent out several mailers at-

said that the congressman has no

comment on any future opponent

and will concentrate on "doing

his job for the people of the 11th

has expressed interest in running

for the Republican nomination

for the 11th CD, unless Califor-

nia voters approve an initiative

that would extend incumbents'

terms in the Legislature.

Assemblyman Guy Houston

A spokesman for McNerney

tacking his record.

District.

Assembly from 1991 to 1994.

ers regarding the "saving open space" initiatives. I urge the citizens of Pleasanton not to sign these initiatives.

I also agree that the Mayor and

### CAMPAIGN

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against Houston in 2006, and lost by approximately 89,000 to 73,000. Coleman has closed out his old Assembly campaign, and does not report any contributions for a new race.

Would-be candidates have to deal with a nebulous atmosphere this year and early next year. In the early presidential primary, Feb. 5, 2008, an initiative will ask voters to extend the terms of otherwise termed-out incumbents, such as Guy Houston, the Republican incumbent in the 15th AD. If that happens, Houston would be able run again.

However, if the initiative fails, Houston has said he wants to run for the 11th Congressional District seat, which is held by Democrat Jerry McNerney. Another Republican, former Assemblyman Dean Andal, has begun fund-raising efforts for his party's congressional nomination for the 11th District.

The unsettled mood concerning term limits also affects the Valley's 9th Senate District seat. The incumbent is Democrat Don Perata. It's considered a safe Democratic seat. If the initiative, which he pulled together himself, were defeated, then he would be termed out.

If that happens, three Demo-

### PARK BOARD (continued from page one)

munity development department for the city of Livermore. He ran for the board in 2000. He is active in Little League, soccer, CYO basketball, high school lacrosse, adult softball and the Boy Scouts.

Wilson has been attending many board meetings and declares, "I have a real interest in the park district. I am a great adprovement would have the positive audience and economic impact of the theater or its immediate return on investment. 3. The regional theater

crats are listed as declaring their candidacy, although none has started fund-raising efforts. They are Berkeley mayor Loni Hancock, 16th District Assemblywoman Wilma Chan of Oakland, who would lose her seat to term limits, and Johann Klehs of Castro Valley. Klehs, the former 18th AD assemblyman ran unsuccessfully in 2006 for the 10th Senate District seat. It was won by Ellen Corbett, who is not up for re-election until 2010.

Hancock reported \$229,656 in contributions.

Former state senator Liz Figuroa of Sunol, who was termed out in 2006, has started a fundraising organization and declared her intent on filing for the 20th Assembly District seat held by fellow Democrat Alberto Torrico. Figueroa listed a \$600 donation from the Teamsters Union.

Before Figueroa was elected senator, she represented Fremont and other Bayside cities in the Assembly. Much of her former district, Sunol, and a slice of Pleasanton is now in Torrico's district.

Torrico has not reported any donations for the first six months of 2007, but shows expenditures of \$268,000.

BOARD

vocate of environmental stewardship and believe the existence and good maintenance of parks and outdoor activities is vital to the health - mental as well as physical - of all people."

She is a member of the Sierra Club, Alameda Creek Alliance, Friends of the Arroyo, National Wildlife Federation, and Tri-Valley Conservancy.

# MAILBOX

will generate more than \$20M year in economic impact for Livermore and the Tri-Valley. By contrast, the Bankhead Theater will generate approximately \$7M.

4. The theater's popular entertainment offerings will provide a highly visible promotional platform for other Livermore attractions such as wineries, golf courses and festival events, expanding multi-day cultural tourism visits in the Valley.

5. The theater will derive more than 85% of its operating cost from direct earned revenues, a significantly greater percentage than the Bankhead Theater (60%).

6. The two theaters have always been designed to function as a single entity to support and control costs for programming, operations and financial support.

7. The surrounding region has more than enough population (450,000) to support the regional theater's performance events. Currently, Wente's summer concerts play to the same size audience (1700) and draw from across the East Bay area.

8. The greater Tri-Valley area can support only one regional theater, in terms of audience and product. Whichever city builds it first, wins the benefits.

The LVPAC Board and staff, along with our more than 200 Charter Members, are excited about the future of both the Bankhead Theater and the regional theater. We are pleased to be able to play a major role in helping Livermore grow to be the cultural heart of the Tri-Valley.

#### Sommerfest **Dick and Doris Ryon Co-Festmeisters**, Sommerfest 2007

The Organizing Committee for Livermore's 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sommerfest wishes to thank The Independent and local merchants who helped make the evening a fun-filled family event enjoyed by 500 people from the Tri-Valley area and beyond. We had great music by the Valley Banjo Band and the Karl Lebhertz Band, dancing by Alpentänzer Schuhplattler, and delicious German food and beer. This event was sponsored by the Livermore Cultural Arts Council (LCAC). It raised approximately \$10,000 to support the arts programs in Livermore schools.

The Independent provided great publicity in both its magazine and newspaper, including a front-page column the Thursday before the event. Touch of Europe grocery provided wonderful pretzels at their cost and nearby Nob Hill Foods allowed the use of their walk-in refrigerator to store German food gathered from specialty vendors from around the Bay Area. The Blue Bar procured kegs of good German Spatzen Beer. Carnegie Center, Cooleykatz, Fine Fretted Friends, Way Up Art & Frame in Livermore, and Towne Center Books in Pleasanton all helped by selling tickets. LCAC's member organizations contributed valuable door prizes and monetary assistance.

This event could not have happened without many hours of effort by cheerful and dedicated volunteers drawn from LCAC's member organizations and the larger community. Our hearty thanks to all individuals, merchants, and organizations who made this great event possible!

Mark your calendars for the third Saturday in June 2008, June 21st, one week after the annual Livermore Rodeo for next year's Sommerfest.

### 1800-Seat Theater **Linda Nidever-Galles** Livermore

This is the first time in my 60 years that I have sent a "letter to the editor." I attended the Livermore City Council Meeting last night and have several concerns that I would like have brought to the attention of the public. I believe a letter to the editor is a good forum and thank you for allowing me to express my views.

On July 23rd, at the City Council Chambers, a discussion on the 1800 seat theater took place. I requested that the approval of the 1800 seat theater be put to a vote at the next election so that all of the Livermore community would have a say in whether or not the city should spend millions of dollars to build this facility and if the answer is yes, then where should it be built. I did not get a "thank you" from the mayor for my talk as others who fully supported the theater

did. Interesting don't you think? Regarding the 1800 seat theater: I have no idea if this 1800 seat theater is going to be suc-cessful or not, but I do know that our local businesses think it will bring life to downtown and revenues to their pockets.

I would like the location of this theater to be reconsidered. In the proposed location, it will truncate downtown Livermore at the corner of First and Livermore Avenue. What will be to the east of this mammoth building? Why not move the theater two blocks down (Maple and First)? This would relieve some of the congestion around the Livermore Ave/First Street, give the opportunity to have quality retail business between Livermore Ave and Maple Street which will encourage people to walk along the First Street corridor to the east of Livermore Ave. There is also available some open land where parking could potentially be placed nearer to the theater. Just a suggestion, but it sure makes sense to me.

Now that the city is putting millions of dollars into the perable? forming arts theaters, what are you doing for the poor, the elderly, those struggling to pay their bills : As I stated last evening, I am on the Board of Directors for Open Heart Kitchen. I believe you are aware of its existence. but if not, here is what we do. We use Asbury Methodist Church kitchen to prepare food and distribute meals to the homeless, poor, seniors, and working poor of the Livermore Community at no charge. Our funding comes nity? from many benefactors including the City of Livermore. Livermore

actually awarded OHK \$5,000 this year out of a \$25,000 grant request. Here is how Livermore fares with other cities in our area: Dublin award is \$9,934 and Pleasanton award is \$7,000 for the general hot meals program. I will speak only to the Livermore locations in this discussion to make it easy (However, we do serve one day a week in Pleasanton in addition to the three days a week in Livermore. We will soon start a Dublin hot meal service.) We have two serving locations in Livermore - East Ave. at Asbury Methodist (Tuesday and Wednesday) and on North Livermore Avenue (Thursday). We also serve a box lunch program each Friday for students of low income families to assure that they have something to eat on the weekend. We serve to Marylin Avenue School, Portola School, Joe Mitchell School and Jackson Avenue School.

Meals Served: In June we served 4,483 meals out of Asbury, 1,568 out of the North Livermore site, and 5,200 box lunches.

We do all of this work with volunteers (nearly 1,500 of them) and 7 paid staff members. Our annual budget is around \$475K. About \$65K of this comes in grant monies from cities and the county. The rest comes from private donations. We prepare approximately 157,000 meals per year on this budget. Over 85% of the people we serve are from Livermore. We work out of a church kitchen that is about to be closed down so the church can upgrade their facility. We badly need a professional kitchen specifically for Open Heart Kitchen and place where our guests can be served, similar to Contra Costa County "Fishes and Loaves"

I thank you, Livermore City Council, for your \$5,000 grant donation. Could you possibly do more to help these Livermore residents and this program?

Public Housing in Livermore is limited (two complexes) and there is a two year wait or more for people attempting to gain access to a housing unit. Section 8 housing is closed with no known reopening window. What are you doing to increase public housing in Livermore? There seems to be a rush to spend millions to quickly erect an 1800 seat theater within the year. What are the plans to build addition public housing units?

Low cost rental units in Livermore are reducing in numbers. Many Livermore apartment complexes are closing down their low cost programs. What is Livermore doing to assure that apartment complexes are encouraged to keep low cost rental units avail-

It is very nice that we have a lovely downtown in which our community can be proud. Wouldn't it be even nicer if Livermore had a well rounded community care program for all? We have a community need for homeless shelters, transitional housing for families and single adults, dental care for the poor, good medical care for the homeless and poor. Livermore City Council, what is being done to address this gap in our commu-

City Council) in to make decisions such as the 1800 seat theater and you should take that charge, it should not go to the voters". Did we not also vote you in to take care of those in need in our community?

### More Shakespeare Susan Steinberg Livermore

Anyone with doubts about an all-female Shakespeare troupe should make it a point to see Woman's Will this summer. Their performance of "Romeo

and Juliet" is indeed excellent, intelligently cut, well-acted, and clearly enunciated. Upcoming free performances

will be at San Francisco's Yerba Buena East Gardens, August 3 at 6PM and August 4 at 4 PM with a 1 PM Show August 5 at Rengstorff House, Mountain View

Two indoor shows will be given at 8 PM August 9 and 10 at Chapel of the Chimes, Oakland, with the final two performances at 1 PM August 12 and 13 in Dolores Park, San Francisco.

For more information you can call 510-420-8673 or go to www.womanswill.org.

#### Livermore Airport **Kathy Chase** Livermore

Again, an airport opponent is

fabricating facts which does credibility a disservice. She states "a clear majority of Livermore and Pleasanton residents spent years fighting against this improvement/expansion." Huh? A majority she says? Let's count the ways here: The Livermore Citizen Survey showed only 11% of the populace strongly agreed airport noise was a problem while 40% strongly disagreed. The calls to the noise hotline: two households from Pleasanton make 39-68% of all calls each and every month. That is not a majority of Pleasanton residents. The rest of the calls come primarily from five households in the two cities with each of the households making multiple calls. Opponents cite attendance numbers at the infamous meeting at Granada High in 2005 with further distortion. Initially there were 1000, now they say there were 2000 (give 'em another year and it'll be 5000). Regardless of how many were there, there are over 160,000 people living in our two cities now which makes attendance less than 1.5% of our combined populations. So when someone says "clearly" a majority of Livermore and Pleasanton residents. . ., he/she either does not have accurate information . or is deliberately fabricating

"facts" to inflame emotions. The majority of people clearly do not share her view, so she might want to think twice about getting it on the ballot and at taxpayer expense at that.

The airport is self-supporting through the Enterprise Fund from hangar rental/tie-down fees and fuel sales.

**Congresswoman Tauscher sits** on the transportation committee so of course she can respond regarding Stage 2 jet engines. The Federal level is where change can be made because Livermore has absolutely no jurisdiction in this matter. This fact has time and time again been brought to the attention of the airport opponents but obviously continues to fall on deaf ears.

Bottom line: Commercial and residential development will dictate the type and number of aircraft using the Livermore Airport in the future. As more corporations move here and we have more theatrical presentations, there will probably be more private jets carrying those people, but the presence of an FBO will not be the criteria for future usage. The new hangars have been planned for 25 years and are long overdue so it's time to deliver them.



As was stated by a woman last night, "we voted you (Livermore

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# SPORTS NOTES

#### Youth Soccer

The Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Black under-17 boys Al Caffodio soccer team finished with a 1-2 record in the Pyramid Cup Tournament at Long Beach, California over the weekend.

Goalies Stephen LaCommare and Nikko Lecco had a fine outing. They were very active through out the tournament. Strong team play by David Norton, Philip Viebeck, Eric

Brunnett, Sven Hermann, and Jered Liu. Ballistic started strong with a 3-1 win over the Cyclone on Saturday. Philip Viebeck converted a PK to give Ballistics the lead. The Cyclone tied the score early in the second half. Ballistic responded with two goals shortly thereafter for the win. Sven Hermann slams one in from a nice pass from David Norton. Patrick Yee's corner kick found Hermann's head and Hermann headed in the

Ballistic lost a tough game to the LBSC Black in the afternoon. The game was tied 1-1 till the last 5 minutes when LCSC Black scored twice to quench the win. Norton scored from Liu's direct kick for the lone Ballistic goal. Dragon Balls beat Ballistic 4-0 on Sunday.

Third time was a charm for BUSC U11 **United** this weekend when they won the DVSC Gold Cup tournament in Concord beating FC Alliance Barcelona 3-2 in the final

They were the only team in their division to go undefeated over the two days with 2 wins and 2 ties. Up front, Erik Johnson played well scoring 5 goals over the weekend with assists from Stephen Dougherty who also scored a couple of goals himself.

After a sluggish earlier game on Sunday, United saved their best play for the final. Missing a lot of their regular players, United appreciated the contributions of our guest players Tony Jimenez, Simon Fuentes and Gabriel Thurner. Collin Alexander, Daniel Payne, Daniel Rodriguez, Jared Siegel, Cameron Casby, Collin Richardson and Alex Krause were solid all weekend. Sam Musbach made some amazing plays in goal. In their first tournament in Sacramento

last month, Cal Cup, United came away with a 2-2 record, while in the P

**The Livermore Elite Explosion U13** Division 1 Girls Soccer team kicked off the tournament season at the Xtreme Cup in Huntington Beach this past weekend. The Explosion went 2-1 in their bracket and suffered one loss in their first game against eventual tournament winner the Corona Eagles. In their second game, the Explosion In their second game, the Explosion

defeated the Claremont Stars 2-1. Brooke Rittman scored a goal assisted by Sierra Cassels. Alexa Hubbs scored Livermore's second goal.

In game three, the Explosion shut out the host team Xtreme OC 2-0. In the first 5 minutes of play, Sierra Cassels scored off an assist by Danielle Lacombe. In the second

half, Brooke Rittman put in the second goal. Livermore keeper Victoria Case did an excellent job manning the goal in all three matches

The Explosion backfield was led by defensive players; Taylor Roach, Kerry Stein, Jennie Harmison, Jessica Floyd, Kylee Southwell, and Cierra Comfort. Mandi Alvarez, Audrey Walke, Kassidy Peters, Alexandra Boucher, and Carli Floris executed consistent offensive pressure for Livermore

The Clash participated in a recent 6 on 6 tournament is Sonoma, California on July 21, 2007. They were able to field two 9 men teams Clash I and Clash II, to play on the pitch for the tournament. Led by the offense of Cole Sousa, Tanner Sandy, T.J. Hood, Jake Woll, Nolan Parker, Diego Plascencia, Calvin Rasbold, Cody Teague and Keegan Wright, an iron defense consisting of Alec Foster, Tommy Earle, Kent Greene, Brian Codington, Jordan Murdock, and the superb goal-keep-ing of Donnie Buchanan, the Clash displayed the teamwork, dedication, and skill of seasoned veterans.

The Clash I took games two and three by the scores of 4-2 and 5-2, tied game one 3-3, the scores of 4-2 and 5-2, the game one 5-3, and suffered only one loss is the round-robin style tournament, coming up on the short end of a 6-2 final. Stellar saves of goal by Buchanan backed by the outstanding defense, provided all the leverage needed by the offense. Amazing crosses by Hood, footwork by Soura and Saadu, and headers by Wright offense. Amazing crosses by Hood, footwork by Sousa and Sandy, and headers by Wright and Foster kept the opposing goal-keeper busy all day that led to numerous memorable goals. Clash II lost a close one in Game #3, 2-0. In game #4 they came back strong and dominate a win over Rincon Valley 7-0. With astellar defense consisting of Calvin Rasbold, Kent Greene, Cody Teague, and Erick Salgado. The dominant offense to take control use Take



Livermore American Little League Junior 80 Gold team won the district Granada Junior Gold Jamboree. Daniel Edmondo pitched a complete game to win 6-3 over Pleasanton National. During the tournament, great pitching by Edmondo, Josh Lipp, Jacob Jones, Jack Brasher and Shyam Patel, and clutch hitting, including a home run by Jeremy Mata, helped LALL reach the championship finals. Front row, left to right Josh Lipp, Aleric Krenz, Jack Brasher, Tyler Garcia, Anthony Ruiz, Manager Bill Brasher Back row, Coach Dan Mata, Jacob Jones, Chris Barney, Jeremy Mata, Barry Neumayr, Daniel Edmondo, Shyam Patel, Coach Kevin Krenz.

were Jaclyn Strom (13), winning the 13-14 Fly, Breast, & IM, Niki Doi (15), for the 15-Fly, Breast, & IM, Niki Doi (15), for the 15-18 Breast, IM, and Taylor Peterson (17), for the Free & Fly. The boys were led by Eric Gates (14), winning the 13-14 Free, IM, & Back, Alex Beatty (17), for the 15-18 Fly, IM, & Back, and Cameron Kurotori (11), for the 11-12 Free & Breast. The top Sharks were Emily Tincher (6), 6 & U Fly, Audrey Simmons (6), 6 & U Back, Sidney Vaeth (7), 2nds in the 7-8 fly & Back, Sam Tincher (8), winning the 7-8 Fly & Back, Aldin Dallos (12), 11-12 IM, and Jack Geasa (9), 9-10 Free. 10 Free.

IU Free. Results: **Girls 6-U**: 25 Yard Free: Hicks, Lacey, DP-CC, 21.37. 25 Yard Back: Simmons, Audrey, PMST-US, 27.89. 25 Yard Breaststroke: Hicks, Lacey, DP-CC, 32.27. 25 Yard fly: Tincher, Emily, PMST-US, 25.46. **Girls 7-8** 25 Yard Free White, Nicola DP-CC 18.08 25 Yard Back Shite, US, 23.40. **GHS 7-8** 23 Yard Free White, Nicole, DP-CC, 18.08. 25 Yard Back Shinn, Kelsey, PMST-US, 24.33. 25 Yard Breast-stroke Florio, Talia, PMST-US, 27.21. 25 Yard Fly White, Nicole, DP-CC, 22.18.

Girls 9-10: 50 Yard Free Waldear, Nikki, DP-CC, 33.66. 25 Yard Back Bell, Lucy, DP-CC, 23.79. Jeffrey, Stephanie, DP-CC, 23.79. 25 Yard Breaststroke Sullivant, Danielle, DP-CC, 19.13. 25 Yard Fly Sullivant, Danielle, DP-CC, 15.68. 100 Vard IM Dai Magan DP-CC, 15.68. 100 Sullivant, Danielle, DP-CC, 15.68. 100 Yard IM Doi, Megan, DP-CC, 15.00. Girls 11-12: 50 Yard Free Beatty, Madison, DP-CC, 32.82. 50 Yard Back Waldear, Kristine, DP-CC, 39.20. 50 Yard Breast-stroke Gates, Elaina, DP-CC, 40.05. 50 Yard Fly DeWilde, Lindsey, DP-CC, 33.51. 100 Yard IM DeWilde, Lindsey, DP-CC, 1:19.53. Girls 13-14: 50 Yard Free Cohen, Lani, DP-CC, 20 80. 50 Yard Back Coleman

DP-CC, 29.80. 50 Yard Back Coleman, Hannah, DP-CC, 39.02. 50 Yard Breast-stroke Strom, Jaclyn, DP-CC, 38.72. 50 Yard Fly Strom, Jaclyn, DP-CC, 33.59, 100 Yard IM Strom, Jaclyn, DP-CC, 32,59, 100 Yard IM Strom, Jaclyn, DP-CC, 1:18.14. **Women 15-18**: 50 Yard Free Peterson, Taylor, DP-CC, 26.85. 50 Yard Back Mayes, Colleen, DP-CC, 32,97, 50 Yard Breaststroke Doi, Niki, DP-CC, 32.57. 30 Faid Breaststroke Doi, Niki, DP-CC, 35.64. 50 Yard Fly Peterson, Taylor, DP-CC, 30.74. 100 Yard IM Doi, Niki, DP-CC, 1:08.83. Boys Results: **6 & Under**: 25 Yard Free

Reimer, Steven, DP-CC, 23.12. 25 Yard Back Aitken, Callum, DP-CC, 29.12. 25 Yard Breaststroke Aitken, Callum, DP-CC, 34.51. 25 Yard Fly Bessiere, Jack, DP-CC, 28.17. **Boys 7-8:** 25 Yard Free Sullivan, Sean, DP-CC, 18.43. 25 Yard Back Tincher, Comp. MCT UC 91.04, 95 Yard Back Tincher, Sean, DP-CC, 18.43, 25 Yard Back Tincher, Sean, DP-CC, 19.43, 25 Yard Back Tincher, Sean, DP-CC, Sean, DP-CC Sam, PMST-US, 21.94. 25 Yard Breast-stroke Smith, Taylor, DP-CC, 24.99. 25

Stroke Smith, Taylor, DP-CC, 42499, 25 Yard Fly Tincher, Sam, PMST-US, 24.77. **Boys 9-10:** 50 Yard Free Geasa, Jack, PMST-US, 33.07. 25 Yard Breaststroke Sabatini, Tommy, DP-CC, 20.79. 25 Yard Fly Pickett, Will, PMST-US, 19.17. 100 Yard IM Tucker, Nicholas, PMST-US, 1:28.50. **Boys 11-12:** 50 Yard Free Kurotori, Cameron, DP-CC, 31.71. 50 Yard Back Kashyap, Conner, DP-CC, 40.59. 50 Yard Rasingap, Coliner, DF-CC, 40.39. 30 Fait Breaststroke Kurotori, Cameron, DP-CC, 48.23. 50 Yard Fly Borchers, Nate, DP-CC, 40.82. 100 Yard IM Dallos, Aldin, PMST-US, 1:29.09. US, 1:29.09. **Boys 13-14:** 50 Yard Free Gates, Eric, DP-CC, 25.50. 50 Yard Back Gates, Eric, DP-CC, 29.91. 50 Yard Breaststroke Drury, Colin, DP-CC, 39.22. 50 Yard Fly Hall, Stefan, DP-CC, 30.29. 100 Yard IM Gates, Eric, DP-CC, 1:07.17. **Men 15-18:** 50 Yard Erra Commun. Laffrey, DP.CC, 24.56. 50 Free Compton, Jeffrey, DP-CC, 24.56. 50 Yard Back Beatty, Alex, DP-CC, 28.69. 50 Yard Breaststroke Landas, Trevor, DP-CC, 31.61. 50 Yard Fly Beatty, Alex, DP-CC, 26.36. 100 Yard IM Beatty, Alex, DP-CC, 1.00 31 1:00.31.

top 20 finishers Sean Colaco, doubling in an event the next morning after the relay for 16th in the 3000 meters (9:47:20), and Sahit Menon (age 10), achieving top twenty in the nation in two events, with 15th overall in the 100 meters (13.94) and 16th in the 400 meters (1:08:53)

#### Club Sport Fast

Club Sport swam past Ruby Hill 697 to 287

Results: Girls 6 & Under: 25 Yard Free Jensen, Jessica, Rhst-CC, 20.11. 25 Yard Back Caufield, Emma, CSP-CC, 26.27. 25 Yard Breaststroke Ku, Catherine, CSP-CC, 28.41. 25 Yard Fly Jensen, Jessica, Rhst-CC, 24.82. **Girls 7-8** 25 Yard Free Hewitt, Kirsten, Rhst-CC, 17.67. 25 Yard Back Taylor, Maddie, CSP-CC, 23.81. 25 Yard Breaststroke Renton, Kelly, CSP-CC, 25.29. Yard Fly Taylor, Maddie, CSP-CC, 20.80.

Girls 9-10: 50 Yard Free Seams, Courtney, Rhst-CC, 32.66. 25 Yard Back Wieser, Savannah, CSP-CC, 19.34. 25 Yard Breaststroke Wieser, Savannah, CSP-CC, 18.98. 25 Yard Fly Venema, Lexi, CSP-CC, 17.32.100 Yard IM Wieser, Savannah, CSP-CC, 1:32.22. **Girls 11-12:** 50 Yard Free Taylor, Jackie, CSP-CC, 28.51. 50 Yard Back Martin, Bernadine, CSP-CC, 37.12. 50 Yard Breaststroke Taylor, Jackie, CSP-CC, 38.91. 50 Yard Fly Martin, Bernadine, CSP-CC, 34.08. 100 Yard IM Ouyang, Ellen, CSP-CC, 1:20.40.

Girls 13-14: 50 Yard Free Schmitz, Hannah, CSP-CC, 27.14. 50 Yard Back Baxter, Lindsey, Rhst-CC, 34.39. 50 Yard Breaststroke Hernbroth, Alison, CSP-CC, 36.43. 50 Yard Fly Schmitz, Hannah, CSP-CC, 30.23. 100 Yard IM Miller, Rachel, CSP-CC, 1:11.02. Girls 15-18: 50 Yard Free Schoch, Sara, CSP-CC, 28.06. 50 Yard Back Venema, Amanda, CSP-CC, 32.15. 50 Yard Breaststroke Capece, Britney, CSP-CC, 37.24. 50 Yard Fly Venema, Amanda, CSP-CC, 31.80. 100 Yard IM Payne, Rebecca, CSP-CC, 1:13.28

Boys 6 & Under: 25 Yard Free Skinner, Nick, CSP-CC, 21.85. 25 Yard Back Reznick, Cole, CSP-CC, 25.34. 25 Yard Breaststroke Reznick, Cole, CSP-CC, 27.54. 25 Yard Fly Skinner, Nick, CSP-CC, 26.69. **Boys 7-8:** 25 Yard Free Clark, Nicholas, CSP-CC, 16.43.25 Yard Back Wooldridge, Ben, CSP-CC, 18.66. 25 Yard Breaststroke Clark, Nicholas, CSP-CC, 22.15. 25 Yard Fly

Wooldridge, Ben, CSP-CC, 16.21. Boys 9-10: 50 Yard Free Jetter, Nathan, CSP-CC, 35.93. 25 Yard Back Murtagh, Camden, CSP-CC, 20.00. 25 Yard Breast-stroke Gold, Brendan, CSP-CC, 20.77. 25 Yard Fly Miller, Collin, CSP-CC, 18.12. 100 Yard IM Miller, Collin, CSP-CC, 1:32.33. Boys 11-12: 50 Yard Free Johnston, Nick, Rhst-CC, 28.98. 50 Yard Back Horne, Jeff, CSP-CC, 39.71. 50 Yard Breaststroke Holt, Braden, CSP-CC, 43.69. 50 Yard Fly Bateman, William, CSP-CC, 40.90. 100 Yard IM Johnston, Nick, Rhst-CC, 1:18.08. Boys 13-14: 50 Yard Free Surber, Kyle, CSP-CC, 24.36. 50 Yard Back Surber, Kyle, CSP-CC, 29.02. 50 Yard Breaststroke Jacobe, Matt, CSP-CC, 35.61. 50 Yard Fly Hildebrand, Eric, CSP-CC, 29.71. 100 Yard IM Surber, Kyle, CSP-CC, 1:04.61. **Boys 15-18:** 50 Yard Free Capece, Mitchel, CSP-CC, 23.51. 50 Yard Back Jacobe, Stephen, CSP-CC, 28.46. 50 Yard Breaststroke Schempp, Kyle, CSP-CC, 30.96. 50 Yard Fly Jacobe, Stephen, CSP-CC, 27.43. 100 Yard IM Capece, Mitchel, CSP-CC, 1:02.50.

Girls 6 & Under: 25 yd Free: Hanna Fleshman 23.37(FAST); 25 yd Fly: Hanna Fleshman 29.47(FAST); 25 yd Breaststroke: Sarah Baxter 39.90(FAST); 25 yd Back: Juhee Goyal 29.58(FAST);

Girls 7-8: 25 yd Free: Paige Heacox 16.57(FAST); 25 yd Fre: Paige Heacox 22.03(BH); 25 yd Fly: Bailey Craig Plummer 27.58(BH); 25 yd Back: Paige Heacox 20.89(FAST).

Girls 9-10: 50 yd Free: Brittney Achziger 32.14(BH); 25 yd Fly: Brittney Achziger 16.80(BH); 25 yd Breaststroke: Haley Hjerpe 22.28(FAST); 100 IM: Brittney Achziger 1:24.64(BH); 25 yd Back: Kate Berrigan 21.66(FAST).

Girls 11-12: 50 yd Free: Haley Lukas 3.640(BH); 50 yd Fly: Marissa Bergh 32.32(BH); 50 yd Breaststroke: Marissa Bergh 37.89(BH); 100 IM: Haley Lukas 1:24.99(BH); 50 yd Back: Marissa Bergh 31.86(BH).

Girls 13-14:50 yd Free: Kirsten Johansson 30.51 (BH); 50 yd Fly: Hailey Johnston 37.62 (BH); 50 yd Breaststroke: Shannon Corrigan 39.68(BH); 100 IM: Megan Sidran 1:21.57(BH); 50 yd Back: Lauren Leahy 40.67(BH).

Women 15-18: 50 yd Free: Whitney McMurdie 28.92(BH); 50 yd Fly: Whitney McMurdie 34.19(BH); 50 yd Breaststroke Whitney McMurdie 37.28(BH); 100 IM: Whitney McMurdie 1:14.53(BH); 50 yd Back: Ann Kenney 35.00(BH).

Boys 6 & Under: 25 yd Free: Joey Grywczynski 18.00(BH); 25 yd Fly: : Joey Grywczynski 22.88(BH), ); 25 yd Breaststroke: Danny Carballo 30.51(FAST); 25 yd Back: Joey Grywczynski 25.28(BH).

Boys 7-8: 25 yd Free: Matthew Grywczynski 16.91(BH); 25 yd Fly: Mat-thew Grywczynski 21.37(BH); 25 yd Breaststroke: Jackson Calhoun 23.45(BH); 25 yd Back: Nickolas Cory 21.78(BH). Boys 9-10: 50 yd Free: Christopher

Makek 37.14(BH); 25 yd Fly: Joey Fetherston 20.73(FAST); 25 yd Breaststroke: Karl Johansson 24.30(BH); 100 IM: Christopher Malek 1:43.42(BH); 25 yd Back: Christopher Malek 20.76(BH).

Boys 11-12: 50 yd Free: Brian Standart 30.47(BH); 50 yd Fly: Brett Meloch 35.25(BH); 50yd Breaststroke: Brian Standart 41.92(BH); 100 IM: Brett Meloch 1:24.55(BH); 50 yd Back: Brian Standart 38.24(BH). Boys 13-14: 50 yd Free: Cavan Page

26.34(BH); 50 yd Fly: Čavan Page 30.75(BH); 50 yd Breaststroke: Kevin Standart 36.69(BH); 100 IM: Jamie Somerville 1:13.25(BH); 50 yd Back: Cavan Page 32.37(BH). Men 15-18: 50 yd Free: Brandon Lind

23.98(BH); 50 yď Fly: Brandon Lind 25.36(BH); 50 yd Breaststroke: Kevin Standart 36.69(BH); 100 IM: Brandon Lind 1:00.24(BH); 50 yd Back: Brent Reed 28.12(BH).

### Rhonewood Second

Rhonewood Swim Club finished second with a score of 1687 in the Valley Swim League Championships held Saturday, July 28th, 2007 at the Robert Livermore Commu nity Center in Livermore.

Rhonewood swimmers who placed first in their events are: Hayden Christensen 15-18 Boys, 50 Breast Stroke, 30.09; \*Kellie Douglas, 11-12 Girls, 50 Breast Stroke, 35.87; Zach Edwards, 13-14 Boys, 50 Freestyle, 25.76, and 50 Backstroke 30.58; \*Michael Hawkins, 11-12 Boys, 50 Breast, 33.67, and 100 IM, 1:07.93; Natalie Hawkins, 6 & UGirls, 25 Breast, 33, 18: Ariana Ramos 15-18 Girls, 50 Fly, 29.63; \*Katie Woods, 9-10 Girls, 50 Freestyle, 32.06 and 25 Fly, 16.21. (\*Set new Rhonewood records.)

The following Rhonewood swimmers were recognized for their season accomplish-ments: 6&U Girls: Christy Nuefeld Natalie Hawkins; 6&U Boys: William Steinberg and Reese Kerstetter; 7-8 Girls: Larissa Trump and Emily Hawkins; 7-8 Boys: Ben Roller and Rory Cartwright; 9-10 Girls: Kirstynn Gonzales and Katie

Wood: 9-10 Boys: Isaac Dugger and Trevor Davidson; 11-12 Girls: Leah Flannery and Natalie Dimits; 11-12 Boys: Tyler Eckles, Kevin Johnson and Michael Hawkins: 13-14 Girls: Katelyn Jones and Kathryn

Rambo; 13-14 Boys: Jonathan Cruz, Zach



Members of the Pleasanton Heat with medals are (kneeling is from left) Toshi Kellogg, Sean Colaco, James Langford, Drew Callen (and Coach Kevin McCarthy).

Meadows Sharks, and the Ruby Hill Killer Whales

The Tri-Valley Swim League welcomes spectators supporting their neighborhood teams. Admission is free.

### **Fall Swimming**

The Livermore Blue Dolphin swim team is offering a Fall Rec program for swimmers who have just finished up with their summer teams. The program allows your summer league swimmers to practice with year round swimmers to gain endurance and improve technique. There are no long term commitments. One coach per lane is provided for increased feedback. For more information we invite you to contact the club at 925-447-SWIM or on the web at www.swimclub.com.

#### AnotherTitle

Pleasanton Valley Club Blue Dolphins captured the Valley Swim League Champi-onship meet held Saturday, July 28, 2007. It was the second title in as many years. Pleasanton swam to 21 medals in 24

relays with 11 of those being gold. Top swimmers: Jackson Butler, age 6, 10p swimmers: Jackson Butter, age o, finished with three golds and one silver. The girls were led by Taylor Truex, age 10, and Lissi Knell, age 12, both with two golds and two silvers.

#### Hats Off Run

The 8th Hats Off America Red T-Shirt 108 8th Hals Off America Real 1-Simil 10K Run/5K Walk will be held beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 8, at Sy-camore Valley Park, 2101 Holbrook Drive, Danville, rain or shine. Hats Off America has extended invitations to local and state gov ernment officials to run in the event.

Entry fee is \$35 per person. All runners and volunteers will receive a red t-shirt and a barbecue lunch after the run. There is no entry fee for volunteers.

Hats Off America (HOA) nonprofit orga-nization raises money for families of soldiers who have died in Afghanistan and Iraq. The run is another way that Hats Off America lets the families know that they and their loved ones will not be forgotten.

For information or to register or volun-teer, contact Sparky George at (925) 855-1950 or thebearflagrunner@yahoo.com Visit www.hatsoffamerica.us. The site includes links to other organizations that support our troops. Hats Off America is a nonprofit, taxexempt 501(c)(3) organization.

### 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 con

tact Rory Manley at 425-9198 or www.pleasantonlacrosse.com.

### **Pony Baseball**

Pleasanton/Livermore Pony Baseball will hold the 2008 Tiger Baseball General Meet india due 2008 right Baseban General Meter-ing in August. All players ages 11-15 who are interested in participating in this unique program should attend this meeting by pre-registering. To pre-register go to http:// www.pleasantonpony.com and fill out the program registration form.

#### **Pony Registration**

Pony Baseball Pleasanton/Livermore/ Dublin is now accepting registrations for the 2007 Fall Ball season for ages 5 to 10. Ages 11 to 14 will register with the Pony Baseball Tiger program. Games begin Sun., Sept. 23 and continue for six Sundays. For more information or to register for Fall Ball or Baseball Tiger go to www.pleasantonpony.com 01 www.livermorepony.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 email vince@teamwpd.com . CYO hot line number 925-417-5429.

#### 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 Cabaol. Environment will be avoided. Gur School. Equipment will be provided. Stu Brokowsky will be running the camp. He can be reached at 925-484-5854 or sbrokowsky@mindspring.com. Camp fee is crz \$75.

### **Roller Hockey**

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Valley Roller Hockey Fall League signups will be held Saturday, Sat., Aug 4th at the rink from 10am-1pm. Leagues start the week of August 27th. Valley Roller Hockey is located behind Junction Ave Middle School in Livermore. Leagues are available for all ages & abilities. Mites- ages 6 and under Saturday mornings free; Squirts Ages 7-9 Mondays and Tuesdays, Beattams ages 12-15 Mondays and Tuesdays, Bantams ages 12-15 Wednesdays and Thursdays, high school ages Freshman-Senior Mondays and Thursages Freshman-Senior Mondays and Thurs-days. League fees are \$110 on these 2 signup dates. After Aug 4th the normal fee of \$135 will be in effect. Call for more details 925-443-1500.

.com

The dominant offense to take control was Jake Woll, Diego Plascencia and Nolan Parker.

Having been seeded fourth based on the goal differential, the Clash I faced Sonoma goal differential, the Clash I faced Sonoma United in the Consolation Final. A hard fought affair, the Clash played as a cohesive unit. Sonoma took the early lead, attempting to demoralize the Clash I as they scored three goals in the opening minutes. Undaunted, the Clash I mounted the offensive. Goals the Clash I mounted the orfensive. Goals coming from the left foot of Sousa and an outstanding steal and unassisted goal from Sandy, the Clash I went into halftime down only 3 to 2. Sonoma opened the second half with three more quick goals extending the lead to 6 to 2. Coach Mike rallied the troops and the Clock Linearity account and the Clash I mounted an offensive assault on goal. Hood sent a cross from the right side which was masterfully touched in for goal by Sousa. Moments later, a defensive gem by Foster allowed Murdock to dribble the length of field and find Sousa open again for a goal, bringing the final score of 6-4 to an action packed game.

### **Tigersharks Swim**

LifeStyleRX Tigersharks competed in a championship meet in July 28. Swimmers turned in solid efforts.

6-U Girls: Melinda Heckman, Courtney Lau, Emma Valentine and Kristina Mena, 100 Medley Relay, 1st new club record 1:56.75; 100 free relay (Mena, Lau, Valentine, Heckman), 1st 1:36.33; Miranda Heckman, 2nd 25 free new club record 22.76, 1st 25 back 27.36; Courtney Lay, 2nd 25 fly 33.72; Sydney Magann, 4th 25 breast 33.51; 6-U Boys: Zack MacIntire, 5th 25 free 24.08; 7-8 Boys: Jason lau, 5th 25 free 18.14;

9-10 girls: Kayla Shepodd, 6th 25 breast new club record 20.98; 11-12 boys: Patrick Leary, 50 back 41.22, 11th 50 free 31.88 new club record; Kyle Shepodd, 6th 50 fly 35.10 new club record, 3rd 50 breast 38.85 new club record; 13-14 boys: Joe Xavier, 8th 50 fly 51.10; Aaron Specht, 6th 50 breast 41.29 new club record; 13-14 girls: Anna Winegarner, 9th 50 breast 40.12 new record, 4th 50 back 35.85 new record; 15-18 boys: Jeremy Wada, 4th 50 back 31.25

#### **Del Prado Wins**

The Del Prado Stingrays swam past the Pleasanton Meadows Sharks in their last dual meet of the season, 652.50 to 325.50. The top swimmers for the Stingray girls



### Pleasanton Heat Fifth

Amidst humidity and scorching tem-peratures in the high 90's this past week, members of the Pleasanton Heat captured high honors in the nation's largest and most prestigious youth meet, the United States Track & Field Association Junior Olympic National Championship Finals, at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut. Only 48 athletes or teams in each of five age divisions are able to reach the national finals in any given event. The ton eight finishers at the national finals The top eight finishers at the national finals achieve "All-American" status, with additional honors for top ten and top 20 finishers. The competition included many athletes who had represented the U.S.A. in the World Youth Championships held earlier this month in the Czech Republic. The Region 14 Champion Pleasanton

Heat Intermediate boys' 4x800 meter relay team (for runners age 15-16) was able to capture the All-American award with a fifth-place national finish, with Drew Callen from Granada High, James Langford from Amador Valley, Sean Colaco from San Ramon Valley, and Toshi Kellogg from Acalanes. Coach Kevin McCarthy praised the effort of all the runners, who came together despite injuries and the weather to post a time of 8:21, saying, "It shows what can happen when individuals pull together to try to overcome the odds with the power of their will." Three of the four runners can return in the same age group next year, for the nationals in Omaha, Nebraska. Also achieving the coveted "top ten'

status was Kyla Aiuto (age 12), finishing 9th in the 3000 meters (11:24:41). She finished 15th in the 1500 meters (5:15:40), with other

### **Briar Hill Wins**

Briar Hill came through with a 607.55 to 331.5 victory over Foothill Area Swim Team (FAST) on Saturday.

Swimmers 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 Briar Hill swimming performances: Joey Grywczynski, Bailey Craig, Callan Jackman, Matthew Grywczynski, Cory Nikolas, Jackson Calhoun, Brittney Achziger, Marissa Bergh, Haley Lukas, Christopher Malek, Brian Standart, Brett Meloch, Cavan Page, Jamie Somerville, Brandon Lind, Brent Reed.

Top ten individual FAST swimming performances: Hanna Fleshman, Juhee Goyal, Brandon Chen, Paige Heacox, Danielle Hammer, Cameron Manzano. Four FAST relay teams and three Briar Hill relay teams scored their best times of the season. FAST 7-8 girls free relay and medley relay teams remain ranked first in the league at the conclusion of the league's regular swim meet season.

1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners in each event:

Edwards and Scott Crowder: 15-18 Girls: Andrea Lagorio and Paula Dreifuerst; 15-18 Boys: Josh Cruz, Hayden Christensen and Briant Jacobs.

### Fall Ball Signup

PONY Baseball is now accepting regis-trations for 2007 Colt/Palomino Ages 15-18 Fall Ball Season Register online at www.livermorepony.com or www.livermorepony.com Any questions please contact Angel Moore at amo10@comcast.net.

#### Coed Volleyball

Registration continues through August 6 for the Adult Co-ed Fall Volleyball League offered through the Livermore Area Recre-ation and Park District.

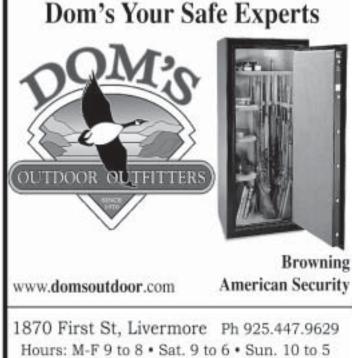
The fall season kicks off on Tuesday, September 11, 2007 and games begin at 7:30 p.m. All participants must be at least 18 years of age and teams include six players. The of age and leams include six players. In the \$360 fee is for a complete six-player team and is based upon seven weeks of play (including playoffs). Those wishing to play as individuals can put their names on a Free Agent List that is available to team managers seeking additional players.

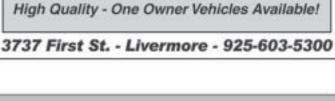
All games are played at the Robert Livermore Community Center located at 4444 East Avenue in Livermore. For further information, please contact Beanie Lucivero at (925) 373-5732.

### League Meet

On Saturday, August 4th, at 8 a.m., the Tri-Valley Swim League will hold their 2007 Championship swim meet, at the Robert Livermore Pool. The Robert Livermore Pool is located at 4444 East Avenue, in Livermore.

The meet will feature competitors from eight teams in the League. The teams are the Briar Hill Barracudas, Club Sport Pleasanton Tidal Waves, Del Prado Stingrays, Dolores Bengston Aquatic Center Piranhas, Dublin Green Gators, FAST Dolphins, Pleasanton





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# 'The Big Read' in Pleasanton Will Offer a **Variety of Special Activities**

Pleasanton Public Library will launch its Big Read program in celebration of Dashiell Hammett's The Maltese Falcon with special events held throughout the community in September and October of 2007.

The Big Read in Pleasanton is presented in partnership with Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, the Pleasanton Downtown Association, the Pleasanton PTA Council, The Pleasanton Hotel, Calaveras Repertory Theater, The Pleasanton Weekly, and Towne Center Books.

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest.

Following are the events planned in Pleasanton:

• At the September 5th Pleasanton Downtown Association's Wednesday Street Fair, the Pleasanton Library will host a "Hunt for the Missing Maltese Falcon," complete with clues and prizes, involving participants in a chase through the historic Pleasanton downtown. A library booth for the fair will provide a photo-op: residents can take their picture with Sam Spade and the Falcon. Prizes to be raffled off include a Maltese Falcon statuette, dinner for two at San Francisco's John's Grill, dinner at the Pleasanton Hotel's Mystery Dinner, and tickets to the Library's Big Read Maltese Falcon Gala on November 10, 2007.

• The Calaveras Repertory Theater presents a dramatized version of the Maltese Falcon at the Pleasanton Library on Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. There is no admission charge. "This fully-professional troupe is making a name for itself ... as a company that offers high-caliber theater in an intimate setting." -Milpitas Post

• Children's author Bruce Hale will be featured on Oct. 9. "It was tall, dark, and chocolatey - the stuff dreams are made of. .. It was the Malted Falcon." Bruce Hale, author of the popular noir-lite Chet Gecko mystery series for children, will entertain children with his humorous take on hard-boiled detective work as related by Chet Gecko, the "crime-fighting private eye and lizard of mystery". The children's events will be held Tuesday, October 9th, after school for military families at Camp Parks and at 7pm in the Pleasanton Library's Meeting Room for the general public. As Chet says, "No case too small...no snack too big.

 Michael Shepler discusses Dashiell Hammett's transition from Pinkerton detective to mystery writer/novelist to Hollywood scriptwriter where he met, fell in love with, and influenced the theatrical career of Lillian Hellman. Their politics brought them to the attention of the House **Un-American Activities Commit**tee, where McCarthyism paved the way for Hammett and Hellman's separate stands before the Committee. This program will be Oct. 13 at 2 p.m. at the library.

Shepler is a poet and playwright. Author of 7 books including "Late Show" and "Angel's Flight." He is the poetry editor of the magazine Political Affairs and he teaches classes on Film Noir and Jazz at the Jazz School in Berkeley.

· Author John Lescroart will be at the library at 2 p.m. Oct. 14. For over fifteen years, fans of legal thrillers have indeed been thrilled by the exploits of San Francisco lawyer Dismas Hardy. Over the course of a series of novels that includes Dead Irish, The 13th Juror, Nothing But the Truth, and The Motive, John Lescroart has essentially made a name for himself (pronounced Less-KWAH) as the man behind Dismas. However, with a new novel set outside of Hardy's courtroom, as well as other nonliterary pursuits, John Lescroart is making it clear that he won't be pigeonholed.-Barnes and Noble review. Towne Center Books will sell Mr. Lescroart's books at the event.

• The Pleasanton Hotel will host The Maltese Crow Mystery Theater Dinner on Oct. 12 and 19 at 6 p.m. Cost is \$60 per person. "Business was slow and dreary. That is until she walked in..." The Maltese Crow, a spoof on the Bay Area pulp novel by Dashiell Hammett, will be performed in three acts at the Pleasanton Hotel. You will laugh, witness a crime, and help solve the mystery, all while enjoying a gourmet dinner. The fun begins the moment you step into the dining area as the professional actors present the mystery plot. A three-course dinner is served between scenes of the mystery, giving you ample opportunity to ask questions and try to solve the

crime. • A film noir series will be presented at 7 p.m. on various dates at the library. Las Positas College presents a series of Saturday night film noir screenings hosted by Candace Klaschus.

 Authors Joe Gores and Mark Coggins will be at the library on Oct. 14 at 2 p.m. Gores is the author of Hammett, a Novel. The author of dozens of novels, screenplays, and television scripts, he has won three Edgar Allan Poe Awards and Japan's Maltese Falcon Award. Gores spent twelve years as a San Francisco private investigator.

Library Journal says Coggins' private investigator August Riordan is a "worthy successor to the iconic Sam Spade ... "I've been waiting a long time for a fresh look at the private eye story. Mark Coggins has delivered it here ... It's original, it's smart and it was good to the last page." -Michael Connelly.

• Sisters in Crime will host a panel discussion at 2 p.m. on Oct. 21 at the library. Sisters in Crime is an international organization of writers, readers, booksellers, librarians, agents, editors, reviewers and teachers interested in raising awareness of women's contributions to the mystery genre. The organization was founded in 1986 by Sara Paretsky with other women mystery writers and enthusiasts and now has over 45 local chapters around the world. Their motto is "Quaking in Our Books.

• Writers' Workshop with

#### Robert Dugoni will be held at 2 p.m. on Oct. 28 at the library. Whether looking to write a better brief, get a first novel published, hoping to write a New York Times Best-Seller, or do it all learn and understand what makes a judge, an agent, editor, and, reader pick up your work and keeps them from putting it down. • Don Herron's Dashiell

Hammett Tour in San Francisco (date to be announced). Travel with Don Herron over the fogshrouded hills stalked by Sam Spade, the Continental Op, and other hardboiled characters created by San Francisco's most renowned mystery and noir writer. During this walk you'll see the buildings where Hammett wrote his most famous stories and the majority of locales from his classic novel, The Maltese Falcon. Fee.

• On oct. 8, 15 and 29 at 7 p.m. there will be a Maltese Falcon Read-a-Thon, a community reading. Everyone is welcome to participate.

 Maltese Falcon Gala will be held Nov. 10 at the library. Dancing in the stacks, wine served from the Reference Desk, vintage cars on display, swinging jazz...this is the Pleasanton Library as you've never seen it. Come as you are, or dress as a favorite Maltese Falcon character. Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 seniors.

For more information on the grant events, please contact Penny Johnson, Programs Librarian at 925/931-3405.



2002 graduate of Amador Valley

High School in Pleasanton.

David is the son of David and

Carol Carlson and Danette

Thorton of San Jose. He is a 1997

graduate of Westmont High

Attending Carolyn were Maid

of Honor Kristine Stephens,

bridesmaids Anne Le'strange,

School in Campbell.

Martha Jean Moorhead Carstensen will be celebrating her 90th birthday on August 8. She was born 8/8/1917 in South Bend, Indiana. She graduated from Purdue University with a degree in Home Economics. Martha worked for Union Electric in St. Louis, MO. At the beginning of WWII, Martha enlisted in the Army. After basic training in Des Moines, IA, she was stationed at Hammer Field in Fresno, CA where she met Lt Harold K. Carstensen. Harold owned a car. With time off, in exchange for gas ration cards, Harold would take groups of soldiers to Yosemite, along the coast highway, to San Francisco and Monterey. Love blossomed on a trip to Yellowstone. Martha and Harold were married June 22, 1946 at the Lakeside Presbyterian Church in San Francisco. After the war, Harold enrolled as an Electrical Engineering student at UC Berkeley and moved his new wife to Richmond, CA. David was born in 1947 followed by Jeanne in 1950. After graduating, Harold was offered a position with the new Lawrence Livermore Lab and the family moved to Livermore. Martha's family grew with Lynn in 1951. Donald in 1954 and Carol in 1955. Martha's parents, Blair and Edna Moorhead retired to Livermore in 1955. With her family close by, Martha enjoyed a career as a homemaker. Harold traveled a great deal while the children were young, both for the Lab and as a Lt. Colonel in the Air Force Reserve. Martha, Harold and the 5 kids made annual trips to Harold's family home at Lake Park, IA. When not traveling, Martha kept busy volunteering for the Junction Avenue School PTA (she is an honorary life member) and driving needy families to medical care in Oakland for the Junction Av-



David and Carolyn (Forcier) Carlson

### **Couple Exchanges Vows**

Carolyn Clarice Forcier of Brandi Blotz and Sara Ward, and Pleasanton and David Gustav flower girl Auburn Turner. Carlson of Tracy were married David's attendants were Best May 29, 2007 at Mountain Ter-Man Ernesto Garcia, Groomsmen race in Woodside with Rev. Bill Anthony Pavone, Ted Jones and Nelson DaRosa. Ushers were Sam Carolyn is the daughter of Marchesse and Trevor Turner. Max and Lynn Martin and James Ring bearers were Matthew and Forcier of Pleasanton. She is a Jackson Martin.

> Guests of honor were Carolyn's grandmother, Martha Carstensen of Livermore and David's grandparents, George Watson and Margit Carlson of San Jose and Melvin and Elaine Thorton of San Jose.

After a honeymoon in Maui, the couple is making their first home in Livermore.

Nebo officiating.

enue School nurse, Jerry Deck. Blair and Edna were active in the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore and encouraged Martha and the children to participate. Martha also enjoyed gardening, sewing, reading and visiting with her neighbors on North I Street. Her father, Blair, died in 1963 and mother, Edna, died in 1978.

Harold retired from the lab in 1970, but continued to work as an engineering consultant until 1993. Martha and Harold then traveled to Europe to visit Harold's family in Denmark. Martha continued her career as a homemaker, babysitter and chauffer upon the birth of their first grandchild in 1971. The grandchildren joined in on the trips to Iowa and spent many hours visiting on North I. After 49 years together, Harold died in August 1995. Martha continued to open her home to all of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed being the family chauffer

until 2005 when she hung up her car keys. She continues to enjoy visiting with and watching the antics of her grandchildren and the company of her neighbor of 40 years, Darlene Wallace.

Celebrating her 90 years with her are children David (Mary) Carstensen of Simi Valley, CA, Jeanne Carstensen of Pleasanton, CA, Lynn (Max) Martin of Pleasanton, CA, Donald (Melanie) Carstensen of Durham, CA, Carol (Mike) Ward of Buena Park, CA and grandchildren Donald (Michelle) Turner, Jeffrey Turner, Jeramy Ward, Jennifer (Tom) Pavia, Brandon (Becky) Carstensen, Heather (Robert) Barron, Molly Carstensen, Carolyn (Dave) Carlson, Patrick Forcier, Laurel Carstensen, Ellei Carstensen, Matthew Martin. Jackson Martin, Christian Forcier, Nikki (Guisippi) Fielder, Katie (Steve) Hill and two great grandchildren, Trevor and Auburn Turner.

### ValleyCare Bariatric Surgery Rated Excellent

ValleyCare Health System's Weight Loss Surgery Program has been named a Center of Excllence by the American Society for Bariatric Surgery (ASBS). This designation recognizes surgical programs with a demonstrated

ignation was created to recognize bariatric centers that perform well and to help hospitals continue to improve quality and safety of care.

To earn a Center of Excellence designation, ValleyCare's

ValleyCare's Weight Loss Surgery program must comply.

"Due to the increasing prevalence of morbid obesity and the opportunities available to greatly improve the health of this patient population, we recogneed to of quality bariatric program," said Mary Estakhri, M.D., medical director and surgeon for ValleyCare's Weight Loss Surgery Program. "This designation is indicative of our commitment to providing a comprehensive, high level of bariatric care. We believe that the ASBS Centers of Excellence program serves as a catalyst, driving strong programs to be even better. We are honored to be considered a top performer.' Obesity has become a significant national health issue, with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reporting that 66 percent of all U.S. adults are overweight or obese. Morbid obesity is closely correlated with a number of serious conditions that severely undermine the health of overweight patients, including heart disease, high blood pressure and diabetes. Bariatric surgery, when performed correctly, can help obese patients manage these condi-tions. However, as with any weight loss program, a successful outcome is dependent on the patient's commitment to a longterm lifestyle change. For infor-mation about ValleyCare's Weight Loss Surgery Program, please contact the program office at 925-416-6720.

urack record of favorable outcomes in weight loss (bariatric) surgery.

According to a report released in 2007 by the Ågency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the number of bariatric surgeries has grown from 16,000 performed in 1992 to 170,000 performed in 2005. Faced with clinical evidence that the most experienced and best-run bariatric surgery programs have by far the lowest rates of complications, the ASBS Centers of Excellence des-

Weight Loss Surgery Program underwent a series of site inspections during which all aspects of the program's surgical processes were closely examined and data on health outcomes collected. Centers receiving this recognition agree to continue to share information on clinical pathways, protocol and outcomes data. Surgical Review Corporation (SRC), an organization dedicated to pursuing surgical excellence, establishes the rigorous standards with which

### Children's Fair Planned in September

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) will host the 2007 Children's Fair on Saturday and Sunday, September 8 and 9, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Children's Fair will be held at the Robert Livermore Community Center, located at 4444 East Avenue in Livermore. There is no admission charge.

Participants will enjoy free entertainment, educational booths related to health and safety, activities for children, and much more. The Livermore Public Library will also issue library cards to residents. A rock wall, inflatable jumping structures and some carnival games will require a small fee for participation.

Among the highlights of the upcoming LARPD Children's Fair are a bicycle rodeo, a "Fun With Science" demonstration by scientists from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, entertainment by singer Debra Knox and other musical performances, puppets, food booths, a free car seat check, free make-it and take-it crafts for kids, and much more.

"Education and fun is what the Children's Fair is all about," according to event coordinator Moe Kline of the LARPD. "There will be many resources available for parents and children to learn about childcare, child safety, academics and classes, mixed with two full days of fun entertainment and activities for families, and everyone is welcome," she adds.



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Assistance League of Amador Valley meeting at 7 p.m. on August 16th at Trinity Lutheran Church on the corner of Hopyard and Del Valle Parkway in Pleasanton. meeting is open to everyone. There will be in informational half hour starting at 6:30 followed by social time at 7 and the regular meeting meeting at 7:30. This is a nonprofit organization dedicated to hands-on volunteerism, assisting those in need through unique service projects such as, preschool eye screening, and caring for the retired and elderly and Operations School Bell - clothing children in need and other projects. For more information: call 925-461-6401, email alamadorvalley@yahoo.com; website:

anadorvaney@yanoo.com; website: amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org. Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., Aug. 4, 37 miles tour of Occi-dental along the Russian River and Pacific Coast to Bodega Bay, meet 10 a.m. at the Union Hotel, Randy Huey, 518-8439. Tues., Aug. 7, 25 miles tour of San Francisco's best measure meet 10 a.m. at Enrychvilding museums, meet 10 a.m. at Ferry building, Randy Huey, 518-8439. Anyone planning to on a ride is asked to call the leader for go on a ride is ashed to take the details on where to meet and what to bring.

Adventure, The Pleasanton Senior Center's "Passport to Adventure" series con-tinues on Friday, August 31st at 10 a.m. as guest speaker Dolores Bengston invites participants to visit the Dogon, Bozo and Gurunsi tribes of West Africa. Includes a look at the "Sea Salt Caravans" traveling to Timbuktu. No cost. For more information,

please call 925-931-5365. Student news: The following local residents and Azusa Pacific University stu-dents made the academic Dean's List at APU: Amanda E. Chance, of Livermore, a graduate of Granada High School and the daughter of Mrs. Cheryl L. Chance . Chance is a Business Administration major; Sara H. Adelman, of Livermore, a graduate of Livermore High School and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Adelman. Adelman is an Athletic Training major. John Painter, of Livermore , has graduated from Trinity University with a BA degree in Economics.

**Political Book Club**, discussion of "Nemesis" by Charlmers Johnson on Aug. 28 at 7 p.m. at the Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. The book deals with choices we need to make to save the American Republic. A dollar each should cover the cost

of using the board room. American Society of Clinical Oncology Conference, the latest breast cancer research presented at the recent conference will be summarized at a meeting to be held Thurs., Aug. 30, 6 to 8 p.m. at ValleyCare Health Library, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Pleasanton. Treatment advances will be highlighted. Presented by Gwendolyn Stritter, clinical advocate, Stritter Medical Consulting. A question session is part of the evening. Free. Reservations required. For informa-tion, call The Wellness Community at 933-0107

Giant Semi-Annual Sale, Kid's Stuff: Twin Valley Mothers of Twins Club is hosting our Children's Clothing and Equip-ment consignment sale on Saturday Septem-

ber 29, 9 a.m.-2:15 p.m. at the "Barn" in Livermore, 3131 Pacific Avenue. \$1.00 per person Entrance Fee. Participation is open to the public! Unload all your outgrown, gently used children's clothing, toys and equipment and make money in the process. For info email Rachel: rachelburgess78@comcast.net. Great bargains on Clothes, Strollers, Toys, Videos, Pak n Plays, Layettes, Books, High Chairs, Swings, Gates, Cribs, outdoor toys and more. For info on the sale go to www.twmotc.com.

Pleasanton Community Toastmasters invites members of the public to attend weekly meetings at the Recreation Center, 4530 Sandlewood Dr, Pleasanton on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. Learn the art of public speaking in a fun-filled supportive environment. Toastmasters is not just about public speaking, but also improving skills for listening, leadership, running effective meet-ings, thinking on your feet, mentoring others, and improving confidence in social situations. Beginners, experienced speakers, and the just curious are welcome. Call (925) 828 2683 or visit our website at pleasantontoastmasters.com

Technology Ventures Corporation pre-sents: Market Research and the Marketing Plan (Pleasanton), Wed., Aug. 15, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. CarrAmerica Conference Center 4400 Rosewood Drive Pleasanton. Vertex and the second prive reasonant. 925-960-1600 http://www.caconference.com/ location.htm. Free. http:// w w w . 1 2 3 s i g n u p . c o m / calendar?org=techventures

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

BloodDrive@asburylive.org. Livermore-Amador Genealogy Society, meets Tues., Aug. 14, 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct., Pleasanton. Marge Bell's presentation, "Churches and Cemeteries," will cover the kinds of records kept by most churches and cemeteries for births, marriages, deaths and membership. Locating these records will be discussed. Information, contact Marie Ross at 447-1806

Armchair Travelers, Livermore Civic Center Library, Thurs., Aug. 9 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The video "A Silent History of San Francisco" which begins with footage of the aftermath of the 1906 earthquake, and includes rare turn of the century clips, will be shown. Adults are invited to this free program in the Community Meeting Rooms of the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. For additional informa-tion please call 373-5500.

**Three-strikes** became a law in 1994. Livermore's chapter of Families to Amend California's Three Strike Law will discuss changing the law. Meeting is Sat., Aug. 4th. Please call Cat at 925-454-1722 for details.

**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, Pleasanton Downtown Association, or call Alice

Pryor 462-5786 or Jorge Victoria 462-6723. Tri-Valley Holistic Moms Network, new group to the area and will be holding an Open House on Mon., Aug. 20, at Cross Winds Church Charles Co. Deliver Jorge Victoria Church, 6444 Sierra Ct., Dublin at 7 p.m. Regularly scheduled meetings will be held on the third Monday of the month at the same time and location. Children are welcome! Please visit www.holisticmoms.org for further information

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.

(925)931-5365 for information. **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 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 the services provided to potential child care providers. There is a \$25.00 Community Care Licensing Orientation fee for all attend-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) Services-Community Care Licensing (510) 622-2602.

Moonlight on the Mountain, August 25, Save Mount Diablo will host Moonlight on the Mountain, its annual dinner and auction fundraiser. 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 925.947.3535. **RELIGION** 

Unitarian Universalist, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m. "Education and the Exit Exam" is the topic for August 5; Johanna Hartwig will lead the service. Information 447-8747.

Pleasanton Presbyterian Church, 4300 Mirador Dr., Pleasanton. Two Sunday wor-ship services: 8:30 a.m. service will have a classic emphasis and nursery care for children under 3 will be provided. The 10:15 a.m. service will have a contemporary emphasic service will have a contemporary emphasis and nursery care, as well as Sunday school classes for preschool through high school age children will be provided. For more info, call the church office at 846-4436.

Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton. Sunday school 9:30 a.m., worship at 10:30 a.m. (nursery for both Sunday school and worship); children's church (age 3-12) at 11:15 a.m.; women's Bible study, Wed. at 10 a.m., Wed. evening

programs; choir 7:15 p.m (boys and girls mission club K-6).; seniors 55 Plus meet Thursdays 7 p.m. Information 846-8650. Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, affiliated

with the Congress of Secular Jewish Organi-zations (csjo.org). Information, Rabbi Judith Seid, Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, 485-1049 or

EastBaySecularJews, 435-1043 of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Liv-ermore, 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 2nd and 4th 1 hursdays of the monin at 7:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton in the chapel, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. Upcoming sessions: Aug. 9, 23. All are welcome. Questions? For additional information, conact Joan Bell at 828-6864. Group open to all regardless of religious affiliation. United Christian Church, 1886 Col-

lege Ave. at M St., Livermore; worships on Sunday morning at 10:30am. Children's program on Sunday morning and first Fri-days. The community is welcome. United CČ is an Open and Affirming ministry. Call 449-6820 for more information.

Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m., Children's Church 11:15 a.m. Please call office at 846-8650 for

eekly programs. Holy Cross Lutheran Church Sunday

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Sunday Services are 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday Lenten Service at 7 p.m. 1020 Mocho St., Liver-more. Information, 447-8840. Vacation Bible School: St. Clare's Episcopal Church — "Avalanche Ranch," 9 a.m.-noon. Aug. 6-10. For children age 4 to fifth grade. 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, CA 94588. S35 per child; S30 for each additional sibling through July 27. \$40 per child after July 27. 925-462-4802, www.stclarespleasanton.org. Community Laughs Family Event, Saturday, September 8, at CrossWinds Church in Dublin, 5-8 pm (dinner, catered by Cabana Dave's, will be served from 5-6). Comedian Stephen B will entertain the

Comedian Stephen B will entertain the adults, while the kids can enjoy a magician and an inflatable slide. Tickets are \$10 for

and an inflatable slide. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for kids (ages 3-12). Kids under 3 are free. Tickets online at www.crosswindschurch.org. Vacation Bible School Splash-tacular! Music, Games, Bible Story Dramas, Activi-ties, and a Snack Shack! This event is geared towards children ages 3 - 12 but all are walcome to acome out participate. Children welcome to come and participate. Christian World Church/Child Care Center; August 6 -10 Time: 9:00AM - Noon; Information: Shannon Granado (Event Director) 1 455-

5551 or Sandra Diaz (PR) 1 (408)829-5300. **Music for a Sabbath Evening:** Com-positions by Clayton J. Foor. Sunday, August 19, 7:30 pm, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton. Featuring East Bay Festival Chorus; Flutes Con Moto; and Clayton Foor on piano. Lively music in the classical tradition, and brilliant new compositions. \$20 per person; \$40 per family of two or more. 783-3965.

### Haggerty Honors Cold Case Unit, Firefighter

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty recognized officers from the Alameda County Sheriff's Cold Case Unit and a firefighters from the Alameda County Fire Department at his annual BBQ held last Friday at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

This year's recipients include Garret Brown, firefighter-paramedic for the Ålameda County Fire Department since 2005. He was named Firefighter of the Year. Brown was recognized for his life-saving effort of a four year old drowning victim in Dublin. The little girl had no pulse and was not breathing when Brown's unit arrived on the scene. Working with his team, Brown's evaluation and response to the child's condition successfully resulted in her resuscitation. The little girl was released from the hospital a few days later in good condition.

The Police Officer of the Year went to five members of the Cold Case Unit in closing the 1991 homicide case of 14-year-old Livermore resident Jessica McHenry. After years with no leads, the unit, led by Sergeant Scott Dudek, renewed the investigation. DNA from the crime scene was matched with a suspect serving time in prison. In addition to Dudek, members of the unit include Captain Kevin Hart, Detectives Greg Landeros and Ed Chicoine and Technician Dorothy Kerr.

Haggerty stated, "I'm pleased and honored to recognize members of law enforcement and fire service for their actions that highlight the invaluable service that these public service members deliver every minute of every day. These awards are a small token of my appreciation of their heroic efforts and sacrifices."

### Pleasanton Student Awarded Scholarship to Study in Germany Danielle Cuellar, a student Amador Valley High School in Pleas-

anton, was recently awarded a scholarship to spend time in Germany. She was only one of two California residents to be honored. Only six are granted each year for students living on the West Coast.

The scholarship was awarded by ASSE, International Student Exchange Programs, under the Congress Bundestag from the Federal Government, which was started under the Reagan administration

Currently Danielle and her parents are in Washington, D.C. where she is meeting with Senators as part of the ambassador program.

The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program is a unique program that provides 250 full scholarships for American high school students to live with a host family and attend school in Germany for a year. As a Congress-Bundestag student, Danielle will gain real world views of current affairs and German social, political and economic life.

She will also experience German life firsthand living with a host family who has volunteered to open their home, providing room, board and a caring environment. Students will attend school, participate in community life, culture and recreation.



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# OBITUARIES

### Daniel R. Silveira

Dan Silveira died peacefully on July 30, 2007 at Bruns House in Alamo. He was 62.

Dan, a lifetime resident of the Bay Area, was born in Hayward. He resided in Livermore for nearly 40 years. An auto mechanic, Dan owned his own car repair shop in Fremont before working for Shamrock Ford in Dublin.

He was best known for his community activities. For 27 years, he was Scoutmaster of Troop 924, helping nearly 50 young men attain the rank of Eagle Scout, including his sons Justin and Preston. Dan also served as Scoutmaster for Venture Crew 924 and worked on staff at the last two National Jamborees at Port A.P. Hill near Washington, D.C. He was initiated into the Order of the Arrow and achieved Brotherhood status. He also earned the Silver Beaver award from BSA. Dan taught shooting sports to 4-H clubs and scouts. A team teacher for Tri-Valley Hunter Education Classes, he and his teaching partner Buck Buchanan jointly won the state award for teaching excellence in 1998, the top instructor in the nation award in 1999, and they are the only team to have ever been awarded that title. Dan was also general manager of Tri-Valley Youth Services, Inc., a nonprofit corporation primarily dedicated to teaching the automotive trade to youth. Fourteen years ago, Dan began the children-to-children Christmas party for underprivileged children. For 20 years, Dan participated in the Livermore Community Thanksgiving Dinner. He volunteered with East Bay Stand Down, Relay for Life, the Taylor Family Foundation's Day in the Park, and SurTek's Adopt-a-Family. He loved to square dance and was active in the Northern California Square Dancers Association, as well as the 4-H group Cactus Corners. Dan served as Noble Arch for the Livermore Grove of the United Ancient Order of Druids, a fraternal organization begun in California in 1859. He was also a grand marshal of the Livermore Rodeo Parade. Dan is survived by his mother Mae Silveira of Hayward, his children, Danny Silveira of Georgia, Chandra Silveira Tate of Arkansas, Justin Miller and Preston Miller-Silveira, both of Livermore, and three grandchildren. Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Fri., Aug. 3 at St. Charles Borromeo Parish, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore. Public visitation will be available at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St.,

Pleasanton on Thurs., Aug. 2 from 4 to 8 p.m.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Taylor Family Foundation, 5555 Arroyo Road, Livermore, CA 94550.

### **Betty Parness**

Betty Jean Parness died July 26, 2007 following a lengthy battle with cancer. She was 76.

Betty was born in Oceanside, CA on July 31, 1930. At the age of three, she relocated with her family to Santa Cruz where she lived until graduating from high school in 1946. She became a licensed vocational nurse and worked in Hawaii for two years before returning to Santa Cruz. While in Santa Cruz, Betty met and married a city manager Bill Parness in 1953. Bill passed away on May 19 of this year. Betty and Bill spent many of their 54 years together in the City of Livermore, where they raised their family and became active in the community. Betty was a loving wife and mother. She will be missed by family and friends. She is survived by her children, Michael Parness, Napa; Cheryl Ginilo, Oakley; Robert Parness, Scottsdale, AZ, nine grandchildren and one great grandchild. A celebration of her live will be held at 11 a.m. on August 10 at Beeb's Restaurant located at the Las Positas Golf Course, 917 Clubhouse Dr., Livermore. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Hospice Foundation of the Eastbay, 3470 Buskirk Ave., Pleasant Hill, CA, in memory of Betty Parness.

2007 at the age of 74. He was a Pleasanton resident.

He was born October 27, 1932 to John Rocha and Virginia Grubb in Oakland, CA. John was a Teamster and retiree of Local 70 for nearly 40 years. He and his wife Marcia are members of St. Augustine Catholic Church of Pleasanton. Family and friends will miss him, especially his story-telling, sense of humor, sentimental nature and kindhearted-

He was a devoted family man. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Marcia; children Ron

Rocha and wife Nora of Newark,

David Rocha and his life partner

Charles of Sunnyvale, Ellen

Treibwasser and husband Gary of

Pleasanton, and Suzanne Rocha

and her life partner Kristine of

Walnut Creek. "Papa or Pop," is

also survived by grandchildren

Ryan Rocha and wife Catherine

Leonardini and husband Tony of

Pleasanton, and Natalie, Cristine

and Amanda Treibwasser of

Pleasanton. He is also survived

celebrated July 31 at St. Eliza-

beth Seton Church in Pleasanton.

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etery in Pleasanton.

**Carole Wellbeloved** 

cancer on July 24, 2007.

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She was born in Bayonne,

New Jersey on Sept. 27, 1936.

She worked as a realtor for 30

years and was a member of many

local organizations including

the Catholic Community of

by many nieces and nephews.

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Livermore, Jennifer

Pleasanton, the Chamber of Commerce, Bay East Board of Realtors, Women's Council of Realtors, Pleasanton Newcomers, and many others. Carole was a lover of golf, tennis and trips to her favorite place on earth, Maui. She is survived by her hus-

sons, a daughter and several grandchildren. A memorial service was held

Church in Pleasanton. In lieu of flowers, the family

requests that donations be made Hope Hospice 6500 Dublin

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### John R. Rocha

John R. Rocha died July 26,



Blvd., Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568.

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### Danny Hollinger

Danny Hollinger died July 17, 2007 in Pleasanton. He was 59. He was born in Concord, CA and was living in Pleasanton. He worked as a mater carpenter for 30 years. His hobbies included golf and horse racing. He is survived by daughters

Lisa Hollinger-Adams, Danielle Hollinger, Nicole Hollinger and Gabrielle Hollinger, brothers Ed Hollinger and Bill Hollinger, grandchildren Heather Hollinger and Jonathan Adams, and a niece Tiffiney Harris-Crawford.

A family celebration of his life will be held in late September. Donations are suggested to

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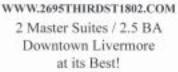
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### If At First You Don't Succeed... A Tale of Defeat, Perseverance and Success! **Highland Ridge Trail, Morgan Territory Regional Preserve**

#### **By Bob Coomber**

Recently, I took an ill advised stab at a trail I hadn't hiked for at least 3 years. I knew better – when I started out I was already tired. Work had been extraordinarily stressful, and baseball was on TV that afternoon. It was the perfect setup for a quiet afternoon at home, just hanging out with fam-

and dawgs. But I have this "thing" about wasting a perfectly good sunny day. I get wound up tighter than Washington timber industry lob-buitt on Arbor Day. So against byist on Arbor Day. So against my better judgment, I decided to take the drive up to Morgan Territory and follow the road past the parking lot to the trailhead for the Highland Ridge Trail. Even after I'd parked, set up my trail wheels and strapped down my pack, I wasn't convinced I should jump on the trail this day. Yet off I went, on a trail that begins steeply and just gets harder, at least for awhile. I made it about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile in; cussing all the way, wondering why the park dis-trict seemed to have added degrees to the grade, and began to think that maybe I should scale down my expectations of myself and stick to flatter. more sedate locales. I was even more tired driving back down the hill than I was

coming up. Fast forward, two weekends later. Somewhere between hellish – hot days was one gorgeous, slightly overcast, mid – 70's summer day sandwiched between heat waves. My previous attempt at Highland Ridge was weighing heavily on me. It was clear I wouldn't rest until I gave it at least one more try. The weather today might be a sign, I thought, that this was the day to throw everything I have at this trail.

I felt wonderful this day, more positive in general, and simply not in a mood to let some little hill beat me up. With knobbies and day pack on, I set off once more, on toward Highland Ridge. There were a ton of surprises in store this day, some unexpected, some just purely delightful to take in. The East Bay Regional Park District had, using much foresight after meeting me, set up wheelchair accessible entrance gates not only at Morgan Territory's main parking area, but further north at the entrance to the Highland Ridge Trail. Both sides of the road had been opened to wheelchair users as nutty as me, as the trail itself is not "ac-cessible" using the ADA definition. Both sides are steep, well maintained dirt roads with enough obstacles to make things interesting. I've used the gates to travel through Morgan Territory in a loop, and to try this par-



View from Morgan Territory Regional Preserve.

ticular trail on both sides of Morgan Territory Road. So I set off on the west side of the trail which, if my little map of the area was accurate, would lead directly to the boundary of Mt. Diablo State Park.

That was enough a draw for me. I tend to be rather extreme when it comes to hiking, and fol-lowing the map along the course of Highland Ridge, I found sev-oral trail markers indicating this eral trail markers indicating this was also the Diablo Regional Trail. This is a multi-agency trail that sets up the possibility of beginning a day hike at Round Valley Regional Preserve on Marsh Creek Road, following the trail into and through Morgan Terri-tory, and over the chaparral ridges into Mt. Diablo State Park - and beyond. It's not a day hike, but a very intriguing backpack trip, one I'll be trying in the fall.

I took off across the road to the west side, where a little rise brought me to the entrance gate. The trail instantly displayed its 'up" side, as it got steep without giving me a chance to let up. I know why I got tired that last time! A word of advice when starting out - if you are poison oak sensitive, stay clear of the edges of this first stretch of trail. It's nicely shaded by a variety of oaks and laurels, but most of the low brush is poison oak. I recommend leaving your dog on a leash until breaking out of the canopy, too. Doggie will, with-out a doubt, wander off trail sniffing all the deer, squirrel, and all the other critter odors found on a trial into the poison oak, and all your precautions will be for naught. Wait for another 3/4 of a mile before entertaining the idea of letting the hound off leash. This stretch may be the steepest part of the trail, but the pitches are short and easily had with little bursts of effort. I remember my first time on this trail, right after a November downpour some years ago. Runoff was flowing right over the trail in low spots beneath the trees. But how wonderful the smell! Add those laurels to almost any scene, any time of year and the aroma of the

forest is motivating. Several dips and rises follow until a gate's reached. Plod right through the gate, making sure to close it after you – during cer-tain times of year cattle are out on the west side of the preserve, and you don't want to be the one known as the cause of The Great Morgan Territory Stampede, do you? From the gate, a short, steep stretch eventually levels, and an open, small meadow (which is perfectly lovely in Spring) is off to the right. The first time I came upon it all was green, with a wonderful mix of wildflowers and grasses. Today it's dry and wavy in the soft breeze. I know many who hate the Diablos in summer because it's so dry and dismal appearing, especially when hot. But I enjoy the smell of the dry grass, especially if it's breezy. Resting beneath a tree to catch a minute of shade, I feel great – quite unlike the previous trip. With each grade I plow up, I feel

more confident that I was only having a bad day a few weeks prior. So I pressed on through a little intersection, and up past the meeting with the Clyma Trail. Maintaining course past Clyma and up the hill, I'd already gone several hundred yards farther than the last try. I'd forgotten just how neat this next short hill was, and as I crested this short ridge the breeze picked up earnestly. It felt great. Looking north was a postcard image of Mt. Diablo and North Peak, below then the Clayton Valley. This view would provide a great shot of the mountain at sunrise, should you be photographically inclined.

A nicely placed downhill allows my sore shoulders to let up for a minute, and as I pass a crossing of the Raven Trail (one of my favorites for sighting Golden Eagles in fall, by the way), a pleasant sight comes to focus beneath the trees – it's the Morgan Backpack Camp, a close to home getaway for those without the time to drive hundreds of miles on a weekend for an overnight hike. Reservations are required, and the recommended method of access is to be dropped off at the trailhead or the main parking area, depending on your desired mileage. It's not prudent to leave a car out on Morgan Territory Road overnight – I know I'd sleep better if my car were safe at home. For more about this campsite, call the EBRPD Reservations office, who can refer you to the park HQ for

more detailed information if you wish. The number is 1 (888) EBPARKS (1 (888) 327 – 2757). The campsite includes a pit potty, but no potable water source, unless you carry a water filter with you. Any staff member at Sunrise Mountain Sports or Dom's can help you purchase a good filtering option. There are no open campfires permitted, for obvious reasons, but camp stoves are al-lowed. Call the District to check on conditions while making reservations. Your tent can be set up on a flat which is full of ground squirrel excavation, so I can't vouch for comfort at this time. But I'll bet a good sleeping pad or mattress would make for a restful night. What's more awesome is that your tent will perch on top of the stone foundation of a 19th century home site. If ever there were an opportunity for good night time ghost stories, this would be it. It's an exciting place if quiet and peacefulness excite you, or you're moved at the prospect of an up close and personal visit from a critter that makes the area its home.

There's an equestrian water trough, too, and remnants of equine droppings would lead me to believe that horsemen and women are the prime users of this campground. It's a pleasant place to rest beneath an old valley oak. The trail seems to really get serious from here up, but I'm feeling great, in stark contrast to the previous outing. I can see what ap-pears to be Highland Ridge some ways up the trail. But the relatively cool temps, solid, cooling breeze and my energy level pro-vide enough impetus that I accept the challenge and head back out.

The trail up the hill looks long. It's not as bad as it looks, though, as it twists up toward the ridge. Lizards and grasshoppers, a symbiotic relationship if ever there was, line the trailside. Occasionally, I stop to check the stems of the tall grass, to look for praying mantis specimens. Sure enough, a few small, less than 2' long individuals are found. This has the making of a fine tarantula viewing place, too, It's quiet and sparsely traveled – I crossed paths on this beautiful day with no other hikers, not a single one. It's a recluse's Heaven! The churn up the hill is tempered by cool, strong winds all the way up the hill. Each turn provides a different view to the north and east, and they're great places to take a moment and enjoy the view. On an early, clear morning, you could look east and see the Sierra crest with the naked eye.

A few short pitches offer some small challenging moments, but I

eventually reach the ridge top. At that location, a fenced off section indicates the EBRPD has land banked some property for future expansion of Morgan Territory. There's a trail leading a bit higher to the true ridge top, which looks to be over the 2,000 foot elevation level. A grove of immature oaks is just off the trail, so I use their shade to take stock of my day – it's 4 o'clock, there are still 5 hours of daylight, and 1.5 miles, approxi-mately, to the State Park boundary. I take a short roll down a gentle slope to try to gain the lay of the trail ahead. It's a roller, with some steepness (at least for me). Pressing on is a delightfully bumpy little downhill followed by a series of rolling hillocks. In what seems like only a few minutes, I reach the boundary post where Morgan Territory ends and Mt. Diablo begins.

Getting back was simply reversing the order in which I arrived. The return effort was provided mostly by gravity, and I stopped a few times only to enjoy the company of a small King snake that was crossing the road. Calling it a "day hike" sounds relatively innocent; but the same rules apply while preparing for a walk like this – do you have enough water (no, that 16 oz. bottle isn't going to do it!)? Sun screen? A first aid kit? Are your shoes and clothing up to the jaunt? All are questions that must be asked, as it's not altogether likely your cell phone will be reliable during many parts of this trip. As dialed in technologically as we seem to be these days, collectively, is as remote as you'll feel if you place too much reliance on your electronic doo-dads (GPS excepted). It was an exciting day for me, though, as I was able to reinforce that my previous experience was an aberration and not a portent of things to come. I'll do it again soon, and make a campout of it. Hope to see you out there!

Directions: From central Livermore or Hwy 580, take Livermore Ave. north until it turns into Manning Rd. Follow Manning to the first right turn, which is Morgan Territory Road. Follow this road past the park entrance, to a wide spot with trail accesses on both sides of the road – both sides also have wheelchair accessible gates. Pull off the road onto the gravel siding and start from here. If you're not familiar with the Preserve, stop on the way at the main parking area and pick up a map. They are not available at the Highland Ridge trailhead.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

# SHORT NOTES

### **Clowning Around**

There will be clowning around, South American-style at the Livermore South American-style at the Livermore Public Library, as Venezuelan children's entertainer Chiquy Boom! appears Wed., August 8 as part of the Summer Reading Game, entitled "Get a Clue @ Your Library." Chiquy Boom! has been perform-ing and organizing parties, shows, and special events for over 17 years pro-

special events for over 17 years, pro-viding bilingual (English and Spanish) children's entertainment and recreational activities for all ages. She bills her brand on non-scary clowning as a "silly magic show with music and movement games." In her secret life (outside of clown makeup), Chiquy works as the Youth and Teen Recreation Coordinator for the City of Mor-gan Hill, where she has built that city's first team of 25 recreation leaders.

Chiquy Boom will be performing at the Livermore Public Library's Rincon branch, located at 725 Rincon Avenue. The free public program will begin at 2:30 pm, 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 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.

### Creepy Critters

Creepy Critters is the topic of a nature program to be presented Sat., Aug. 4 by the Livermore Area Recre-ation and Park District ranger staff. Meet Ranger Darren Segur at 10 a.m. at Veterans Park.

This will be a look at some of the more infamous residents of the area. Visitors will also explore these critters' role in the ecosystem and what to do if encountered in the park. Good for ages

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

### Art Stroll

The fourth annual Wine and Art Stroll will be held on Thursday, August 2, 6:00 - 9:00 pm. Wines will be poured in 14 stores throughout Historic Downtown Danville and at The Danville Livery and Mercantile. A variety of East Bay artists will be set-up demon-strating their art and showing their skills. Entertainment will be provided but four band by four bands.

by four bands. Tickets are \$25 per person and include wine tasting, food, entertain-ment, shuttle service, and a commemo-rative wine glass. Tickets are sold online only at www.discoverdanvilleca.com <- http:// www.discoverdanvilleca.com/>. New this year there will be a trolley.

New this year, there will be a trolley to shuttle tasters between Old Town and

the Livery. "The evening has become such a success and we wanted to be sure participants could enjoy both locations; so we added a trolley for our guest's convenience," explained Wayne Wickham president of the Discover Danville Association.

### **Food Vendors**

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) is presently taking applications for food vendors interested in participating in the LARPD Children's Fair, which will take place on Saturday and Sunday, September 8 and 9, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Appropriate vendors would include non-profit or commercial groups seek-ing to generate revenue through food booths, with an emphasis on items that would appeal to both children and adults

Applications may be obtained by contacting Moe Kline at (925) 373-5700 or mkline@larpd.dst.ca.us, and are due by August 6, 2007 to be considered.

### Springtown Magic

Bay Area Magician Norman Ng will be materializing at the Springtown Branch of the Livermore Public Library on Wed., August 8, as part of the library's Summer Reading Game, en-titled "Get a Clue @ Your Library." Norman Ng (Pronounced "ing")

has been performing his exciting and has been performing his exciting and unique brand of magic throughout the US for over 14 years. He has per-formed his award-winning acts for thousands of audiences of all ages from the New York Hilton Hotel, to the World Famous Magic Castle in Holly-wood, California, as well as on hun-bardo of collector computers form form dreds of college campuses, fairs, festi-vals, libraries and corporate events nationwide. Ng's interest in magic began in his local library, and in the family entertainment he now performs at libraries and elsewhere, Ng com-bines storytelling, music, imagination, and fun into an exciting and unique

and fun into an exciting and unique show for all ages. "The Magic of Norman Ng" will be presented at the Livermore Public Library's Springtown branch, located at 998 Bluebell Drive. 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. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early for best parking and viewing

early for best parking and viewing opportunities. 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 5504 for more information.

### Shot Clinic

Axis Community Health has scheduled its free immunization clinics for children on August 4 and September 8, 2007 from 9:00-11:30 a.m. The clinics

will take place at Axis' Pleasanton Clinic only, 4361 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton.

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

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

### Ask the Doctor

Women's Health is the Topic for Ask the Doctor TV30's live Call-in Show on Wednesday, August 8. Obste-trician/gynecologist, Mark Lollar, M.D., will answer questions on the Ask the Doctor television show airing on Channel 30, Wednesday, August 8, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Viewers can phone-in their medical questions for the doctors by calling TV30 at

925.462.3030 The Women Health episode will rerun the remaining Wednesdays in

August at 7 p.m. Ask the Doctor is sponsored by San Ramon Regional Medical Center. TV30 produces and broadcasts the award-winning educational program on Comcast Channel 30. The show will be available through a live Web cast or past shows on \_www.tv30.org\_ (http://www.tv30.org/) .

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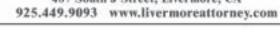
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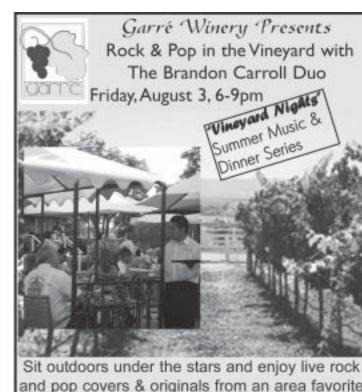
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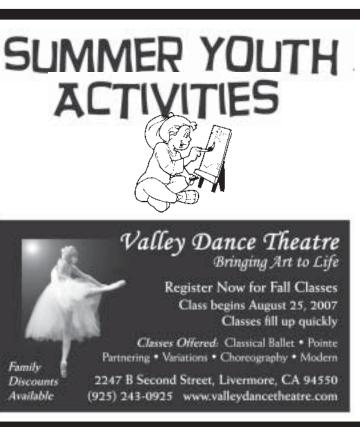
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Poets laureate (from left) Connie Post, Cynthia Bryant, Jim Ott and Kirk Ridgeway will be reading this Sunday at Century House

### READING (continued from page one)

(2003-2005) and Cynthia Bryant (2005-2007). Joining them will be Connie Post, poet laureate of Livermore (2005-2009). All are well known for their contributions to the literary arts in the Tri-Valley.

Century House is located at 2401 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton, Calif. Civic Arts is a program of the Department of Parks and Community Services. Admission is \$5.00 or free to students with identification.

The August Century House reading will be Martha Meltzer's first event as Pleasanton Poet Laureate, who has been appointed to serve in the post until May 2009. She is a ten-year resident of Pleasanton and school librarian at Alisal School. A life-long poetry lover,

Meltzer's writing is influenced by classical poets such as Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and Emily Dickinson as well as the more contemporary Beat Poets.

Following the guest readings, attendees may participate in an open mic segment. Each poet may read one favorite or original poem of 40 lines or less. Light refreshments will be served during intermission.

The Century House Poetry Reading series will continue on the first Sunday of even numbered months with the naming of the new Pleasanton Poet Laureate. The next is scheduled for October 7, 2007.

For more information about all Civic Arts poetry events, contact Michelle Russo at (925) 931-5350 or mrusso@ci.pleasanton.ca.us or visit www.civicartsliterary.org.

# 'Madwoman' Mirrors Livermore's Upset Victory

**by Susan Steinberg** "Extra! Extra! David Smites Goliath!" That famous biblical headline is repeated all too rarely through history.

Valley residents recently watched such a battle when a group of ordinary citizens with little money beat back mega-corporation Weyerhouser's multimillion dollar plot to tear up their peaceful environment for development profits.

Sixty years ago Jean Giradoux wrote a play that amazingly parallels Livermore's epic struggle. During the last hellish months of the Nazi occupation of Paris, he told a visiting friend, "I am busy foretelling the future."

And that is precisely why "The Madwoman of Chaillot" remains such a timely tale into the 21st Century: rapacious profiteers will always exist. They know the price of everything and the value of nothing. They have lost their souls and any trace of conscience.

Their global power allows them to permanently reverse the world's natural order, whether it's destroying tropical rainforests, polluting air and water with industrial waste, or exploiting impoverished peoples in a ruthless quest for oil. An overwhelming juggernaut of wealth and influence, they corrupt governments and ride roughshod over the lands and livelihoods of powerless "little people."

The play's heroine, Countess Aurelia, explains the situation: "Money is king and men now

the same."

Everyone seems to be in the exploitation game, the prospector, greedy to find oil, complains that his greatest enemy is civilization, which covers the land with cities, making it harder to excavate.

'You can always do business with the real-estate people," he declares. It's human sentimentality that stymies his plans, people stupid enough to prefer a park to a coal mine, a mountain to a slagheap, and an almond tree in their backyard to an oil well.

How can such ruthless creatures be stopped when the authorities are helpless and the people passive and disheartened? It's left to the small unlikely "coalition of the willing," a ragtag fringe group organized by that quintessential fringe character, the Madwoman of Chaillot. Not truly crazy, she is actually an eccentric, the "wise fool" of legend, who can often see the truth ignored by the pragmatic majority.

Her laughably simplistic solution to corporate evil is to exterminate all the villains in one stroke. It will be easy, she explains gleefully, "If they're greedy, they're stupid, and then they are lost." Since they are all connected, "like the parts of a machine," she plans to <sup>•</sup> drive the whole machine into a ditch."

Wiser than she seems, she carefully baits a trap to lure the most rapacious to their doom. She rouses the other 3 madwomen of Paris and the local street people to help, and her earnest exhortations also serve to make ordinary folks think about taking a stand in their own lives, outside the theater. (Buying a hybrid? Conserving water? Recycling?) I'd call it consciousness-raising, but that might discourage ticket-buyers, and they'd miss a marvelous evening of entertainment. Please don't dismiss it as preachy or pedantic just because it sends a MESSÅGE. Like Moliere, Girandoux presents his tale of human folly in a continuously comical script. A pre-curtain Green Show takes us back to the quaint old Paris of song and story, featuring classy chanteuse singing, "rough-love" Apache dancers, Piaf chansons, bal musette, and even a rollicking can-can. It's the mythical Paris of our imagination with a traditional sidewalk café, full of the usual characters: aloof waitress, flowerseller, ragpicker, habitue´, beggar, and gendarme.

the Devil and his minions: a scheming corporate president, his stock-manipulating broker, and a bankrupt Baron ready to sell his illustrious name to any Board of Directors. Alerted to a rich oil field beneath the pavement, they plot to dig up the heart of Paris. And what will they do with all that oil? Why, wage war, of course! (Sound at all familiar?)

**Countess Aurelia overhears** their conversation with horror. These villains envision the only safeguard of order and discipline as a "standardized worker with interchangeable parts." They recognize the only threat to their total dominion: "Whenever the poor are happy, the servants proud, and the mad respected, our power is at an end." Uniformity/ conformity is their final goal for humanity.

Summoning her nonconformist allies, the Madwoman holds a trial of all the evildoers, represented in absentia by the ragpicker. To objections, the presiding judge, Madwoman Josephine, points out: "Criminals are always represented by their opposites: Murderers by someone who wouldn't hurt a fly. Rapists by a member of the league for Decency. Experience shows it's the only way to win an acquittal."

Besides, she observes, "A defense is like a baptism. Absolutely indispensable, but you don't need to know anything to do it."

When the ragpicker begins to swear "to tell the truth, the whole truth, etc ... " she admonishes him

Tom Ignatius and Peter Barrett fine as bemused gendarmes, Jessica Betando sweet as Irma the ingénue, with Paul Libenson as her male counterpart, and Michaela Beebe impressively expressive as the signing deafmute. Tom Darter and Jim Gioia are convincingly imposing corporate executives, and Nikki Greci's icy waitress is perfectly true-to-type. Congratulations to the spir-

ited Green Show cast and many others in various character spots. Special thanks to Director Wendy Wisely for bringing this gem to the Valley, where it reinforces all we've stood up for and provides a lighthearted laughter-filled fairytale.

Remaining shows are at 6:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday July 28 and 29, August 4 and 5, and 11 and 12 in the Las Positas Arts Building Courtyard. Comfortable chairs and refreshments are available, and the enclosed area gets cool but not too cold.

For information, call 424-1100 www.laspositascollege.edu . Tickets can be purchased at

the college bookstore (424-1812) or at Fine Fretted Friends in downtown Livermore.

### Friendly Warning To Theatergoers

A note of caution for anyone driving to see "Madwoman" at Las Positas. Information operators had assured me that on week-

### 'A Little Bit of Paris' in Livermore This Saturday

The Livermore Art Association presents the he third Annual Montmartre: A Little Bit of Paris in the Park. The event will be held Sat., August 4.

There will be art and crafts on display and for sale, music and

performers, and fun activities! Festivities are from 11:00 am 4:00 p.m. at Carnegie Park, 2155 Third St. (between J and K Sts), Livermore.

There is no admission charge. For more info, call 449-9927.



Local band, Moreality, performs Saturday.

### Moreality Brings Its Original Style To the Bothwell Arts Center

The Bothwell Arts Center is hosting a summer concert series entitled "Hot Music for Hot Nights," held in the Center's West End theatre. Doors open at 7:30, and the shows begin at 8pm. The Bothwell Arts Čenter is located at 2466 8th Street in Livermore.

On Saturday, August 4th, local favorites Moreality will be showcasing their original material as well as performing a few unusual cover songs in their first acoustic concert performance in Livermore. This venue and style of playing gives Moreality's songs a different flair and feel. The band members, Joe Davis on guitar and vocals, Jeff Davis on keyboards and vocals, Jeff Fish on guitar and vocals, Mike Fine on bass, and Bill Ziegler on drums and vocals, have been playing together for over 8 years.

Moreality's originals have become as popular with their fan base as their cover songs.

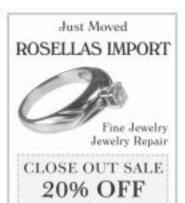
The past few years have

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brought them even greater recognition, appearing live on 107.7 the Bone, opening for Pat Travers, Eddie Money and Blue Oyster Cult, and an appearance at the Shoreline Amphitheatre. They also had one of their songs featured in Relix Magazine, a song called "Watch the Moon," which they will perform at the concert.

Tickets for the show are \$10 general, \$8 for seniors, students, and LVPAC Charter Members, and seating is limited. Tickets can be reserved at the Bothwell Arts Center box office at (925) 447-ARTS or via e-mail at lryan@livermoreperformingarts.org

For more information about Moreality, please visit their website at www.moreality.net.



publicly worship the Golden Calf." "How awful," responds her friend. "Have the authorities been notified?" Told that even the authorities do it themselves, the flustered lady asks, "Has anyone talked to the Bishop?" only to hear the response, "Nowadays only money talks to the Bishop." A cynical view of authority?

But how very contemporary! So is the Police Sergeant's description of his frustrated attempts to bring these evildoers to justice. "You catch a corporate president and pfft! Suddenly he turns into a trustee. You catch him as a trustee and pfft, he's an honorary vice chairman.'

Even in government, he laments, "You catch a Senator dead to rights: he becomes a Minister of Justice. You get after the Minister of Justice and he is suddenly Chief of Police (or perhaps Attorney General?) and he fires you.'

Strange how up-to-theminute it sounds. Or as the French would put it, "The more things change, the more they stay

Into this idyllic Eden comes

### Dublin Offers Movies Under the Stars

The City of Dublin will present "Family Movies Under the Stars" at Emerald Glen Park.

All movies are free of charge and open to the public. All ages are welcome.

This year's movies are "E.T." (pg) on Fri., Aug. 10; "Charlotte's Web" (g) on Fri., Aug. 24; and "Curious George: (g) on Fri., Sept. 7.

All films will be presented outdoors on a 32 ft. screen in the park, 4201 Central Parkway. Arrival time is 7:30 p.m. (movies start at dusk). Refreshments, including candy, popcorn and soda, are available for sale. Attendees can bring their own snacks. People are encouraged to bring blankets and low beach chairs to sit on. No pets, please. For information, call 556-4500 or go to www.ci.dublin.ca.us.

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sternly, "Nonsense! You're an attorney. It's your duty to lie, conceal, and distort everything and slander everybody," to which new oath he dutifully swears.

Much of the comedy is delightfully daffy, like Madwoman Constance's tart remark, "You're much too sweet to be sincere.", or my personal favorite: "Objects talk – everyone knows that. It's the principle of the phonograph. But to ask a hot-water bottle for advice is silly. What does a hotwater bottle know?'

Come for the fun, muse on the message, and leave the Las Positas courtyard theater a happier person. Many talented players enliven the production, especially the phenomenal Madwoman herself, a brilliant Christine Hearn. She and her friends Lise Pan, Kathi Hileman, and Lynn Stofle are worth much more than the modest admission prices (\$10 general, \$7 students and seniors).

Another outstanding performer is Sean Cullen, a leprechaun playing the ragpicker, and doing a beautiful job in two animated monologues. The rubberfaced Jeremy Schlitt is a hoot as the prospector, Alandra Hileman stunningly robotic as the broker,

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end evenings through the summer, normal parking regulations were not enforced, especially during community performance events. No permits needed, parking allowed anywhere, even in staff areas, etc...

This reviewer was foolish enough to believe them, and received a whopping \$30 ticket for not positioning my car neatly enough within its space in a mostly empty parking lot.

### Thomas Coyne to Open Downtown **Tasting Room**

Thomas Coyne Winery will hold the grand opening for a new tasting room in downtown Livermore.

The festivities will take place Sat., Aug. 11 at Blacksmith Square, 25 So. Livermore Ave.

This will be second tasting room in the Livermore Valley for Thomas Coyne wines. Thomas and Emily Coyne will be on hand to greet visitors and pour wine.

The new tasting room will be open Thurs.-Sun. noon to 5:30 p.m.











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### Tasteful **Evening Of** Wine and Food

The annual Taste of Terrior could best be described as a "very tasteful evening," filled with wonderful foods and wines. Not many people would have thought of stuffing a strawberry with smoked quail and goat cheese.

Ty Turner, the chef at Garré Café thought of it. His recipe garnered the best expression of local ingredients award at the annual taste of Terroir.

The wine and food pairing event is hosted by the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association and Tri-Valley Conservancy. The idea is to highlight local foods and wines. Dishes were created using fresh, local pro-duce provided by the Pacific **Coast Farmers Market and Baia** Nicchia of the Sunol Agriculture Park.

Visitors are also able to taste wines offered by some of the newest wineries including Charles R Vineyards and Les Chenes Estate Vineyards.

The strawberries in Turner's recipe were grown in Livermore by Lee's Strawberries. The Livermore Valley Smoked Quail stuffed Strawberry with Goat Cheese and aged Balsamic Reduction was paired with the 2004 Gina Maries Private Reserve Merlot.

This event is always a sell-out. There were 18 wineries whose



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

One guest prepared to sample The Steven Kent Winery 2003 Cabernet Sauvignon. It was paired with herb roasted venison served on a wild rice and sweet corn blini topped with smoked cherry dem-glaze prepared by Campo di Bocce.

wines were paired with savories created by restaurants and caterers. The location was the Palm Event Center in Pleasanton.

This year, the booths were rearranged to avoid some of the congestion that occurred in the past. The change made a difference, providing a more open feel-

But it's the food and wine that are the stars of the show.

In addition to the "best expressions" award, four other winners were announced.

The People's Choice and the Judges Best awards went to Mitchell Katz Winery 2005 Syrah Clark's Corner paired with a Livermore Valley Wild Boar

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Sliders on Sweet Potato Brioche with Syrah-Sour Cherry Ketchup and Baby Arugula created by Beets Catering.

Most Innovative Pairing was La Rochelle Winery and The Pleasanton Hotel 2005 Pinot Noir, Santa Lucia Highlands served with a Santa Lucia Pinot **Reuben with Pinot Noir Corned** Beef, Pinot Sauerkraut, and Gruyere Cheese on toasted Rye prepared by the Pleasanton Ho-

Other wineries participating were Bent Creek, Concannon Vineyard, Elliston Vineyards, Fenestra Winery, John Christopher Cellars, , Little Valley Winery, Livermore Valley Cellars, Murrieta's Well, Page Mill Winery, Tamas Estates, The Steven Kent Winery, Thomas Coyne Winery, and Wente Vineyards Estate Winery.

Just to give an idea of some of the offerings, Mudd's Restaurant prepared a Lamb Wellington with an Olive Syrah Reduction with a Provencal Tart; The Grill at Wente Vineyards a slow Barbera braised BBQ Pork Sandwich. Prawns stuffed with goat cheese and spinach and wrapped in Pancetta was the recipe created by Scott's Seafood Grill and Bar.

To top off the evening, visitors were treated to a selection of Port to go with a variety of desserts, cheeses and fruit.

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Auditions, The Las Positas College Theater Department will hold auditions for *The* Diviners, by Jim Leonard, Jr. on Wednesday and Thursday nights, August 22 and 23 from 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. The play is a poignant drama set in middle American during the Great Depression and tells the story of a boy with a traumatic fear of water and the former preacher who tries to free him from his fear. There are five female and six male roles of various ages, including a boy between the ages of 11 and 17. Auditions will be held in the theater on campus, 3033 Collier Canyon Road in Livermore. Please bring a prepared audi tion monologue. Performances will be November 9-18. For more information, (925) 424-1166 or emai kross@laspositascollege.edu. The Cinema at Wente Vineyards, showing

The Sandlot," Monday, August 6. Guests who dine at The Restaurant on movie nights receive a free movie ticket for each entree purchased. Gates and Reel classics Cafe open at 6:30pm, movie begins at twilight. Movie only \$9 Adults, \$5 Kids (12 and under). Proceeds benefit The California Independent Film Festival. For tickets call 925-456-2424 or online at www.ticketmaster.com. Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Saturday Night Funnies, Aug. 11, 8 p.m.

Bothwell Arts Center West End Stage, 8th and H Streets, Livermore. Laugh-A-Lot Products presents stand up Bay Area comedians. Doors open at 7 p.m. Seating on first come, first served basis. \$12. Information 264-4413 or info@laughalotproductions.com.

Shakespeare in the Vineyards and under the stars, The Comedy of Errors, Livermore Shakespeare Festival opens the gates an hour before show time for picnicking at Retzlaff Estate Winery. Information go to www.LivermoreShakes.org Tickets 800-838-3006. F/Sat August 3/4 all at 7:30PM.

Jazz at the Ridge, Poppy Ridge Golf Course, 4280 Greenville Rd., Livermore. Every Thursday 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Smooth jazz Two Guys or Opie Bellas and Jeff Massanar. Information 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 call 925-373-179, www.livermoredowntown.com. Thoroughly Modern Millie, Pleasanton

Playhouse, July 20-August 5. Amado Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton Curtain time on Fridays and Saturdays is 8 p.m. and Sundays 2 p.m. Tickets adults \$30; seniors over 60, \$28; juniors under 18. \$20. Tickets or information. call 462-2121 or g0 www.pleasantonplayhouse.com.

**Ceramics by Hanno Hagen**, Wente Vine-yards Estate Winery tasting room, 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore. Reception with the artist on August 5, 1 to 3 p.m. The exhibit will be on display throughout the month of August. For information please call 925 456-2305

Bocce Ball & Italian Dinner Night, Wednes-days, Italian Dinner served Family Style with two glasses of complimentary vine yard selection wine. Outdoor courts with atio seating. Cellar Master Wayne Re is Bocce Captain and coordinates instruction and group play. Bring a group or come alone; all skill levels are welcome. \$34.95 person. Two seatings from 5:30-7pm. Garré Winery, 7986 Tesla Road, Livermore. 371.8200. www.garrewinery.com Reservations required.

Blues on the Patio. Thursdays 5:30-9:30 pm. August 2: Amy Lou's Blues; August 9: Johnny Nitro and the Doorslammers; August 16: Bluestate Band; August 23: Kathleen Cairns and Tattoo Blue; August 30: Marshall Law Band with Sam. No reservations. No cover charge. Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St., Pleasanton, 925-846 8106

Summer Jubilee to the Nth Degree, afternoon of wine, music and fun. August 4, noon to 4 p.m. Wente Vineyards Estate Winery, 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore. Taste the 2005 The Nth Degree Syrah and other Small Lot releases with fifth generation winemaker, Karl Wente. Live music by Jim Hurly and the Night Harvest. Admis-sion of \$5 Club Wente Wine Club Members, \$10 for nonmembers includes a Riedel logo wine glass. Food and optional

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Dublin Summer Concert Series. August 3 Alameda All Stars - rock and blues band. 7 to 9 p.m. in the fountain plaza at Dublin Civic Center, Free admission, Information 833-6645 or www.ci.dublin.ca.us.

Book Sale, Friends of the Livermore Library will hold their monthly book sale on Sunday, August 5, from noon to 4 p.m. in front of the former Library at 1000 South Livermore Avenue in Livermore. Fiction and non-fiction books, magazines and audio-visuals are sold at deep discounted prices and there will be a table of free books From 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. books will be sold for \$ 2.00 a shopping bag full of books.

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Piper Bruce Cotter entertained visitors following the ribbon cutting at the new Deer Ridge Vineyard tasting room on Wetmore Road in Livermore. The tasting room is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

# **Zone 7 Looking At Total Severance From County**

Zone 7 Water Agency will conduct a new study to see whether it should break away completely from Alameda County government.

Before its meeting July 18, the agency's board of directors also celebrated the 50th anniversary of Zone 7 with several early-era directors in attendance.

In addition, two candidates for the next board elections, to be held at the second primary election next year, told the Independent they will be running then. They are former director Chris Moore and director Dick Quigley. Director Jim Čoncannon, whose board service dates back to 1984, said he hasn't made up his mind. Director Jim Kohnen was unavailable for comment. Like Quigley and Concannon, Kohnen was ap-pointed by default in 2004, because only the three candidates filed for the three seats.

The board authorized the independence study, after hearing a report by assistant general manager Jon Orellana about how the current affiliation with the county impedes the work being undertaken by Zone 7. Orellana said, "We've been experiencing delays and inefficiencies with Alameda County. Their processes in the past year have made it even more difficult to do our business." Duplication of procedures is a major inefficiency, said Orellana.

Zone 7 started as a flood control district and water agency 50 years ago. On the flood control side, supervisors have acted as the board for other flood zones in the county Zone 7's gonvernance structure has always provided for an elected board since 1957. The Zone 7 board sets policy for all of the water questions. Zone 7 commissioned studies regarding independence in 1993 and 1999. The board voted in 2000 to create greater separation from the board of supervisors by gaining sole approval for projects under \$500,000. Now the question would be whether Zone 7 should throw off that restriction, too, and have total separation, with complete independence on all financial decisions. The study will include how to fairly resolve what would happen to employee benefits and pensions if there is total separation

Mar was one of four Livermore residents on the board then, with the other three coming from Pleasanton. He noted that was proportional to the population of 6000 in Livermore and 4000 in Pleasanton.

Herb Crowle, retired county public works director, was unable to make it to the celebration. Karn paid tribute to him, and noted that he was the first county flood control engineer. "He said, 'We're going to form a new zone (with its elected board). It will be different," said Karn.

Other former directors on hand were Margaret Tracy, who served in the 1980s, and John Marchand, who left the board two years ago when he was elected to the Livermore City Council.

Supervisor Scott Haggerty presented the board with the su-pervisors' resolution of congratulations for the anniversary. Dub-lin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) general manager Bert Michalczyk presented a plaque from his board. MOORE, QUIGLEY SAY

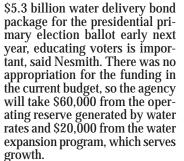
### THEY WILL RUN

After the meeting, Chris Moore, who was appointed to the board early in 2006, but replaced by Palmer in the last election, told the Independent that he will run in the election next year. He said that he feels he "can make a contribution" to the board.

Quigley also said he will run. He cited ongoing issues that he wants to work on, including savings on energy, and lowering the cost of water to customers. If the state Department of Water Resources is able to build a con-vevance like the ill-fated Peripheral Canal to carry water around the polluted Delta, it can improve the water that is delivered by the state to Zone 7, he said. Better water would mean less need of treatment, a savings in cost, he said.

lems can be solved by building more infrastructure. Part of the problem, said staff member Karla Nesmith, is that many Californians, including Valley residents, don't know that their water comes from the mountains, not the Delta, which is used to convey the snow-melt to the Valley and southern California.

Arnold With Gov. Schwarzenegger announcing a



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project come to completion," said City Manager Nelson Fialho.

"In particular, I appreciate that the City worked in concert with

local residents to develop and guide the restoration of the

The restoration of Kottinger Creek is included in the City

Council's work plan as a priority item. A similar restoration project

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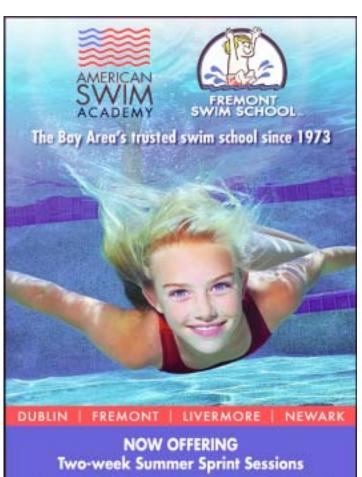
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#### NOSTALGIA REIGNS AT **ANNIVERSARY GATHER-**ING

The first three employees of Zone 7 helped the current board and employees mark 50 years at a special ceremony before the board met.

Richard Karn, the first Zone 7 employee, and Paul Lanferman were on hand. They were present when the county began setting up Zone 7 in 1955. Zone 7 be-came an official department in 1957.

Mun Mar, who started in that same era, became the first fulltime staff member on the water side of the agency, in the 1960s, and the first general manager in 1978. He retired in 1990. Mar showed that his memory is still sharp by quickly naming the first seven board of directors, who were elected in 1957. Those directors were Herman Koopman, Eldred Chance, Karl Wente, Vic Lund, Sr., Mel Nielsen, Leo Callaghan, and Thornton Taylor.

Robert Becker, who was elected in the 1960s, said that he is the oldest living former director. Retired now from a position at LLNL, Becker said that he was urged to run by some Livermore residents who thought that there "were too many agriculturalists on the board." He said that he lost by 44 votes, but was appointed later to succeed Wente, when the winemaker was named to the state college board. Wente was the top vote-getter in that first race.

The proposed Peripheral Ca-nal, which would have carried low-salt mountain snowmelt past the Delta, was defeated by a statewide initiative in the early 1980s. Many northern California residents saw it as a water grab by southern California.

On an item related to the Peripheral Canal, directors unanimously approved contributing \$80,000 to a \$10 million statewide media campaign to educate residents about how water prob-



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