

# County Taking Another Step To Preserve Ag.

By Ron McNicoll

Alameda County is looking for two agricultural landowners and a rural environmental specialist to serve on a five-member committee that will play an important role in helping to preserve Valley agriculture.

The committee will be advisory to and help establish the Alameda County Partnership for Land Conservation and Stewardship (PLCS).

One of the committee's key functions will be to hire a "conservation facilitator," who will inform agricultural landowners about grants and easement purchases that might be available to them, in return for taking conservation steps

with their land.

For example, a landowner could receive money for an easement that would guarantee a right of way for a trail across the property, or for an easement that guaranteed a certain amount of acreage for preserving natural habitat for endangered species. The general concept is to put willing sellers of easements in touch with potential funding sources. No condemnation of land will be involved.

County government won't be interfering in the process, said Karen Sweet, executive director of the Alameda County Resources Conservation District (RCD). The new entity is definitely not an agricultural trust in itself. It is a go-between

to line up willing sellers of easements with funders, she added.

The facilitator will offer help in the form of information, paperwork, and technical work. Potential local partners to help achieve conservation goals include the county planning staff, the RCD, the federal Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), which has a Livermore office in the same building as the RCD, the Tri-Valley Conservancy, and other land trusts.

Matching landowners to available funds won't be limited only to local trusts or other funders. Sweet said that the PLCS may even have the potential to keep Valley young people in farm-

ing. She said that many young people have gone to the Central Valley to farm and ranch, because land is too expensive in the Valley.

With the PLCS scouring the state for grants, it may be possible to work out an arrangement with a land trust in which the landowner dedicates an easement for agricultural land. New people could come in and farm the land, said Sweet.

There are trusts that provide money to guarantee agricultural preservation, she said.

**ONGOING CONSERVATION PRACTICES SUPPORTED, TOO**  
In addition to helping preserve ranch

and farm land, the conservation facilitator will also help landowners locate funding for good, ongoing conservation practices.

"Say there is a little park district in the county that needs help to find funding and guidelines to deal with invasive weeds. This facilitator might be able to help them write a grant. They may find a pot of money they haven't thought about," said Sweet.

In another example, Sweet explained that a creek group may need money to clear weeds out of a creek. They might find grant funding, or expertise or management guidelines through the facilitator.

(See STEP, page 4)

## Trader Joe's Coming to Livermore?

The City of Livermore has been attempting to entice Trader Joe's to locate in the city for several years.

It appears that effort is paying off with a Trader Joe's taking over the old K-Mart store across from Valley Memorial Hospital. Currently, a furniture store occupies the site at 1122 E. Stanley Blvd.

However, in the window is posted a notice of a license to sell alcoholic beverages. The applicant is Trader Joe's.

A spokesperson for the grocery store stated, "Trader Joe's has nothing to confirm at this time."

Neal Snedecor, in the city's economic development, says Trader Joe's has not come to the city for information or permits. "We have talked to them numerous times about coming to Livermore. We are aware of the alcoholic beverage license application. However, we don't know when the store might go into operation. The city is awaiting information."

Trader Joe's began in 1958 as a chain of convenience stores called "Pronto Markets" in the Los Angeles area. In 1967, the founder, Joe Coulombe, the original Trader Joe, wanted to expand the stores' offerings and enhance their image. He doubled the floor space and offered hard-to-find, boutique domestic and imported wines and gourmet food items at competitive prices.

Over the years, Trader Joe's has expanded to over 200 stores throughout the United States. Currently, the only Valley location for Trader Joe's is in Pleasanton.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Livermore's new fountain was designed so the younger set could play in its cascade. Doing just that is Sierra Sorensen, age 3.

## Pleasanton Kids Show Gain On Test

Students in the Pleasanton Unified School District again showed a strong performance on California Standards Test (CST) in results announced by the district on Tuesday.

Students took CSTs in English/language arts and mathematics during the past school year in grades 2 through 11; science in grades 5, 8, and 9 through 11; and history/social science in grades 8, 10, and 11. Individual student results will be mailed to parents in the next few weeks.

The CST is one of four components of the state's 2006 Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) program. Results from STAR are used as part of school and district Academic Performance Index (API) calculations which are scheduled to be released at the end of August.

Superintendent John Casey said he was proud of the results. He wanted to thank students for their achievements. He also thanked parents and staff for their hard work. The district used the previous year's test results to help focus staff attention on improvement for the 2006 test.

"This year's results, particularly in chemistry, Algebra I, and fifth grade science, show that our

efforts were successful. Staff will carefully analyze the results from this year to select those areas which may receive additional focus and support."

A look at the overall results for the district show that the students' scores are far above average in all content subjects that were tested, said a district spokesperson. A significantly higher number of students attained "proficient" or "advanced" performance in the subject area of Algebra I. In the science portion of the CST at grade 5, students' performance significantly exceeded last year's scores. Standards-based chemistry CST scores increased by 13 percent in grades 10 and 11. Grade 8 History/social science scores increased by 12 percent.

A noticeable difference between the 2005 and 2006 test results is the 23 percent increase in the number of students taking the Summative High School Math test. This test is given to students who have completed a math course in high school beyond Algebra II. This is a reflection of the district's desire for increased rigor in the area of mathematics.

Although the test scores differ (See TEST, page 4)

## Segment of Vallecitos Rd. to Be Closed

Work is underway on the realignment of the Isabel Avenue/Vallecitos Road intersection.

The work is being completed in two stages.

The first stage involves grading for the new alignment to construct the southbound/westbound lanes.

The second stage will include the construction of northbound/eastbound lanes along Vallecitos Road and Isabel Avenue.

During the second phase, E. Vallecitos Road (old State Route 84) will be closed for approximately four months, August 17 to December 4. Access will be allowed by local vehicles.

The closure will be between the intersection of Vineyard Avenue and Vallecitos Rd. and the intersection of Isabel Avenue and Vallecitos Rd.

The detour will have traffic

using Isabel Avenue and Vineyard Avenue.

Lourdes Barrozo, project manager, said that at no time will Route 84 be closed.

"The changes in the intersection alignment will make it easier for traffic to turn from Vallecitos onto Isabel, the new State Route 84," said Barrozo.

The change is expected to reduce traffic cutting through downtown Livermore.

## No Challengers to Incumbents in Two Valley Races

Pleasanton voters will not only be selecting a new mayor and two new councilmembers, they will be voting on plans for 318-acres of the Bernal property owned by the city.

In two Valley races, only incumbents filed. The candidates for the Livermore Area Recre-

ation and Park District and Pleasanton Unified School District boards will be automatically re-elected to office on November 7.

Pleasanton incumbent mayor Jennifer Hosterman has one challenger, councilmember Steve Brozosky. The campaigning, while officially underway with

the closing of the filing period, has been apparent for sometime during council meetings.

The race for two council seats was not officially closed until 5 p.m. Wed., Aug. 16, too late for The Independent's deadline. The filing deadline was extended, because incumbent Steve Brozo-

sky is running for mayor.

As of Tuesday, council incumbent Jerry Thorne, along with challengers Brian Arkin, Dan Faustina and Cheryl Cook-Kallio were on the ballot.

Thorne was elected to the council last year during a special election. (See VALLEY RACES, page 4)

## Pleasanton Schools Save 100% On Election Cost

The election results are already in for the Pleasanton school district. The winner is cost saving, and the loser, if there is one, is the lack of any community discussion over what issues might be out there.

There won't be an election this year, because the two incumbents

up for election were not opposed. Pat Kernan, who was appointed in September 1996, and Jim Ott, appointed four months ago, won't have to do any campaigning.

This year, 2006, was supposed to be the first election in an even-numbered year, with the purpose

of attracting a larger voter turnout to decide the school election. The thought was that people who turned out for the up-ticket races for governor, Legislature and Congress would also cast school board votes.

Kernan told the Independent (See ELECTION, page 4)

## Bob Bronzan Retires after 42 Years with Livermore Schools

By Patricia Koning

This summer an era came to an end for the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. In July, Bob Bronzan retired from the District, his only employer in his 42-year career as an educator.

"What Bob has given over the past 42 years can't be put into words," says Brenda Miller, LVJUSD Superintendent. "I've never seen a person give so selflessly with such loyalty to a district."

Sports were a guiding factor in Bronzan's career, which included teaching, coaching football, baseball, and wrestling, serving as union president, and holding a variety of administrative positions at Livermore High School and for the District.

He graduated from Patterson High School with a football scholarship to U.C. Berkeley and a broken leg that never healed right. After two operations, the leg still wasn't straight and Bronzan's college football career was over before he'd ever stepped onto the field.

While in college, Bronzan married his high school sweetheart. They had their first child during his junior year. He graduated from Cal in 1964 with a B.A. in political science and economics and a minor in Spanish.

California was experiencing a teacher shortage at that time, so Bronzan entered a graduate internship program and started teaching civics in Room 202 at Livermore High School. He eventually taught Spanish along with

every course in the social sciences and even wrote a few of those courses.

After five years as a teacher, Bronzan was elected president of the Livermore Education Association, the teachers' union. The District was three million dollars in debt and in a difficult economic crisis. Bronzan and other union members were convinced the superintendent and business manager of the District were to blame.

The situation in Livermore was so bad that the National Education Association committed two consultants to the fight and trained Bronzan in labor organization tactics.

"Every day we published the 'scurrilous yellow flash,' a news-

(See BRONZAN, page 3)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Ice cream was the order of the day at Ravenswood in Livermore last Sunday. Visitors were treated to music, croquet exhibitions, and tours of the historic buildings. Members of the Ravenswood Progressive League welcomed visitors to the site. Pictured serving ice cream to Colleen and Megan McCandless and their mother Jill Farrell is Phil Skylar.



## Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan



### "Roughing It" with the Fellinghams

Across the western plain a cloud of dust plumes up; the camera closes in on a stagecoach pulled pell-mell by six straining horses, their harness jingling—Hollywood's typical romantic image.

Samuel Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, wrote about his actual journey on the overland stage from Missouri to Carson City, Nevada, in his appropriately titled book, *Roughing It*.

Samuel's brother, Orion, had been appointed secretary of the Nevada Territory. Samuel accompanied him west in 1861. The 2,000-mile journey cost \$150 a person. It took 20 days; the coach only stopped for changing horses (and downing barely edible meals) until a brief lay-over in Salt Lake City.

Except for that respite, the passengers had to sleep in the moving stagecoach. At nightfall, Samuel and Orion carefully arranged the leather mail bags and other canvas sacks of cargo on the floor: "We stirred them up and redispersed them in such a way as to make our bed as level as possible."

Then each wrapped himself in a blanket and tried to sleep. They were allowed 25 pounds of luggage apiece; Orion used up six pounds of his allotment with an unabridged dictionary.

As the stagecoach traveled up and down steep stream banks, "our party inside got mixed somewhat. First we would all be down in a pile at the forward end of the stage, nearly in a sitting posture, and in a second we would shoot to the other end, and stand on our heads. ... Every time we avalanched from one end of the stage to the other, the Unabridged Dictionary would come too; and every time it came it damaged somebody."

Just about a hundred years later, Livermore's own Virginia Fellingham took her place on the driver's seat behind one of those teams from literature and movie lore.

Born in 1923, Virginia grew up on a farm in Kansas during the Depression and rode almost as soon as she walked. She also learned to handle the reins for a team of horses. "I've always driven buggies, ever since I was knee-high to a grasshopper," she told interviewer Sarah L. Smith for a 1996 story in the *Valley Times*.

Virginia arrived in California the day before Pearl Harbor and stayed to work during the war as a cable splicer on airplanes at the Alameda Naval Air Station. She married Alfred "Sport" Fellingham in 1949. They moved to a ranch on Tesla Road in 1953. Sport was active in promoting the Livermore rodeo and served as president of the Livermore Rodeo Association from 1948 to 1957. Wells Fargo asked him to drive his antique coach at a bank opening in Hayward in 1958, and the Fellingham family's stage driving career began.

When her husband died in 1965, Virginia, now widowed with two young children, took over the reins. Despite her diminutive five-foot three-inch frame, she worked for more than 30 years as a stage driver for Wells Fargo without a single accident.

She bought and trained the team horses herself. "She had a way with animals," Wells Fargo historian Bill Strobridge said. "When she and a horse were together, they were communicating—it was like they had a secret radio." She drove not only the coaches but also the huge vans necessary to haul the coaches and horses to the 100 or so publicity events she handled in a year.

She starred in a Wells Fargo commercial in which she portrayed Charlie Parkhurst, an 1870s woman stagecoach driver. She drove her stagecoach in Richard Nixon's inaugural parade in 1973. Through the years many celebrities rode with her, including Jane Mansfield, Nancy Pelosi, Willie Brown, and Clint Eastwood.

As a widow, she also had the responsibility for the family's Tesla Road cattle ranch. She said that a farmer has to be an "engineer, mathematician, mechanic, weatherman, and veterinarian."

Her daughter, Patsy, remembered her mother saying that "she never had time for women's lib because she was too busy working." Nevertheless, as Smith wrote in her 1996 article, Virginia invited new Livermore mayor Cathie Brown to sit on top next to her in the Livermore rodeo parade in 1989, rather than inside the coach with the city council members, because "it was about time the town elected a woman."

She continued driving until shortly before she died in 1996 at age 72. "You have to learn all the time you're living," she said. "Otherwise, you might as well say goodbye."

Since her death, her son Paul drives for Wells Fargo. A parade moves slowly, but as Paul pointed out in an interview with Bonita Brewer for the *Valley Times* in 2002, even in the 1800s a stagecoach did not go at Hollywood's mad dashing speed. The rough country they traversed was enough to send dictionaries and passengers flying.

"Everyone thinks they ran, but they didn't. They just went into a pretty good little jog." But, Paul mused, "that's still faster than on the Bay Bridge on some days."

(How many readers have ridden in a Fellingham coach? You can reach me by e-mail at am3homan@yahoo.com.)

## Meeting Scheduled to Take Input On Proposed Alamo Canal Trail

The East Bay Regional Park District will hold a public meeting to discuss a proposed trail segment under the I-580 freeway connecting the Alamo Canal Trail from Dublin to Pleasanton. The community meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 23, starting at 7:30 pm at the Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza in Dublin.

At the meeting, an in-progress feasibility study will be presented along with the background and details of the project. The public is invited to offer comments and input.

The study, managed by the East Bay Regional Park District, was funded by the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority, with funds generated by the County's Measure B transportation sales tax. Significant additional funding for the study was provided by the City of Dublin and the City of Pleasanton.

The Alamo Canal Trail Project is a joint project of the cities of Pleasanton and Dublin, the East Bay Regional Park Dis-

trict, Zone 7 Water Agency and Caltrans. This project would provide an alternate route to the Iron Horse Trail in Dublin, as well as provide non-motorized access to various areas in Pleasanton.

For more information, please call Jim Townsend, Trail Development Program Manager at the East Bay Regional Park District, 510-544-2602.

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## Pleasanton Proclaims John Madden Day

Pleasanton has proclaimed August 5 as John Madden Day to make his induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

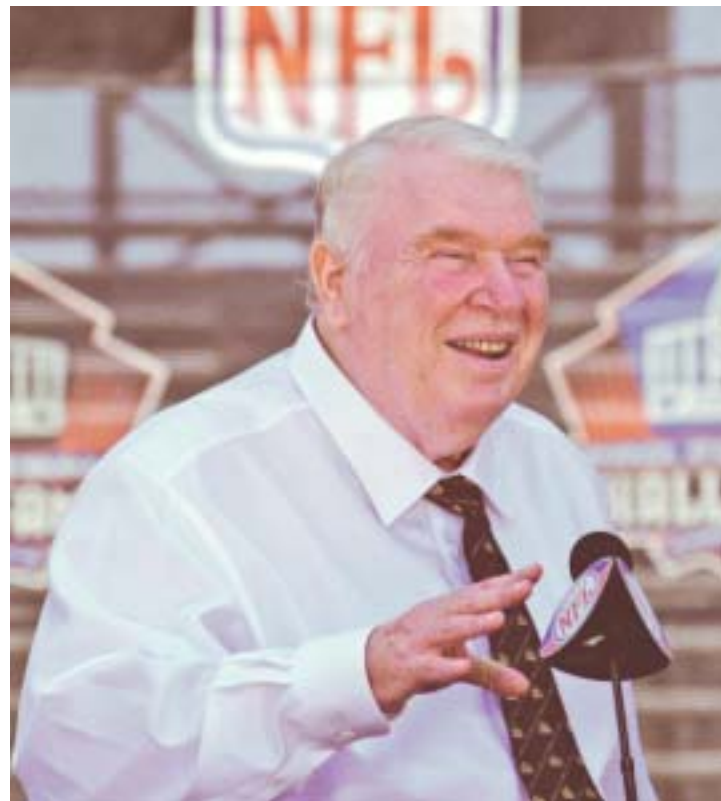
The city council approved the proclamation Tuesday.

Madden is a Pleasanton resident.

The proclamation notes that "in a career rich with accomplishments, perhaps the most significant is his career regular season coaching record of 103-32-7 at the helm of the Oakland Raiders, giving him a 75 percent winning percentage - the best of any head coach with over 100 wins in NFL (National Football League) history."

The most memorable season was in 1976 when Madden led the Raiders to a 13-1 regular season record, then successfully through the playoffs, and ultimately to a win over the Minnesota Vikings in Super Bowl XI.

The proclamation adds that after leaving coaching in 1979, John began what is now a 26-year



John Madden at the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

broadcasting career during which he has received 14 Outstanding Sports Personality/Analyst Emmy Awards; was named Sports Personality of the Year in 1985 and 1992 by the American Sportscasters Association; and became the first NFL analyst to receive the Touchdown Club of America's prestigious Golden Mike Award.

Currently, Madden is featured on Monday Night Football.

The proclamation adds a little "rumor," by stating, "when in town, John is a faithful and enthusiastic member of the Pleasanton City Council home audience - often watching as he gives his treadmill a workout - offering his unique brand of commentary on various Council procedures and actions, and has been known to share those opinions with family and friends."

"The Pleasanton City Council . . . expresses its great pride that he and his family call Pleasanton home."

## Paul Hommert to Head Sandia's Livermore Site

Sandia National Laboratories Director Tom Hunter announced that Paul Hommert will rejoin the lab Aug. 25 as vice president for Sandia/California in Livermore and leader of the lab's Homeland Security and Defense Strategic Management Unit. Hommert will take over for retiring Sandia/California vice president Mim John.

"Paul brings a wealth of experience from his time at Sandia and especially from his time at the Atomic Weapons Establishment and Los Alamos," said Hunter. "He is acknowledged across the NNSA community as one whose leadership provides competence, commitment, and integrity to any position. We welcome him as a member of Sandia's executive team and are pleased to have him in this important role in California."

Sandia is a National Nuclear Security Administration laboratory.

Hommert has served as leader

of the Applied Physics ("X") Division at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) since November 2003. There, Hommert oversaw the work of some 350 scientists, engineers, and support personnel responsible for nuclear weapon design and assessment, weapon performance code development, and supporting weapon science. In addition, Hommert is the program director for X program, which involves oversight for the investment of some \$200M of funds for physics program deliverables across LANL.

Hommert initially joined Sandia in 1976 and held progressively responsible positions for the lab and for Lockheed Martin Corporation. As a Sandia director, Hommert led the lab's Engineering Sciences organization before moving to the United Kingdom from January 2000 to March 2003 to serve as director of research and applied science for the Lockheed Martin team

operating the Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE). He then returned to Sandia for a brief period before joining LANL in late 2003.

During his previous tenure at Sandia, Hommert was the Director of the Systems Analysis Center in the Defense Systems and Assessments organization at Sandia.

As director of research and applied science at the Atomic Weapons Establishment, Hommert led the nuclear weapon stewardship effort in the United Kingdom. His organization had responsibility for nuclear weapon design, large scale experimental operations in hydrodynamics, high energy density physics, material and engineering science in support of the weapons program.

From April 1995 until December 1999, Hommert was Director of Engineering Sciences at Sandia.

Earlier in his Sandia career, he was involved in a wide range of programs supporting energy research. Activities here included research in geophysics, oil shale, underground coal gasification, geothermal, and the strategic petroleum reserve. Hommert is the author of numerous technical papers in the area of fossil energy recovery and radiation transport.

## Foundation Grants Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center \$500,000

Valley arts organization."

The Wayne and Gladys Valley Foundation was formed in 1977 by F. Wayne Valley and his wife, Gladys Valley, to provide financial assistance for various charitable organizations of particular interest to them, principally in the East Bay Area. Since Wayne Valley's death in October 1986, and Gladys Valley's death in May 1998, the Foundation has been considered a major Bay Area philanthropic institution. See <http://foundationcenter.org/grantmaker/wgvalley/index.html> for more information.

When completed, the Performing Arts Center's 500-seat theater will provide first-class perfor-

mance space for local organizations including the Livermore Valley Opera, Livermore-Amador Symphony, Valley Dance and Del Valle Fine Arts. The Center will also produce its own series of booked-in attractions that will present well-known and aspiring artists in the areas of jazz, folk and chamber music. Young people's programming that connects artists to the region's schools and small theatrical productions will also be featured. Planning is now underway for the theater's gala opening celebration to be held in early October 2007, preceded by a series of previews and special events in September.

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Call for Artists - New Public Art Opportunity, August 2006

City of Livermore, Housing and Human Services Division is inviting a qualified artist or a team of artists to submit proposals for murals and other forms of public art for the interior of the City's Multi-Service Center (MSC) at 3311 Pacific Avenue.

The MSC is a one-stop facility where Livermore and Tri-Valley residents from all economic and cultural backgrounds work together with various non-profit and government agencies to improve their quality of life. Twelve agencies with 40 staff serve approximately 750 clients per month that are primarily low income; many have disabilities, and often speak English as a second language.

The purpose of this Call for Artists is to provide artists an opportunity to illustrate the spirit of service in a multicultural society in an artistic/meaningful manner which honors the mission and ideals of the MSC. The artist will need to have the ability to work out a schedule that can accommodate the buildings existing activities.

Because the MSC provides services to a diverse population, qualified professional artists including women, Latino/Chicano, Native American, African American, Indian, Philippine, and other immigrant artists and artists with disabilities are encouraged to apply. Preference will be given to artists from Livermore and Alameda County.

The criteria to participate are as follows:

**Submission Guidelines:**

- Complete an Artist Registry Form (See Attachment)
- Provide a resume and photographs (no larger than 8.5" x 11") of three to five previous commissions.
- Provide a draft of proposed mural(s) and/or other pieces.
- Provide a description of the artistic pieces, including size and location.
- Submit a timeline for completion of the project and cost estimate.
- Artists should create art for the MSC's main lobby, conference room, main hallway & if possible, kitchen/break room area.
- Artists are encouraged to visit the MSC to learn more about the agencies and the clients that are served in the facility.
- Place and Deadline for Submission

Date: Sept. 8, 2006 • Time: 4 pm • Place: 1052 South Livermore Avenue, City Hall, Housing and Human Services Division

To view the Multi-Service Center prior to submitting an application, please contact Frances Reiser, 925.960.4582 no later than September 1, 2006.

**Artist Responsibilities:**

- Artists will describe the dimensions of the mural(s) and/or art pieces.
- Artist will describe the location of the mural(s) and/or art pieces
- Artist will describe the materials used to execute the mural(s) and/or art pieces
- Artist will supply all materials and/or equipment needed to complete their project.
- The City will be responsible for maintaining the murals and/or art pieces. Because this building is bustling with activity, the art should be sturdy, and if appropriate, be permanently attached to the wall.
- Artist will submit an estimate for the cost of the project.

**City Responsibility:**

- Make building accessible to the artist or team of artists for developing proposal.
- Notify the artists regarding due dates and any relevant information.
- A subcommittee consisting of members from the Commission for the Arts and Human Services Commission will review proposed work and make a recommendation to the full Commission for the Arts for final selection.
- Murals and/or art will be the property of the City.
- The City will maintain the murals and/or art

Request for information and completed applications should be directed to:

Jean Prasher  
Community Development Department  
Housing and Human Services Division  
1052 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550  
E-mail: jprasher@ci.livermore.ca.us • T: 925.960.4586 F: 925.960.4149

Once selected, the Artist(s) will enter into an agreement with the City. Artists will be notified on or before October 13, 2006.



## VALLEY ROUNDUP

### Livermore Chamber Luncheon

James R. Bognet, who served in the Schwarzenegger Administration for two and a half years as the Governor's Chief Deputy Special Advisor for Jobs and Economic Growth, will be the guest speaker at the Livermore Chamber of Commerce August Wine Country Luncheon.

The luncheon will be held Wed., Aug. 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Martinelli Center, 3585 Greenville Rd., Livermore.

As a liaison to the business community, Bognet worked to make California become a powerful, job creating machine, advising the Governor on Workers' Compensation reform and business attraction efforts. Bognet is presently serving as Policy Director for Governor Schwarzenegger's re-election campaign.

Reservations can be made by contacting the Chamber at (925) 447-1606.

### Recycling Education Grant

Chabot Space & Science Center has received a \$49,550 grant from the City of Livermore's Altamont Education Advisory Board. The grant will support the Center's environmental internship program.

The 12-month grant will provide stipends to college interns who have been recruited from East Bay colleges, as well as pay for educational materials and supplies. The goal of the innovative program is to help build a knowledgeable

and trained work force in waste management and raise public awareness of the need to recycle and reduce waste in all aspects of daily life.

Interns will participate in enrichment sessions, visits to waste management sites, maintenance of Chabot's recycling program, and the creation of outreach activities for Chabot visitors. Over the summer, current interns will be devising a program to involve the public in the recycling of ink-jet cartridges and in the use of worm compost.

Interns are currently leading solar car activities on Saturdays. Interns will also visit such sites as the Altamont Landfill, the Davis Street Transfer Station, Bay Area recycling centers, reuse facilities such as Urban Ore and the East Bay Depot, and commercial organizations with comprehensive recycling programs.

Interns will complete the program with a presentation of a research project on an outside agency or organization that has an extensive waste management and recycling program.

The goal of the Education Advisory Board is to promote recycling and diversion education programs and recycling through environmental education programs that serve schools; non-formal environmental education programs, serving students, K-12; and community-based environmental education programs. The program is funded through a fee paid on waste taken to the Altamont Landfill.

## BRONZAN

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letter of everything that had been said and done that we thought supported our cause," he recalls.

This culminated in a teachers' meeting, where nearly 100% of union membership gave a vote of no confidence in the superintendent and demanded his resignation.

"I felt like Martin Luther nailing the treatise to the church door when I delivered our complaints to the School Board," says Bronzan. "I gave a dramatic speech demanding the resignations. Turns out the superintendent had already given his resignation to the Board. However, he withdrew it that night because of my grandstanding."

The Superintendent and business manager ultimately did resign, at which time the union declared victory. Later in his career, Bronzan moved to the other side of the table, leading the District's bargaining team in negotiations with employee unions.

Today he teaches courses for the Association of California School Administrators Personnel Academy on collective bargaining and union tactics.

After his term as union president ended, he served as an assistant principal (first called "Dean of Boys") at Livermore High School and then vice principal, a position he held until 1984. During that time he hired teachers such as Ron Nicola (history), Ron Furtado (agriculture), and Vicki Stadelhofer (drama), who was also a student of Bronzan's in his first year of teaching. Coaching sports, especially wrestling, was one of Bronzan's favorite assignments.

"Wrestling is an individual sport and how well you do depends on what you put into it," he says. "I saw kids achieve extraordinary success through persistence."

Clark Conover, wrestling coach for Granada High School, has fond memories of Bronzan's support when he wrestled for Livermore High.

"Bob attended all of the wrestling tournaments, even though he was in the District office at that point. He even sent me videotapes of my matches, to use as a learning tool. I do that for my athletes now," he recalls.

Bronzan had such an impact on wrestling that for years there was a tournament named for him. Conover recalls that the Bob Bronzan Wrestling Tournament was one of the high points of the season.

"He's been a great supporter of Livermore wrestling for as long as I can remember. I still rely on his advice. Maybe he wants to help me coach, now that he's retired," says Conover.

Another athlete Bronzan remembers well is Randy Johnson, who became a major league pitcher for the Montreal Expos, Seattle Mariners, Houston Astros, and Arizona Diamondbacks and won the Cy Young Award for outstanding pitching four times.

"If you put a ball in his hand, he'd throw it so fast. But, we never knew where it would go," Bronzan says. "Our baseball games were like a circus when he was being scouted for the majors."

Coaching football led Bronzan into his second passion: computer programming. He picked up simple programming skills while scouting competing football teams. Because of the vast amount of data collected in this process, database organization was a necessity.

"My motivation was just to help the team succeed, but I also learned I had a knack for programming," says Bronzan.

When the District's personnel software was not providing employees with the data they

needed, Bronzan wrote a program for tracking human resource records. This software was used for 15 years by Livermore and other districts, including the Alameda County Office of Education.

In the computer age, programming led to web design. Bronzan plans to stay busy in his retirement maintaining the District's web site, which he created in his free time, and developing a new site for the Livermore Heritage Guild.

He'll also spend time with his extended family, which includes his mother, aunts, in-laws, two children, and five grandchildren.

"My wife and I want to spend as much time as possible with the grandkids while they think we're still cool," Bronzan says.

His presence in the District will be missed. Currently the District is searching for an Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services. His other responsibilities, such as finance, technology, and facilities, will be spread among senior District staff.

"I'll miss having that right hand person with so much history," says Miller. "And such honesty—Bob never hesitates to tell me exactly what he thinks."

## Detection System Quick & Easy to Deploy

Baseball fans cheering on the Oakland A's in a recent homestand may have been happy about the team's play. However, the best news for those visitors to McAfee Stadium didn't take place on the field and couldn't be noticed by even the most observant spectators.

Through late June and early July, researchers from Sandia National Laboratories in Livermore tested the Rapidly Deployable Chemical Detection System (RDCDS) during a series of games. The system, which can be packaged and deployed within 24 hours locally, has been funded by the Department of Homeland Security. It is designed to provide swift yet effective protection at high-profile events.

The aim of RDCDS is to alert emergency responders to a chemical release early on and enable evacuations or other timely response measures to minimize casualties.

RDCDS provides broad, high-confidence coverage of over 40 different chemicals using multiple overlapping detection technologies and live video. "The beauty of this system is that it can be packaged and set up at a venue within a day's notice, without having to sacrifice any

of the robustness or features required by such a sophisticated system," said Ben Wu, a chemical engineer at Sandia who serves as project manager for RDCDS. "The bottom line is that it can help emergency responders save more lives in the event of a terrorist attack."

RDCDS can detect a variety of chemical warfare agents, as well as the more common toxic industrial chemicals. The RDCDS platform will also readily accept other types of detectors, such as those that sense radiological material.

The RDCDS system totals some 64 detectors that were networked in and around McAfee Stadium during the Oakland deployment.

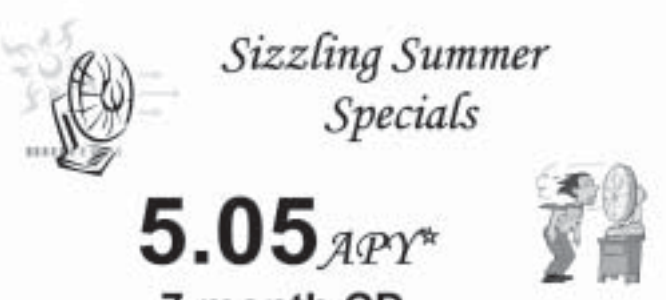
The detectors, said Wu, use a variety of technologies and capabilities in order to counter any attempts to tamper with the system by outside forces or terrorists, and simply to avoid having to rely too heavily on any one detector. Detectors are placed strategically and, depending on wind trajectory and other environmental variables, might even be placed outside a venue's physical boundaries.

The system also incorporates video surveillance cameras,


which serve both to confirm the findings of the detection equipment and to keep a lookout for illicit attempts to damage or alter any system components.

In designing and testing the RDCDS system, said Wu, the main obstacle has been dealing with the plethora of "background noise" common in or near large venues. In a typical sports venue such as McAfee, he said, detectors must try to differentiate between authentic chemical releases and cigarette smoke, automobile emissions, perfumes, odors from popcorn machines, hamburger stands, and hot dog vendors.

In addition to the deployment at McAfee Stadium, Sandia evaluated RDCDS's effectiveness during a 10-week stint at Sandia's Livermore site and at a brief deployment at San Francisco International Airport in early 2005. The final and most important test, however, comes in late August, when a test and evaluation utilizing an authentic chemical discharge will take place at the Nevada Test Site. If all goes as well as expected, the Rapidly Deployable Chemical Detection System may soon be ready for service for the Department of Homeland Security.



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# EDITORIAL

## Many Ways You Can Help

Open Heart Kitchen recently announced it is the recipient of a much needed car donated by the Holtz family of Pleasanton.

The family, with their five children, has been well served by the vehicle, a 1994 Suburban.

The Kitchen — which has been relying on a deteriorating 30-year-old van to transport boxed lunches to families in Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin — expects to put the Suburban to a lot of use.

A nonprofit organization, Open Heart Kitchen fights hunger, serving more than 2500 meals a week. There are special hot-meal programs for school children and elderly persons. Hundreds of volunteers are involved.

In announcing the Holtz family's gift, the Kitchen wants the community to know there are many ways you can help. Thanks to this donation, the agency won't have to set aside funds to replace the aging van. Instead, they can focus their resources on fulfilling Open Heart Kitchen's noble mission, feeding hungry people.

Those who have something to give — some needed item or a monetary contribution or volunteer time — are invited to call Carol Beddome, Kitchen executive director, at (925) 580-1616.

## ELECTION

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that he will miss campaigning. "I love debating. It's fun to get issues out on the table. We should figure out some vehicle to try to encourage people to come forward with any suggestions. We've done the excellence study. However, if there is a way to do a simulation — maybe be available more frequently for coffee, or meetings at middle schools — that would be good," said Kernan.

Even when a board member is not running, (an election is) helpful for them to test the pulse of the community," Kernan said.

Trustees a few years ago reserved Saturday mornings at a downtown coffee shop to meet informally with residents who might have questions or suggestions. Maybe that should be revived, or there should be some open forums at night at some of the schools, said Kernan.

Kernan added that he feels that the lack of a contested election is not a sign of community apathy, but rather of satisfaction with the job the board has been doing. He is also happy that the district will save the \$30,000 election cost.

The school board's other motive in moving the election date to even-numbered years was to get away from the high cost of the stand-alone election. Superintendent John Casey said those elections cost about \$190,000, because there were usually no

other agencies with which to share cost of printing ballots and staffing polling places.

"Generally, we'd roll (the \$30,000 unexpended on this year's election) into our strategic plan and excellence (in education) recommendations, but there is nothing specific at this time," said Casey.

In Casey's opinion, the lack of a board contest this year is "a statement, in general, that the district seems to be heading in the right direction. There is confidence in the board, and in the governance of the district in this point in time."

"If a lot of people were running, I would conclude the opposite. People would have an agenda, and (run to) get some power behind it," said Casey. However, if there had been an open seat on the board, "it might have been different," Casey added.

The school board had an open seat three years ago, when trustee Cindy McGovern decided not to run again. She ran for the city council and was elected. Nine candidates filed for the three school board seats up for election then. Steve Pulido won the open seat, and incumbents Kris Weaver and Juanita Haugen were re-elected.

That election was three years ago, because moving the election date added an extra year to all of the board members' terms.

## SITE 300

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mal studies and training. In addition, DHS plans for the NBAF to develop vaccine countermeasures for foreign animal diseases, and provide advanced test and evaluation capability for threat detection, vulnerability, and countermeasure assessment for animal and zoonotic diseases.

By the end of 2006, DHS expects to review more detailed submissions and narrow the potential sites to a small list of final candidates. The short list of candidate sites will then be the subjects of environmental impact studies (EIS). Upon completion of the EIS process, DHS expects to name the final NBAF site in early 2008.

Tri-Valley CAREs, a Lab watchdog group, referred to the proposed 500,000 square feet of Lab Space: "Moon Suits, Mad Cow and Ebola, too?"

"Tri-Valley CAREs is concerned about the types of experiments that would be conducted in the Central Valley, which is our state's ranching and agricultural heartland," stated Loulena Miles, Tri-Valley CAREs' staff attorney. "A release could devastate the state's economy. Moreover, housing developments and the Tracy City limits are rapidly expanding out toward Site 300."

Tri-Valley CAREs' executive director, Marylia Kelley, added, "Mixing 'bugs and bombs' sends the wrong message to the world."

This past spring, Tri-Valley CAREs revealed that the Livermore Lab and UC had submitted an "expression of interest," to build a 30-acre biosafety level 4 (BSL-4) mega-plex at Livermore

Lab's Site 300 high explosives testing range near Tracy. The group challenged the Regents of the University to make public the details of the bid.

The University rejected Tri-Valley CAREs' public records act request. UC refused to release any information, according to Tri-Valley CAREs.

Tri-Valley CAREs is developing a petition to show community opposition to this plan. The group will sponsor a community workshop to discuss the issues related to the bio research. It will be held on September 12 at 7 PM, 501 W. Grantline Road, Tracy.

Currently, Tri-Valley CAREs has a decision pending on a lawsuit filed against the Dept. of Energy involving a planned biosafety level 3 (BSL-3) at the Lab's main site. That suit was filed in 2003. A decision is expected soon from the court

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tator. All of these efforts go towards resource conservation.

Establishing the facilitator and support staff over the next two years is being funded by grants of \$90,000 each from the county and a committed federal budget earmark obtained two years ago by Rep. Ellen Tauscher, said Sweet.

Tauscher represents Livermore in Congress.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS AUG. 18**

So far, there has been only one candidate for the advisory board,

# Oversight Panel Attacks Union Agreement

By Ron McNicoll

The citizens committee overseeing a \$498 million bond issue that is financing an immense building program at Las Positas and Chabot colleges has raised objections about union labor requirements being imposed by the district.

However, the district says it is only following the law for public institution construction, and has made a fair attempt to split the work between union and non-union contractors.

Robert A. Tucknott, a Pleasanton electrical contractor who has one of the seats on the oversight committee, told the Independent that reserving one segment of the available work for union labor does two things, both bad. One is that it results in higher bids than if no contracts were reserved for unions. The other is that it limits the labor pool, which can give the district a tougher time finding enough skilled labor to do the job.

Tucknott contended that the district already has cost overruns on its projects, because work has not been as cheap as it could be. He quoted figures that were compiled by a state association of non-union contractors in Sacramento.

Tucknott's source found that only two projects in California

over a certain period were bid with union and non-union contracts. One was an elementary school in Oakland in 2004, in which the low bid increased 24 percent. The second, a Pasadena power plant in 2004, rose 15 percent higher than the low bid.

Beacon Hill Institute studies comparing school construction costs in the Boston area and in Connecticut with and without project labor agreements (PLAs)-increased bid costs 14 percent in the Boston area, and 17 percent in Connecticut.

While not familiar with those specific statistics, Chabot-Las Positas district chancellor Susan Cota said unequivocally that Tucknott's point isn't really valid. The district, by law, must pay the prevailing wage rate, whether the contractor is union or not. So there is no savings for the district to go to a non-union contractor, said Cota.

Further, any contractor is free to bid on a job. Bidding is not restricted to union contractors, a fact that Tucknott acknowledged.

When the district board chose to affirm the creation of a certain number of PLAs as part of its building boom, trustees took cognizance of having both union and non-union contractors in the county, said Cota. Trustees de-

ecided to split up the awards, although not necessarily 50-50.

District spokesperson Jennifer Aries didn't have statistics for the Chabot campus. However, at Las Positas College, about 32 percent of the total budget of \$137 million is reserved for PLAs. The two facilities to be built at Las Positas under the PLA are the \$32 million college center for the arts and the \$12 million child development center.

Cota said that the PLA policy has not resulted in higher costs. It's true that the district has had to scale back some of its projects to live within the \$498 million bond issue cap. However, the reason for higher costs has been an alarming rise in the cost of building materials over the past several years. The district competes for materials not only against construction nationally and internationally, but also against school districts with bond issues in the Tri-Valley, said Cota.

In talking about whether the labor pool is too small for using many skilled workers, Cota said that the district has reserved the more complicated multi-skilled jobs for unions. They offer more skilled workers, according to Cota.

Whatever Tucknott's opinion about the PLAs, the board of trustees voted unanimously to

retain them.

Tucknott and one other member spoke at the board's meeting July 18 against keeping the PLAs. The oversight committee voted 4-2 one week later to advise the college district to get rid of the agreements.

Whether the board will pay any attention to the committee remains to be seen. The board contends, through its bond attorney, that recommended elimination of the PLAs goes beyond the committee's scope.

Tucknott said he is aware that the district's bond counsel said at the oversight committee meeting that the panel doesn't have the authority to pursue the issue of PLAs. Tucknott contends that since the oversight committee is supposed to make sure the money is spent the way it was outlined in the bond issue, it's legitimate to call the PLAs into question, since, in his mind, they add to the cost.

Cota said that the unions weren't very happy with the board's PLA arrangement either. They wanted 100 percent of the contracts, she said. Union financial participation in trying to pass the bond issue was not strong, she said. So going somewhere in the middle didn't really please either the union or the open shop side, added Cota.

## VALLEY RACES

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election to replace Hosterman after she was voted in as mayor. Arkin and Faustina both ran against Thorne at the time. Arkin finished second.

Arkin is currently serving on the Pleasanton Planning Commission. Faustina serves as a County Commissioner on the Alameda County Commission on Consumer Affairs and was recently appointed to the Commission on Human Relations.

Cook-Kallio teaches advanced placement classes in United States History and United States Government in Fremont at Irvington High School. She also coaches the "We the People..." team.

Cook-Kallio issued a press release Monday announcing her candidacy. She said she is running for council, because of her passion for public service and for her community. "My vision for shaping Pleasanton includes workforce housing, community building and relieving traffic congestion," she stated.

The ballot is also still open for the Livermore School Board, because incumbent Julie Orvis is not running for reelection.

As of Tuesday, the ballot for the Livermore School District Board of Trustees includes two new candidates for the three seats. Challengers are Kate Runyon, co-president of the Livermore Valley Education Foundation; and McKinley Day, a math teacher at East Avenue Middle School. Incumbents Bill Dunlop and Anne White are running for reelection. White is currently serving her fourth term on the board. Dunlop was elected in 2004 to finish the term of a board member who resigned.

Only the incumbents filed for the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board. Maryalice Faltings, David Furst, and Scott Kamena will each serve four more years on the board.

Kamena said the fact that no challengers stepped forward indicates people are happy with what LARPD is doing. He added that he was a little surprised that no other candidates filed, be-

cause he had heard from several people that they planned to run.

LARPD will save \$25,000, because it will not have to pay its share of the general election, according to general manager Tim Barry.

Kamena said the money would likely go automatically into the district's reserves.

The Pleasanton School Board ballot also includes only incumbents. Pat Kernan, an attorney, was first appointed to the board in 1996. Jim Ott was also appointed to the board. He replaced Gloria Fredette this year. He is the chief executive officer at UNCLE Credit Union and teaches at Las Positas College.

East Bay Regional Park District, Ward 5 incumbent Ayn Wieskamp will face Frank Pirrone in November. Ward 5 includes Pleasanton, Livermore, Sunol, Dublin and parts of Fremont and Newark.

In Dublin, incumbent mayor Janet Lockhart has no challengers. There are 8 candidates for the two city council seats. They are incumbents Claudia McCormick and George Zika and challengers Robert Boboc, Ron Boggs, Ginger Ripplinger, Tim Sbranti, Bill Schaub, and Kate Ann Scholz.

Pleasanton voters will be asked whether they support a plan for the Bernal property. An initiative approved by Pleasanton voters requires the council to place the Phase II plan on the ballot.

Voters will say "yes" or "no" to the proposed plan.

As envisioned, the Phase II specific plan integrates public facilities in open space. Fifteen possible uses have been established: agricultural club, agriculture, child care, community vegetable garden, cultural arts facilities, educational facilities, environmental education center, fire station, Native American history reflective area, open space, park and recreation including lighted sports fields and an amphitheater, public utilities, trails and a youth/community center. The site is divided into sixteen subareas. Within each subarea is a number of suggested uses that would be

appropriate. For example, one area may be appropriate to use for arts facilities and/or a community center, another for agriculture and a community vegetable garden.

An illustrative plan has been created to show how the uses might work together.

### DSRSD RACE

A waste-water treatment plant design engineer who is retired from the San Francisco utilities department is running against two incumbents on the DSRSD board over the issue of water quality. The challenger is Mohinder P. Khanna, and the incumbents are longtime board member Jeff Hansen and one-term veteran Tom Ford, who ran on a reform slate four years ago.

Khanna said he ran unsuccessfully for the Alameda County Water District board in 2002, when he was a Fremont resident. The situation was similar. He was the only challenger against two incumbents. His issue then, as now, is the need to improve the quality of the drinking water. Khanna was born in India, and holds bachelor's degrees in chemistry and math from Indian colleges, and a master's degree in sanitary environmental engineering from UC Berkeley. Not only is water quality of concern to him, but he also wants to help bring more ethnic diversity to the DSRSD board, to help it be aligned with the growing diverse population in the Tri-Valley.

Ford told the Independent that he is running in part because of his pet issue, which is to promote obtaining a photovoltaic solar energy electrical system in the future. DSRSD has to pump treated waste water, as does the LAVEMA pipeline, and that generates a big electric bill, aid Ford. "If we can get photovoltaic, it

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created, the results were based on many more students taking higher level mathematics courses. The district will continue to focus on improving student achievement in this area.

Additional areas the district will focus on for continued improvement in 2006-07 include English/language arts in grades 10 and 11, where scores slipped slightly compared to previous years. The district will closely monitor these two grade levels, said a district press release.

The District will also continue to focus on improving reading and language arts performance across the grade levels by implementing strategic reading intervention instruction for students with identified need.

Assistant superintendent Cindy Galbo said, "I am pleased to see that our focus over the past two years on improving student performance in Algebra I has made a significant difference. We are proud that so many more students are scoring 'proficient' or

'advanced' in this area."

Students in grades 3 and 7 were also tested with a nationally normed test, the California Achievement Test Survey Form-Sixth Edition (CAT/6), in reading, mathematics, language, and spelling. Results decreased slightly (1 to 4 points) but remained strong overall (up to the 84th percentile). District staff will review these results with schools to determine if there are areas in need of instructional improvements.

The 2006 STAR assessment results will be reviewed with the school board in October.

Questions concerning assessment may be directed to James Rallis at 426-4349. More information is available at the California Department of Education's website at <http://star.cde.ca.gov> or <http://star.cde.ca.gov>.

Results for the Pleasanton school district are available at [www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us](http://www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us) (click on Educational Services, then Assessment).

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## Recycled Candidates Kevin Sweeney Pleasanton

In the August 10, 2006 publication both Peter Kotsinadelis and Doug Miller repeat the same message about Mayor Hosterman. So it seems that the small town politics of Pleasanton are not enough to keep Ms. Hosterman and the City Council's attention.

I am a new resident to Pleasanton and have found much of what Mr. Miller says about Hosterman to be true. I would like to see better candidates come forward running for Mayor instead of the recycled council people vying for the coveted Mayoral spot. Maybe mass resignation would be better. Let's get some new ideas and honest people involved in local Pleasanton politics.

## Airport Expansion Purnam Sheth Pleasanton

The Livermore City Council ignored the 1000's of letters, 1500 protesters at the City Council Meeting, and the 1000's of noise complaints and approved to expand the airport. They did this by giving the public 3 days to respond, and sliding it in on a airport report agenda item.

The 10 acre (yes, 10 acres!) aviation business park was a key part of the LAMP which was supposed to be deferred, but now it has been approved — A full-service Fixed Base Operator (FBO) is needed to expand the "needs of the transient corporate aircraft market" (quoted from the consultant in a letter to Leander Hauri, Airport Manager). This is an expansion, and Livermore, Pleasanton, and Dublin have been sold out. The promises of no expansion before noise monitoring has been broken. Due to the low number of complaints on the airport complaint line (which we all know yields almost zero results, and people have given up), Livermore City Council are now breaking their promise and considering not to put in place noise monitoring at all.

## Downtown Maintenance David Hysom Livermore

1. I received postcard notification of a public mtg concerning Downtown Landscape Maintenance District (DTLMD), mtg to be held on Monday, 7/17;  
2. Card was postmarked Thursday, 7/13 (three working days before the mtg);  
3. Card was recvd on Tues-

day, 7/18 (one day after the mtg);

4. DTLMD is a highly contentious issue, with many months history;

5. So what's up? was this a spur-of-the-moment mtg? Is there any good reason I and my neighbors could not be informed early enough that we could plan to attend (i.e. receive notification \*before\* the mtg occurred)?

6. As a new owner in PalaSage, I am ambivalent about the additional monthly fees that I, personally, might incur. But I am outraged about the process. Though I have in the past, and hope to be in the future, a strong supporter and admirer of the City Council, I gotta tell 'ya, gals and guys, this sort of behavior is not acceptable.

## Sommerfest Success Sam and Susan Spataro Livermore Cultural Arts Council

The recently held Sommerfest event at the Barn, sponsored by the Livermore Cultural Arts Council (LCAC) had two goals: 1) to have a fun family party for the people of Livermore and the Tri-Valley, and 2) to raise money for the arts programs in the Livermore schools. We believe we met both of these goals, but only because of the hard work and dedication by the committee members and their staff over several months of planning and then setup, execution and cleanup of the event, and by the efforts made by citizens and businesses in the Tri-Valley.

We would like to thank the following:

Carnegie History Center, Way Up Gallery, and Fine Fretted Friends in Livermore and Towne Centre Books and Bay Books in Pleasanton, Chords and Notes in Dublin for their ticket pre-sales.

The Independent, Herald and Valley Times newspapers for their splendid coverage over many months. TV30 in Livermore Valley for their video coverage.

LJVUSD and in particular, East Ave. School for loaning us 150 chairs.

Two local Boy Scout troops and parents for help in cleanup and teardown after the event (they worked from 10:30 pm till nearly midnight).

LARPD for its cooperation with facilities and security.

The City Police Dept. for their aid in obtaining dance and liquor permits.

The Mayor/City Council, LARPD, and School Board members, who acted as VIP beverage servers.

LCAC member organizations for their cooperation and support.

Albertson Market for storing our perishable foods in their refrigerator for a day.

We would like to extend a special thanks to the LCAC Board for allowing us complete freedom in planning and executing this event. It made our work

easier without constraints of any kind imposed on us.

Finally, a special thanks to the Livermore Valley community for their support in attending this most successful Sommerfest.

## All Types of Education S. Hill Livermore

In response to the article in the August 3<sup>rd</sup> Independent discussing the crisis in education, I think the City of Livermore should look at itself. The City is currently working on a performing arts theater that has been funded with bonds and other support of over \$50 million dollars! What is going into our schools? We also have in Livermore the LLNL, which holds some of the top scientists in the country. Are we working to build that skill in Livermore or has the focus moved off science and on to the arts?

Livermore voters just turned down Measure D, which, yes, did have some very bad points of congestion on the freeways and downtown (which Mountain House and the thousands of homes on the other side of the Altamont will take care of for us) but what about another high school? We have two high schools in Livermore that are overcrowded and more homes in Livermore are being built everyday. Where will all these children go to school? Where do the property taxes of these houses go? Obviously not schools. Let's be a trendsetter and show that we are tops not only in the Bay Area, not only in California, but also in the United States in education. We want to show our children we support all areas of education, not just performing arts; we support science, physical education, etc.

## Reply to Majority Rule Ernestine Farris Livermore

Dennis Vied, and others of his persuasion, sound like a broken record - "most of the complaint calls this year, regarding the Livermore Airport, came from Pleas-

anton". This may be a true statement, but Mr. Vied conveniently forgot to mention the 1500 people, who showed up to protest the airport expansion late last year.

Most of us, who live within the flight path, have given up calling to complain about the excessive noise as we have learned it was like hitting our heads against a stone wall. We did expect the Livermore City Council to do their promised noise testing, before allowing any expansion. How naive we were, we should have known it was a done deal from the beginning.

The mayor used the excuse that they expected Pleasanton to help pay for the expense of the noise monitoring equipment. The noise is coming from the Livermore Airport, not Pleasanton. To use the excuse they expect Pleasanton to help pay is beyond ludicrous and downright deceitful. Pleasanton probably expected Livermore, as a good neighbor, to do something about the airport noise. They forgot one thing, Livermore is not a good neighbor and they never expected anyone else to help pay as they never intended to do the noise testing in the first place.

What the city isn't telling, among other things, is that after the pilot is off the ground, the city no longer has any control over the pilot's actions - it is then FAA's responsibility. The only control Livermore has ever had is the continued expansion and with the noise monitoring system, this couldn't have happened. We have been lied to for a few more bucks in the city's coffers. That seems to be more important than the welfare of it's citizens.

The airport isn't big enough to handle the number of private pilots, and the increased business jets, which I might add, come in from early morning to late at night. I hope we remember the city council, when each one comes up for reelection, then see if the 1500, and many more, re-

member and vote them out.

## Surveillance Daryl R. Carlson Livermore

Apparently Vice President "Dead-eye" Dick Cheney, in concert with Senator Arlen Specter, is preparing legislation that frees the executive branch of our government to spy on U.S. citizens' phone calls, emails and whatever else the government wants—without a warrant or any real sort of Court supervision.

The legislation makes warrants optional while allowing a secret court to rubber-stamp surveillance of Americans, without even knowing the names of Americans to be wiretapped or whether they've done anything to warrant this invasion. To some this must seem like an unwarranted power grab by the executive branch, blowing up our Constitution's founders' intention to balance power in our government. But heck with terror-

ists trying to explode planes with peroxide and hairspray—what can we do. I ask my fellow God-fearing Americans to come forward and make their private communications available to the Vice President. As a patriotic gesture, I, today, will begin sending the Vice President, who can be contacted by email at vice\_president@whitehouse.gov, cc copies of all internet correspondence to and from me.

Here is a partial list of the topics that Vice President Cheney can look forward to: The genealogy stuff I get from my beloved Aunt Linda, the bad-taste jokes and goofy pictures I send to family members, the newsy tidbits I get from my daughter's sojourn to Europe, the photos I take and send to my authentic artist brother-in-law—to say nothing of the viagra schemes and the fraudulent letters by people seeking my bank account number in a get-rich scheme in which they get rich.

## Bridge to a Cure Ride Starts in Livermore

On Saturday, August 26th the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) will host the 7th Annual Bridge to a Cure Ride. More than 500 riders and motorcycle groups will wind through thirty-five miles of beautiful Northern California back country from Livermore to the historic Clayton Club Saloon in Clayton.

In addition to a police escorted ride and a Bridge to a Cure Ride VII pin, participants will enjoy live music by Last Call, lunch by the Ultimate BBQ Co., and a live auction. The event begins mid-morning and lasts through the day as riders from all over Northern California get together for good times and a great ride.

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## SPORTS NOTES

## Youth Soccer

The Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club U15 White captured 1st place in this weekend's West Valley Soccer Classic in San Jose. The team played lean and mean again, making every pass count and they scored big when they needed to.

The weekend's play started Saturday with a 0-0 tie against Mustang Alliance. Several shots were taken by the White team, but none saw the back of the net. In the second game, Ballistic met up with the Los Gatos Arsenal. The pace was fast and furious. Cory Thomas scored his first goal of the season in the first 10 minutes of play. Although the Arsenal would tie it up before the half, Ballistic would dominate the second half of play.

In a rare appearance as forward, Evan Zolfarelli scored his first goal of the season putting the score at 2-1. Zolfarelli has become a fixture as keeper for the White team. Thomas netted his second goal of the game bringing the score to 3-1 which was how the game would end.

In the championship game on Sunday, Ballistic met up with Fremont Fire. Ryan Parsons scored early on a nice cross by Cory Thomas. Thomas had received the ball from Cody Hostler in the backfield. Before the halftime whistle blew, Parsons scored his second goal on a nice cross from Brian Johnston. In the second half, Parsons would nail a third goal giving him an elusive hat trick. This time it was Nik Thompson on the feeding pass.

Several shots were taken by Thompson, Thomas, Johnston, Chris Hewitt, and Etris Bemanian. The Ballistic team dominated play with great defense by Evan Zolfarelli in goal, Nick Anderson, David Meyer, and Cody Hostler in the backfield. The midfield was solid with great passing from Bryan Bui, Krishna Prasad, and Jean Luc Masri. Sideline support was given by injured Cory Beck and Christian Schlachte.

Ballistic was awarded the 1st place trophy and looks forward to action next week in the Santa Clara Rotary Cup.

**Top Offensive Players:** Ryan Parsons, Cory Thomas, Etris Bemanian; **Top Defensive Players:** Evan Zolfarelli, Nick Anderson, Bryan Bui, David Meyer.

**The Livermore Roadrunners U12** boys soccer team won the championship at the Solano Summer Classic August 12 and 13, 2006.

The Roadrunners got off to a slow start, losing their first game 2-1 to the Mill Valley Fusion. Paul Mayes scored the only Roadrunner goal when he dribbled around the Fusion keeper for the shot.

Next the Roadrunners took on the Solano Rapids, winning 4-0. Patrick Taylor scored the first goal, chipping the ball over the Solano goalkeeper's head. In the second half, Mayes put one into the net off of a deflected shot taken by Marco Arana-Nolasco. Tanner Turner headed in the Roadrunner's third goal. Turner quickly scored again after receiving a forward pass from Damon Tregear. The Roadrunner goalkeeper, JT Addison and defensive players, Trevor Long, Anthony Dubberly, Brandon Marantan, and Harry Dhillon worked hard for the shut-out.

On Sunday, the Roadrunners faced the U14 Solano Titans, losing 2-1. It was a tough match with the Roadrunners scoring first when Juan Carlos Alfaro put the ball into the goal after receiving a rebounded shot taken by Sergio Alvarez. The Titans came back strong, scoring twice for the win.

The Roadrunners met the Solano Rapids again in the championship game. The Rapids came out fast and dominated the first half of the game. Roadrunner keeper, Addison, made several tough saves to keep the score tied 0-0 at the half. The Roadrunners finally scored midway into the second half when Mayes crossed the ball to Ryan Flayler who shot it in for the goal. The Roadrunner scored again on a free kick taken by Long and headed in by Taylor for the finish. Taylor scored again for the Roadrunners with assistance by Turner, bringing the final score to 3-0. Aggressive play by Hector Gomez contributed to the Roadrunner success.

**Livermore Crew '97 U9** division 1 girls played in the Mustang Stampede Classic in Danville over the weekend and came away with a win and two losses against some high level competition. Crew '97 took on the Almaden Valley Fury who jumped ahead 2-0 before Ashley Arnett scored to cut the lead in half. The Fury came roaring back and scored two more goals before halftime and another two goals in the first 5 minutes of the second half for a 6-1 lead. There was no quit in Crew '97, who battled back with two more Ashley Arnett goals before the final whistle and a 6-3 final.

Saturday afternoon pitted in league rival Mustang Xplosion against Crew '97. The Xplosion jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first half before the Crew '97 defense solidified and shut down the high powered Xplosion offense behind the defense of Kamryn Lipman, Julie Hamblin and goal keeping of Hanna Beauchamp. Crew '97 met the Union City Devils early Sunday morning and came away with a 6-0 win. Ashley Arnett led Crew '97 with 3 goals. Hannah Beauchamp and Claire Soule chipped in with one goal each.

The Livermore Rampage U14 Girls division 3 team continued their pre-season tournament schedule at the Claire Ann O'Neil / Mission Bell Classic in San Rafael last weekend with a win, a loss and a tie. With only one substitute, the short handed Rampage took on the Wesco Whiplash late Saturday morning and spotted the Whiplash a 1-0 lead 15 minutes into the game. But the Rampage came back to tie the game when Jennifer Wakefield centered a pass to Sarah Slabaugh who drove it past the Whiplash goalie 2 minutes before halftime to tie the game. The Rampage midfielders and defenders led by Rebekah Dillake, Janae Turpin and Courtney Holsen held the Whiplash in check for the rest of the contest and a 1-1 tie.

The Rampage played the Santa Rosa TeamScream Saturday afternoon in one of the most bizarre contests in quite some time. The 3-0 Scream win included a line judge making cell phone calls during the game, a bee sting that sent fullback Becca Woll to the sidelines and a Rampage coach send off. The Rampage bounced back early Sunday morning against the Santa Rosa Sting with four first half goals and cruised to a 5-0 win. Good passing and ball movement led to two Jennifer Wakefield goals and an assist, a Sarah Slabaugh goal and an assist, a Courtney Holsen goal, an Olivia Mowry goal and assists from Audrey Christian, Serena Claudio and Becca Woll.

**Pleasanton Rage U15 - Division 1A:** In their first competitive action of the season the Rage traveled to the Sacramento United's Surtan Classic and took 4th place overall in

their flight. In Saturday's two qualifying games, the Rage played the Manteca Rangers to a 1-1 tie in the morning and defeated a very tough El Dorado Eclipse team 1-0 in the afternoon, which gained them the top point position in their group. The Rage used an effective passing game to score their first two goals of the young season. The first goal scoring attack started deep in Rage territory. Ailsa Smith drove the ball high and long into the right corner to Brittany Repac. Repac carried it into the corner, defeated her defender and placed a beautiful cross just outside the 18 yard box and onto the foot of Paige Robertson. Robertson then slid the ball to Taylor Schoonover who turned quickly left, leaving her defender behind and fired a rocket just inside the near post. The second score was again a result of a Robertson - Repac combination. The scoring drive began with Ali Freeman finding Robertson in the center of the field. Robertson then found the perfect angle for the through ball to a streaking Repac, who delivered the shot from the right side that found the far top corner of the goal. Defensively, Smith, Haley Douglas and Morgan Dorsey played tough throughout the weekend.

In Sunday's action the Rage played two tough teams: the Turlock Tornados and the Walnut Creek Strikers. The Rage came away with two defeats; losing 2-0 to both teams. **Pleasanton Rage Division 1 AC U-16** Girls Soccer team, took second place at the Sun Tan Classic Soccer Tournament in Sacramento, the first tournament of the year. Rage won their pool going with a 2 and 1 record, with 3-0 win in their first game, 3-2 loss in the second and a 1-0 win in their 3rd game.

In the final game against San Ramon, the teams battled to a 1-1 tie at the end of regulation. With the teams still tied after the first round of a penalty kick shootout, the teams had to go to sudden death (victory) in which San Ramon prevailed.

Mikayla Swinkels was outstanding for Rage. She led the team with scoring with 5 goals during the tournament. Goal Keeper Megan Leoni was the anchor on defense only allowing 4 goals during the 4 games, with key saves to during the games and PK shootout.

**Top Offensive Players:** Mikayla Swinkels - 5 goal; Tony Gonis - 1 Goal; Olivia Windell - 1 Goal; Lina Potter - 2 assists; **Top Defensive Players:** Megan Leoni in Goal; Samantha Okumura - Fullback; Krista Bornmann - Fullback.

**The Livermore Elite U-10 Clash** won one of four games game at the Dublin Shamrock Jamboree. In a 5-0 victory over San Ramon, Kent Greene scored one of his two goals on a header coming from a Jake Hall corner kick. Tanner Sandy, Alec Foster and Hall each added goals of their own in the game.

The Clash faced tough opponents in their other games against 2005 league champion Mustang FC, and San Jose's Almaden Stealth and Almaden Venom. Nolan Parker and Ryan Ball played tireless defense and Diego Plascencia tallied a goal for Livermore. The team will be well prepared for league play with strong efforts against stiff competition.

The Livermore Elite Titans, U13 Class 1, formerly the Livermore Elite Tornados, opened tournament play over the Aug. 5 - Aug. 6 weekend with a first place finish in the California Rush Open in Sacramento.

The Titans defeated Butte United Magic 2-1 in the championship game. This was a rematch for the two teams. (Butte United Magic was out for revenge after being defeated 4-2 in the opening round by the Titans.)

The Titans took a 1-0 lead at the half, off a goal from Jesse Morales with Victor Reyes getting the assist. In the second half, the Titans increased their lead to 2-0 on a corner kick from Juan Guerrero. Guerrero put the ball in the box for Reyes to head in. Butte United continued to pressure the defense and broke through for a goal to make it close.

The Titans also defeated Elk Grove United 94, 7-1 and Placer United Prestige 95 Black 3-2. Morales led the Titans with 10 goals and one assist. Reyes had two goals and one assist; Guerrero also had a goal and two more assists; Tyler Amick scored one goal and assisted on three, while Joey Martinez scored one and assisted on one. Greg Crusco also scored and Steven Dubberly had an assist.

Midfielders Danny McNeil and Michael Kronenberg assisted the offense and defense with strong play. The defense was anchored by goal keeper Douglas McNeil, who made some outstanding saves in the box throughout the tournament. McNeil's defensive line consisted of sweeper Julio Naranjo, Oscar Garcia, Aaron Grewal, Chase Martinez and Yan Carlos Trujillo.

**Pleasanton Rage Division 3 U19** played 4 games in the Vacaville Soccer Fest this weekend, including the championship game, and ended up taking 2nd place in the tournament. Saturday saw Rage win both its games, 3-0 (vs Redding Misfits) and 4-0 (vs Sacramento Angels). Rage forward Megan Gomez scored 4 of the day's goals, including 2 goals within 2 minutes during the second game.

Brittany Kepke, Jamie Thurman, and Stacey Hildebrand scored the remaining 3 goals. Sara Skinner, Margie Blydy and Melissa Sheehan provided assists. Rage defense, anchored by Sweeper Lindsey Ellison, was tough all weekend, shutting out its first 3 opponents entirely. Rage was not scored on until the championship game vs the El Dorado Xtreme, which Rage lost, 3-1.

**Top Offensive Players:** Megan Gomez, Heidi Larsen, Jamie Thurman; **Top Defensive Players:** Lindsey Ellison, Brittany Kepke, Melissa Sheehan, LeeAnn Meyer (goal-keeper).

## Lacrosse Festival

On Saturday, September 16, the Livermore Phantom Lacrosse Club will be holding a Beginner Clinic and Festival in Livermore from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lacrosse sticks are required and will be available for purchase. Cost is \$50 if you need a stick, \$20 if you don't. For information, go to [www.phantomlacrosse.com](http://www.phantomlacrosse.com)

## Bowling News

Many bowlers bowled way over their averages during league bowling at Granada Bowl in Livermore. Roy McCord, Original Guys and Dolls, shattered his 155 norm with highs of 223-206 for his 615 set. Mary Kay Hansen, Business Strikers league, upped her 146 norm with a 222 game and 531 series; Bryan Mitchell a 132 average came in with his highs of a 223 game and 552 series. Scott Hart, Getaway league went over his 135 average with a 223 game and 516 set.

The Friday Prime-timers saw Charlie



Theodore Carter (center), age 12, of Pleasanton, stands on the victory stand after winning the 800 meter race at Hershey's 2006 North American Track and Field Games held last Saturday. Carter ran the 800-meters in 2:17.15. Placing second was Damian Garcia from Dallas, Texas, in a time of 2:19.45. Local athletes ages 9-14 participated in Hershey's 29th annual Track & Field Games in Hershey, PA. Carter is a 7th grader at Harvest Park Middle School. He also placed 4th in the 1500 meters and 10th in the 300 meters at the Junior Olympic 2006 competition.

Henderson, 169, post highs of 245-226 for his 641 set. Gene's Pro 'Shop League saw sponsor Gene Bruhl come in with a 961 series with 258-236-201-267; Jeff Strah was next with 240-247-242-218 for his 917 total. In the Guys, Mike Balhorn came in with 246-223-230 - 699; Tony Jaramillo used a 269 game for his placement at 690.

In the Headhunters league, James Murphy had a 277 game along the way for a four game set of 930. Gabe Donahue, Friday Family Affair posted a high game of 268. The Strikes and Spares league had a battle between John Moore and Derek Lewis, Sr. Moore rolled games of 215-245-235 and a 695 set; Lewis came in with 253-213-226 for a 692 series.

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For more information about the program, go to: [www.pleasantonamerican.org](http://www.pleasantonamerican.org).

## Tri for Fun

The 19th season On Your Mark Event's Tri-For-Fun Triathlon Series next competitions will be August 19 for the Tri-For-Fun #3 and September 17 for the Tri-For-Real. Both races will start at 7:00 a.m., at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park, 2500 Stanley Blvd., Pleasanton, CA. There is a 1,000-participant maximum for each triathlon.

The Tri-For-Fun features a course distance of 400-yard Swim (warm, clean lake); 11-mile bike (loop course, flat streets); 3-mile run (rolling fire trail).

To register or to receive more information about On Your Mark Events' Tri-For-Fun Triathlon Series, call 209-785-7832 or e-mail them at [info@onyourmarkevents.com](mailto:info@onyourmarkevents.com) or visit their Web site at [www.onyourmarkevents.com](http://www.onyourmarkevents.com). Entry fees for both races, are \$45.00 for pre-registered, and \$50.00 day-of registration.

## Baseball Training

Pleasanton/Livermore/Dublin Pony Baseball and The Pitching Center are presenting Tiger Baseball Training 2006. This is a new four month off-season baseball program for players entering high school or the 8<sup>th</sup> grade in 2007. This program will offer 136 hours of professional, college and high school level instruction followed by local tournament play. A spring and summer program for 8<sup>th</sup> grade players will be offered.

A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday August 16, 2007 (7:00pm) in Pleasanton at the Pitching Center, 7070 Commerce Circle, Suite B. TPC Coaches and instructors will present the program plan and answer all questions. Registration forms will be available at the meeting.

## Foothill Golf

Foothill High School will host the first annual Golf Classic on Saturday, October 7th. Registration is \$125 per person. Spaces are limited. Sponsorships are available. Contact Jaylene Groeniger at [JayGroeniger@aol.com](mailto:JayGroeniger@aol.com) or 925 426-5680, or Chris Faubion at 925 462-9161 or [cfaubion@pleasanton.k12.ca.us](mailto:cfaubion@pleasanton.k12.ca.us) for more information on registration and sponsorship opportunities.

## Little League Blitz

Pleasanton Little League will be offering

years and older. Adult 30 years and older, Youth Middle School and Youth High School. The cost is only \$24 per team and each team is guaranteed three games. Please call (925) 833-6645 or e-mail [rich.jochner@ci.dublin.ca.us](mailto:rich.jochner@ci.dublin.ca.us) to receive an entry form.

**Open gym basketball:** Youth Open Gym Basketball on Thursday evenings from 5:30 - 7:15 pm and Adult Open Gym Basketball from 7:30 - 9:45 pm at Stager Community Gym, 6901 York Drive. The Open

Gym begin on September 7 and costs \$3.00 per participant. Please contact (925) 833-6645 for more info.

**Adult Volleyball tournament:** 6th annual Emerald Glen Open outdoor doubles volleyball tournament on August 19-20. Only team registrations (both players) will be accepted, no individual sign-ups please. Sign-ups will also be taken the day of the event as space permits. Please call (925) 833-6645 or e-mail [rich.jochner@ci.dublin.ca.us](mailto:rich.jochner@ci.dublin.ca.us) to receive an entry form.

**Bocce Leagues:** Openings for teams in fall bocce leagues. An Adult league is held on Wednesday and Friday evenings beginning September 20, a Family league on Tuesday evenings beginning September 19 and a Senior league on Wednesday mornings beginning September 13. All leagues are Coed. Come to a free open play night on September 12 and learn how to play. Join a team there! Please contact (925) 833-6645 for more info.

**Free agents:** Free agent lists for basketball, bocce and softball. Please contact (925) 833-6645 to get on the free agent list.

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**Teeball Leagues:** Openings for players in fall batbusters tee-ball league. This 8 team league plays on Saturday mornings beginning September 9. Teeshirt, trophy and instruction are included. Games are held at Ted Fairfield Park. Please contact (925) 556-4500 for registration info.

**Youth basketball training:** Sessions are one hour long and the participant can play during youth open gym at no additional cost. Thursday evenings beginning September 7. Please contact (925) 833-6645 for appointments.

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**Sons in Retirement (SIRS), Branch 121**, has openings for retired men. The Livermore branch is one of 177 statewide. Meetings fourth Tuesday of each month at the Doubletree Club Hotel, Las Flores and I-580. Luncheon, business meeting and program of local interest at each meeting. Social hour at 11 a.m., luncheon at 11:30. The next meeting is Tues., Aug. 22. There are no dues or membership fees. Anyone interested in playing golf, bowling, hiking, playing bridge, touring, traveling, or just socializing, call Bob Wood at 373-6064.

**Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club**, Sat., Aug. 19, 60 miles Petaluma and beyond, meet 10 a.m. Walnut Park, Jim Duncan, 806-9467. Wed., Aug. 22, 23 miles from Willow Shopping Center in Concord to Bonges Ranch, meet at 10 a.m., Jean Watts, 676-6164. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

**Livermore French Language MeetUp Group**, is holding a potluck Fri., Aug. 18. French conversation and fun. All ages and levels welcome. For more information go to <http://french.meetup.com/524>. Please RSVP.

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**Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour**, Gardens are being sought to participate in the Sunday, May 6, 2007 Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour, which will showcase bird- and butterfly-friendly, pesticide-free, water conserving gardens that contain 30% or more California native plants. Gardens must be located in Alameda or Contra Costa counties. The application, which is due by Sept. 15, 2006, can be downloaded from [www.BringingBackTheNatives.net](http://www.BringingBackTheNatives.net). For more information, or to be added to the mailing list email [Kathy@KathyKramerConsulting.net](mailto:Kathy@KathyKramerConsulting.net) or call (510) 236-9558 between 9 am and 9 pm.

**Learn to square dance**, Pleasanton Singles & Pairs, dance at Camp Parks, Dublin. Families, couples and singles welcome. Free lessons starting Sept. 18, through October, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Call Hank, 510-537-0293, Clay, 454-0791, Bill, 606-0310, or Judi, 828-2335.

**Volunteers sought**, local voters are organizing to defeat Congressman Richard

Pombo this November. Volunteers are being sought to help with Saturday canvassing to talk with voters the issues. Call us at 925-249-1615, ask for Mary, or e-mail us at [deleatpombo@gmail.com](mailto:deleatpombo@gmail.com).

**Blood Drive**, Tuesday, August 29, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Hewitt Associates, University of Phoenix, 7901 Stoneridge Drive, Suite 100, Pleasanton. All donors will receive a gift certificate for a mini pizza from Amici's East Coast Pizzeria! To schedule an appointment, go to [www.BeADonor.com](http://www.BeADonor.com) (code: HEWITTPLEASANTON) or call Debbie at 925-734-3843.

**Movie Night**, on August 26th, two short films, "Mighty Times: The Legacy of Rosa Parks," and "Chisholm '72: Unbought & Unbossed," about Shirley Chisholm's run for president in 1972, will be shown to commemorate the 19th amendment's 86th birthday. Optional birthday cake potluck begins at 6:30 PM. "Mighty Times" starts at 7 PM. "Chisholm '72" begins at 8 PM. This event is open to the public, wheelchair accessible, and located at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. For more information, call 925-462-3459.

**Free Group Weight Loss Coaching and Fitness Walk** - Enjoy some of the most beautiful neighborhoods of Pleasanton with this brisk, hilly walk while learning simple and effective permanent weight loss strategies. Monday, August 28, noon. Coffee Beans and Bistro, 401 Main St. Pleasanton. Presented by Dan Taylor, ACE certified fitness trainer and ACE faculty member, of Tri-Valley Trainer. Information at [Dan@TriValleyTrainer.com](mailto:Dan@TriValleyTrainer.com) or (925) 413-2268.

**Women's Stock Investment Club** meets on the third Wednesday of each month in Livermore. Club follows NAIC principles for studying stocks and investing for the long term while having fun. For time, location and further details, please call Barbara at 484-1319 or Eleanor at 846-6911.

**Reverse mortgages** a mystery to you? Free seminar offered by reverse mortgage expert, Maggie O'Connell of Seattle Mortgage. Learn how to live more comfortably in retirement. A seminar will be held at the Robert Livermore Community Center 4444 East Ave. Livermore on Wednesday, August 30th at 1:00. To sign up, call Seattle Mortgage at 1-800-489-0986.

**The Political Bookclub** meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month (August 22nd) at 7 PM at the Livermore Library, 1000 S. Livermore Ave. The August selection is "How Would a Patriot Act? Defending American Values From a President Run Amok." by Glenn Greenwald. For more information, call 462-7495.

**ValleyCare Auxiliary**, Volunteers needed. Nine different areas of volunteer service available in both Pleasanton and Livermore. Floorservice, information desks, office, the library, gift and thrift shops. For more information, please call 734-3368.

**Pleasanton Reads**: Adult volunteers are needed for the Pleasanton Public Library's adult literacy program called "Pleasanton Reads." The next training dates are Monday,

September 11, from 7pm until 8:30pm in the Library's large meeting room, and Saturday, September 16, from 9:30 until 3:30. Training, materials and ongoing support are all free. Volunteers generally meet once per week to help another adult improve English language skills. Please call 931-3411 to sign up or ask questions; students are waiting!

**Pleasanton VIP Senior Club**, meets every second and fourth Monday each month 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. Second Mondays are business meetings; fourth Mondays are social sessions with entertainment. Regular Snappy Cafe lunch served at noon for \$3.25 donation; meetings follow. Reservations for lunch must be made by the Thursday before each meeting by calling 931-5385 before 1 p.m.

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

**Sunset Community Church**, 2200 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Sunday worship service at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Derek Meekins. Nursery and children's church provided. A "Night of Worship" first Sunday of each month at 6 p.m. Wednesday night program for all ages at 7 p.m. Information, call 447-6282.

**Third Friday Night Labyrinth Walks**, 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Open to the public, the walk takes place on the 11-circuit Chartres-style labyrinth in the courtyard, accessible from the 4th St. entrance. The walks are enhanced by candlelight and include meditative music. If you would like more information about these walks or about labyrinths in general, please contact Judy Hughes, labyrinth facilitator, 925-485-2524, or the church office, 925-447-2078.

**Community Life** - Step One Groups, start Tuesday, Sept. 26, 7-9pm and run 10-12 weeks each at Crosswinds Church, 6444 Sierra Court, Dublin; all groups are coed unless noted and are led by trained facilitators in a safe, loving, and confidential community where healing can take place. \$40.00 includes all materials; groups close after 3rd week. For further information or to register visit [www.crosswindschurch.org/step\\_one](http://www.crosswindschurch.org/step_one), or contact Denise Croghan, Step One Director, 925-560-3835 or [dcroghan@crosswindschurch.org](mailto:dcroghan@crosswindschurch.org).

**The Gospel of Judas**, a one-session class, will be taught on Sunday, Aug. 27, 11:30-12:30, at Tri-Valley Unity Church, which meets at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. Rev. Mary Anne Harris, Bible historian and teacher, will explore the background and content of this fascinating new gospel. Regular church service and children's school at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday. (925) 829-2733. [www.trivalleyunity.com](http://www.trivalleyunity.com).

## Learn Mandarin, to Paint or Garden at LPC

Las Positas College (LPC) in Livermore has announced its non-credit Community Education class schedule for Fall 2006. The LPC Community Education program recently implemented a new registration system that allows participants to register and pay for classes online at [www.laspositascollege.edu/communityed](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/communityed)

Tri-Valley residents can register now for classes taught by instructors and seasoned professionals in a wide range of areas including art, film, languages, photography, gardening, health and fitness, parenting, careers and training and more. Residents can check the website frequently since some classes, such as Medi-

cal Transcription, will be advertised exclusively online.

Among the new classes offered this fall is Mandarin Chinese. China is a huge trading partner with the United States, and those who can speak Chinese will have an advantage in the future job market. There are an estimated 24,000 American students who are currently learning Chinese. This vibrant class covers an introduction to the culture, history and traditions of China, and how to understand and speak basic Chinese polite speech, such as greetings.

Another new class is titled "Get Started Making Money in Business to Business Selling," is geared specifically toward indi-

viduals who want to break into the world of business-to-business sales (B2B selling). This fast-moving seminar covers the five key things you need to know before accepting a sales job and the ten commandments of good business-to-business selling.

For more information about the Las Positas College Community Education class schedule, please contact Frances DeNisco, Program Coordinator at (925) 424-1467. For more details, the fall catalog can also be accessed online at [www.laspositascollege.edu/communityed](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/communityed)

Copies of the Fall 2006 schedule are available at local libraries in Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin.

## Toy Store Holding a Grand Opening

Livermore has a new toy store. Cooleykatz Toys is located at 1959 Second St. in the Second Street Plaza.

Cooleykatz Toys, a locally owned and operated specialty and educational toy store, was opened in July by long-time Liv-

ermore residents Pat and Nita Cooley.

"As we raised our own children here in Livermore over the past 24 years, we found ourselves always wishing for a local toy store with something different, and possibly a little educational value as well," according to Pat and Nita.

In addition to a selection of toys for kids of all ages, there are puzzles and games for the entire family, children's books, and classic wooden, European, and tin retro toys.

Weekly activity "Funshops," such as story time, arts & crafts, and musical activities will be offered for kids and parents to enjoy together, as well as for home schoolers.

Private music lessons on piano, violin, viola, cello, string

base, flute, clarinet, and saxophone are offered by Nita. She is an experienced, credentialed music teacher and professional musician.

The Livermore Chamber of Commerce held the official ribbon-cutting ceremony this past Monday afternoon. A "Grand Opening Celebration" will be held on Saturday, August 19th, from 1 to 3 p.m. There will be refreshments, a strolling magician, face painting, and participation games for the kids, such as pee-wee golf, animal bowling, and giant bubble-blowing, with prizes and balloons!

For more information about Cooleykatz Toys (including where the name "Cooleykatz" comes from), you can visit their website at [www.cooleykatztoys.com](http://www.cooleykatztoys.com).

### Business News

## Miracle Auto Opens in Pleasanton

Miracle Auto Painting & Body Repair, a 53 year-old franchise body repair and auto painting chain, has opened new small-format paint and sales center in the Tri-Valley in Pleasanton at 8 California Avenue in Stanley Business Park according to vice president Jim Jordan, himself a Pleasanton resident.

Miracle's Tri-Valley territory was recently sold to Weyne Abbott, also a Tri-Valley resident, with more than 40 years of industry experience.

Miracle was in Dublin for more than 30 years and was forced to vacate its premiere location at Dougherty Road and Dublin Boulevard because the City of Dublin is widening both roads to facilitate growth in the Dougherty Valley.

The Pleasanton Miracle will cater to individual vehicle owners, commercial clients including fleet owners, and governmental agencies in the Tri-Valley. "Production collision repair and refinishing is still what Miracle does best and Miracle is the only

company in the immediate area that provides rapid, economical service," said Abbott.

Miracle provides complete paint jobs as well as collision repairs and refinishing. Because of its production-line techniques, Miracle can process more vehicles at a lower cost than traditional body shops and dealerships. It is this rapid response and complete paint jobs that has many insurance carriers processing their claims at Miracle. Miracle can get most

vehicles out on the road in as little a three or four days. Insurance companies therefore have fewer rental car charges and they have satisfied clients because complete paint services preclude matching old, weathered paint with a new finish.



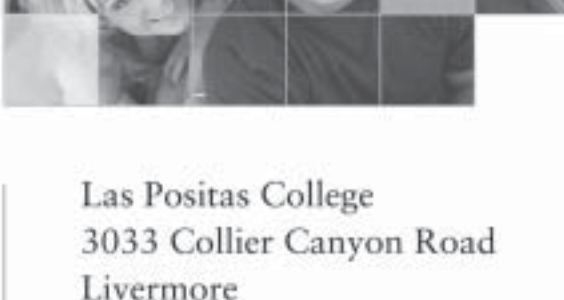
Abbott's staff and crewmembers have a combined 75 years of Miracle experience. "That means that the Tri-Valley will receive Miracle's quality at moderate cost—Miracle's business philosophy," said Abbott.

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## Historic Garage Open This Sunday

The Duarte Garage will be open to visitors on Sunday, August 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The garage was established as a way station on the Lincoln Highway in 1915. The garage is now home to a collection of Lincoln Highway memorabilia, as well as a new map showing the

Lincoln Highway route in California.

The garage is located at the corner of Portola Avenue and L Street in Livermore.

The Livermore Heritage Guild's new book, "Early Livermore," will be available for purchase at the garage on Sunday.

The book is also available at the Carnegie Building, 3rd and J Streets, Livermore. The Carnegie Building is open Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursday 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information, call the Heritage Guild at 449-9927.

## OBITUARIES

### Thelma Draghi

Livermore native and lifelong resident Thelma Caroline (Ferrario) Draghi died August 8, 2006 in Livermore. She was 91.

Thelma attended Livermore High School and St. Michael's Catholic Church. Her life was her family and spending time with them. Hobbies were cooking and gardening.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law Marlene and Donald Kelly of Livermore, son and daughter-in-law Gary and Linda Draghi of Livermore, and grandchildren Dawn Kelly and Joseph Draghi of Livermore and Sandra Draghi of San Francisco and three great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held August 14 in Livermore. Burial was at St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery in Livermore.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

### Betty Alyce Hahner

Betty Alyce Hahner died August 10, 2006 at Kaiser Hospital in Fremont. She was 68.

The native of Texas had lived in Pleasanton for 32 years. She and her husband were co-founders of MTD College in 1970. The school was accredited by the American Society of Clinical Pathologist and trained foreign and American students in medical support skills. In 1983, Mrs. Hahner accepted a position with Tenspede Medical and retired as vice president and general manager in May 2000. She married Wayne Hahner on Aug. 9, 1957. They celebrated their 49th anniversary on the eve of her death.

She is survived by her husband Wayne Hahner. A memorial service was held August 12 at Trinity Baptist Church in Livermore. Burial was private.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

### June Hargraves

June Hargraves died August 10, 2006.

June Edna (Dehn) Hargraves was born in Le Sueur County, Minnesota. She served in the Navy during World War II. She moved to Livermore in 1949 and was a charter member of Our Savior Lutheran Church. She held degrees in teaching and social work. June worked as a medical social worker at Fairmont Hospital for over 20 years.

She was predeceased by her husband Delbert. She is survived by son, John of Lexington Park, Maryland; daughter, Marilyn Janzen of Livermore, and three granddaughters, Stephanie, Julie, and Elizabeth.

Private interment is planned. There will be no services.

Memorial donations may be made to Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1385 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore, CA 94550.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

### Estela David

Estela Fontanilla David died August 10, 2006 in Walnut Creek. She was 33.

The native of the Philippines had lived in Pleasanton since 2002. She attended St. Michael's Catholic Church in Livermore. Estela volunteered at the Pleasanton Heritage Guild and loved to help others no matter what the need. She was very talented when it came to making arts and crafts, and she loved to cook for her family and friends.

She is survived by her hus-

band Edgar David, daughter Charlene David of Costa Mesa, a son, Daniel David of Pleasanton, sister Nelia F. Perez of Washington, D.C., and two brothers Diosdado and Nelson Fontanilla, both of Guam.

Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on August 17 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 458 Maple St., Livermore. Burial will be private.

Memorial donations may be made to the St. Michael's scholarship program for the school.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

### Charles B. Staton

Charles B. Staton died August 5, 2006 in Pleasanton. He was 67.

The native of West Virginia had lived in Livermore for three years. In high school, he was a member of Key Club and the Thespian Club. He loved to travel the world, meeting people, and also loved being with his family.

He is survived by daughters Suzi Trent of Logan, West Virginia; Patricia Mallon of Lancaster, Ohio; and Mary Lynn Belcher of Clendinin, West Virginia; sons, Charles B. Staton, Jr. of Reynoldsburg, Ohio; and Charleston Blaine Staton of Taveres, Florida, and a sister, Mary Station-Zappia of Livermore. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. August 19 at Forestlawn Cemetery in Logan, West Virginia.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

### Virginia Marie Duarte

Virginia Marie Duarte died August 11, 2006 in Walnut Creek following a short illness. She was 89.

Marie was a Pleasanton resident who had lived in Alameda County her entire life. She worked as an administrative assistant for 25 years. She enjoyed her grandchildren.

She is survived by daughters Ernette Baker of San Ramon and Raelene Marler of Gun Barrel City, Texas and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Raymond Duarte in 1999.

Funeral services were held August 15 in Pleasanton. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward.

Please sign the guestbook at [www.graham-hitchmortality.com](http://www.graham-hitchmortality.com).

### Joyce F. Jelavich

Joyce F. Jelavich died August 12, 2006 in Pleasanton following a brief illness. She was 79.

The native of Alameda had lived in Livermore for 36 years. Joyce worked at the Alameda Naval Air Station for over 30 years. She was head traffic manager and adored her work. She was a charitable person who liked to take care of people. She was also an avid gardener. However, her biggest hobby was her children and grandchildren, whom she raised as a single parent.

She is survived by her sons Clifford Wagner of Iowa Hill, CA and Ken Wagner of Lakeport, CA; sisters Shirley Morrison of Alameda, Barbara Rossi of North Carolina, and Patricia Bulmer of Hayward, and one grandchild Brian Wagner of San Diego. She was preceded in death by her husband Larry Jelavich in 2005.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. with Vigil Service at 7 p.m. on Thurs., Aug. 17 at Wilson Family Funeral Chapel in Livermore. A funeral Mass will be celebrated

at 11 a.m. Fri., Aug. 18 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 458 Maple St., Livermore. Burial will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward.

### Mary Ellen Gravatt

Mary Ellen (Ellen) Gravatt passed away August 12, 2006 at Hayward Convalescent Hospital at the age of 79. She lived in Castro Valley for 46 years and later resided in Livermore.

She was born in Fresno, but spent most of her childhood in Oakland. In 1945, she met and married Vic, a handsome merchant marine commander and graduate of Kings Point Merchant Marine Academy. Ellen and Vic met on a blind date on Friday the 13th and soon were engaged. Ellen always said that the happiest day of her life was the day she married on May 10, 1945. Ellen and her husband were past members of Castlewood Country Club and Cruiser Haven Yacht Club. Ellen shared her husband's passion for boating. They spent many happy years on the water in the San Joaquin Delta with their five children. She was an avid water skier in her younger years and spent countless hours fishing. While in her teens, Ellen was a state champion figure skater and an usherette at the Fox Oakland Theatre.

A homemaker until the age of 55, Ellen took typing and business classes at Chabot College. In 1982 she went to work in her daughter's Castro Valle insurance agency and was there until her retirement in 1992. Ellen gave tirelessly to her family, hosting large family dinners and taking care of her grandchildren. She celebrated her 25th anniversary by taking her first grandchild to Disneyland. She always had room at her dinner table for anyone who stopped by. She would bake and decorate cakes family members' birthdays and other special occasions.

She is survived by her children, Mary Ellen Frank of Reno, NV., Grover Gravatt Jr. of Queen Creek, AZ, Marsha Gravatt Hayes of Livermore, Robert Gravatt of San Leandro, and Phillip Gravatt of West Chester, PA, as well as six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years in 2003.

A private memorial service will be held to honor both Ellen and Vic Gravatt at which time their ashes will be combined and scattered according to their wishes.

Donations may be made in Ellen's honor to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements by Wilson Family Funeral Home.

## Purple Orchid Has New Look; Dinner Series

Over the past five months Purple Orchid new owner Kaushik Banerjee and his staff have worked towards modernizing and updating the Inn.

Those upgrades will be the centerpiece of a late summer, early fall dinner series to be held in the Inn's Olive Orchard at 4549 Cross Rd. in Livermore.

"We upgraded every element of our approach. We can't wait to show it off," said Special Events Manager Angela Rauch. "This dinner series is like our coming out party."

The dinner series consists of themed events with live bands scheduled for Aug. 31, Sep. 21, and Oct. 12.

On Aug. 31 guests will enjoy a gourmet four-course Latin meal and learn the latest Salsa steps. Three weeks later the autumnal equinox will be celebrated with a BBQ feast and dance instruction. On Oct. 12 the harvest will be featured with a Greek and olive-themed event topped off by

an evening of jazz.

Checkers Catering will prepare and serve at all three dinners.

Tickets for each event are \$95 per person, with \$20 discounts available for those buying for all three events or 10 percent off to anyone buying tables of six or more for an individual dinner. A \$10 discount on a room stay is available to dinner attendees as well.

To purchase tickets, call the Inn at 925-606-8855 or logging onto [www.purpleorchid.com](http://www.purpleorchid.com).

Salsa band Desperados will perform on Aug. 31 and the menu will feature Carne Asada and grilled scampi prawns. The toe-tapping sounds of Five Point-O will be featured on Sep. 21 while guests enjoy tri-tip, BBQ chicken and apple cobbler, and Bernie Berke and The Jeff Bordes Quintet will bring their jazz stylings to the Inn on Oct. 12 to help augment a variety of Greek and olive delicacies.

A new guest services area, carpet and hardwood in the front lobby and stairs, medallion tile in the gallery; and new carpeting and fresh paint in the event center are among the visible upgrades. The garden has more and fresher flowers and new ground covering.

Less obvious changes include wireless hot spots and more elegant guest rooms. New window coverings for the lobby have been ordered, and new televisions are planned.

Banerjee plans to host a community open house before the end of the year when the face-lift is completed. Innovative Chef Certified Executive Chef Tim Snyder, an honors graduate of the California Culinary Academy with more than a decade's experience preparing and presenting fine cuisine, has been retained by the Inn to augment its food service along with Checkers Catering and Special Events.

## Concert Benefits Operation School Bell

Crosswinds Events in Dublin and Assistance League® of Amador Valley present a concert of Rock/Jazz Fusion featuring three local bands. Performing will be Aja Vu, Faldo's Toy, and Jerry Jennings Band.

The concert will be held August 19. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the concert beginning at 7 p.m. at Crosswinds Church Auditorium, 6444 Sierra Court in Dublin. Tickets are \$20. Tri-tip sandwiches and coffee, tea and soft drinks will be available at an additional cost.

Aja Vu recreates the combination of rock/jazzy blues and unique storytelling that has made the Steely Dan sound endure throughout pop culture for 30+ years! As winner of the KFOX Last Band Standing competition, Aja Vu has also performed with

The Doobie Brothers, Dave Mason, Robben Ford, Eddie Money at Shoreline and Fresno's Tower Theater.

Faldo's Toy has become a phenomenon. Faldo's Toy began rehearsing in 1995 and is still going strong. Their style is considered to be classic, often compared to Steely Dan's Gauncho with strong, sweeping melodies, driving grooves and fearless transitions from the guttural to the pristine.

Jerry Jennings Band is styled like Jeff Beck meets Steely Dan (in which Fagen has laryngitis) a strong compositional style with hints of classic 70's fusion.

These are local groups that present good family entertainment. The proceeds of this concert go to Assistance League of Amador Valley to benefit Operation School Bell®. Operation School Bell provides Tri-Valley underprivileged children with new school clothes, shoes and school backpacks. Operation School Bell also provides 4,500

new books to Tri-Valley school children.

Tickets are available at the door, on line through [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com) or you can contact Phyl Buonsante at 925-443-2224 or Tawnya Trunnel at 925-454-2927.

## Events Set at Blacksmith Square

Blacksmith Square in downtown Livermore has special events planned.

On Sunday, Aug 20th, The Hummingbirdz are back performing from 12:30-4:30. Bluesy but energetic would perfectly describe this entertaining band. There is no admission charge.

Regzlaff Estate Winery will host its official grand opening on Friday, Aug 25th from 5 to 7 p.m. There is no admission charge.

Blacksmith Square is located at 25 South Livermore Ave, Livermore.

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# Art, Wine and Entertainment In Downtown Livermore

Wine, food, art and entertainment are all the ingredients of the upcoming 2006 Taste of Downtown.

Livermore Downtown Inc. will host the event on Saturday, August 19. Festivities are from 1 to 5 p.m.

Wine tasting will be available in stores throughout the downtown. Restaurants will offer food tasting.

The 2006 Art Banners will be hanging on downtown light poles. Visitors can stroll around and view the banners, selecting ones they may wish to bid on during the annual art banner auction to be held Sat., Oct. 21.

This will also offer an opportunity for visitors to the downtown to visit some of the newest establishments. Merchants at Blacksmith Square will take part in Taste of Downtown. Bring passports down and sample wines from John Christopher Cellars and Retzlaff Estate Winery. A new winery, Wizard Win-

ery, will be offering wine tasting. The Riata Diner & Tavern will be providing sample appetizers in the courtyard, as well. Blacksmith Square is located at 25 South Livermore Ave., Livermore.

On Second Street, Cooleykatz Toys will be celebrating its grand opening.

Glass and passports are \$30 the day of the event or call to reserve a \$25 pre-sale glass and passport. Those with an official 2006 Wine Country Festival Glass can purchase a passport for \$20 (\$15.00 pre-sale) while supplies last.

Passports and glasses are available the day of the event at the Flagpole Plaza, First Street and Livermore Avenue; Vino Cellars & Accessories, 1772 First St.; Castle Comforts, 1981 Second St.; and at Billy G's Grill, 2009 Railroad Avenue.

To reserve a pre-sale glass, call Livermore Downtown, Inc. at 373-1795.



## Poet Laureate to Read from Her Book of Poems

Poet's Showcase will present Pleasanton Poet Laureate Cynthia Bryant at Towne Center Books, Pleasanton on Wed., Aug. 30. The program begins at 7:30 p.m.

Cynthia will read from her book of poems, "No Time to Shoot the Poets," as well as answer questions. Light refreshments will be served.

There is no admission charge. Books will be available for purchase at \$12 each (Small Poetry Press).

Towne Center Books is located at 555 Main St., Pleasanton. For information, call 846-8826.

## Rock 'n Roll Benefits Opera

The Livermore Valley Opera Guild will present "Rock & Roll in the Vineyard" for its upcoming fund-raiser on Sunday, August 20, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Cedar Mountain Winery, 7000 Tesla Road, Livermore, will be the venue for this concert.

Listen and dance to the sounds of blues and rock with Georgi and the Rough Week and the voice of Roger Kardinal.

Bring a low chair or blanket. Lawn and table seating is available on a first come basis. There will be wine and desserts for sale. (No outside wine permitted)

This event will help fund Livermore Valley Opera's production of "The Magic Flute" in the fall.

Tickets at \$20 per person can also be purchased at Cedar Mountain Winery, Fine Fretted Friends, and at the door. Children under 12 are admitted free. For tickets and information, call 960-9210 or go to [www.livermorevalleyopera.org](http://www.livermorevalleyopera.org).

## Local Artist Invited to Participate in Shows

Carolyn Lord, an award winning plein air artist whose studio is in Livermore, will be in two upcoming art shows, one in August and the other in October. Both shows are by invitation only.

The Maynard Dixon Country Show is in Mt. Carmel, Utah, August 23-27, 2006, with 45 artists participating. The paintings submitted for the show are either painted on location, or in the studio, completed earlier in the year. The multi-day Utah event in August includes dinners, guest lecturers, dinners and reception for the exhibition. There is also time for the artists to go out painting, and then participate in the informal 'wet-paint' show. Lord has been in this show since it first started in 1999.

The other show Lord will be in is the 8th Annual Laguna Beach Plein Air Painting Invitational October 8-15, 2006, with 60 artists taking part. The artists arrive with empty frames, and art supplies. They have five days to paint in the Laguna Beach area. At the end of the week, the artists have to turn in three framed, completed paintings that will be hung in the Laguna Beach Art Museum for the exhibit. [www.lpapa.org](http://www.lpapa.org)

A "Plein Air" artist by training, Lord feels her paintings are a record and expression of her

world. She has painted in Brazil, Italy, The Virgin Islands, Nevada, Utah, Oregon, Carmel, Gualala and her home in Livermore. She stated recently that, "I feel my greatest body of work is of my immediate Tri-Valley area; the landscape, architecture, gardens, portraits and still-lives. My paintings can be subtle, direct or whimsical, of what ever I feel is important to share. Usually it's a record of visual beauty, sometimes I hint at ideas and concepts that are revealed in the painting or in the title."

Her watercolors are recognizable with their varied positions, color, light and dark.

Carolyn Lord is a member of the National Watercolor Society and an artist member of the California Art Club. She has presented workshops throughout the United States and Europe on her plein air painting. American Artist, Watercolor, Watercolor Magic, U.S.Art, and Southwest Art have published articles featuring her work.

Lord exhibited with the Stary-Sheets Gallery from their 1983 beginning in Gualala, to 2000 at their Laguna Beach location. And in Carmel, she exhibited at the Fireside Gallery 1978 -1992, and is currently represented by the Nancy Dodds Gallery and currently shows at Thompson, Bingham, and Dodds).

## Music for Everyone at Scottish Games

From traditional Scottish folk music to the rollicking sounds of Celtic Rock, and everything musical in-between, patrons of this year's 141st Scottish Highland Gathering & Games at the fairgrounds in Pleasanton, hosted by the Caledonian Club of San Francisco, will have many choices to quell their musical tastes.

The games will be held at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 2 and 3. Activities take place between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The stages at the games have been increased to seven in order to provide the many musical venues, with most of the stages hosting two groups or individual musicians.

For traditionalists, Alex Beaton, the Browne Sisters and Ed Miller are favorites.

Celtic rock!...a panacea of rock, folk and modern styles, takes celtic music into new and sometimes abstract arenas, pelting the audience with throbbing musical rhythm provided by several internationally known

groups. "Tempest," a regular for the full ten years that the gathering and games have been held in Pleasanton, rocks the amplified stage with its vast array of musical offerings in instrumental and vocal renditions of original material.

"Certified Loud" is the hallmark of the popular "Wicked Tinkers," a foursome that rallies the crowd with their unusual upbeat raw sounds that include Gaelic bagpipe and the soulful sounds of the Aboriginal didgeridoo. "Stand Easy," relatively new to the gathering and game, is hallmarked by band leader John McLean, whose bagpipe playing has graced many top motion pictures as well as performances in the Hollywood Bowl and on MTV.

Its difficult to put a label on "Molly's Revenge." The four musicians specialize in the music of Scotland, Ireland and England, with occasional side trips to other parts of the world...traditional or rock?...perhaps somewhere in between.

The newly-added stage, located in the Living History area of the fairgrounds, goes traditional with two exceptional Scottish soloists, Neil O'Neill and Peter Daldry. They share the stage with the young and vibrant "Cale De," five enthusiastic youngsters who are quickly gaining popularity.

Two other stages are part of the "Celtic Heritage" presentation. Soloists Kirsty Fitch and John Kelly occupy one stage while the second heritage stage is shared by master fiddler Alasdair Fraser's "Scottish Fiddlers Rally" and "Celtic Harpers" with renowned harpist Verlene Schermer.

Entertainment is one of dozens of events at the gathering and games that include the World Heavy Event Championships, Scottish highland dancing, more than 30 pipe bands from throughout North America, gathering of the clans, birds of prey, sheep dog trials, 100 vendors and the closing grandstand show each day that includes the U.S. Marine Marching Band.

All activities are free with paid admission to the fairgrounds. Admission is Adult 1-day \$15.00 / 2-day \$22.00; Youth 8-16, Seniors 65+ & Handicapped \$10.

# ART & ENTERTAINMENT

**Competition for Young Musicians.** Livermore-Amador Symphony's 34th annual competition. Application deadline is Sun., Oct. 8, 2006. Open to instrumentalists and vocalists who reside or attend school in Livermore, Sunol, Pleasanton, Dublin, or San Ramon. Students are eligible through grade 12. If not enrolled in high school, the maximum age is 17. All instruments will be considered. Purpose is to select two young musicians who will perform as soloists with the symphony on Feb. 3, 2007. Each winner/soloist will be awarded \$200. Completed application forms must be accompanied by a cassette tape, CD, or DVD for preliminary screening, and a \$5 fee. Application forms and additional information at [www.livamsymp.org](http://www.livamsymp.org), or call 447-1947.

**The Livermore Art Association** is hosting a group show in the Artists' Row Gallery of the Livermore Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore from August 10 to 31. The exhibit features watercolors, oils, acrylics, and 3-dimensional works. For more information, call Linda Jeffrey Sailors at (925) 449-7274.

**Valley Concert Choral** will hold auditions by appointment on Sept. 11, 18 and 25 in Livermore for experienced singers interested in singing. There will be an open rehearsal on September 18. The open rehearsal provides an opportunity to experience singing with the chorus prior to scheduling an audition. The Choral is looking for singers who enjoy performing a wide range of music from classical to contemporary, from folk to jazz. If you have sight reading skills and enjoy singing exciting and challenging music, call 925-462-4205 to schedule an appointment.

**Teen Film Festival: An Independent View**, entries are being accepted in this new event hosted by the Livermore Library. Screening and reception Wed., Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. Teens between ages of 12 and 18 may submit up to 2 original films in DVD format no more than 5 minutes in length. Entries will be viewed by Glenn Davis, Ted Kaye, Joe Madden, and Sandra Myers. Selected films will be critiqued the night of the festival. In addition, films will be shown during ArtWalk 2006 in downtown Livermore and at a special screening at the Robert Livermore Community Center. Entries due by 6 p.m. Sept. 22 at the Livermore Library. Entry forms and rules at [www.livermore.lib.ca.us](http://www.livermore.lib.ca.us). Information, 373-5500, ext. 5583.

**Friday Nights in August**, 6 to 9 p.m., beer and wine tasting, live music, Beeb's Sports Bar & Grill, 915 Clubhouse Drive Livermore, (925)455-7070.

**Art show**, Aug. 1-31, "Wine Country Wildlife," works by artist Kathleen Hill. Wente Vineyards Estate Winery tasting room, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore. Sales of artwork to benefit Tri-Valley Conservancy. Information, 925/456-2305

**A Place Called Sunol**, August 17, lecture by Connie DeGrange. At 7 p.m. at the Museum on Main, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton. Presented by Amador Livermore Valley Historical Society. Cost: general \$10, members \$5. Reservations are recommended. Information and reservations: 462-2766 or [www.museumonmain.org/lectures.htm](http://www.museumonmain.org/lectures.htm).

**Day in the Park**, presented by the Taylor Family Foundation, fund-raising for Camp Arroyo, a camp for children with life threatening illnesses and disabilities. Sun., Aug. 27, noon to 6:30 p.m. at the camp in Livermore. Silent auction, live auction, gourmet luncheon, wine tasting, local celebrity guests, music, camp tours. Tickets or sponsorships, call 455-5118 or go to [www.tff.org](http://www.tff.org).

**Macbeth auditions**, Las Positas College will hold auditions for its fall semester main stage production, *Macbeth* on Wednesday and Thursday nights, August 23 and 24. Auditions will be held from 7:00-9:30 PM in the Theater. Actors are encouraged to bring a short prepared monologue. They will also read from the script. Since the play will be set in a contemporary setting, some of the male roles may be cast female. Wendy M. Wisely is directing the production; Ken Ross is producing. For more information, call (924) 424-1166. Las Positas College, 3033 Collier Canyon Road, Livermore. [kross@laspositascollege.edu](mailto:kross@laspositascollege.edu).

**History Lecture Series**, presented by Livermore Heritage Guild, Sept. 13, features Tom Bramell, retired from the Livermore Fire Department, who will talk on the history of the fire department, 7:30 p.m. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Avenue. \$2 suggested donation.

**Jazz at the Ridge**, Poppy Ridge Golf Course, 4280 Greenville Road, Livermore. Every Thursday 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Smooth jazz from Two Guys.

Information, 456-8215 or [info@poppyridgegolf.com](mailto:info@poppyridgegolf.com).

**Locals Only**, art show devoted to local artists. Worthington Gallery West, 739 Main St., Suite J, Pleasanton. July 14-August 26. Public is invited to attend. Portion of proceeds go to PLAID (Pleasanton Lives Art in Downtown.) Information, 485-1183.

**Tuesday Tunes** 6 to 9 each Tuesday. Free concerts at the Flagpole Plaza Lawn area, located at Livermore Avenue and First Street. The entertainment is sponsored by Livermore Downtown Inc. The following bands are scheduled: August 22: Gabe Duffin Band; and August 29: The Hummingbirdz; Sept. 5: Big Breakfast; Sept. 12: Stones Throw; Sept. 10: Moreality/Generation Blue; Sept. 26: Zendeavor; Oct. 3: Disposition Of.

**Blues on the Patio**, Thursdays from 5:50-9:30 pm. Rhythm and Blues bands for listening and dancing, BBQ menu and full bar. Our 11th Season of Blues. No reservation required. Come early for table seating. Schedule: Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St., Pleasanton, 925-846-8106.

**Poetry Open Mike Night**, 3rd Thursdays, All poets, young and old, raw, simmering or stewed are welcomed every third Thursday of the month, 7pm-9pm at The Bookstore, 2911 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, off Valley. Bring up to ten minutes of poetry to share. The evenings are free, light refreshments will be served. Call Cynthia Bryant at 925-398-8846 or email her at [PoetsLane@comcast.net](mailto:PoetsLane@comcast.net) for more information.

**Everything Poetry**: poetry writing, performing and publishing group meets the first and third Saturday of every month, 9am-11am at Towne Center Books, 555 Main Street, Pleasanton, corner of Division Street. Call Cynthia Bryant at 925-398-8846 or email her at [PoetsLane@comcast.net](mailto:PoetsLane@comcast.net) for more information. First Saturday is for critiquing each others work; third Saturday will be a mini-workshop pertaining to an aspect of the poetry business.

**Bluegrass drop-in jam**, free, 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, 7 to 9 p.m. Randy Weese facilitates. Old St. Raymond's Church, Dublin Heritage center, 6000 Donlon Way, 803-4128.

**Tommy T's Pleasanton**, 5104 Hopyard Rd. 227-1800 or [www.tommyts.com](http://www.tommyts.com). Aug. 16-20: Mark Pitta, Wed.-Thurs. 8 p.m., \$10; Fri./Sat. 8 and 10 p.m., \$15; Sunday, 8 p.m., \$10. Aug. 22: Pundits with Punchlines, 8 p.m., \$10; Aug. 31-Sept. 3: Rakphie May, Thurs. 8 p.m., \$20; Fri./Sat. 8 and 10 p.m., \$25, Sun., 8 p.m., \$20.

### WINERIES

**Comedy Night**, Elliston Vineyards. Fri., Sept. 15, 6:30 to 10 p.m. Food, wine and laughter. \$65 per person plus gratuity and tax. \$57.00++ for Club 200 members! Price includes a buffet dinner from 6:30-7:30pm with the show opening at 7:45pm. Beverages will be available for purchase at the event. Tickets Available by calling (925) 862-2377. For more information go to [www.elliston.com](http://www.elliston.com).

**Music on Fridays**, Trio at Stony Ridge Restaurant, located at the Stony Ridge/Crooked Vine featuring live music every Friday night thru October, weather permitting. Appetizers, dinner entree, wine, beer and sangria menu offered. No cover charge. Check at [www.trioatstonyridge.com](http://www.trioatstonyridge.com) for featured entertainment or call 925-449-0660.

**Tesla Vintners** presents the second season of Playin' on the Patio. Performances are every Friday and Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m. Wines from six wineries will be available for tasting and purchase. Wineries are Fenestra, John Christopher Cellars, Little Valley, Red Skye, Thomas Coyne, and The Singing Winemaker. Call us about dinner specials. Tesla Vintners is located at 5143 Tesla Rd., Livermore. Information at 925-606-WINE(9463).

**White Crane Winery**, Pete Escovedo Band performs blend of Latin Jazz on Sun., Aug. 20, 5 to 8 p.m. Pizza available for purchase. Bring own picnic dinner. No outside beverages allowed. Beer, wine, soda available for purchase. \$18 per person or \$75

per carload up to 5 adults. 5405 Greenville Rd., Livermore. 455-8085 or [info@whitecranewinery.com](mailto:info@whitecranewinery.com).

**Concerts at Wente Vineyards**: Aug. 21: Etta James & The Neville Brothers; Aug. 22: Lynnyrd Skynnyrd; Aug. 28: Slyx; Sept. 5: Sara Evans; Sept. 6: The Doobie Brothers; Sept. 7: Heart; Sept. 10: Jazz at the Vineyards; Rick Braun & Brian Culbertson & Mindi. Concert guests can choose either a four-course dinner in the award-winning The Restaurant at Wente Vineyards, followed by reserved, stage-front seating, or a buffet-style dinner at tables of ten on the lawn. The intimate nature of the setting limits the number of tickets sold so that every seat offers guests an outstanding entertainment experience. For more information visit [www.wentevineyards.com](http://www.wentevineyards.com) or call (925) 456-2424. To purchase tickets visit [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

**Garré Winery** is offering music and dinner series with a worldly theme. "Travel Around the World" music and dinner series highlights the culinary and musical influence of a different particular region of the world every Friday night. Includes 4 courses of gourmet cuisine. August Lineup: Friday, August 18th- Under the Tuscan Sun with Two Guys Jazz Duo; Friday, August 25th- Havana Nights with Live Cuban Guitar; For information or to make reservations call Garre Winery, 925-371-8200, or check their website at [www.garrewinery.com](http://www.garrewinery.com).

**Playin' on the Patio** at Tesla Vintners every Friday and Saturday night from 6-9 pm. Wines from Fenestra, John Christopher Cellars, Little Valley, Red Skye, Thomas Coyne, and The Singing Winemaker available for tasting. Caterer, Cassandra's is now offering dinner specials along with the finger foods every Friday and Saturday night. Music is a mixture of local talent, including the Singing Winemaker. Plenty of room for kids to run free and play. Aug. 18: Sue Lukito and Bob Logan, jazz guitar and vocal; Aug. 19: Jingle Rooster; Aug. 25: Big Rain, rock/pop/blues; Aug. 26: The Singing Winemaker, rock, folk, classic 60s hits/trivia. Tesla Vintners, 5143 Tesla Rd., Livermore. 925-606-WINE(9463).

**Cedar Mountain Winery** will present the 2006 Summer Concert Series: August 19, Tom Rose & The Thorns will play the blues. Shows start at 7 p.m.; gates open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$30 day of the show; \$80 for a season pass, \$15 for CMW Wine Club members in advance; children under age 10 are admitted free. Cedar Mountain Winery is located at 7000 Tesla Road, Livermore. For information, call 373-6636 or go to [www.wines.com/cedarmountain](http://www.wines.com/cedarmountain).

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This business is conducted by an individual Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.  
Signature of Registrant: /s/George C. Wilson  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on July 19, 2006. Expires July 19, 2011.  
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The following person (s) doing business as Stay True Tattoo, 7988 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): William Ryan Groebler, 1140 Dublin Ave., Livemore, CA 94550  
Saroj Rain Groebler, 1140 Dublin Ave., Livemore, CA 94550  
This business is conducted by husband and wife Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.  
Signature of Registrant: /s/Saroj Groebler  
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The following person (s) doing business as GH & Associates, 16969 Tesla Road, Suite A, Livemore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Lori L. Switzer, 16969 Tesla Road, Livemore, CA 94550  
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Signature of Registrant: /s/Lori L. Switzer  
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The following person (s) doing business as SIC Skateboards, 4505 Country Lane, Livemore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Douglas S. Cox Jr., 4505 Country Lane, Livemore, CA 94550  
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Signature of Registrant: /s/Douglas Sage Cox Jr.  
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Signature of Registrant: /s/JianPing Pan and ZhongJian Guo  
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The following person (s) doing business as California Exports, 2615 8th Street, Livemore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): California Exports, 2615 8th Street, Livemore, CA 94550  
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The Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 27, 2006.  
Signature of Registrant: /s/David Louie  
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Signature of Registrant: /s/Douglas Sage Cox Jr.  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 382528-29**  
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\$559,000	2BD/2.5BA	SAT 1-4PM	4550 Mangrove Dr. #14
\$575,000	2BD/2.5BA	SUN 1-4PM	3240 Maguire Way #112
\$585,000	2BD/2BA	SUN 1-4PM	3387 Monaghan St.
\$845,900	4BD/2BA	SAT 1-4PM/SUN 12-3PM	11731 Harlan Rd.
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\$374,950	2BD/2BA	SUN 2-4PM	1085 Murrieta Blvd. #131
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\$405,000	3BD/1.5BA	SAT 12-3PM	775 Partridge Common
\$449,000	4BD/2.5BA	SAT 1-4PM	1431 Spring Valley Common
\$574,950	4BD/2BA	SAT 1-4PM	3954 Yale Way
\$610,000	3BD/2BA	SUN 1-4PM	286 Coleen St.
\$639,950	4BD/2BA	SUN 1-4PM	618 McLeod St.
\$648,888	4BD/2BA	SAT/SUN 1-4PM	3866 Santa Clara Way
\$649,000	4BD/2BA	SUN 1-4PM	5424 Theresa Way
\$659,950	3BD/2.5BA	SUN 1-4PM	1473 Fallen Leaf Dr.
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\$749,000	5BD/3.5BA	SUN 2-5PM	632 Ruby Rd.
\$775,000	4BD/2.5BA	SAT 1-4PM	919 Central Ave.
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\$799,950	4BD/2.5BA	SUN 1-4PM	964 Wynn Dr.
\$809,900	4BD/2.5BA	SUN 1-4PM	5709 Edelweiss
\$869,950	4BD/2BA	SAT/SUN 12-5PM	754 Alden lane
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# SHORT NOTES

## Creepy Critters

Creepy Critters is the topic of a Sat., Aug. 19 nature program at Veterans Park in Livermore.

Meet Ranger Darren Segur at 10 a.m. In this program participants will look at the scary and creepy critters that populate the area. They will learn that they each play an important role in the ecosystem, and that everything is beautiful in its own way. The presentation will be followed by a critter hunt. Good for ages 5 and up.

This program is presented by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff. There is a \$3 per vehicle parking fee. A \$2 donation is requested to help support the programs. Participants may call (925) 960-2400 for more information.

## Grassroots on Internet

"Grassroots Issues," a local community access program shown weekly on Comcast cable channel 26, can now be seen as a video-on-demand through the program's website. To access the webcast visit [www.grassrootsissues.com](http://www.grassrootsissues.com), then click the Video-on-Demand button and select the topic you'd like to view.

The program is produced by Grassroots Videos, a nonprofit, non-partisan volunteer organization based in Livermore. The group, now in its seventh year, provides a medium for citizens to publicly broadcast their opinion on current local issues. The program airs on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Residents of Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon, Sunol, and Castro Valley are invited to contact the producers, either through the website or eave a message at (925) 447-2053.

## Detoxification Class

Detoxification for Health will be offered from 9:30 to 11am and 6 to 7:30pm on August 23rd at the Robert Livermore Community Center.

Headaches, muscle pain, fatigue, lack of concentration, hormonal imbalance, and dehydration are symptoms that indicate toxicity in the body. Food allergies, accumulation of caffeine, sugar, processed foods and medications can lead to an increased toxic load to the body.

Fee is \$17. Register at the Community Center. For information, call 373-5700.

## Civil War Days

Civil War Days will be held August 19 and 20 at Ardenwood. This is a new date for the program. As a result, the 2006 Civil War Days is shaping up to be one of the best events ever, because the American Civil War Association will take part. For the public, that means the opportunity to interact with more "soldiers" and "civilians" in lively and entertaining events. Several hundred association members will take part in this living history playing roles of soldiers, civilians, nurses, and other supporters.

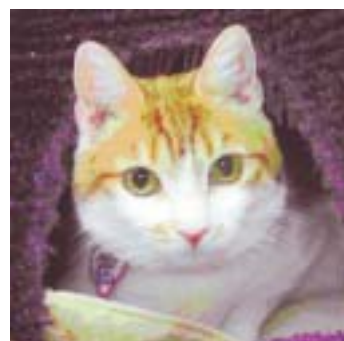
Ardenwood's Civil War Days is one of the largest re-enactments in the country. Park grounds are turned into a realistic Civil War encampment with canvas tents and participants cooking over open fires. Battles occur in the open field at 12:30 and 3:30 pm. Along with battle reenactments, spectators are welcome to visit camps of the Union and Confederacy and see how civilians lived and supported the armies during the war, which lasted from 1861-1865. Soldiers, civilians, women and children will be wearing authentically reproduced uniforms and clothing. There is even a period fashion show each day. Music and ceremonies occur throughout the day. Food and gifts are available for purchase.

This event is good for all ages serving as both a valuable education and an enjoyable experience. Advance tickets available by calling (510) 636-1684 or on-line at [www.ebparcs.org](http://www.ebparcs.org). Tickets: \$8.00/adults, \$6.00/seniors (62+), \$5.00/children (4-17) Children 3 years & under free.

Directions: In Fremont, exit Highway 84 at Ardenwood/Newark Boulevard. Go north on Ardenwood Boulevard. The entrance is just north of Highway 84.

## Got Art?

Kristi Young, a Bay Area Realtor who paints schnauzers on ceramic tiles, is donating some of her work to the Tri-Valley Animal Rescue for an auction at their annual upcoming fundraiser, "That's Amore."



**PET OF THE WEEK: WANDA Wishful Wanda is so shy, but how she wishes she weren't! This sensitive 2-year old little girl is waiting for just the right person to come along and scoop her up. She's a blushing cutie who wants nothing more than to be loved. Please call Valley Humane Society at 925-426-8656 for more information. Valley Humane Society holds mobile pet adoptions for dogs and cats at Pet Extreme in Livermore every Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.**

Kristi uses a miniature schnauzer in her real estate advertising. She has rescued several dogs and cats over the years from various shelters, and believes in giving back to the community.

Kristi Young is with Keller Williams Realty and can be reached through her website at [www.gotHouse.com](http://www.gotHouse.com) or 888-820-5242.

## Welcome Picnic

A "Welcome Picnic" for families who are registered for or would like to join the 2006-2007 Tri-Valley YMCA Adventure Y-Guides and Adventure Y-Princesses program will be held from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, September 24, at the Amador Valley Community Park, 4301 Black Avenue in Pleasanton. There is no charge and reservations are not necessary.

The entire family is invited to attend the "Welcome Picnic" to learn more about the programs, meet other parents and children, talk with Nation Chiefs, play family games and enjoy refreshments.

The Tri-Valley YMCA Adventure Guides and Princesses programs are open to Tri-Valley dads and their sons and daughters in pre-kindergarten through 5th grade in Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin.

Program cost for each child is \$100 per year and a \$35 membership fee.

Signups for the Y-Guides and Y-Princesses programs began on August 1. To sign up, call (925) 475-6108. Signups will also be taken at the Tri-Valley YMCA's booth at the Downtown Pleasanton 1st Wednesday Street Party on September 6.

Y-Guides and Y-Princesses small groups will begin meeting in members homes in October and the first campout is also in October.

Upcoming 2006-2007 programs include a campout in October, broomball hockey tournament in November, holiday parade in December, Pinewood Derby races in January, father-daughter dance in February, community service projects in March, Healthy Kids Day in April, Loma Mar camping in May and a rocket launch in June.

## Summer Open House

Thomas Coyne Winery will host its annual summer open house on August 19 and 20.

The winery will be open from noon to 5 p.m. at the historical tasting room at 51 E. Vallecitos Road, Livermore. Two new wines will be released, a 2003 Livermore Valley Cabernet and 2004 Lodi Mourvedre. A selection of fine fruits and cheeses will be served.

For more information go to [www.thomascoynewinery.com](http://www.thomascoynewinery.com)

## Authors and Books

Towne Center Books in Pleasanton will host the following events:

Gloria Lambert, author of Planet Widow, will be at the store on Mon., Aug. 14 from noon to 2 p.m. Planet Widow is about the author's journey as a young widow. This is a free event.

Light refreshments will be served.

Miriam Engelberg, author of the graphic memoir Cancer Made Me a Shallower Person, will be at Towne Center Books Fri., Aug. 18 at 7:30 p.m. Miriam says "In 2001 I was first diagnosed with breast cancer and started creating cartoons about what it was like to face a cancer diagnosis and go through treatment. Over time those cartoons became the book "Cancer Made Me a Shallower Person." Towne Center Books will be donating a portion of the sales of this book to Breast Cancer Research through the Tri-Valley Socks.

The store is putting together a team of walkers for the Bras for the Cause Walk to be held on Fri., Sept. 8. Bra decorating parties will be held at the store at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 18 (before Miriam's talk) and Sat., Aug. 26 at 9:30. Equal opportunity - men are welcome too.

Betty Birney, author of the Seven Wonders of Saffras Springs will be at Towne Center Tues., Aug. 22 to celebrate the wonders found in Pleasanton. It's not too late to start. Remember the Seven Wonders are made by humans so we're looking for those human things or experiences that make Pleasanton special. Write them down, draw a picture, take a photo. Find them and bring them to Towne Center Books.

The launch party for Oxygen Murder, the latest installment in the Periodic Table Mysteries, by Camille Minichino will be held at the store on Sun., Aug. 27 at 2 p.m. There will be games, prizes, refreshments, and of course a discussion. She is currently on the faculty of Golden Gate University, San Francisco and on the staff of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Camille is President of NorCal Sisters in Crime and on the Board of the California Writers Club. This is her eighth periodic table mystery.

Writing Classes for ages 8+ are available. They are taught by Keely Parrack. Sessions are available: 9:30-10:30, August 8, 9, 10 for kids 8 and older. The fee is \$45. Reservations are necessary.

For information about any of these events, call 846-8826 or go to <http://townecenterbooks.com>. Towne Center Books is located at 555 Main Street, Pleasanton.

## Assistance Claims

Free homeowner and renter claim assistance is offered at three sites through the Homeowner and Renter Assistance Program. The state run program provides a once-a-year payment to qualified homeowners and renters.

To qualify, applicants must be either age 62 or older, or blind or disabled as of Dec. 31, 2005, and with a maximum total 2005 household income of \$40,811. Applicants must also be U.S. citizens or qualified aliens.

Homeowners must have owned and occupied a home in California on Dec. 31, 2005. Renters must have lived in a qualified rented residence in California for one or more months in 2005 and paid \$50 or more per month for rent.

The amount of assistance ranges from \$20 to \$472 for homeowners and from \$15 to \$347 for renters, depending on 2005 incomes.

Assistance in filing claims is available from trained volunteers by appointment until Oct. 13, 2006 at the following locations and times:

Livermore Senior Services at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore, on Fridays and some Thursdays, 1 to 3:30 p.m., 373-5760.

Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton, on first and third Mondays, 9 a.m. to noon, 931-5365.

Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin, on second and fourth Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to noon, 556-4511.

To schedule appointments and for further information, call the numbers given. All claimants should bring 2005 income records. Renters need their 2005 landlord's name, address and phone number. Homeowners should bring 2005-2006 property tax bills. First time claimants should also bring proof of age or disability. Repeat claimants should bring a copy of last year's claim.

## Greenbelt Outings

Greenbelt Alliance, 2006 Summer Fun Series features some of the Bay Area's best hikes and farm tours. The outings are offered July through September.

For directions, reservations or information visit [www.greenbelt.org](http://www.greenbelt.org) or call 415-255-3233. Reservations are required only when noted.

Saturday, August 19 Marvelous Marshland Sonoma County: Explore Tolay Creek in the Napa-Sonoma Marshes on the northern tip of San Pablo Bay. This easy nine-mile hike boasts of amazing marsh wildlife diversity and spectacular North Bay views. Learn how this wetland is being transformed to provide critical habitat for threatened and endangered species. Optional visit to a winery after the hike. 1:30 PM to 6 PM.

Sunday, August 27 Coastal Clarity Marin County: Moderate 10-mile hike along Bolinas Ridge on Mount Tam. 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM. Reservations required.

Sunday, September 17 Sonoma County: Harvest tour of family-owned and -operated Gabriel Farm, near Sebastopol; sample organically grown apples, pears, persimmons, and other goodies. Then tour and hear a talk at nearby Halberg Butterfly Gardens, a butterfly and wildlife sanctuary visited by a wide range of butterflies each year. Optional n-pick after Gabriel Farm tour. 10 AM to 4 PM. \$7 members / \$10 non-members. Reservations required.

## Shot Clinic

Axis Community Health offers drop-in immunization clinics for low-income and uninsured families. Summer clinics will be held from 9:00-11:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 9.

All immunization clinics are held at Axis' Pleasanton location only, 4361 Railroad Avenue.

The clinics are open to all Tri-Valley families who are low income or uninsured. Families enrolled in Medi-Cal and Medi-Cal Managed Care programs are also eligible. Parents are required to bring their children's immunization records and any information they may have about family income and medical insurance, including Medi-Cal. There is a charge for some immunizations.

Immunizations for children are also provided during regular weekday clinic hours at the Pleasanton and Livermore locations by appointment at (925) 462-1755.

## Alain Pinel Doubles

In a single move, Alain Pinel Realtors (APR) doubled its sales force in the Livermore Valley by recruiting 13 sales professionals from Century 21 Heritage's Livermore office, announced President and COO Larry Knapp.

The 13 Realtors that joined the firm are: Tina Ashton, Kevin Collins, Lillian Cozart, Margaret Howard, Mark

Lafferty, Jennifer Lewis, Jennifer Malakoff, Kathryn Mason, Ginger McGrail, Rose Perry, Cheri Stephens, Dale Turner, and Chris Neher.

All of them formerly represented Century 21 Heritage in Livermore. They have varying degrees of experience in the real estate, ranging from a few years in the business to 20+ year veterans. Alain Pinel Realtors originally expanded into Livermore in April 2005. With the additional sales professionals, APR's Livermore office has 25 real estate agents.

The Livermore office is managed by Vice President Don Fought and Office Administrator Judy Mitchell - both of whom also manage the Pleasanton office of APR.

"We are fortunate to attract a group of quality individuals and consummate sales professionals all at once. It effectively translates into greater exposure for Alain Pinel Realtors and greater support, service and results for our Livermore clientele," said Fought.

Alain Pinel occupies approximately 3,000 square feet of office space at 187 South J Street in Livermore. The Pleasanton office is at 900 Main Street and the phone number is 925-621-4040.



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Cyclists struggle up the steep incline on Patterson Pass Road during Saturday's race. The distance ranged between 40 and 80 miles, depending on the level of the competition.

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Decorating one of the women's tent at the Stand Down in Pleasanton were Judy Russell from San Francisco (left) and Linda Tate from Hayward.

## Stand Down Helps Vets

The East Bay Stand Down was held August 10 to 14 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, with approximately 450 participants.

The original Stand Down for homeless veterans was modeled after the Stand Down concept used during the Vietnam War to provide a safe retreat for units returning from combat operations.

All participants are pre-registered and screened, prior to admission to the event, for veteran status and eligibility.

At what is called the "tent city," the veterans received food, clothing, shelter, showers and haircuts.

Dozens of government and community organizations will be on site to offer drug and alcohol counseling, job and benefits counseling and legal aid. On Saturday, Superior Court judges from Alameda, Contra Costa and San Francisco counties helped clear up outstanding warrants.

Doctors, dentists and other health professionals from the Department of Veterans Affairs and the private sector provided check-ups and health care.

In addition, the goal of the biennial event is to place veterans in residential and employment programs. Typically, a homeless person must spend long hours going from one service agency to another. At the Stand Down, the agencies were all in one location.

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