



1st Wednesday Celebrates Arch

The Pleasanton Downtown Association will be observing a very special birthday on August 1 during the 1st Wednesday Street Party.

The theme is "Meet Me at the Arch-Celebrating 75 Years." Festivities will take place from 6-9 p.m. in downtown Pleasanton. Some extra special things are planned to honor the 75th birthday of the historic Pleasanton Arch, including the annual Pooch Parade put on by the Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers.

A variety of booths will be set up along Main Street.

The beer and wine garden is located in the parking lot of Round Table Pizza. Entertainment will feature rock and soul music from the 60's to the 90's performed by the Houserockers. A variety of beers from Anheuser-Busch, Trumer Pils and Main St. Brewery in addition to wines from members of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association will be available for purchase.

Main Street will be closed from St. John Street to Old Bernal Avenue from 5 to 10 p.m. There will be plenty of off-Main Street parking available.

For more information, visit www.pleasantondowntown.net.

Charles Huff, AIA, has recorded the history of the arch: Pleasanton's Neon Sign "The Gateway to Pleasanton" (used with permission).

Huff writes, The landmark Pleasanton Sign that spans Main Street has been a source of civic pride since the Depression days of 1932. The sign has contin-

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Pictured are cast members Sean Collin and Christine Hearn.

'Mad Woman' Opens at College

Las Positas College presents "The Madwoman of Chaillot," with performances on July 28, 29, Aug. 4, 5, 11 and 12 on campus.

This a comic fable by Jean Giraudoux set in "the twilight zone of the not-quite-true." Greedy villains plot to dig up Paris for oil. There is only one person who can save the City of Light; and she's crazy.

This play is appropriate for the entire family. Pre-show entertainment begins at 6:30 p.m. Las Positas College is located at 3033 Collier Canyon Rd., Livermore.

Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$7 students and seniors. They can be purchased in advance at the college bookstore, 424-1812 or at Fine Fretted Friends in downtown Livermore.

Wendy Wisely is directing. For information, call 424-1000.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Eden Aboa Taiko drummers entertained at the Rincon Library as part of the library's Summer Reading game.

City to Review Regional Theater Plans

Staff was directed to conduct further review of the financing and operating plans for the 1800-seat regional performing arts theater. Staff will also work to develop additional information.

The Livermore City Council vote was unanimous to move forward with the study.

The study will include staff analysis and other peer review. As part of a development agreement with the city, Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC), the developer of the theater, is required to prepare a plan to develop, finance and operate the regional theater. In addition to a

review of the plans, LVPAC will conduct another market survey to determine the potential success of the larger theater.

LVPAC proposes to use several funding sources, with the largest being tax increment financing. Tax increment funds are generated by increased property values in the downtown redevelopment area. Director of Development Marc Roberts told the council that the city had hired Bay Area Economics (BAE) to analyze the city's remaining tax increment capacity. Such funds can only be spent within the redevelopment dis-

trict. The conclusion was that the range of dollars available for projects within the redevelopment area is between \$166 and \$349 million through 2033.

The vast majority of those in attendance at Monday's council meeting expressed support for the 1800-seat theater and urged the council to move forward with its study of the LVPAC plans. There were several who asked that the theater should be placed on the ballot so residents can have the final say rather than the council.

Mayor Marshall Kamena said that placing the theater on the

ballot would be one of the questions considered during the analysis. "This has been a long road. I have felt the 500/1800 seat package was a good one. Then I wasn't sure. Now, I think the 1800-seat theater is consistent with the goals the city has. I'm enthusiastic about the report from LVPAC."

Councilmember Lorraine Dietrich complimented LVPAC on the amount of information provided. "This higher level of visibility is to everyone's benefit." She also said she was appreciative of the town hall meeting LVPAC plans to hold.

Len Alexander, executive director of LVPAC, reported on the successes of the past year.

The 500-seat Bankhead Theater is 92 percent completed. It is on time and on budget. The stage rigging will go in next week, the seats in mid-August. A ribbon cutting for the theater is planned for Sept. 29. An open house will be held between 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Alexander noted, "Today, I signed a purchase order for a Steinway Grand Piano."

A courtyard will be built, complete with a water feature, thanks to a donation from the

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Students at Junction Avenue Middle School contributed funds to build this school in Afghanistan.

Junction Students Help Build New School in Afghanistan

By Patricia Koning

Girls in Afghanistan will soon attend school in one of five new schoolhouses, equipped with desks, chairs, and other amenities most American children take for granted, thanks in part to students at Junction Avenue Middle School in Livermore.

In the past school year, Junction students raised \$3,568, which they contributed to a program called Schools & Futures based out of Orchard Park High School in New York. The program is run

by Tony Agnello, an Orchard Park teacher and Peace Corps Volunteer in Afghanistan in the 1970s.

"I was shocked and thrilled at how generous our students were," says Junction Principal Susan Sambuceti. "I think they really identified with the Afghan kids their own age."

The Junction donation was the largest single contribution to the program to date. Schools & Futures has built five schools and contributed to three other

educational projects in Afghanistan, each with an emphasis on gender inequality initiatives.

For the Junction students, the connection to Afghanistan is personal. Nafisa Lillie, a Junction parent, was born and raised in Afghanistan. Her family immigrated to the United States in 1979, after the Soviet invasion of their homeland.

"It's been a lifetime dream to raise money for my homeland and go back to help," she says. "I

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Cities, Agencies Unite To Help Speed Okays For Conservation Plans

An Eastern Alameda County Conservation Strategy (EACCS) for habitat preservation is being formed by Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, the Alameda County Planning Department, Zone 7 Water Agency and the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (CMA).

The EACCS is designed to show, by way of the creation of a map, the location of habitat for listed species, so that developers, whether private or public, will know where to focus their efforts when they need to obtain easements for their habitat mitigation. It is believed to be an aid in speed-

ing up the process of obtaining habitat mitigation approval for development.

The EACCS will not be a prescribed plan or requirement to be followed for mitigation. It will be an information and communication piece designed to better coordinate efforts between such agencies as state Fish and Game, and developers.

Fish and Game, the state Water Quality Control Board, and the federal Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) are charged with approving specific habitat plans as mitigation. Without that approval, the developments can-

not go ahead.

The EACCS's approach will be different from the operation of the Partnership for Land Conservation and Stewardship (PLCS), which recently has been in the news. The PLCS signs up developers that are looking for ranch and farm land that offers habitat for specific species. On the other side of the ledger, PLCS also lines up ranchers and farmers who can offer qualifying habitat. PLCS basically is a listing service and an educator about what it takes to offer habitat. It also evaluates potential

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Incumbents Take Out Papers

The final two incumbents running for office in Livermore this November picked up nomination papers last week.

Mayor Marshall Kamena is seeking reelection as is Councilmember Lorraine Dietrich.

Earlier, Councilmember Marj Leider took out papers as did new council candidate Jeff Williams.

Kamena said he believes that Livermore has made more progress over the last few years than any time he can remember. He pointed to the downtown revitalization, which receives compliments from all over the United

States. "It is a source of great pride. Livermore is a town of families. People are excited about new things being offered."

"There are many more things to do. People are concerned about sprawl. I will continue to make Livermore better before it gets bigger. I look forward to completing other projects down the road, such as the outlet mall I worked on for three years. I look forward to making Livermore even a more fantastic place," declared Kamena. He added, "It's fun for me. If it weren't, I would leave."

Dietrich said, "There are a

number of interesting things going on I'd like to be a part of, particularly some of the economic challenges we face." She mentioned the challenge of the infrastructure backlog and moving forward with the 1800-seat theater.

She added that of particular interest to her is working to make the budget more reader friendly. As part of an inter-agency committee looking at bringing Character Counts forward, "I'd like to be part of making that happen."

Dietrich also echoed Kamena's view of serving on the

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Ice Rink Included in Staples Ranch Park

A conceptual plan for a 17-acre park on the Staples Ranch was approved by the Pleasanton City Council last week. The approval includes a reconfiguration of the site.

The plan was developed through several hearings conducted by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

The vote was unanimous with Matt Sullivan absent. The city will now begin work on creating a master plan for the land. That will involve a public process.

Councilmember Cindy McGovern raised the issue of the initiative and its potential impact. McGovern declared, "We can't have this park if it's (the Staples Ranch) not annexed to Pleasanton." There were no other comments on the potential impact of the initiative.

Assistant City Manager Steve Bocian told the council that the 17-acres would create the 4th largest park in Pleasanton. Realigning the park would allow for it to fit in better with the commercial uses proposed for Staples Ranch.

The conceptual plan includes a 83,000 square foot ice skating facility that would use about half the 17-acre site. The rink would be built by San Jose Arena Management, a group affiliated with the San Jose Sharks. Envisioned is a full service rink with 4 ice sheets. Bocian said that talks would begin with the San Jose group to hear specifics of the plan, including financing. Envisioned is a public-private partnership. He anticipated that a

proposal could come back to the council in as early as 90-days.

City Manager Nelson Fialho commented, "If at the end of the day, we can't pull together an agreement beneficial to the community, the site for the ice rink can be converted into additional recreational open space."

Other uses proposed for the site include two all-weather lighted sports fields for soccer/football/lacrosse, a bocce court, lawn bowling, six lighted tennis courts, passive open space, a trail staging area and trails, a dog exercise area, and parking. Bocian noted that the city is negotiating with Alameda County, which own the Staples Ranch, to acquire an additional 5 acres to be added to the park. If the 5-acre site were acquired, it would be used to build a baseball field.

The proposed ice rink drew support from the majority of the public addressing the council.

Nicholas Powers, who is a young hockey player, supported the ice rink. He noted that people can swim, play baseball and other sports; not many can play hockey. Right now he has to drive 45 minutes to attend hockey camp. "It is a fast growing sport. More rinks are needed," he declared.

Dan Faustina, who ran for city council in the last election, supported the conceptual plan. "I hope the council moves forward with the ice rink." He spoke for the Pleasanton Junior Football League in stating that he hopes the city will continue to include

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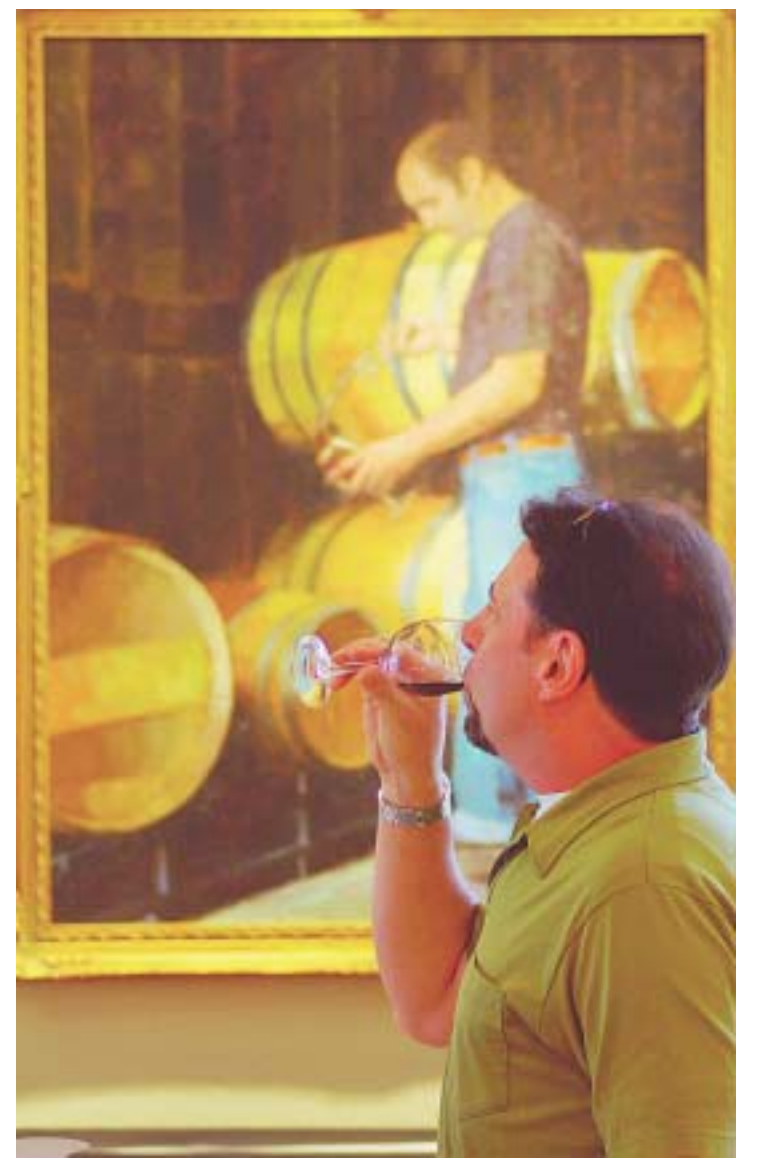


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Pleasanton's annual wine stroll was held last Thursday. In the photo, a participant samples wine at Studio 7 Gallery.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Lady is a very affectionate and gentle 7-year old sweetheart. She just loves to snuggle on someone's lap and likes to be brushed. She gets along with other cats, but is a little reserved, and would do best in a quiet home without small children. For more information about Lady, call

Valley Humane Society at 925-426-8656, or visit her at our Adoption Center at 3670 Nevada St. in Pleasanton's Stanley Business Park Wed-Sun 11 am-5 pm. Valley Humane Society holds mobile pet adoptions for dogs at Pet Extreme in Livermore every Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

North Gateway To Diablo State Park Preserved

Last Saturday, a conservation easement on the Mt. Diablo Gateway property located at the north entrance of Mount Diablo State Park was dedicated to the public.

This dedication ceremony celebrated years of hard work and cooperation between eleven different agencies and organizations to protect the 36 acre property that had been proposed for development. It was valued at more than \$6 million. The acquisition was funded by 6 agencies and more than 1100 individual donors.

The dedication honored the numerous participants in this process including many individuals; the Mt. Diablo Gateway Alliance; Artists for Action; Contra Costa County and the Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, which owns the property and sold the conservation easement; East Bay Regional Park District which holds and monitors the easement; the State of California Departments of Conservation and



Photo - Scott Hein

Mt. Diablo gateway property has been preserved under easement.

of Water Resources, the State Coastal Conservancy, the City of Walnut Creek, and Save Mount Diablo.

Artists for Action, who pressed for the property's preservation, repeated their 1999 "Outdoor Studio," which kicked off the effort eight years ago, by painting the scene.

The establishment of the gateway conservation easement will permanently protect the creeks, habitats and scenic views on the property and allow for future recreational uses. The property is at

the intersection of three creek wildlife corridors.

The parcel was originally used as a deposit site for soils excavated when the Pine Creek detention basin was created. The site was included inside Contra Costa County's 1990 urban limit line and was planned for up to 34 units.

When the property was proposed for development, Shirley Nootbar and other members of Artists for Action proposed that the parcel be preserved for public use.

SCHOOL

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was shocked by how much the Junction students raised. I'm so grateful to the principal and teachers for being so supportive."

She spoke to the Junction students during Going Beyond Diversity Week, telling them about Afghan culture, the conditions of Afghan schools, and her own experience immigrating the United States at the age of 12. She brought in traditional Afghan food for the students to sample and let them try on her head scarves and burkas.

"I was really touched. The kids were in tears seeing pictures of how Afghan students go to schools that are tents with dirt floors," she says. "When I shared my experience of starting school here in the seventh grade, knowing no English, they cried and I cried. I can't believe how many kids I touched, just sharing my story."

Last summer Nafisa returned to Afghanistan for the first time in 26 years. Her immediate family—her parents and seven siblings—live in the United States, but all of her other relatives live in Afghanistan.

Before her visit she collected donations from family and friends and raised \$5,000 in just six weeks. She divided up most of the money into envelopes of \$10 U.S., or \$50 afghani. This is enough money to feed a family of five for a week or more.

Many of Nafisa's extended family members are teachers, so she visited their schools and made donations. When she was in traveling through villages near Kunduz, she handed out envelopes to people in street and coins to children.

On her way home from Afghanistan, Nafisa was delayed in Frankfurt for four days. This unplanned stopover proved fortu-

itous, as she met Agnello in the airport. He was traveling with a group of 30 Afghan teenagers who were returning from a year in the United States.

When Nafisa heard about the schools he'd already built in Afghanistan, she was inspired to reach out to students at Junction for their support. She believes education is key to rebuilding Afghanistan. "Education is power," she says. "If you aren't educated life is tough. The fact that schools are opening is indicative of a huge change. Suddenly there are more possibilities."

Nafisa has further plans to continue helping her homeland from afar. In August a student from Afghanistan will come to live with

her family and attend school in Livermore.

She hopes more Afghan students will have the opportunity to be exchange students and take part in the full experience of American education. The students live in the United States for 10 months. The entire program is paid for by the U.S. Department of State.

Nafisa also plans to facilitate one-on-one communication between those in need in Afghanistan and Americans who want to help. She envisions a sponsorship of families, in which the sponsor might send a small monthly sum, as little as \$5. The recipients would send letters and photos to show how they are using the money.

Tickets Available for Livermore's Taste of Downtown

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

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

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

Visitors will be issued a passport as part of the \$25 admission price (if purchased by Aug. 10). Prizes will be awarded for those who have their passports stamped at all the locations. Participants will be able to vote for their favorite restaurant, shop and winery.

Presale passports will be available at Vino Cellars & Accessories 1772 First St.; John Christo-

pher Cellars 25 S. Livermore Ave, Ste 103; or by phone from Livermore Downtown Inc. at (925) 373-1795.

Passports will also be available for \$30, while supplies last, the day of the event at Lizzie Fountain on the corner of First Street and Livermore Avenue.

Those who purchased a Livermore Downtown glass at a previous event, can bring it along. Otherwise the glass will be available for purchase through the Downtown Association both days.

2007 Livermore Downtown Club Card members receive a special Passport rate of \$20 and only \$15 if they have their own 2007 wine glass.

John Christopher Cellars will be pouring a selection of great wines, including the newest release of Courtyard Red, at the downtown location at Blacksmith Square. On Sunday, August 12th the Hummingbirdz will play live on the Blacksmith Square courtyard. They play Bluesy rock with a remarkable harmonica playing!!

Horse Tales at the Pleasanton Library

The Pleasanton Library will host a lively afternoon of horse tales, live music, and refreshments on July 29 at 2 p.m.

Travel writer and local author Marlene Smith-Baranzini will talk about past and present horse racing in the Tri-Valley and across America. Hear about behind-the-scenes racing action, the jockeys, the racetracks, and her adventures on the road. Her book, "Horse Racing Coast to Coast: The Traveler's Guide to the Sport of Kings," was a 2007 PMA book award finalist.

Professional musician Ken Alan Logsdon will provide entertainment.

All library programs are free and open to the public. No registration is required. Towne Center Books will sell at the program. For book pre-sale information, call 846-8826.

For more information, call Janice Bauman (925) 931-3400 ext 37.

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Transportation Planning

2005 federal legislation requires MTC to adopt a plan to provide the public with opportunities to be involved in the transportation planning process.

MTC recently took public input. Some of the suggestions received on the draft include: clarify procedures for amending the key planning and funding documents; include more specific information on how MTC will involve low-income households and communities of color; and indicate how the public will be informed of the impact of public comments on Commission actions.

The comment period has been extended. Comments on the Revised Draft Public Participation Plan are due by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, September 4, 2007. They should be sent to MTC Public Information Office at 101 Eighth Street, Oakland, CA 94607, or faxed to 510/817-5848, or sent via e-mail to info@mtc.ca.gov.

MTC Legislation Committee will be asked to recommend approval of MTC Revised Draft Public Participation Plan at its September 14 meeting. The full Commission will consider final adoption of the document at its September 26, 2007 meeting.

For a printed copy of the revised draft, or an electronic copy in an alternative format, please call MTC Public Information Office at 510-817-5757.

Democrats Plan BBQ

The Tri-Valley Democratic Club will hold its annual barbecue on Saturday, August 18 from noon until 4 at Kolb Park in Dublin.

Congressman Jerry McNerney will be the featured speaker. In addition to McNerney, speakers include Assemblymembers Alberto Torrico, Loni Hancock, Mary Hayashi, mayors and councilmembers from area cities and candidates for office.

This is a fund-raising event to support the United Democratic Campaign in the 2008 election season. The cost is \$25. There will be live Dixieland music.

For more information and to make reservations, go to www.trivalleydems.com or call (925) 831-8355.

Annual BBQ

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty will host his 11th annual barbecue and chili cook-off on Fri., July 27 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

Among the confirmed chili cook-off participants are local police and firefighters.

The event will be from 5:30 to 9 p.m. with social hour followed by dinner of steak, chicken, garlic bread, corn, salad and dessert. Soft drinks, beer and wine are included in the price.

The Mango Kingz will provide the entertainment.

Tickets are \$25 per person, \$10 for seniors and children under age 12. All tickets will be held at the event. For more information regarding the chili cook-off and barbecue, please call Chris Gray at 510-714-6967.

Tinsel Town Hall

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi (D-Hayward) is hosting her second Tinsel Town Hall to discuss global warming and its impact on California. The Tinsel Town Hall will feature an advanced screening of Paramount Classic's movie, Arctic Tale, produced by National Geographic Films. It will be shown Thursday, August 2nd at Regal Cinemas Hacienda Crossings 20 located at 5000 Dublin Road in Dublin from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

From the producers of March of the Penguins, Arctic Tale is an epic journey that follows the lives of a walrus named Seela and a polar bear named Nanu. These two natives struggle to survive in a rapidly changing environment that is gradually melting away. Narrated by Queen Latifah, Arctic Tale is rated G for general audiences and opens in theatres the very next day.

Assemblymember Hayashi stated, "Californians can be proud that we lead the nation in an effort to regulate and reduce emissions that cause global warming. Last year, the legislature passed AB 32 that will lower California's greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2020."

Assemblymember Hayashi will provide literature at the Tinsel Town Hall on how each family can help eliminate global warming by utilizing the latest cleaner and greener technologies.

Admission to the event is free. Seating is limited and reservations are required. To reserve up to 4 seats, please call (510) 583-8818. For more information about this event, please go online to www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi.

Correction

Correction on photo information: Information about a photo published in the July 19 Independent was incorrect. The event is called Rimz and Ribz and is hosted by Cornerstone Fellowship. The car is a 1941 Mercury owned by John Bingham of Livermore.

Livermore Frog Habitat To Get New Review

The federal Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) will review red-legged frog habitat in the Valley as part of an action resulting from the resignation on April 30 of former assistant Secretary of Fish, Wildlife and Parks Julie MacDonald in Washington.

An investigation by the Inspector General's office found that MacDonald ignored or distorted scientific reports, and dismissed the findings of FWS scientists in the agency's decisions about habitat protection. Dale Hall, director of the FWS, said at a news conference last week that the department is reviewing eight listed species, including the red-legged frog, to see whether

MacDonald had been associated with any possible distorted scientific information that may have been used as part of decisions to determine the extent of protective habitat.

In California, the habitat for the red-legged frog was cut back by 90 percent last year through the process in which MacDonald had a role.

Any policy decisions that MacDonald made will still stand, said Al Donner, spokesman for the Sacramento office of FWS. For example, the decision to accept an economic study that developers backed, which emphasized the money that society gains by destroying habitat,

won't be altered, because it is not the science of the species' habitat. However, the scientific studies about habitat, usually conducted by academic people, will be examined, said Donner.

In the Valley, there are two sites, both north of Livermore, which total 818 acres, said Donner.

Noah Greenwald, a conservation biologist with the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD), said in a press release that reviewing the science on only eight species is not enough. "Despite no scientific training, MacDonald (who is an engineer, not a biologist) interfered in dozens of scientific decisions concerning endangered species. Only a full and transparent accounting of all the decisions tainted by MacDonald's malignant influence can undo the damage she has done."

July Ice Skating Offered in Livermore

Livermore Downtown Inc. will host "Christmas in July" this Fri., Sat., and Sun., July 27, 28 and 29 in the downtown.

Activities are planned from 1 to 9 p.m. Livermore Downtown Inc. is partnering with the merchants on J Street and the surrounding area.

Activities include a summer ice skating rink on J Street (between First and Second Streets). The fee is \$5 for a half hour of skating and \$10 for a full hour. Skates will be available at the rink or bring your own.

There will also be pre-holiday shopping opportunities, holiday music, holiday treats, appearances by Santa and other special guests and prices, including Webkinz, Ty Girlz, Scrapbooking supplies, toys and more! Need not be present to win.

Christmas in July is brought to you by Livermore Downtown Inc., Marcel Orthodontics, Comcast, City of Livermore, Woopsiedaisy Toy Shop, All About Me Kids Salon, B Simple Scrapbooking, and Bruno's Italian Cuisine.

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Livermore Bans Marijuana Dispensaries

Livermore will institute a ban on the establishment of medical marijuana dispensaries in the city.

The vote was unanimous. Earlier this year, the council had delayed prohibiting the dispensaries pending additional information from staff regarding successful dispensaries.

The city has a temporary moratorium in place. It expires Sept. 11, 2007. Without the ban, dispensaries could be located in Livermore.

The city hired Godbe Research to survey California communities that have experience with dispensaries. Godbe researchers found there was nearly universal agreement that a comprehensive ordinance, one that either prohibits dispensaries or one that clearly and comprehensively identifies locations and procedures for establishment, is the most important part of any approach.

Essential elements of any ordinance that allows dispensaries would be to limit the number, limit the location, and create a demanding permitting process that forces professionalism on the part of a dispensary owner.

Police Chief Mark Sweeney was concerned about the secondary impacts, including violent crimes and resale to non-medical users. His other concern related to suppliers. There are no legitimate suppliers to medical dispensaries. It is an unregulated aspect. Those who grow it are in it for the profit. He felt that establishing a dispensary in the city would create more growers.

Sweeney also noted that the use, growing or possession of marijuana violates a federal law. If there were a dispensary in Livermore, it would be the only city in the Tri-Valley to allow the use.

Resident Michael Ferrucci spoke in favor of an ordinance that provides strong oversight. "There are real medical issues here," he declared.

Mayor Marshall Kamena said he did not want Livermore to be the only supplier of marijuana in the valley. Should federal law change, then the city should reconsider the ban.

Kamena referred to the conflict between state and federal law. California law allows the use of marijuana when prescribed by a doctor for medical purposes. Federal law, which takes precedent, views the use, possession and growing of marijuana as a crime.

Councilmembers also addressed the issue.

John Marchand said it came down to whether the benefit outweighs the cost. He felt that they did not.

Marj Leider agreed. Lorraine Dietrich noted that dispensaries have shown to create a need for reallocation of police resources. She felt that would be a negative impact on some segments of the community.

Doug Horner said that federal law is driven by politics. California law by compassionate use. "We have to do what's right for the city. I'm troubled by abuses of the law's intent including resale and crime. I don't see a model that would work for this city." He felt that establishment of any dispensary would need to be a cooperative effort among all of the Tri-Valley cities.

Channel 30 Revamps Newscast

On July 30, TV30 News will officially become TV30 News Live @ 4. Channel 30's long running daily newscast is entering a new era, complete with the launch of new features, new graphics, new music, and a new host. "Viewers have depended on us for many years, and they deserve the best in news coverage of the Tri-Valley as well as the Bay Area," says Kevin Wing, TV30 News Producer. "There will be more content and more stories in each newscast. That means stories will be shorter in length. It also means that viewers will be provided with expanded weather reports and the live traffic cameras," comments Wing.

Joining longtime anchor Tom Morrison, who has anchored the news since it debuted in 1989, is Melinda Meza. Prior to coming to TV30, Meza served as an anchor and reporter in Sacramento and Santa Rosa. Sports director Ian Bartholomew and George "Doctor B" Baljevich round out the sports segment of the daily news team.

TV30 News Live @ 4 will be providing another new feature, traffic reports. Wing says the station has access to the Bay Area's extensive traffic camera network.

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EDITORIALS

Transformed Downtown

Dave Corkill, owner of Livermore Cinemas, recently said of his downtown location, "We are co-creating an entertainment district. People will focus on this as a place to have fun. They can choose a live performance, a movie, and a meal. All the choices will be in one place. ..."

Corkill opened his moviehouse in December. The theater is now expanding from 10 to 13 rooms. Meanwhile, next door to Livermore Cinemas, the construction of a performing arts theater, the Bankhead Theater, is nearing completion. And elsewhere throughout the area restaurants and shops are opening and people are coming downtown.

First Street isn't the only lively locale. A few blocks away, up on Eighth Street, the Bothwell Arts Center is becoming a showcase for original hometown talent. The center is currently holding a concert series, with weekly shows throughout the summer featuring a variety of acoustic styles by local musicians.

It used to be that the only street life you'd see in Livermore was cars passing through. Now you see people out on the street, sitting and talking and dining at the sidewalk tables, or just strolling beneath the shady trees, taking in the shops and enjoying the leisurely atmosphere.

Pleasanton was once alone in boasting a quality downtown. With Livermore's transformation, we now have two fine town centers.

PARK

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football as a use. Right now the league has only two fields. It would like to expand, but needs more playing area to do so. "This site would be a great place for an all weather field with lights. It's a commercial area," said Faustina.

Brad Hirst supported the plan, particularly the ice rink. He said he did so for selfish reasons. He wanted to be able to watch his grandchildren play hockey.

Dave Bouchard of the Chamber of Commerce said that there would be a positive economic impact if the ice rink were built. It would be a regional draw.

Others also expressed support for moving forward with the conceptual plan.

Stoneridge area resident Judith Gieselman said she neither supported nor opposed the ice rink. She wants to see the specifics of the financing before deciding.

John Carroll opposed the Sharks facility. "We're looking for a community park. This is a

huge facility that will be a regional attraction. There are only two sports fields. Additional fields would be a higher priority." He was also concerned about the financing for the rink and the city's participation in it.

Matt Morrison, one of the leaders of the Eastside Gateway Initiative, also spoke against the ice rink. He felt it would be a big mistake to use such a large part of the park for it. He wanted more sports fields and open space. Morrison also felt that a portion of the land should be preserved. He explained that it is the last remnant of the historic Rancho Santa Rita.

Councilmembers liked the concepts recommended by the commissioners. Some of the positives include an alternative activity for youth and access to a trail that connects to Livermore.

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman declared, "I'm very excited about this opportunity. There is still a lot of data the city needs to gather before moving forward."

Charter School Principal Resigns

By Patricia Konig

Tina Morris, Principal of the Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS), unexpectedly resigned her position.

"It's a matter of there being no balance in my life whatsoever. This job has been all consuming for the past 20 months," says Morris. "With the budget cuts the Board made last week, the workload on the principal will be doubled."

Interim Executive Director Bob Hampton has recommended that the Board appoint Tara Aderman, a middle school teacher at LVCS who was slated to become the school's vice principal, as the interim principal.

At a Board of Education meeting on Thursday, July 19, the trustees approved a proposed budget for the 2007/08 school year that is \$1.7 million less than the original draft 2007/08 budget. The original draft budget of \$7.14 million left the school \$1.4 million in the red by the end of the school year. The new budget ends with a surplus of \$164,107.

The cuts, explained Interim Executive Director Bob Hampton, are necessary to ensure the financial health and future of the school. Currently, the California State Department of Education, LVCS' chartering authority, has frozen expenditures until the school demonstrates that it can live within its means.

The proposed budget calls for \$2.8 million in spending on certificated salaries and \$258,000 on classified salaries, compared with \$3.2 million and \$635,000 in the original budget. Hampton said the savings will come from projected additional staff that is no longer necessary, moving some positions to part-time or hourly, and utilizing current staff more efficiently.

He also assured parents that the student/teacher ratios of 20:1

in the first through fourth grade and 27:1 in fifth through eighth grade will not change.

Specific programs or positions that might be cut have not yet been determined. Donations from the Choice for Children Education Foundation (CCEF), which raises funds in support of LVCS, are not included in the proposed budget. CCEF raised over \$500,000 in the 2006/07 school year, so it is likely that CCEF may fund positions or programs impacted by the budget cuts.

On Monday, the LVCS teaching staff sent out a message to parents, stating, "We are very comfortable with the changes being outlined by our Board of Directors, our Interim Executive Director, and our Interim Principal." The message went on to say: "We will greet you and your children on the first day of school in August as we have done the previous two years; LVCS will survive."

Morris says she is still a big believer in the charter school movement. "I think LVCS is a very special place and I wish them the best of luck," she says.

ELECTION

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council. "I enjoy dealing with policy matters and interacting with the people. It's fun."

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

Nomination papers are available at the city clerk's office in city hall.

County, City Reach Agreement on Corridor

The City of Pleasanton and Alameda County have reached a conceptual agreement on a vacant 10-acre strip of land adjacent to Pleasanton's Downtown. Once the agreement is finalized and approved by both entities, Pleasanton intends to provide additional parking for its Downtown area.

Alameda County bought the former railroad right-of-way from Southern Pacific Railway in 1989. As it is no longer useful for transportation purposes, Pleasanton approached the county to purchase the land. At the suggestion of city and county

elected officials, a mediator was hired to negotiate the terms of the property transfer.

Last Wednesday, after day-long negotiations, city and county representatives reached conceptual agreement, the terms of which are being formally developed. Once completed, a tentative agreement will be submitted to the Pleasanton City Council and the Alameda County Board of Supervisors for approval, with action expected within the next few months.

Terms of the agreement will be made available to the public

as soon as the documents are finalized.

"We want to support Pleasanton's plans to make its Downtown even better, and I am delighted that it looks like we made a deal that accomplishes this and is fair to County taxpayers," remarked County Board President Scott Haggerty.

Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman was also encouraged by the cooperation between the city and the county. "This gives Pleasanton the opportunity to create additional parking in our Downtown, as well as develop a connection to the regional trail

system. These amenities are top priorities of our residents and our council, and we are very happy that the negotiations were concluded so successfully."

One of the issues that slowed the talks was the creation of a permanent ACE train station. The county had asked the city to build the station on the Bernal property. However, that idea was not supported by the council or members of the public. The city is still working actively to establish a permanent station site. Currently the station is at the Alameda County Fairgrounds.

CONSERVATION

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habitat that would be offered.

PLCS will be one of the organizations taking part in the EACCS, because it has something to offer. It does not duplicate any of the regional strategy. **GRANT COULD CUT COST BY 70 PERCENT**

The process of creating the EACCS is expected to take 18 months and cost participants a total of \$400,000, spread over three phases. A major part of the cost will be for consultant Jones & Stokes, at \$279,000. However, a Proposition 50 grant is being sought to cover the fee. If that occurs, then each of the six participants would see its share of the cost cut from \$70,000 to \$20,000.

Zone 7 directors agreed at their meeting July 18 to front the money for Jones & Stokes' first phase of \$150,000, plus contributing its own regular share of \$70,000. The Jones & Stokes money eventually would be reimbursed from the other participants, if the offsetting grant application is not successful.

The Livermore City Council on July 23 approved its \$70,000 share. Mayor Marshall Kamena commented that the EACCS would have many benefits for the city. "It is a wonderful thing."

The city council has a goal to protect open space and greenbelt areas in North Livermore. Doolan Canyon is considered a priority.

According to the staff report, "Resource agencies are acknowledging Doolan Canyon as a significant biological resource that could benefit from the comprehensive approach of a Resource Conservation Strategy."

Currently, project mitigation and conservation occur on a case-by-case basis with minimal coordination among local agencies. The result is piecemeal mitigation that is less effective at preserving and connecting the open space and natural communities found in the area.

Zone 7 was motivated to front the consultant's first-phase money, because Fish and Game has implied that it will move faster to give the green light to approving mitigation for the Altamont Water Treatment Plant on Dyer Road. Zone 7 would like to open the plant in 2009. The district has been in negotiations for 18 months with Fish and Game over meeting its mitigation obligations concerning listed species habitat on its property.

SPLIT VOTE SHOWS RESENTMENT

The promise of a bureaucratic speedup in exchange for Zone 7 fronting the money to organize EACCS did not go down well with the Zone 7 board. President Bill Stevens called it "blackmail. If they want a regional plan, the state should pay, not our constituents. Why do we need land? The

developers and cities should pay for this."

Some 75 percent of the cost of Zone 7's share will come from the water rate fund. The remainder from connection fees that pay for growth.

Director John Greci said that he was upset with Fish and Game. Director Dick Quigley said he agreed with Greci. Director Sarah Palmer said that since the EACCS "is voluntary, there is no reason to pay attention at all."

General manager Jill Duerig replied that "there are no guarantees. It's a strategy, not a plan. However, if the Fish and Wildlife Service says there are riparian corridors they want to preserve, it helps. We'll wind up with a strategy where we or anyone else can provide mitigation. We'll have corridors so the kit fox has places to roam, not just up and down the Walker Ranch (next-door mitigation for the Altamont Water Treatment plant)."

The board approved the proposed level of Zone 7 participation on a 5-2 vote. Quigley and Kalthoff voted no. Other directors talked about delaying the vote for a month, but decided it wouldn't change anything.

Sharon Burnham, director of conservancy for the Tri-Valley Conservancy, was asked by the Independent whether the new strategy will have any impact on

it. Burnham said that she has not been in on the formation of the strategy. Public comments and attendance have not been invited yet, so she was unable to comment.

On the related item of the formation of the PLCS a few months ago, Burnham said that there have been concerns about it, in regard to whether it would be lining up any temporary easements. However, PLCS officials have been assuring people that all of the easements will be permanent, which is what Tri-Valley Conservancy wants to see.

Using public money for easements that would last only 10 or 15 years would be futile, because the idea behind habitat mitigation is to replace a habitat destroyed by development with another piece of land to ensure the species continuation, said Burnham. PLCS merely matches up developers and agencies that need mitigation with landowners who can offer them. No one in the process is make a decision about "whether the easements are permanent or not. They are just matching up (landowners with those who need mitigation). I don't have problem if they do exactly what they say," said Burnham.

Tri-Valley Conservancy is the former South Livermore Conservancy, which has expanded its land preservation efforts throughout the Tri-Valley.

MAILBOX

(Opinions voiced in letters published in Mailbox are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of The Independent. Letter Policy: The Independent will not publish anonymous letters, nor will it publish letters without names. Frequent letter writers may have publication of their letters delayed.)

Murdell Lane Susan Mayall Livermore

Until quite recently it was almost a country walk down Murdell Lane. From our house you'd just have to cover the short built up stretch to Max Baer Park, and you were into an older Livermore, one where horses and cows were as common as people, and purple owl clover colored the meadows in spring.

To the left, on Concannon, just behind Mendenhall School, there was an ancient vineyard, the twisted, gnarled vines almost smothered in weeds. But they must have sheltered numerous small animals, because there were always two California kites hovering overhead, letting out piercing shrieks form time to time. I loved to watch the graceful white birds as they hunted.

As you crossed Concannon, not a major thoroughfare in those days, the road became a real lane, a dirt track set between fields and mini ranches. In winter it could be almost impassible, especially on foot. Any vehicle would throw up sheets of muddy water from the numerous potholes. And a dog from one of the ranches on the right would often dash out, barking and leaping up at you, scattering more mud.

There was a ramshackle landmark on the left hand corner of Concannon and Murdell. Someone had set up an old dog kennel on a platform, and placed a bedraggled white toy dog in front of it. "Beware the Dog!" a sign announced. Opposite it were some wooden stables and several horses. Behind them fields stretched away to the gravel pits on the other side of Isabel Avenue.

I used to walk down that way often, pretending I was really in the country, not on the edge of urban sprawl. One winter there was a pregnant cow in the untidy back yard of a house on the corner of Murdell and Alden Lane. When the calf appeared I watched it grow from a tottery infant to a sturdy adolescent, until one day mother and calf disappeared.

Springtime was beautiful along that lane. First orange poppies shot up between the short grasses. Then, one by one, it seemed, the purplish pink owl

clover shyly appeared. Suddenly, in the fields on the left and across Alden Lane, where more horses grazed, the whole area became a mass of purple and orange. How lucky I was, I used to think, to have so glorious a sight within walking distance of my home.

Gradually development spread from east to west between Concannon and Alden Lane. But for a long time I could deceive myself that nothing had changed, especially on foggy winter mornings. One day I saw, looming out of the mist ahead of me, two large horses hanging their heads over a fence. We could have been miles away in the hills.

First the small ranch opposite Max Baer Park was covered with houses, then the area past Concannon. Last to disappear were the fields on the far side of Alden Lane, where the horses grazed. I walked one final time along there, before the bulldozers moved in. It was spring; the owl clover was out, and so were the poppies. In a few weeks they were gone forever.

Now I cycle down Murdell on my way to the bike path beside the new lake. It's pretty enough, nicely landscaped, but walking between sound walls, however camouflaged with bushes and creepers, doesn't compare with space and horses and wildflowers. A bike gets me through it fast, so that I can enjoy the view of the vineyards and hills from the bike path.

Things change. Soon nobody will remember those fields and the way they looked in spring. The new houses, with their neat fences and professional landscaping, certainly look better than the tracts of the sixties, where I live. But I liked pretending I lived in the country.

Senior Housing Barbara Hempill Pleasanton

The two initiatives filed with the Pleasanton City Clerk regarding Staples Ranch ignore an unmet need in the Valley. The Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC), planned for the Staples Ranch site, is an attractive living alternative for Valley residents or their parents who are more than fifty years of age. CCRC's provide lifetime benefits for seniors as they age. This includes initial independent living, assistance with activities of daily living as may be needed later in life, and skilled nursing care if necessary.

Residents of CCRC's decide their own future, rather than having someone else decide for

them. They have the assurance of an appropriate living situation without the disruption of relocating from one community to another should a change of lifestyle be required. Aging in place provides peace of mind, not only for the individual, but also for other family members who know the needs of their loved one are being met.

If you or your parents are interested in continuing to live in Pleasanton after retirement, you will want to learn about the CCRC planned for the Staples Ranch property. Unfortunately, it can only move forward under the plan presented to the City of Pleasanton.

If you are asked to sign a petition to put the two initiatives on the ballot, just say, "No".

Reasons for Fighting Ted Tully Pleasanton

In a recent letter David Jonas explains that he doesn't understand what we are fighting for. How sad.

More than 3000 innocent civilians were murdered on 9/11 as a result of President Clinton's feeble responses to terrorist attacks. Since then we have deposed two brutal dictatorships, cleaned out the terrorist training camps in Afghanistan and shut down the Iraq Secret Service chemical and biological programs, reported in the Iraq Survey Group report. We have established two democracies, imperfect as they are. Further, while Iraq may be a terrorist training ground, it is certainly a terrorist burial ground as our and Iraqi troops continue to attack them.

Meanwhile, terrorists attack, or attempt to attack, not only civilians in Iraq, but around the world, as we see over and over. The tens of thousand civilian Iraqi deaths are indeed tragic but Saddam murdered more than 300,000 including thousands of Kurds gassed at Halabja.

Mr. Jonas repeats the falsehood that there were no Iraq-Qaeda connections, when, in fact, all kinds of connections have been established. This includes the Czech government's report that Mohammed Atta, the lead 9/11 hijacker, met with Ahmed Khalil Ibrahim al-Ani, an Iraqi intelligence officer working in the Iraq embassy in Prague, in April 2001.

Mr. Jonas, along with Senator Harry Reid, wants to declare defeat, hold up the white flag and give the terrorists a date to take over Iraq. How very sad.

Fortunately for all of us, our brave military men and women plan no such surrender.

Leopard Without Spots? Alice Quinn Livermore

An interesting development in the recent selection of a new Livermore City Councilmember was the re-emergence of former Councilmember Tom Vargas as an applicant and, since he was not selected, a potential candidate for one of the seats up for grabs in November.

Tom has been on and off the Council since 1985 ending in 2003 with an unsuccessful challenge to Marshall Kamena for the Mayor's seat. During his time in office and since, Tom has been an unfailing supporter of urban and sprawl development, i.e. the 12,500 unit North Livermore Specific Plan and Pardee's bid to build 2,450 units in a portion of the same area North of I-580.

Prior to 2003, I had assumed that Tom was simply representing the point of view of many in the general business community. During that year's particularly nasty mayoral race, it came to light that, as a vice president of a large title company with the designation of "Sales Builder" his company was getting the title business from all but one large developer in the Livermore area. During the considerable period that was researched, he only cast one vote against a development that was subsequently modified and approved with his vote in favor. If he ever recused himself, it was prior to the cutoff point of the research. Due to a quirk in Fair Political Practice rules, the size of his company's business allowed him to legally vote for millions of dollars in Livermore development without recusing himself.

In 1955 his company, First American Title Co., paid almost \$20 million to settle charges that the company paid illegal kickbacks.

Vargas now says that the voters have spoken on North Livermore and he no longer supports development in North Livermore. As for the apparent conflict of interest, he says, "I have done nothing illegal". That may be true, but it doesn't make it right. What is worse is that he still feels justified in continuing to vote on projects that his company serves.

After twenty years of supporting greenfield sprawl, can the leopard change his spots?

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Citizens Watchdog Committee

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REPORT to the Public

In November 2000 Alameda County voters approved Measure B, which extended the county's half-cent transportation sales tax to 2022 and set forth a 20-year Expenditure Plan for use of the resultant revenues. Responsibility for managing Measure B funds rests with the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA), made up of 11 elected officials from within Alameda County.

Measure B also established a Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) to monitor all ACTIA expenditures, projects and programs for compliance with the Expenditure Plan and timely delivery of projects. The CWC is to report its findings annually to the public. This fifth annual report covers ACTIA expenditures during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, and CWC actions since July 1, 2006.

The CWC has been meeting regularly since June 2001. Our meetings are open to the public. Meeting schedules and agendas and a list of members are available at ACTIA's website (www.actia2022.com).

Summary

ACTIA's financial statements for fiscal year ending 2006 were audited by independent auditors. The auditors issued an unqualified opinion. No accounting concerns were identified. The audited financial statements can be viewed at the ACTIA website.

CWC members have reviewed the Audited Statement of Revenues and Expenditures under Measure B from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. Of the \$114.7 million recorded as revenue, \$33 million has been set aside for future expenditures and \$81.7 million was allocated to local jurisdictions, capital projects, and administration. A separate audit conducted at our request shows that ACTIA is in compliance with the 4.5% overall administrative cost ceiling and under the 1% administrative staff cost cap mandated by Measure B, for which we commend staff.

By December 31st each year, each recipient jurisdiction is contractually required to submit a report summarizing programmatic compliance, an independent audit of ACTIA funded programs, and a compliance opinion stating material compliance with the ACTIA contract signed by an independent auditor. This year, for the first time, all jurisdictions submitted their reports on time. The CWC congratulates ACTIA staff and their counterparts among the jurisdictions on their improved coordination.

CWC reviewed the independent compliance audits of all jurisdictions receiving Measure B funds. We conclude that recipient agencies spent the monies in accordance with the terms of Measure B under agreements drawn up by ACTIA.

We note that, of the 27 ACTIA capital projects, nine remain of concern to the CWC due to funding uncertainties or failure to meet the required five-year deadline for receiving environmental clearance and full funding. The total amount of funds involved is \$651 million (see Table 1, Projects of Concern).

THE 2005/2006 FINANCIALS AT A GLANCE



Total revenues for fiscal year 2005/2006 were \$114.7 million. Audited expenditures for the year ending June 30, 2006 totaled \$81.7 million.

\$40.1 million (35% of revenues) for public transit (operations, capital investments and special transportation for seniors and disabled)

\$32.8 million (28.6% of revenues) for cities and the County to spend on local transportation (local streets and roads, and bike and pedestrian projects),

\$3.8 million (3.3% of revenues) for highway and street projects,

\$5.0 million (4.4% of revenues) was for administration, and

\$33.0 million (28.8% of revenues) funds dedicated for future expenditures.

A fund balance of \$107.8 million remains, including \$74.8 million from previous years, which is reserved for future capital and program expenditures.

CWC ACTIVITIES

The CWC reviews projects and programs to monitor conformance with the Expenditure Plan approved by the voters. In November 2006, CWC met with ACTIA's independent auditors to review their auditing processes.

CWC has the authority to request specific information to supplement that found in financial statements. We have, on occasion, convened special, ad-hoc committees focused on particular projects or programs. Representatives of sponsoring agencies met with committee members to clarify issues of concern. When appropriate, we submitted recommendations to the ACTIA Board. No such Ad-Hoc committees were convened during this reporting period.

CWC RECOMMENDATIONS

Although CWC made no specific recommendations, we raised concerns which prompted the following action:

CWC was concerned about the definition of "full funding" for projects. In response, the ACTIA Board took action to define full funding as committed when approved in a plan or program.

CWC raised concerns about timeliness of compliance reports and audit submittal to ACTIA by local jurisdictions. As a result, jurisdictions changed the way they reported their audit and program compliance so as to improve the clarity and timeliness of the reports. In previous years, we have reported agencies that were late, and this year all jurisdictions submitted on time and were found to be in compliance.

KEEPING WATCH-PROJECTS

The CWC routinely receives updates on the progress of project and program implementation. We continue to monitor the delivery of projects and programs, particularly as related to deadlines and requirements detailed in the voter approved Expenditure Plan.

There is lingering uncertainty about the funding of some projects. They rely on money from a variety of government sources. Moneys once promised may not materialize if economic conditions or budget priorities change. See Table 1, Projects of Concern. CWC reiterates its recommendation that the Board develop a public process for determining when a project becomes infeasible.

ACTIA Programs & Projects

Measure B funds, net of administrative costs, are separated into two broad streams: 60% is for **Programs** and is distributed to local jurisdictions, primarily on a formula basis and through competitive grants, and 40% is set aside for capital **Projects** designated in the Expenditure Plan.

ACTIA PROGRAMS

Measure B allocated a fixed percentage of its revenues to each of five programs. For the most part, these funds are passed through monthly to municipal jurisdictions, the county, and transit agencies on a formula basis; a small portion is distributed via discretionary grants. These funds are often leveraged as the local match for state and federal grants, extending the value of local Measure B dollars.

MASS TRANSIT (22% of net sales tax revenues)

Monthly allocations fund transit operations for AC Transit, WHEELS in East County, Union City Transit, Altamont Commuter Express Rail, and the Alameda-Oakland Ferry. A countywide grant program was instituted in 2006 for distributing the Express Bus Funds. WHEELS and AC Transit were awarded grants of \$1.6 million each for Express Bus services.

LOCAL STREETS AND ROADS (22% of net sales tax revenues)

Monthly allocations are made to every Alameda County jurisdiction for local transportation improvements. These are the most flexible Measure B funds. Each jurisdiction uses its funds differently to meet its locally determined transportation priorities.

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY FUNDS (5% of net sales tax revenues)

These funds are allocated monthly to jurisdictions and through competitive grants. ACTIA's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee reviews and recommends the allocation of the competitive grants. In 2006, the Board approved \$3 million for 14 grants: 64% of the funds went to capital projects, 32% to programs, and 4% to developing bicycle and pedestrian plans. The grant funds were equally split between bicycle and pedestrian purposes. ACTIA also completed the first ever Alameda County Strategic Pedestrian Plan to guide pedestrian investments for countywide funds through 2030.

SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FOR SENIORS AND DISABLED (10.45% of net sales tax revenues)

Most of these funds are allocated on a monthly basis to cities and transit operators for senior and disabled transportation. In June 2007, the ACTIA Board approved \$10.3 million for on-going special transportation services. ACTIA's Paratransit Advisory Committee, comprised of community members who use these services, reviews and recommends allocation of competitive grants. In June 2006, the Board approved \$3.5 million in grants for a two-year period for 17 projects.

TRANSIT CENTER DEVELOPMENT (0.19% of net sales tax revenues)

This small funding stream is used to leverage other funds. The ACTIA Board funded the local match for grants and studies related to the implementation of transit center development projects. In both 2006 and 2007, the Board provided matching funds for the following grant programs:

Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Station Area Planning grants for the Cities of Alameda, Pleasanton, and San Leandro.

MTC's Transportation for Livable Communities grants for the Cities of Livermore, Fremont, Oakland, and Berkeley.

ACTIA PROJECTS

The voters approved 26 capital projects throughout the County for infrastructure improvements such as BART and rail extensions, transit vehicles, highway expansions, local streets and roads, intermodal and other local projects. In 2003, the ACTIA Board added the Vasco Road Safety Improvement Project funded from the Measure B Emergency Congestion Relief Fund, resulting in 27 projects that CWC watches.

Eight of the 27 projects have been completed:

- Fruitvale Transit Village parking garage
- Newark Local Streets
- San Leandro's Hesperian/Lewelling widening Phase 1
- San Leandro's Westgate to Williams Street Extension Phase 1
- the ACTIA portion of the Vasco Road project
- Oakland Local Streets and Roads
- I-680/880 Cross Connector Study; and
- the I-580/BART to Livermore Study

Three projects are under construction including I-238, Union City Intermodal, and Telegraph Avenue Rapid Bus (bus shelters and signage). CWC is monitoring all 19 remaining projects.

PROJECTS GRANTED EXTENSIONS IN APRIL 2007

In passing Measure B, the voters expected timely delivery of projects. The 2000 Measure B Expenditure Plan required that projects receive environmental approvals and be fully funded by April 2007. Sponsors of projects that failed to meet both requirements could appeal to the ACTIA Board for one or more one-year time extensions. This deadline has passed, and the Board has granted extensions of one year or more to nine projects. The Board has the authority to grant an indefinite number of extensions. Measure B provides a process for re-allocating funds if a project becomes infeasible.

Of the nine projects granted extensions, six were to obtain environmental clearance, two to secure full funding and one to do both. The sponsors of these projects are optimistic that the environmental clearances will ultimately be received and that funding will materialize. CWC is monitoring progress. See Table 1, Projects of Concern.

Two of the projects granted extensions to secure funding are sponsored by BART. One is the connection between the Coliseum Station and Oakland Airport. BART is soliciting bids for a joint public/private venture. The winning bidder will bear part of the construction cost, operate the service, and share the operating surplus. The funding situation will be clarified after the bids are evaluated.

The other BART project is the extension to Warm Springs (WSX). BART has raised its cost estimate and some funding originally anticipated remains uncertain. A gap exists between estimated cost and available funds. In addition, the Expenditure Plan provides that Measure B "funds for construction of (WSX) may not be used until full funding for the rail connection to Santa Clara is assured." The Santa Clara County project currently lacks sufficient funding. Funding sources for both WSX and the Santa Clara extension are being sought.

The Dumbarton Corridor Improvements project received a 2-year extension to secure both environmental clearance and funding. Because of the funding shortfall, many alternatives are being explored in the environmental document.

One of the six projects granted time extensions for environmental clearance is the AC Transit Quality Bus project. This project has three components: Rapid bus services along the San Pablo Avenue and Telegraph/International/East 14th corridors and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) on the Telegraph/International/East 14th corridor. If funding and public support are secured, the Telegraph/International/East 14th Corridor may become a BRT corridor, which includes dedicated lanes and pre-paid fares. Measure B funds have been spent on the San Pablo and Telegraph/International/East 14th Rapid Bus Services. The remaining Measure B funds are being used to prepare the environmental document and project development for Bus Rapid Transit service. The Draft Environmental Impact Report/Statement for the BRT project was released for public comment in May. AC Transit is seeking funds from a variety of sources and is considering a phased implementation.

The City of Hayward was granted a two-year environmental extension for the I-880/State Route 92 Reliever Route - Clawiter/Whitesell Interchange so that they could define a fundable project within this corridor. All the remaining projects granted extensions are expected to achieve environmental approvals within the time frame approved by the Board.

GUARDING YOUR INVESTMENT

Measure B funds have already been allocated for most projects. ACTIA staff has assured CWC that the contracts between ACTIA and each sponsor require the return of Measure B funds should a project be canceled or if the Board declines to grant future extensions. Five projects granted extensions have received over \$1 million as shown in Table 1, Projects of Concern.

PROSPECTS AND CONCERNS FOR THE FUTURE

On-going difficulties still exist in securing local, state and federal dollars to provide the balance of funding for Measure B projects. For example, the failure of a sales tax measure in Santa Clara County in 2006 constrains ACTIA's ability to fund construction of the BART to Warm Springs Project. Conversely, additional funding sources, such as Proposition 1B passed in November 2006, or other revenue-generating legislation may assist Measure B projects.

Partly because Measure B projects depend on a variety of funds, nine projects have failed to meet deadlines to receive environmental clearance and have full funding. They have been granted extensions of one year, in some cases two. When these extensions expire, the Board will have to decide whether or not to re-allocate the ACTIA funds.

In fiscal year 2005/2006, sales tax revenues exceeded expectations. While they were anticipated to be \$106 million, revenues actually amounted to \$111.4 million. Over the 20-year life of Measure B, however, the total revenue is still projected to fall 5% short of original expectations.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The complete Expenditure Plan and this report are available on the ACTIA website, www.actia2022.com. Copies are also available, as are audits for each agency, at the Authority offices at 1333 Broadway, Suite 300, Oakland, CA 94612, telephone 510-893-3347. Information on Measure B-funded program expenditures can also be found on the website of each jurisdiction.

A CALL FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

ACTIA and the CWC invites your participation in delivering the ACTIA projects and programs through four public committees composed of 90 people: the Citizens Watchdog Committee, the Citizens Advisory Committee, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, and the Paratransit Advisory Planning Committee. Committee chairs report to the ACTIA Board at its public meeting held on the fourth Thursday of the month.



Measure B ACTIA Projects currently "Of Concern"

*Funding "of concern" is subject to the programming and budgeting process of the various funding agencies, and could change. See text for details.

Project No.	Project Name	Board Approved Extensions (see Note 1)		Current Project Cost (\$ Millions)	Original Measure B Expenditure Plan Commitment (\$ Millions in 1997-98)	Escalated Measure B Commitment (\$ Millions in 2007-08)	Amount Allocated thru 2007-08 Strategic Plan (\$ Millions)	Measure B Amount Expended thru 3/31/07 (\$ Millions)	Funding Uncertainty (\$ Millions) (see Note 2)	Percentage of Funding Uncertainty to Current Project Cost (%)
		Environmental Clearance Extension	Full Funding Extension							
2	BART to Warm Springs Extension Project		1 year	\$747.0	\$165.5	\$220.8	\$38.0	\$14.0	\$262.0	35%
3	BART Oakland Airport Connector Project		1 year	\$434.0	\$65.8	\$87.5	\$12.2	\$9.0	\$174.0	40%
4	Downtown Oakland Streetscape	1 year		\$14.1	\$5.0	\$6.4	\$6.4	\$0.3	N/A	
7A	Telegraph/Int'l/E. 14th Bus Rapid Transit	2 year		\$245.8	\$8.7	\$11.0	\$5.6	\$2.0	N/A	
14	I-580 Auxiliary Lane Projects	1 to 2 year		\$12.9	\$10.0	\$12.9	\$4.3	\$0.0	N/A	
15	I-880/SR 92 Reliever Route - Route 92/Clawiter - Whitesell I/C	2 year		\$25.0	\$19.5	\$26.5	\$1.1	\$0.0	N/A	
23	Isabel Ave. - Route B4/I-580 I/C	1 year		\$163.0	\$20.0	\$26.1	\$7.1	\$3.6	N/A	
24	Route B4 Expressway	1 year		\$93.0	\$70.0	\$94.8	\$12.6	\$1.8	N/A	
25	Dumbarton Corridor Improvements	2 year	2 year	\$515.0	\$14.7	\$19.0	\$3.2	\$0.5	\$215.0	42%
	TOTAL			\$2,249.8	\$379.2	\$505.0	\$90.5	\$31.2	\$651.0	38%

Notes:

1 Environmental clearance and full funding extensions approved at March 2007 Board Meeting, with the exception of Project No. 25, which was approved by the Board in December 2006.

2 Funding uncertainty for BART to Warm Springs Project includes \$145 million from SFO Operating Surplus. Funding uncertainty for Oakland Airport Connector includes financing costs.

SPORTS NOTES

Heat Heads to Finals

Several local area runners have qualified for the United States Track & Field Association Junior Olympic National Finals this week. To be held at Mt. San Antonio College (Mt. Sac) in Los Angeles, from July 25-29th. Members of the Pleasanton Heat track and running club qualified last week in Fresno for the prestigious six-day national event, by placing in the top 3 finishers in Region 14, one of 15 regions across the country.

As the International Olympic Committee announced the imminence of the world youth Olympics to start in 2010, these athletes could well be chosen to represent the United States in international competition. Many of the runners here have qualified in previous years, traveling to locations such as Florida, Nebraska, Oregon and Indiana, but the announcement of the international youth Olympics has made the trip to Los Angeles, an Olympic city, all the more exciting. It is widely known that over 80% of the adult U.S. Olympic team track & field members participated in the USATF Junior Olympic competition.

For the Region 14 Champion Pleasanton Heat Intermediate boys' 4x800 meter relay team (for runners age 15-16), the national finals will be a showdown with some record-breaking teams from Texas, as two years ago the Heat finished a close third to two of them, winning the national bronze medal. This year's team returns national veterans and All-Americans Drew Callen from Granada High and James Langford from Amador Valley, and has added speedy Sean Colaco from San Ramon Valley, one of the season's best high-school milers who also qualified for the 3000 meters (ranked top 15 in the U.S.A. at 9:25), fleet-footed Toshi Kellogg from Acalanes, and Simon Graves from San Ramon, who sparked the team in Fresno.

Also qualifying as individuals for the nationals are Pleasanton middle-schooler All-American Theo Carter (age 13) with 2:09 in the 800 meters, standout Kyla Aiuto (age 12), in both the 1500 meters (5:11) and the 3000 meters (11:25), and Sahit Menon (age 10), in both the 100 meters (13.6) and 400 meters (1:06). Theo Carter and Sahit Menon also qualified for the expense-paid Hershey Nationals August 4 in Hershey, Pennsylvania, with Carter returning as the reigning Hershey champion in the 11-12 year old division last year.

Many other Heat athletes will be making the trip to support the team. Heat runners have traditionally fared quite well in the nationals. Results will be posted at www.usatf.org.

Seahawks State Champs

The Pleasanton Seahawks earned 1st place in the California State Championships held at Clovis, last weekend. In addition, Individual High Point honors were awarded to Lisa Narum, 2nd place to Katrina Anderson, 3rd place to Jen Narum. In the Men's category, Josh Meints took 2nd place high point honors, while Brandon Fischer took 3rd place.

The Seahawk swimmers took 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in many events - all swim multiple lifetime best times.

Katrina Anderson excelled by placing 2nd in the 1500 Free and swimming lifetime best times in the 100 Fly, 100/200 Back, 200/400/1500 Free, & 200 IM. Pat Darrow swam best times in the 50/100 Free. Brandon Fischer swam to 1st place in both the 100 & 200 Breast, 200 IM, and also swam to 2nd in the 200 Fly (best time). Kayleigh Foley earned 1st place honors in the 50 and 100 Free and swam best times in the 50/100/200/400 Free as well as 200 IM. Tory Houston swam fast to score 2nd in the 200 Breast, 4th in the 100 Breast and to best times in the 100/200 Breast, 100/400 Free, & 200/400 IM.

Josh Meints clocked in best times to take 1st in the 200 Back, 2nd in the 100 Back and 200 IM, 3rd in the 50 Free and 100 Breast, and also swam best times in the 100/200 Back, 100 Breast, 50 Free. Jen Narum earned three 1st place finishes in the 400, 800, and 1500 Free and swam to 3rd place and a new best time in the 50 Free. She also took 3rd in the 200 Back. Lisa Narum contributed to her top high point honors by swimming to 1st in the 200 Free, 200 & 400 IM, 2nd in the 100 Free and 200 Back, and swam best times in the 100/200 Back, 100/200 Free, & 200/400 IM. Neda Nguyen clocked in with best times in her best events: 100/200 Breast, 100 Free, & 200/400 IM. She took 2nd in the 100 Breast and 3rd in the 200 Breast and 200 Fly.

Adam Pawlowski swam to 2nd in the 400 Free and a best time in the 50 Free. Karen Wang placed 1st in the 100 Back, 3rd in the 200 Free, and 2nd in the 200 IM. She not only swam to a new best time in the 100/200 Back, but she earned a new National cut in 100 Back. Karen also swam best times in the 200 Free & 200 IM. The relay team of Lisa Narum, Katrina Anderson, Kayleigh Foley, and Jen Narum placed 1st in both the 400 and 800 Free Relay, while Karen Wang, Neda Nguyen, Kayleigh Foley, and Lisa Narum placed 1st in the 400 Medley Relay. The Men's Relay team of Josh Meints, Adam Pawlowski, Brandon Fischer, and Pat Darrow swam to 1st in the 800 Free Relay and 2nd in the 400 Free and Medley Relays.

Youth Soccer

The Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club U18 United took on all comers and came away with the championship in the Albion Cup in San Diego.

Game one pitted Ballistic vs. FC Dallas. The first half was tactical as each team looked for an opening. Jay Jafarpour and Justin Mullaney made sure no attacker was anywhere near the net, forcing shots from very far out and clearing the ball. Dallas had one great opportunity from 13 yards straight on, but GK Brett Webber punched it over the net and out of danger. Dallas began to compress Ballistic in their own end in the second half when lightning struck. Matt Carlucci stole a pass deep in the Dallas end and patiently worked his way to the right. When the opening presented, he rifled one on net that the keeper stopped but couldn't handle. David Norton was right there to finish in the 53rd minute for the lead. Four minutes later, Norton again made them pay. He sprinted out of the midfield on a counter and had a shot from the right that was stopped. He recovered his own rebound, slipped it back to a trailing Jeff Squier, who put it low left from 25 yards for the 2-0 final.

Game two was a familiar foe, the Sonoma County Alliance. Again, the teams were scoreless at half. SCA did not make a serious penetration in the Ballistic end until the 14th minute, in large part to Trevor Danielson and



Pleasanton American Little League 11 year old All Stars proudly display the District 5 7 Championship banner.

Michael Florian clogging the passing lanes and sticking tightly to their marks. Twenty seconds into the second half, more lightning. Norton alertly scooped up a lazy pass in the defensive end and put it right back for the 1-0 lead. It continued as a physical battle the rest of the half, with Ballistic led by a man on a mission, Nestor Negrete, who took two attackers at a time. In the 47th minute, Webber bombed a clearing kick that Norton brought down in the Sonoma end. Stefan Rabrenovich battled his mark to gain control, turned, and put one past the startled keeper for the 2-0 final.

In control of their own destiny, Ballistic lost a windy, foul-filled game 1-0 to West Coast FC.

BUSC reached the championship game against WCFC with a victory in penalty kicks against United FC in the semifinals. GK Webber kept United off the board in the 57th minute with a fearless foray into a pileup to knock away an attempt. Negrete, Rabrenovich, and Alex McArthur converted, while Webber made two saves to blank United.

The championship game started out hard from the get-go, accented by midfielder Ricky Rojas being upended on a yellow carded tackle. Rojas was shaken up, but returned later to play a key role. Trevor Morrissey, who had a super game, lined a corner kick to the waiting Norton for a header goal 36 minutes in. The lead was short-lived, however, as WCFC returned the favor a minute later. In the second half, McArthur flicked a pass to the 18 that Negrete brought down and dropped to an onrushing Squier, who again went low left for the game winner. WCFC attacked relentlessly, but the United defense, led by great recovery hustle plays by Min-Joon Oh and tough inside coverage by Rojas, held off the attack and took the championship.

The BUSC U18 United defeated Hayward in an abbreviated NorCal game 1-0. The game started off with a very uneven rhythm due to multiple whistles, preventing any flow. In the 6th minute, United used 5 one-touch passes to create an effective buildup and force a corner kick. The ensuing clear was volleyed into the box by Matt Carlucci, and David Norton made an outstanding keeper challenge to just miss knocking it in. In the 12 minute, United had a straight-on direct kick from 40 yards that Jay Jafarpour deftly dropped into the mix. Jeff Squier came in hard and put the shot away for the lead. Hayward almost came right back with a couple of opportunities. One was a direct kick from the left side of the box that GK Brett Webber alertly punched out and was cleared by Mike Florian. The other was a great shot from the right side from 30 yards out that luckily struck off the left post and bounced away. Carlucci almost doubled up for BUSC when he drove left to right from 25 yards out and sent a screamer off the crossbar. The second half was more physical as Hayward pressed and Ballistic countered, but without further scoring. A double red, one each to BUSC and Hayward, in the 51st minute was a portent of what was to come. Later, a Hayward winger made a tricky play on the left side to beat 3 defenders, but Jafarpour blocked his try from 15 yards out in the 62nd minute, and that was their last good chance. The United defense stayed fairly organized, led by Florian, who was seemingly everywhere, and Jafarpour, who stayed cool under pressure. An unfortunate turn of events led the game to be abandoned in the 70th minute and BUSC got the win. This raised their record to date this season to 10-3-2. Top Offensive Players: Jeff Squier, Jay Jafarpour, Matt Carlucci; Top Defensive Players: Mike Florian, Jafarpour, Brett Webber.

The BUSC 19 Black took 5th place in the Seawolf 6v6 Tournament at Sonoma State University. The Black went 2-1-1 and missed playing in the final round of four by one point. Game one was against River City Vipers, and the Black won 5-1. Brent Cambra went off on the Vipers with 3 goals and an assist. Kieren McEntee added an goal and assist, Nate Weber also scored, and Willie Berger added an assist as well as the play of the game. With the score a tenuous 3-1, GK Garrett Clark made a sprawling save from in close but the rebound kicked out to a waiting Viper, looking at a seemingly open net. Berger never gave up and backed his keeper by filling the space and knocking away the try.

Game two was a rollercoaster against SR Crew, who jumped out to a 2-0 lead with pressure defense. BUSC came back with four straight, two by McEntee and one each from Berger and Weber, with Cambra and Aaron Scott assisting. The Crew came back with two of their own for the 4-4 final. Game three was for the flight vs. Barcelona. Goals by Joey Halim, Scott, and Cambra were not enough as the Black fell 4-3. McEntee, Scott, and Berger added assists, and Clark finished the 3 games with 23 saves. In the fifth place game, BUSC beat NW Oaks 4-3. Cambra had his fifth goal of the day, McEntee his fourth, and Kurt Lenamon and Scott added the others, with Berger, Weber, and McEntee assisting.

Pleasanton BUSC Premier U16 defeated Modesto United FC U-16, 6 to 3. An

8-5, Stockton Storm 5-0, Castro Valley Synergy 7-1, Foothill Gold 2-0 and only losing a 4-5 ballgame to CA Spin on Saturday. This week Phantom 12's are getting ready for the ASA Western National fastpitch tournament in Las Cruces, New Mexico July 31st - August 5th.

PALL Champs

Jake Dronkers helped the Pleasanton American Little League 11 year old All Stars capture the District 57 Championship with a 7-3 victory over Dublin Little League on Tuesday night.

Dronkers pitched 6 strong innings to hold Dublin to 1 run on 3 hits. Dronkers also contributed at the plate going 4-4 with three doubles and a homerun.

After trailing 0-1, PALL tied the score in the 3rd inning as Austin Piscotti drove in Ryan Anderson to make it a 1-1 game. PALL would then add 2 more runs in the 4th as Matt Shackley led off with a single, Zach Schmidt moved him to 2nd on a perfect sacrifice bunt and TJ Friedl hit a homerun over the left field fence to put PALL up 3-1. In the 5th inning, PALL added 3 more runs as Dronkers, Piscotti and Jakob Wipfli started the inning with hits. Dronkers and Piscotti and Chase Hennings would cross the plate on RBI's from Ryan Alley, TJ Friedl and Wipfli. Dronkers would finish the scoring for PALL in the top of the 6th with a towering solo homerun to left to build a 7-1 lead heading into the bottom of the 6th. After retiring the first Dublin batter, Dublin mounted a rally and had runners on 1st and 3rd with 2 outs and the score 7-3, but Austin Piscotti would make the play of the game as he retrieved a glove, that deflected off of the 3rd basemen's glove, and threw out the runner at 1st.

PALL was led on offense by Dronkers (4-4, 3-2B, HR, 2-R, 1-RB), Friedl (3-4, HR, 3-RB), Ryan Anderson (3-4, 1-R), Piscotti (3-4, 1-R), Chase Hennings (1-2, 1-R) and Matt Shackley (1-1, 1-R). Great Defensive plays were turned in by Kyle Greenan, Alex Zwingle, Ryan Alley, Jakob Wipfli, Zach Schmidt and Brian Hsu.

PALL faced off with Tracy National on Friday July 20, in the first round of the Section 3 Tournament in Palo Alto.

Team Roster: Ryan Alley, Ryan Anderson, TJ Friedl, Brian Hsu, Jake Dronkers, Austin Piscotti, Jakob Wipfli, Chase Hennings, Matt Shackley, Zach Schmidt, Kyle Greenan, Alex Zwingle and Nick Goldstein. Manager: Ron Anderson Coaches: Mike Piscotti and Terry Friedl.

SECTION 3 TOURNAMENT

Ryan Anderson hit 2 home runs and had 6 RBIs to help lead Pleasanton American Little League to a 13-1 win over Tracy National Little League in the opening round of the Section 3 Tournament in Palo Alto. PALL jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first after TJ Friedl singled and reached 3rd on an error. Anderson followed with a sac fly to score Friedl. Brian Hsu then doubled and scored as Jacob Wipfli singled him home. PALL would add 4 more runs in the 2nd as Ryan Alley led off with a single, Kyle Greenan reached on a sacrifice that scored Alley. Ryan Anderson then hit a 2-run homerun scoring Greenan. Jake Dronkers then singled and scored on a double by Austin Piscotti. PALL would add a run in both the 3rd, as Zach Schmidt singled and scored on a pass ball and the 4th, as Dronkers singled and scored on a rbi from Wipfli. In the 5th inning PALL added 2 runs on singles by Alex Zwingle and Friedl and a 2-run single from Piscotti that brought the score to 10-1. Matt Shackley led off the 6th with a double and Zach Schmidt was walked putting runners on first and second, with 1 out as Anderson launched his 2nd homerun over the left field fence to score three and put PALL up 13-1.

Offensive leaders for PALL, Ryan Anderson (2-4, 2 HR's, 6-RB's, 2-R's), Austin Piscotti (3-3, 2-2B's, 3-RB's), Jake Dronkers (2-4, 2-R's), Matt Shackley (1-2, 1-2B, 1-R), Alley (1-2, 1-R), Zach Schmidt (1-1, 2-R's), Kyle Greenan (1-1, 2-R's), Alex Zwingle (1-2), TJ Friedl (2-5, 2-R's).

PALL received great pitching from Bruan Hsu who pitched 4 innings allowing 1 run on 2 hits. Anderson and Friedl came in for an inning each not allowing a hit. Great defensive plays were made by Dronkers, Shackley, Hsu, Anderson, Alley, Wipfli and Piscotti.

Ruby Hill Swims to Win

Ruby Hill came through with a 580 to 362 victory over Foothill Area Swim Team (FAST) on Saturday, July 21st. Swimmers on both teams performed their best individual and relay times landing them in the top ten rankings in the Tri-Valley Swim League.

Top ten individual Ruby Hill swimmers from this meet: Jessica Jensen, Taylor Sowers, Kristen Hewitt, Courtney Seams, Kaitlyn Schmierer, Hannah McGillivray, Kirsten Jensen, Kenny Peng, Trent Knappe, Nicholas Perry and Jason Cunningham. Top ten individual FAST swimmers from this meet: Hanna Fleshman, Emily Hill, Paige Heacox, Brandon Chen and Danny Carballo. Seven FAST relay teams and two Ruby Hill relay teams scored their best times of the season, Ruby Hill 6 & under girls free relay and FAST 7-8 girls free relay and medley relay teams are currently ranked first in the league.

Girls 6 & Under: 25 yd Free: Jessica Jensen 21.30(RH); 25 yd Fly: Taylor Sowers 25.74 (RH); 25 yd Breaststroke: Taylor Sowers 32.21(RH); 25 yd Back: Jessica Jensen 27.36(RH).

Girls 7-8: 25 yd Free: Paige Heacox 16.45(FAST); 25 yd Fly: Paige Heacox 22.95(FAST); 25 yd Breaststroke: Elizabeth Brown 24.76(FAST); 25 yd Back: Kirsten Hewitt 21.60 (RH).

Girls 9-10: 50 yd Free: Courtney Seams 33.90(RH); 25 yd Fly: Kaitlyn Schmierer 18.59(RH); 25 yd Breaststroke: Haley Herje 22.71(FAST); 100 IM: Hannah McGillivray 1:34.65(RH); 25 yd Back: Courtney Seams

19.58(RH). **Girls 11-12:** 50 yd Free: Camille Lusher 33.27(RH); 50 yd Fly: Mallory Manzano 37.32(FAST); 50 yd Breaststroke: Kirsten Jensen 41.51(RH); 100 IM: Kirsten Jensen 1:21.08(FAST); 50 yd Back: Kirsten Jensen 39.37(RH).

Girls 13-14: 50 yd Free: Lindsey Baxter 29.76(RH); 50 yd Fly: Marissa Pereira 34.20(RH); 50 yd Breaststroke: Lindsey Olenic 41.90(RH); 100 IM: Lindsey Baxter 1:16.27; 50 yd Back: Lindsey Baxter 35.26(RH).

Women 15-18: 50 yd Free: Michelle Schirle 29.28 (RH); 50 yd Fly: Corinne Lusher 32.65(RH); 50 yd Breaststroke: Sasha Zarubin 42.80(FAST); 100 IM: Michelle Schirle 1:17.66(PM); 50 yd Back: Meghan O'Donnell 35.94(RH).

Boys 6 & Under: 25 yd Free: Brandon Chen 23.46(FAST); 25 yd Fly: Danny Carballo 29.95(FAST); 25 yd Breaststroke: Danny Carballo 30.04(FAST); 25 yd Back: Brandon Chen 29.33(FAST).

Boys 7-8: 25 yd Free: Tom Sorsen 17.18(RH); 25 yd Fly: Tom Sorsen 20.47(RH); 25 yd Breaststroke: Greg Arnold 31.74(FAST); 25 yd Back: Tom Sorsen 21.90(RH).

Boys 9-10: 50 yd Free: Augustin Chen 41.00(FAST); 25 yd Fly: Myles Hewitt 19.11(RH); 25 yd Breaststroke: David Acosta 24.51(RH); 100 IM: Myles Hewitt 1:36.35; 25 yd Back: Augustin Chen 24.55(FAST).

Boys 11-12: 50 yd Free: Nick Johnston 29.13(RH); 50 yd Fly: Myles Hewitt 19.11(RH); 50 yd Breaststroke: Alex Acosta 44.83(RH); 100 IM: Nick Johnston 1:17.88; 50 yd Back: Trent Knappe 41.15(RH).

Boys 13-14: 50 yd Free: Nicholas Perry 26.34(RH); 50 yd Fly: Nicholas Perry 29.54(RH); 50 yd Breaststroke: Michael Udinski 36.70(FAST); 100 IM: Nicholas Perry 1:09.39(RH); 50 yd Back: David Hank 35.62(RH).

Men 15-18: 50 yd Free: Jason Cunningham 25.19(RH); 50 yd Fly: Jason Cunningham 27.89(RH); 50 yd Breaststroke: Jamie Acosta 38.41(RH); 100 IM: Jason Cunningham 1:03.72(RH); 50 yd Back: James Raynel 33.40(RH).

Killer Whales

Ruby Hill Killer Whales took on the Dublin Green Gators in a Tri-Valley Swim League dual meet, scoring 474 to 504 for the Gators.

25 Free 6-under girls: Taylor Sowers (RH) 20.50; 6-under boys: Nick Portoni (DUB) 28.97; 7-8 girls: Kirsten Hewitt (RH) 16.93; 7-8 boys: Reece Toney (DUB) 18.96; 50 Free 9-10 girls: Kaitlyn Schmierer (RH) 38.10; 9-10 boys: Joey Repac (DUB) 36.64; 11-12 girls: Camille Lusher (RH) 33.44; 11-12 boys: Nick Johnston (RH) 29.84; 13-14 girls: Lindsey Baxter (RH) 29.69; 13-14 boys: Nicholas Perry (RH) 26.16; 15-18 women: Lauren Banks (DUB) 29.34; 15-18 men: Jason Cunningham (RH) 23.84.

25 Fly 6-under girls: Sofia Gluck (DUB) 25.11; 6-under boys: Zakary Butler-Steinert (DUB) 46.31; 7-8 girls: Kirsten Hewitt (RH) 23.67; 7-8 boys: Reece Toney (DUB) 26.19; 9-10 girls: Kaitlyn Schmierer (RH) 19.89; 9-10 boys: Jorell Toney (DUB) 16.63; 9-10 Fly 11-12 girls: Abigail Maguire (DUB) 36.86; 11-12 boys: Nick Johnston (RH) 35.41; 13-14 girls: Marissa Pereira (RH) 33.86; 13-14 boys: Robert Camozzi (DUB) 29.65; 15-18 women: Crystal Hung (DUB) 30.13; 15-18

men: Jason Cunningham (RH) 27.78. 25 Breaststroke 6-under girls: Alicia Vasquez (RH) 33.85; 6-under boys: Kenny Peng (RH) 43.05; 7-8 girls: Olivia Cano (DUB) 25.72; 7-8 boys: Jack Behm (DUB) 28.74; 9-10 girls: Hannah McGillivray (RH) 22.64; 9-10 boys: Jorell Toney (DUB) 22.02; 50 Breaststroke 11-12 girls: McKalee Mooney (RH) 43.56; 11-12 boys: Jacob Shafi (DUB) 47.21; 13-14 girls: Sami Deering (DUB) 41.19; 13-14 boys: Benjamin Young (DUB) 3 Lindsey Baxter (RH) 8.36; 15-18 women: Lauren Banks (DUB) 38.04; 15-18 men: Kagan Wilkinson (DUB) 33.84. 100 IM 9-10 girls: Hannah McGillivray (RH) 1:38.19; 9-10 boys: Myles Hewitt (RH) 1:35.02; 11-12 girls: Camille Lusher (RH) 1:25.88; 11-12 boys: Nick Johnston (RH) 1:19.94; 13-14 boys: Lindsey Baxter (RH) 1:15.92; 13-14 boys: Robert Camozzi (DUB) 1:13.74; 15-18 women: Kiumin Minase (DUB) 1:12.97; 15-18 men: Jeff Van Dom (DUB) 1:07.17.



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(RH) 25. 15: 6-under boys: Kenny Peng (RH) 34.51; 7-9 girls: Kirsten Hewitt (RH) 22.72; 7-8 boys: Sean Cookley (DUB) 25.23; 9-10 girls: Savannah Behm (DUB) 21.78; 9-10 boys: Joey Repac (RH) 19.29; 50 Back 11-12 girls: Abigail Maguire (DUB) 36.57; 11-12 boys: Christopher Fematny (DUB) 42.51; 13-14 girls: Lindsey Baxter (RH) 36.00; 13-14 boys: David Hank (DUB) 35.63; 15-18 women: Crystal Hung (DUB) 31.74; 15-18 men: Ryan Perry (RH) 36.15.

Pony All Stars

Pleasanton Pony All-Stars battled in the All Star Peninsula Region Section Tournament in San Bruno. Pleasanton defeated Foster City in Game 1, 7 to 1. Following a "suicide squeeze" play executed on a bunt by Taylor Menzel for the first run, Drake Rivenes (nicknamed "the Beast") hit a three run homer in the 5th inning to put Pleasanton in the lead. An additional single home run by Jackson Zarubin and base hits by Aaron Haford, Dawson Graham, and Greg Shehtanian increased the lead. A trio of outstanding pitchers Greg Shehtanian, Dawson Graham and Drake Rivenes held the opposing team to only 1 run.

In Game 2, Pleasanton defeated Pacifica, 12-4. Taylor Menzel went 3 for 3 (2 RBIs) at bat and displayed excellent defense at third base to assist in 7 outs of the game. Matt Yount astounded the bleachers with his hunting ability by his excellent execution on 3 out of 3 sacrifice bunts. To break Pleasanton into the lead, Justin Brunnett hit a base hit followed by another key base hit double by Drake Rivenes. This was followed by a string of additional base hits by Jack Pilling, Greg Shehtanian, and Jackson Zarubin. Jack Pilling and Greg Shehtanian pitched with multiple strikeouts each to hold Pacifica to only 4 runs, allowing Pleasanton to win with a comfortable lead.

Jack Pilling pitched with finesse and confidence in Game 3 to lead Pleasanton to a final score of 5 to 1 against San Mateo. He pitched all seven innings and produced an amazing seven strike outs. To put Pleasanton onto the scoreboard in inning 3, Justin Brunnett walked, Patrick Gibbons singled and then Tyler Cook hit a shot (double, RBI). Drake Rivenes then delivered under pressure a key sacrifice fly to break open the lead on a pass ball score, 3 to 1. Good infield plays by Taylor Menzel, 3 to 1. Good infield plays by Taylor Menzel at third base and Patrick Gibbons at shortstop to hold base runners and produce key outs, and Tyler Cook to Matt Yount to catch a runner stealing, maintained a strong defensive hold on San Mateo. Excellent outfield catches by Justin Brunnett and Jackson Zarubin kept San Mateo from any hope of further base hits. Justin Brunnett, Patrick Gibbons and Tyler Cook all produced additional base hits and RBIs to increase the lead.

In the double elimination round against South San Francisco, Pleasanton was defeated in both games 0-17 and 5-15. Greg Shehtanian started both games as pitcher, and other pitchers entered including Patrick Gibbons, Taylor Menzel, Matt Yount, Adam Yount and Keaton Housman. The South San Francisco offensive line up was impressive with 5 home runs total in both games and multiple base hits. Their defense was equally outstanding and prevented Pleasanton from breaking through. Despite the loss, there was notable hitting from Pleasanton in both games, including Tyler Cook (2 Doubles, 1 Single and 2 RBIs), Greg Shehtanian (1 Double, 2 Singles, 1 RBI), Justin Brunnett (1 Double and 1 Single), Jackson Zarubin (1 Single, 1 Sacrifice Fly RBI), Dawson Graham (2 Singles, 1 RBI), Patrick Gibbons (1 Single), Taylor Menzel (1 Single), and Keaton Housman (1 Single). In defense Jackson Zarubin caught two difficult fly balls, Jack Pilling made 2 good infield plays, and Justin Brunnett threw a runner out from left field to second baseman Matt Yount. South San Francisco will now advance to the next tournament.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Competitors dive into the waters at Shadow Cliffs at the start of the Tri-for Fun. The competition also includes a bike ride and run.

Sharks Win

The Rhonewood Sharks swam to a win against Livermore Valley Tennis Club. Michael Hawkins (11-12 Boys) had an outstanding meet with a first place finish in all his events. Trevor Davidson (9-10 Boys) kept his first place in butterfly and swam to first place in breast stroke. Katie Woods (9-10 Girls) had another awesome meet with a first place in two of her events. Josh Cruz (15-18 Boys) also swam his way to two first place finishes. Way to go sharks! It was a great way to finish off the regular season. The championship swimmers were named on Sunday to compete in the Valley League Championship meet next Saturday. Congratulations Swimmers!

Top swimmers for Rhonewood are: 6&U Girls: Kristy Neufeld; 6&U Boys: Wesley Edwards, Reece Kerstetter; 7-8 girls: Emily Hawkins; 7-8 boys: Rory Cartwright, Tyler Gonzales; 9-10 girls: Katie Woods; 9-10 boys: Trevor Davidson, Connor Jones; 11-12 girls: Natalie Dimits, Shannon Melrose; 11-12 boys: Michael Hawkins, Kevin Johnston, Jonathan Wapman; 13-14 girls: Courtney Christensen, Katelyn Jones; 13-14 boys: Zach Edwards, Jonathan Cruz, Scott Crowder; 15-18 girls: Kendra Cover, Kayleigh Torres, Amanda Johnston; and 15-18 boys: Josh Cruz, Baljinyam Dashedj.

Stingrays Victorious

The Del Prado Stingrays swam past the Briar Hill Barracudas, 577 to 374. Del Prado's Taylor Peterson (17), for the girls and Jake Newman (9), for the boys, led the Stingrays, by winning all their individual events. Taylor won the 50 Free, 50 Fly, and the 100 IM. Jake won the 25 Free, 25 Back, and the 100 IM. Taylor also anchored the winning 15-18 Women's 200 Free Relay Team. Other top performers for Del Prado were Emily Klein (14), Jaclyn Strom (13), Kathryn Kitayama (10), Eric Gates (14), Alex Beatty (17), and Andrew Goard (12). Briar Hill's Brittany Achziger (10) and Jamie Somerville (14), were the top performers for the Barracudas. Brittney won the 25 Breast, 100 IM, and placed second in the 25 Fly. Jake led the boys by winning the 50 Free and placing second in the 50 Fly, IM and Back. Other top performers for the Barracudas were Marissa Bergh (12), Kayley Clesen (8), Bailey Varela (6), Joey (6) and Matthew Grywczynski (8), and Brent Reed (15). *Times are for a non-regulation pool.

Girls 6 & Under: 25 Meter Free Sullivan,

Mary, DP-CC, 22.24; 25 Meter Back Varela, Bailey, BH, 22.19; 50 Meter Breaststroke Sullivan, Sarah, DP-CC, 28.32; 25 Meter Fly Cook, Peyton, DP-CC, 27.08.

Girls 7-8: 25 Meter Free White, Nicole, DP-CC, 14.10; 25 Meter Back Bardakos, Alyssa, DP-CC, 18.12; G 25 Meter Breaststroke Clesen, Kayley, BH, 19.09; 25 Meter Fly Bardakos, Alyssa, DP-CC, 17.35.

Girls 9-10: 50 Meter Free Kitayama, Kathryn, DP-CC, 26.30; 25 Meter Back Kitayama, Kathryn, DP-CC, 15.26; 25 Meter Breaststroke Achziger, Brittney, BH, 14.57; 25 Meter Fly Sullivan, Danielle, DP-CC, 12.26; 100 Meter IM Achziger, Brittney, BH, 1:05.44.

Girls 11-12: 50 Meter Free Waldear, Kristine, DP-CC, 23.13; 50 Meter Back Bergh, Marissa, BH, 26.03; 50 Meter Breaststroke Gates, Marina, DP-CC, 30.28; 50 Meter Fly Elgin, Marissa, BH, 24.77; 100 Meter IM Gates, Elaine, DP-CC, 1:02.91.

Girls 13-14: 50 Meter Free Klein, Emily, DP-CC, 23.09; 50 Meter Back Klein, Emily, DP-CC, 28.20; 50 Meter Breaststroke Corrigan, Shannon, BH, 29.49; 50 Meter Fly Strom, Jaclyn, DP-CC, 27.12; 100 Meter IM Strom, Jaclyn, DP-CC, 59.97.

Women 15-18: 50 Meter Free Peterson, Taylor, DP-CC, 20.81; 50 Meter Back Mayes, Colleen, DP-CC, 25.65; 50 Meter Breaststroke Kurotori, Kimberly, DP-CC, 28.40; 50 Meter Fly Peterson, Taylor, DP-CC, 23.91; 100 Meter IM Peterson, Taylor, DP-CC, 54.06.

Boys 6 & Under: 25 Meter Free Grywczynski, Joey, BH, 14.77; 25 Meter Back Grywczynski, Joey, BH, 18.00; 25 Meter Breaststroke Aitken, Callum, DP-CC, 26.74; 25 Meter Fly Groves, Michael, BH, 25.84.

Boys 7-8: 25 Meter Free Grywczynski, Matthew, BH, 13.51; 25 Meter Back Pacholik, Alexei, BH, 19.07; 25 Meter Breaststroke Calhoun, Jackson, BH, 19.75; 25 Meter Fly Grywczynski, Matthew, BH, 17.16.

Boys 9-10: 50 Meter Free Newman, Jake, DP-CC, 28.07; 25 Meter Back Newman, Jake, DP-CC, 15.19; 25 Meter Breaststroke Sabatini, Tommy, DP-CC, 16.20; 25 Meter Fly Balas, Peter, DP-CC, 15.10; 100 Meter IM Newman, Jake, DP-CC, 1:08.77.

Boys 11-12: 50 Meter Free Melloch, Brett, BH, 22.88; 50 Meter Back Goard, Andrew, DP-CC, 33.69; 50 Meter Breaststroke Goard, Andrew, DP-CC, 35.65; 50 Meter Fly Melloch, Brett, BH, 26.72; 100 Meter IM Kenney, Sean, BH, 1:08.58.

Boys 13-14: 50 Meter Free Somerville,

Jamie, BH, 20.95; 50 Meter Back Gates, Eric, DP-CC, 23.06; 50 Meter Breaststroke Nespor, Christopher, DP-CC, 27.82; 50 Meter Fly Gates, Eric, DP-CC, 21.45; 100 Meter IM Gates, Eric, DP-CC, 50.72.

Men 15-18: 50 Meter Free Beatty, Alex, DP-CC, 18.41; 50 Meter Back Reed, Brent, BH, 20.66; 50 Meter Breaststroke Costa, Josef, DP-CC, 25.90; 50 Meter Fly Reed, Brent, BH, 20.12; 100 Meter IM Lind, Brandon, BH, 45.70.

Pleasanton Meadows

Although they were swimming against a very good Dublin team, the Pleasanton Meadows Sharks put up some very good marks and had many first place finishes even though they lost the meet 589.5 to 363.5.

The Tincher family had an exceptionally good day with three kids posting first place finishes. Emily took the fly and breast events in U6 while Mary won the backstroke (U6) and brother Sam was part of the winning 7-8 free relay team. The Tuckers were also very busy with Blake taking the 7-8 free and back, while Nicholas won the 9-10 IM and fly. Both participated in winning free relay teams with Nicholas also on the winning medley relay team.

Aldin Dallos also took home a pair of individual firsts, taking the 9-10 breast and IM.

The 11-12 boys went 1-2-3 in the butterfly with Connor Greene winning the event, Parker Brown taking second and Aaron Shreve nailing the third spot.

Other individual winners were Isabelle Epley (7-8), Kaala Cheney (11-12), Katey Cloonan (13-14), Joey Silva (13-14) in the free while Sidney Vaeth (7-8) took the butterfly. In the breaststroke, Drake Southern (U6), Tyler Rhoads (7-8), and Shelby Nordendahl (9-10) took first.

Free: Epley, Isabelle Pleasanton Meadows-US 19.48; Tucker, Blake Pleasanton Meadows-US 19.00; Cheney, Kaala Pleasanton Meadows-US 32.18; Cloonan, Katey Pleasanton Meadows-US 31.79; Silva, Joey Pleasanton Meadows-US 26.91.

Fly: Tincher, Emily Pleasanton Meadows-US 22.97; Vaeth, Tucker Pleasanton Meadows-US 24.13; Tincher, Nicholas Pleasanton Meadows-US 18.68; Greene, Connor Pleasanton Meadows-US 43.41; Brown, Parker Pleasanton Meadows-US 43.93; Shreve, Aaron Pleasanton Meadows-US 47.79.

Breast: Tincher, Emily Pleasanton Meadows-US 31.81; Southern, Drake Pleasanton

Meadows-US 38.27; Rhoads, Tyler Pleasanton Meadows-US 26.72; Nordendahl, Shelby Pleasanton Meadows-US 23.17; Dallos, Aldin Pleasanton Meadows-US 40.06.

IM: Tucker, Nicholas Pleasanton Meadows-US 1:29.40; Dallos, Aldin Pleasanton Meadows-US 1:31.30.

Back: Tincher, Mary Pleasanton Meadows-US 30.05; Tucker, Blake Pleasanton Meadows-US 23.19.

Livermore Smoke

The Livermore Smoke 14-under Black team (B division) played in an ASA tournament hosted by the Pleasanton Phantoms.

Pool play - first game: Livermore Smoke 5, Rancho Cordova 1. The first game against Rancho Cordova Fury was won with a rally in the final inning led by Dominique Carey. Excellent defense and pitching was provided by Stefani Miller who turned a double play with assist going to Ashley Vignola. Calaveras Sliders 6, Livermore Smoke 5. Half Moon Bay Waves 3, Livermore Smoke 0.

Single elimination play - first round: Livermore Smoke 3, San Carlos Force 2. Sunday morning started with another win, this time against San Carlos Force. Calaveras Sliders 5, Livermore Smoke 0. The single elimination tournament was over for Smoke when they were upended by Calaveras Sliders again. Defensive plays by Leslie Carlson and Cynthia Meyer (who had two runs and a RBI this weekend) were not enough to thwart the Sliders.

Fall Ball

Sign ups for Fall Ball will be held on August 1st from 6:30 to 8:00 at the Mountain Mikes Pizza on First St (near Orchard Supply). Livermore. Cost is \$100 and it is open to all Livermore residents age 7 (born after Aug 1, 2000) and 14 (born before Aug 1, 1993). Teams will start to form in mid to late August. Questions contact secretary@inll.us or call 925-443-LNL.

Pleasanton Lacrosse

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

Pony Baseball

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

Pony Registration

Pony Baseball Pleasanton/Livermore/Dublin is now accepting registrations for the 2007 Fall Ball season for ages 5 to 10. Ages 11 to 14 will register with the Pony Baseball Tiger program. Games begin Sun, Sept. 23 and continue for six Sundays. For more information or to register for Fall Ball or Tiger Baseball go to www.pleasantonpony.com or www.livermorepony.com.

CYO Basketball

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

Place Kicking Camp

Steve Jordan, former All-PAC 10 and

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

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

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

Lacrosse Camp

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

Roller Hockey

Valley Roller Hockey Fall League signups will be held Saturday, July 28th and Sat., Aug 4th at the rink from 10am-1pm. League start the week of August 27th. Valley Roller Hockey is located behind Junction Ave Middle School in Livermore. Leagues are available for all ages & abilities. Mites - ages 6 and under Saturday mornings free; Squirts Ages 7-9 Mondays and Tuesdays, PeeWees ages 10-12 Mondays and Tuesdays, Bantams ages 12-15 Wednesdays and Thursdays, high school ages Freshman-Senior Mondays and Thursdays. League fees are \$110 on these 2 sign up dates. After Aug 4th the normal fee of \$135 will be in effect. Call for more details 925-443-1500.

Open Water Swim

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

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

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

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

OBITUARIES

Anna Jean Ward

Anna Jean Ward went to be with the Lord on July 16, 2007. She was 51.

Jean was born Sept. 10, 1945 in Cottage Grove, OR. Jean was a cat lover and volunteered some of her time at the local hospital. She will always hold a special place in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

She is survived by a daughter, Gina Ward of San Francisco, a son Raymond L. Ward II and grandchildren, Brianna and Shane of Livermore, her mother, Irene Wilson of Eureka, siblings, nieces, nephews and friends.

Services were held July 20 in Pleasanton. Burial was at Roselawn Cemetery in Livermore.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Elaine Gloria Jones

Elaine Gloria Jones died July 19, 2007 at ValleyCare Medical Center in Pleasanton. She was 78.

The native of Brooklyn, New York, had lived in Livermore for 55 years. She was the daughter of Charles and Mabel Klein. She worked as a waitress and was the bar owner of Hank's Place from 1978-1996. Her hobbies included knitting and crocheting and plastic canvas. Her work won ribbons at the fair.

She is survived by her daughters Janet and husband Robert Garcia of Pleasanton and Gail Franchi of Livermore, a son, John Franchi of Tracy as well as grandchildren and their spouses, John and Isabell Franchi of Tucson, AZ, Jonni and David Standish of Idaho, and Megan Garcia of Pleasanton; great grandchildren, Cody and Crystal Davis of Idaho and Marlene Redlick of Berlin, Germany. She was preceded in death by her husband Guido Franchi in 1982 and Hank Jones in 1995.

At her request no services will

be held. A gathering of friends and family will be held at 2 p.m. on Sat., July 28 at the family home, 505 South K St., Livermore.

Donations are suggested to a charity of choice.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Anthony Santos

Anthony Santos, 86, died June 15, 2007.

He was born in Irvington in 1920, lived most of his adult life in San Jose, moving to Livermore in the early 1970s.

Anthony is survived by his wife, Kathryn, daughter Mary, sons Anthony and William Suter, grandchildren Chad, Brett, Heather and Becky, nine great grandchildren and a brother, Tom.

He was a rock hound, avid hunter and lifetime member of the Livermore-Pleasanton Rod and Gun Club and the National Rifle Association. He served for 12 years on the Alameda County Civil Service Commission and the Alameda County Soil Conservation Board.

Viewing and vigil were held June 21 with Mass celebrated at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Livermore on June 22. Burial followed at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Livermore.

Rose Marie Sabourin

Rose Marie (Gallatin) Sabourin died July 15, 2007. She was 95.

Rose was born April 3, 1912 to Catherine Vils and John Gallatin in Kenosha, Wisconsin. She was the second child in a family of three brothers, Edward, Herbert and John, and two sisters, Bernice and Catherine, who have all preceded her in death.

She worked as a switchboard operator for the Wisconsin Bell Telephone Company from 1930 to 1947. She married Frank Sabourin in 1946. They were

married almost 60 years. Frank died in October 2006.

Rose was a homemaker, an active member of the Greenfield Wisconsin Women's Club, enjoyed dancing, playing bridge, gambling trips and her son-in-law's Margaritas. After moving to Pleasanton in 1988, she and Frank became members of the community advisory group that helped design the Pleasanton Senior Center. She was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, the VIP Senior Club and coordinated the senior travel program. Rose enjoyed a full life with family and friends who will miss her quiet, generous spirit.

She is survived by a daughter, Mary Jane Casper, son-in-law, Tom Casper, and grandson Collin Casper who will miss her but know that she is dancing again with Frank.

A memorial mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Fri., Aug. 17 at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

Donations can be made in her name to Friends of the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton, CA 94566.

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Jack Waggoner

John Travis "Jack" Waggoner died July 4, 2007 at Delta County Memorial Hospital in Colorado.

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He was 75.

Waggoner was an assistant superintendent for the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, retiring in 1984 to move to Oregon to work in the fruit business. In 1994, he moved to Eckert, CO. and continued in the orchard business.

He was born March 17, 1932 to Charles and Josephine Waggoner. He spent his childhood in Denver, graduating from East High School in 1950. He attended the University of Colorado and graduated from the University of Denver with a bachelor's degree. He received his master's degree from San Jose State College and attended the University of the Pacific in Stockton, where he was working toward his doctorate degree.

He enjoyed working in his orchard and painting landscapes

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and portraits. He was a 49ers football fan.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Waggoner, sons and their wives, Chris and Jan Waggoner of Eckert, CO., and Bill and Pam Waggoner of Whitewater, CO.; a daughter and her husband, Vicki and Pete Neumann of Montrose, CO., and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother, Bill Waggoner.

At his request no services were held.

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By Anne Homan

Damming the Arroyo Del Valle

In the 1970s and 1980s our family enjoyed sailing at Lake Del Valle. We had an El Toro, a Laser, and a 505. I will never forget our friend laughing as he worked the 505 trapeze for the first time or the occasion when our younger son bumped into the dock so hard with the Laser that he threw his instructor into the water. But perhaps most special of all is that late summer afternoon when the conditions were so calm that our daughter could swim beside the boat. The lake and its surroundings, Del Valle Regional Park, have long been a local favorite for recreation.

In the late 1960s, a 235-foot-high earth-filled dam was built across the Arroyo del Valle to create a reservoir for the South Bay Aqueduct system. The project employed a total of 279 people. A *Herald* reporter described work being done on the dam even at night: "A spectacular scene awaits visitors who drive to the observation area after sunset. The headlights of tractors, large earth movers, watering trucks and compaction equipment can be seen crisscrossing under mercury vapor lamps in the reflected sheen of moist clay. Work continued until 12:30 a.m." Local available raw materials kept the earthen dam's cost down to an estimated \$26 million. Workers dug clay used for the core of the dam out of the hillsides. Gravel was scooped out of the creek bottom and brought from as far upstream as seven miles. Completed in August 1968, the dam created five-mile-long Lake Del Valle, focal point for the 3,997 surrounding acres of parkland, now part of the East Bay Regional Park system.

Like the flooding of Hetch Hetchy Valley in Yosemite National Park, the inundation of the valley created by the Arroyo Del Valle was not without some controversy. Although not as well-known for its beauty as Hetch Hetchy, the valley was important to local residents. Maitland Henry, longtime editor and publisher of *The Herald*, mourned its passing. "Livermore is soon to lose one of its most famed attractions. . . . This beauty spot has attracted visitors through the years, the scene varying with the change of seasons but undoubtedly most attractive in the spring when wildflowers are in bloom. Nature lovers should drive over the road now for the display of color along the high bank which borders it, where wind poppies, mission bells, Indian paint brushes, owl's clover, dwarf lupin and Chinese pagodas are to be found in colorful profusion. The wind poppies are particularly striking. It is as if nature has outdone itself for the last display which will ever be seen in that part of the canyon. Construction of the Arroyo Del Valle dam is scheduled to start next May, eliminating the road, whose bank is the focal spot of the beauty. Then the canyon for miles will be under water."

William "Billy" Frates, born on 19 August 1885 at the ranch where his father homesteaded, still lived there on Mendenhall Road when he was interviewed in 1980 by Sara Maloney. He remembered attending the old one-room Valle School—its site now under water—and he remembered the valley before it was flooded. "This valley was a lovely place. It was filled with fruit orchards—apples, prunes, pears—all kinds of fruit. We raised fruit and hay. My father and I herded sheep on that hillside over there. At one time, there were over a thousand sheep in the valley."

When heavy rains came in the winter and spring, the Arroyo Del Valle could suddenly become a raging torrent. Probably the worst drowning accident in the Livermore Valley occurred in December 1892 when the Ernest Nicholaisen family, convinced that their house would soon be flooded, hitched up their horse and tried to ford a smaller stream leading to the Arroyo Del Valle in their spring wagon. The vehicle was upset, and both parents and a son age four and a daughter age six died.

An exhibit at the park's visitor center tells the story of a more recent flood in February 1986. In one week 7 1/2 inches of rain fell in the area; normal rainfall for an entire year is 14 1/2 inches. The high-water mark on the visitor center reached six feet; the entire lake rose 35 feet. The visitor center and the concession stand were wrecked. A clean-up crew spent many hours clearing away debris that had swept down into the flooded picnic and campground areas. Cost of repairing damage in the park reached over \$164,000. The dam served its purpose: downstream ranches and communities were protected from severe flooding.

When we first moved to Livermore in 1970, Arroyo Road ended in a parking lot just above the dam, probably the same "observation area" from which locals watched the dam being built. Today, the parking lot has been moved, and a visitor must climb up a steep trail to see the breath-taking view of the reservoir.

I had two errors in last week's column. In my list of musical compositions, I inadvertently left out the word "first." These pieces of music are on the program of the Livermore-Amador Symphony for the season's first concert this year in December. Through the years, only a few of the principals have been paid; volunteers have been by far the majority.

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LARPD Fall Class Brochure Available

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) Fall 2007 Activity Brochure is now available for viewing online at www.larpd.dst.ca.us. Just scroll down to the photo of the brochure and click on "Fall 2007" to open the full 45-page document. Registration for classes gets underway on Wednesday, August 15, 2007.

A full schedule of classes for all ages begins with "Baby and Me," for newborns to 12-months and their parents to enjoy music and baby play activities and develop a social network with other new parents.

Pre-schoolers can join in the fun of Busy Bee Cooks or Twinkle Toe Ballet, while older kids might consider participating in a musical production of the Wizard of Oz, or trying the all new Spybot Adventures with Lego Bricks class. There's also a wide range of fall and holiday sports camps to choose from, and Cyclocross Racing for cyclists of all ages.

Adults can select from a broad range of online courses, along with free classes presented by the Livermore Police Department, including one on "What Parents Can Do to Help Keep Kids Safe." Also offered this fall is Instant Piano for the Hopelessly Busy Person.

The LARPD brochure also provides details about some of the region's most popular holi-

day events, such as the Children's Fair on September 8 and 9, the 4th Livermore Idol Competition, the Halloween Carnival and Haunted Barn in October and Breakfast With Santa in December.

SHORT NOTES

Walk from Obesity

Teams are now forming for the 2007 Livermore Walk from Obesity on Sat., Oct. 6. The walk will be from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at LifeStyleRx, 1119 E. Stanley Blvd., in Livermore. Walkers will walk between a quarter-mile to three miles from LifeStyleRx through the Arroyo Mocho trail. LifeStyleRx is a medical fitness facility affiliated with ValleyCare Health System.

The walk is a fund-raiser for the Obesity Action Coalition and the American Society for Bariatric Surgery. Both organizations fund research and advocacy efforts on behalf of the obese.

The walk is open to anyone touched by obesity or those who wish to support the fight against it. Registration for the walk is \$25 and includes an event T-shirt, pedometer, refreshments and all-day pass to LifeStyleRx. Each walker is encouraged to raise at least \$100. Event vendor and sponsor opportunities are also available. For information contact Julie Rooney, jrooney@valleycare.com or 925-454-6339; or visit www.walkfromobesity.com.

Climbing Half Dome

Learn how to hike to the top of Half Dome in Yosemite at a program to be presented Wed., Aug. 1 at Sunrise Mountain Sports in Livermore.

Wilderness Press author Rick Deusch will present the program starting at 7 p.m. He will discuss precautions, preparation both physical and what gear to use, trail description and tips for success. Deusch has written the only Half Dome Hiking Guide. He has climbed to the summit 19 times.

There is no admission charge for this program. Sunrise is located at 2455 Railroad Ave. in Livermore. For information, call 447-8330.

Computer Games

A computer games program will be held at the Dublin Library on Sat., Aug. 4 from 2 to 4 p.m. This seminar will include interactive demonstrations, as well as historical employment and career information.

Learn the history and technology of 3D and computer and web-based games. Presenter is Steve Klitzing, a published educational computer game designer and educator who has a game in release that made a profit of \$2.5 million in 2005.

This workshop is free. For more information, call the library at 803-7275. The library is located at 200 Civic Plaza.

Ham License Exam

The Livermore City Council Chambers, 3575 Pacific Ave., will be the site for an examination for amateur radio operator licenses on July 28. The test session starts at 10 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m. The cost to take the test is \$14.

Two forms of ID are required. Those upgrading a license, bring the original amateur license as well as a copy of it. Anyone who is a US citizen may take the license exam, regardless of age. Morse Code proficiency is no longer a requirement to obtain a license.

Appointments are not necessary, although encouraged. For more information, please contact Mike Haas (AD6TA) at AD6TA@arrlnet.net. The Livermore Amador Radio Klub (LARK) will conduct the testing.

Happy Birds

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

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

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

The Summer Reading Game began June 8, and ends August 11, 2007.

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

Sunset Cinema

KQED and the Oakland Museum of California host Sunset Cinema, free screenings of three films from KQED's independent documentary series Truly CA. The films will be shown in the museum gardens on the first Friday nights of August, September, and October 2007.

Each documentary is 60 minutes long and will be pre-faced by a short introduction by the producer or talent from the film and end with a brief Q&A session. Visitors can arrive early to arrange seating in the gardens. The series includes:

August 3 Program: 8:30pm - 10:30pm. Gumby Dharma by Robina Marchesi In 1954 Art Clokey took a slab of clay and molded it into the cartoon legend Gumby. Gumby Dharma takes us on a spirited journey through the life and career of this gifted grandfather of stop motion animation.

September 7 Program: 7:30pm - 9:30pm. Mighty Warriors of Comedy by Kibi Anderson and Sung Kim Co-presented by the Center for Asian American Media (CAAM) The 18 Mighty Mountain Warriors are an audacious Asian American sketch comedy troupe that have been writing and performing together for over a decade. Half concert film, half documentary, the film traces the struggles that 'fringe' artists face in Hollywood.

October 5 Program: 6:30pm - 8:30pm. Piece By Piece by Nic Hill Piece By Piece offers an energetic exploration of San Francisco's controversial graffiti art scene, delving into one of the most misunderstood artistic movements of modern youth culture.

KQED Education Network will provide free desserts and hot beverages. The museum will offer one complimentary glass of wine to attendees (with ID). Guests are encouraged to bring blankets or other seating and their own food and beverages. See www.kqed.org/trulyca and www.museumca.org for information on picnic restrictions and the film series.

Although Sunset Cinema films are free, other First Fridays After Five (5-9pm) events require museum admission (\$8 adult, \$5 seniors/students, free for children under six). With music performed by leading Bay Area artists, a dance floor, full cash bar and food from the cafe, all ages are welcome to attend and explore the museum gardens and galleries and special events, including tours and yoga classes. KQED members receive a special 2-for-1 discount on adult admission with their Membercard.

The museum is wheelchair accessible via the garage (entrance on Oak between 10th and 12th streets) or the 10th Street entrance (ramp on south side). A limited number of wheelchairs are available at the admissions desk (level 2). There are accessible restroom and telephones on levels 1 and 2.

Shot Clinic

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

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

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

Cactus and Succulent

The Northern California Cactus and Succulent Association will hold its annual show and sale at the San Francisco County Fair Bldg., 9th and Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park. It will open Sat. and Sun., July 28 and 29 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Admission is free.

The event will feature hundreds of rare, weird and wonderful cacti and succulents and thousands of plants for sale. In addition, there will be several free drawings each day. Free seminars will be held on such subjects as care,

potting, propagating, using proper soil mixes, and showing plants. Contact Marilyn Pekasky, 510-236-60690 or faeden444@sbcglobal.net for additional information.

Wacky Waiters

A lighthearted, tongue-in-cheek event with a serious objective will be held Sept. 7 at Castlewood County Club in Pleasanton. Some 300 real estate and affiliated company professionals will come together for an annual event designed to support schools in Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton.

Realtors Getting Real About Schools includes both a dinner and auction. At the center of the event are "celebrity waiters," generally the owners and managers of local real estate offices. They serve tables with the objective of raising the most money in tips for schools. The tips are in the form of colorful, oversized bills which attendees buy at the beginning of the evening. Once the results are tallied, the "Most Appreciated Celebrity Waiter Award" is presented. However, the big winners are the schools. Last year, some \$40,000 was raised.

Chair for this year's event is Craig Copeland, First Priority Financial. Consultants and founders of the event are Rosie Yandell, Prudential California realty, and Donna McMillion, Dublin Partners in Education.

Funds for Research

Safeway shoppers and employees joined together in the month of June to raise a record \$10.7 million to fund research programs aimed at finding a cure for prostate cancer. By making donations when shopping at local stores, the fundraising program is making a huge impact, raising \$28 million since it began in 2000.

Each year the company partners with the Prostate Cancer Foundation (PCF), the world's largest philanthropic source of support for prostate cancer research. Funds raised by Safeway support a broad range of cancer research projects at leading research and medical institutions.

Last year, the PCF and Safeway launched the PCF/Safeway Career Development Program, which supports innovative cancer research projects directed by young scientists and enables them to launch and establish careers in prostate cancer research. Award recipients came from such institutions as the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center in Seattle, Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, the University of California at San Francisco, and the University of California, Los Angeles.

Nearly all of the funds raised by Safeway were the result of asking customers to add small contributions to their grocery bill. Safeway and the PCF also joined forces with supporters in the entertainment and sports world to create additional fundraising vehicles. For

Best Of Show Wine

The Singing Winemaker in Livermore Valley has been receiving top awards at California Wine Competitions.

Sherzando received "Best of Show" in the 2007 Orange County Fair Wine Competition. The wine is a Malvasia Bianca that has just a hint of Muscat Canelli to make it lightly sweet, with fresh pink grapefruit flavor and wonderful fruity aroma. Sherzando also received a Gold medal from Orange County Fair and a Silver Medal at the Best of the Bay Competition at the Alameda County Fair.

Patty's Passion is another wine from the Singing Winemaker with multiple awards this year. Patty's Passion received a Gold Medal in The National Women's Wine Competition. The Gold Medal was won in a sub-category open to Women Winemakers only. The wine is a blend created by Patty Cuellar, Tesla Vintners Tasting Room Manager and part time wine blender. The wine is a blend of Grenache, Syrah, Mourvedre, and Petite Sirah. Best of the Bay - Alameda County Fair also awarded this wine a Gold Medal.

A port blend is in the works now. Coming Soon is the second release of Melody, a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Petite Sirah.

The Singing Winemaker is at Tesla Vintners. The Community Tasting Room features wines from Fenestra, Red Sky and The Singing Winemaker. Hours are Wed - Sun noon to 5pm.

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THEATER

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Madden family. Alexander stated that LVPAC has raised \$13.5 million toward its \$15 million capital campaign and has signed up more than 200 charter members. Over 130 events have been booked for the theater between Oct. 1, 2007 and Aug. 31, 2008, representing a wide genre of entertainment styles, allowing us to test the market.

"The financial picture is very strong," stated Alexander. LVPAC has transitioned from a volunteer run organization to one managed by a professional staff.

The 1800-seat theater would occupy the corner of South L and First Street opposite the flagpole. Some years ago, the site was designated in the city's Downtown Specific Plan. The trees at the southeast corner would have to be moved to make way for the theater. One potential site for the trees would be adjacent to the 500-seat theater on Railroad Avenue.

The projected cost of the regional theater is \$68 million. Groundbreaking is proposed for September 2008. "We believe the theater will serve as a symbol of Livermore's commitment to the arts," declared architect Steve MacCracken.

LVPAC financial advisor Bob Gamble noted that there would be a lease/lease back arrangement with the city for the larger theater, as was the case with the smaller theater. LVPAC will be responsible for the loan, which will be backed by a letter of credit. LVPAC will pay the debt at the beginning. As tax increment funds become available, they will be used to pay off the debt. There would be no general fund monies used. In addition, the debt would not be on the city's balance sheet.

Gamble said the city's contribution for operations and construction of both theaters would be \$137 million (\$58 million in today's dollars). LVPAC will contribute to both \$142 million (\$86.7 million in today's dollars). "The city's participation is critical. It adds strength and diversity to the revenue stream. In the proposal, the city is not responsible for the operating costs. That is very unusual," Gamble said that the theater would not use all of the tax increment funding available.

Operation of the two theaters would be financed directly by LVPAC. The larger theater would be expected to provide 85 percent of the cost; the smaller 60 percent. The regional theater would present Broadway shows, Carnegie Hall type events, Wenté style concerts, educational activities and local presentations, particularly dance academics.

Alexander noted that LVPAC is currently operating within its proposed budget.

LVPAC has \$7 million of a proposed \$30 million pledged for construction of the regional theater. Alexander said he believes that a corporation will provide \$10 million to be able to name the larger theater.

The theater needs to move forward. "Further delays in moving forward could push the cost beyond what LVPAC could afford," stated Alexander.

Alexander recognizes there are a lot of questions to be answered. He plans a town hall meeting to answer some of those questions. They include whether people will come. Alexander noted that Wenté sells out its 1700 seat concert series. "There is a market out there."

As for the risk, Alexander said he didn't believe the theater would fail. "If there were a problem, the city is not on the hook. The commercial bank is."

When compared to the Leshner Theater and its financial difficulties, Alexander said that is like comparing apples to oranges. The Walnut Creek facility is only 800 seats. It is not possible to produce Broadway shows or large traveling shows. "That's why a subsidy is needed for that theater," Alexander explained.

"The regional theater is good for Livermore. It's good for downtown. It will have a positive impact on property values," added Alexander.

That viewpoint was echoed by many members of the public.

Layne Marceau, president of Shea Homes Northern California and a member of the LVPAC board, said his company is sponsoring the first season at the Bankhead Theater. "We are pleased to be involved. It is exciting talking about the opening of the theater and the potential of the 1800-seat theater." From the viewpoint of the development community, such amenities create nice communities making it easier to sell homes.

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty stated, "For many communities, it is a dream to have a theater. Performing arts centers become the fabric of a community. People go for fellowship, to see performances. We know there are a lot of questions to answer. Livermore has done a phenomenal job in the downtown. It's alive. It's a destination. It is the council's responsibility to move forward with the regional theater."

Former councilmember Tom Reitter also urged the council to move forward. He explained that the 500-seat theater is phase I; the 1800-seat theater phase II. It is the engine that will drive the economy of the downtown. It will stimulate additional development in the downtown. The audience for the 1800-seat theater will come from a larger area. It will complement the Bankhead Theater."

The Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory is one of the big users of the theater. Public relations director Susan Houghton noted there is currently no venue available to house its 7000 employees. She expects the two theaters to seat the employees and the public at various events such as Science on Saturday. In addition, the larger theater provides a place for nonprofits to hold conferences.

The Livermore Chamber of Commerce was also supportive. Executive Director Dale Kaye stated, "It is very exciting what a flourishing 1800-seat theater can do for this area and the whole region." She urged the council to move forward with the evaluation of the funding/operating plans.

Prime Retail, the developers of the upscale outlet center on El Charro Road, was represented by Sblend Sblendorio. He said there is support for the regional theater. Research shows that people who shop at high end stores like to attend the theater. "There is a symbiotic relationship."

The Livermore Cultural Arts Council, which represents 20 member groups, is excited about having a place for home grown artists to perform, declared vice chairman Nancy Bankhead.

Many others addressed the educational opportunities and the potential for professional performers to provide inspiration for the youth of the area.

A few wanted to wait and see whether the Bankhead Theater were a success before proceeding with the larger theater. In response others pointed out that the two theaters were for different markets. Waiting to see the impact of the smaller theater wouldn't ensure the success or failure of the larger theater.

Jean King compared the plans for the area to a symphony. She noted that outlet stores, vineyards, olives and the Bankhead Theater need the 1800 seat theater. "It takes all of the parts. You don't bring in the cellos to see how they work before bringing in the violins. Symphonies don't work that way."

Walt Davies was excited about the potential to see his daughter perform in Livermore. "We are about to enjoy the results of the 500-seat theater. We are on the threshold of a significant increase in cultural arts opportunities in Livermore."

Sally Dunlop, who taught music at Livermore High School for many years, said she used to take students on field trips to see professional performances. The cost of transportation was greater than the admission price. "The 1800 seat theater offers a wonderful teaching opportunity. An iPod or TV broadcast can't be compared to the experience of a live performance."

Linda Nidever-Galles questioned the need for the 1800-seat theater. She talked about those

in Livermore who are served by Open Heart Kitchen and those who are too poor to be able to attend the 1800-seat theater. She urged the council to put the 1800-seat theater to a vote of the people. The project has too great an impact on the community for the council to make the decision alone.

Livermore Downtown Inc., while expressing support for the larger theater, was concerned about the use of tax increment funds for financing. They wanted to make sure there would be adequate funding for other priority projects in the downtown, such as the streetscape extension, Livermore Village and L Street parking garage.

John Shirley, who has expressed misgivings about the larger theater in the past, was supportive of it Monday. The professional staff hired by LVPAC gives us more confidence of success, he said.

Prior to the vote by the council, Mayor Kamena asked the audience members where they stood on the 1800-seat theater. Two hands were raised in opposition. The remainder of the audience, estimated at around 100 at 10 p.m. (many had left), were in support.

Funds Earmarked for Bus Rapid Transit

Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) and Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher (CA-10) announced that \$3.5 million for a bus rapid transit connection between the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory was approved by the U.S. House of Representatives based on requests made by Tauscher and McNerney.

Project funding was included in the 2008 Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill.

"We are all too familiar with the congestion on I-580 and throughout the Tri-Valley," said Tauscher, the senior Northern Californian on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. "What this project does is get people out of their cars clearing the roads so that people can shorten their commute times spending more time with their families and less time stuck in traffic. The project will also grow ridership and promote future public transportation investment throughout the corri-

dor by showing just how practical and vital these investments can be."

By Libby Kolar

Wheels and its buses have been a fixture of the Tri-Valley area for at least twenty five years now, yet how many of us have actually ridden one of their buses? Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA), the agency responsible for the Wheels bus system, has big plans in place to get the public increasingly out of cars and onto public transit. Barbara Duffy, Executive Director of Wheels, a long-time resident of the Valley, has a transit vision that she has been implementing since taking over the Executive Directorship four years ago.

Eighteen years ago Duffy was working in Silicon Valley in the high tech industry in finance and accounting. It had always been her dream, though, to work for a public agency. With her educational background (MBA in Finance and Public Policy from University of California Berkeley) she was a natural fit when an opportunity at Wheels came up. She worked her way up within the organization learning the intricacies of running a transit agency in a suburban area dependent upon automobiles. During her eighteen years at Wheels, she has seen unprecedented growth in traffic in the Valley and a significantly increased need for high quality transit to alleviate

the Valley's vehicular congestion.

Ridership on Wheels has grown during the time that Duffy has been on board. When she first started at Wheels, a state-wide recession was underway. Sales tax revenues, which are one of the primary funding sources for public transit, were down. Wheels had to decrease service at the time. That turned out to be a blessing in disguise for the agency. It eliminated services that were unproductive, and then added back other more needed services as funding began to increase. The services added have been lined up to match the new growth areas, in particular East Dublin. Overall, very little ridership was lost during the downsizing, and Wheels focused on customer service as they ramped back up. They now offer a better schedule book, including a bi-lingual (Spanish) section, and have a goal to hear every single customer and respond to what each is saying, even if the requested changes can't be made.

One of the big goals for Wheels has been to facilitate better access to BART for Tri-Valley residents. With that in mind, Wheels to BART service started about a year ago on the 50 Koll/Hacienda shuttle line. During peak commute hours, Wheels provides 50 runs from Koll Center Dublin's park and ride lot to the Dublin BART station. The ride is a 5 minute hop, and meets every BART train during peak hours (6:44 - 9:44 AM, and 3:44 - 7:44 PM weekdays). There is no fee for parking in the Koll Center lot. Business travelers can park overnight at the Koll lot free of charge. With only 70 cars per day using the service, there is plenty of available space for other BART riders. For additional information please check with either BART or Wheels.

On August 25, 2007, Wheels will be expanding the service on their most popular routes. Livermore's Route 15 will double service from once to twice an hour. Route 10, which takes riders to the national laboratories, will have weekday service increased to every 15 minutes along the entire route, and weekends every 20 minutes. However, it may not go all the way to the Lab on weekends. In addition, services will be added from downtown Livermore to the Greenville business area. An express service to the Walnut Creek and Pleasanton Hill BART stations (Route 70) will be added weekdays. This line will serve Kaiser Walnut Creek as well.

Longer-term plans to expand the Wheels/BART partnership include a bus rapid transit program planned from Livermore to

Pleasanton BART. Scheduled start-up date for this program is August 2008. The rapid bus project will run on the existing route 10 line. Parking will be available at the Downtown Livermore Parking Garage for this service. There will be fewer stops along the way, with the rapid transit buses skirting downtown Pleasanton in order to arrive at BART from Livermore as quickly as possible. The line will serve ValleyCare Medical Center and Hacienda Business Park, and will have priority at some signals. For example, if a signal were green and detects a bus coming, the signal will remain green so that the bus can get through. It is expected that this program will be twenty percent faster than the current Route 10. When BART comes to Livermore, Wheels can move the rapid bus to another route and still offer the same service. Wherever it moves, it will be compatible with a first or last leg of BART.

Other upgrades and innovations on the drawing board for Wheels are hybrid electric buses, better stops, and a possible option to purchase tickets on the bus. The hybrid buses are going to be smaller than the standard bus (29 ft vs. 40 ft) and will run on differing routes so that everyone has an opportunity to see them. They will be concentrated primarily on the neighborhood routes with less ridership demand than the busier routes where the larger buses are critical. Also, a West Livermore Park & Ride location is being explored at this time.

Wheels has always worked closely with all three (Livermore, Dublin and Pleasanton) City Planning Departments on new and future decisions for development and innovation. Each community shares the goal of Wheels and residents to get people to work and school as efficiently as possible while taking as many cars off the road as feasible. Despite these common goals, public transit in California faces many problems in these times of belt-tightening. Fares represent 20% of required funding for operation. Local sales tax (.25%) and some transit funds from Sacramento offset the remainder of the costs of operation. It is a possibility that the Governor will cut some of the transit funds currently coming from the state in the next budget year. Wheels will be implementing a fare increase (\$1.75 will be the new base fare) in August to offset any budget shortfalls. There are discount tickets available through Wheels, however, so call (925) 455-7500 or go to www.wheelsbus.com for further information.

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Natalie Hawkins, of Livermore, plays the role of Belle.

'Beauty and the Beast' Staged at Ohlone College

StarStruck Theatre will present Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" under the stars at the Ohlone College Amphitheatre. There will be nine performances between August 2 and August 11.

The musical tells the classic fable of an angry cursed prince transformed into a hideous beast. He lives in an enchanted palace. With the help of a spirited young woman, the prince gradually learns the meaning of friendship and how to open his heart to love.

Performances will be August 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10 and 11. All begin at 8 p.m.

Appearing in the production are several valley residents. Natalie Hawkins, a Livermore resident, plays the role of Belle. After graduating from Livermore High School this past June, she says she is playing her dream role.

Also in the cast from Livermore is Benjamin Hall. He takes on several roles: villager/candlestick/ and Monsieur D'Arque.

Two cast members are from Pleasanton. Bohn Connor Kerns portrays Gaston. He is a recent graduate of Foothill High School.

Lauren Hall appears as Babette. She just finished her first year at UC Davis, where she is majoring in statistics.

Reserved seats are \$20 adults, \$18 students/seniors, \$15 children. Tickets are available at 510-659-1319 or www.starstrucktheatre.org.

There will be a children's morning matinee performance on Thurs., Aug. 9 at 10 a.m. with tickets \$10. Children will have a chance to meet the characters after the show.

All performances are at the amphitheatre, located at 43600 Mission Blvd. in Fremont.

Thoroughly Entertaining 'Millie'

By Janet Armantrout

Pleasanton Playhouse has put together a thoroughly entertaining show with its latest musical, "Thoroughly Modern Millie."

The young, talented cast sang and danced its way into the hearts of the audience opening night at the Amador Theater.

It was somehow fitting that a nostalgic musical was selected for the Playhouse's final performance at the theater. Next year, mainstage musicals will be performed in Livermore.

The show offers up lots of peppy singing and dancing, a rainbow of costumes and a warm-hearted plot about a small town girl who comes to New York to fulfill her dreams. It's set in 1922.

Director John Baiocchi says of the story, "They may all live happily ever after, but as often is the case, it's the journey that delights us."

There is humor and a few twists in the story, leading the audience to the grand finale when all is made clear.

The main character is naive young Millie Dillmount who arrives from Kansas with plans to marry her wealthy boss, whoever that might be. Morgan Breedveld as Millie, is funny, warm, and appealing. She can also sing. Millie's plans to marry the boss

are disrupted when she meets Jimmy Smith played by Min Kahng, who has a tenor voice that soars in his rendition of "What Do I Need with Love."

Millie's boss, Trevor Graydon is portrayed by John Brown. Miss Dorothy Brown, who befriends Millie is a Mary Pickford look-a-like. She wants to know what it's like to be poor. The role is played by Melanie McKay, who has a voice with operatic range.

Joan Evans as the sinister Mrs. Meers and Peggy Huff-Stratton as a cabaret singer Muzzy van Hossmere round out the main cast. Both performed their roles well.

The plot includes a boy meets girl and boy loses girl, boy gets girl theme. It also includes an extra element as Millie, with the help of her boss and Muzzy, uncover a white slavery ring run by Mrs. Meers at the Priscilla Hotel for Women. Mrs. Meers is aided by two Chinese immigrants (Alex Orenberg and Edmond Kwong). While the slavery idea is not funny, there are some humorous moments provided in trying to carry out their plans.

The backdrop of New York works well to set off the story.

Performances continue week-ends through August 5. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Fridays and Satur-

Shakespeare's Success Means Soldout Shows

By Susan Steinberg

Frustration, rage, and gnashing teeth! Well, nothing quite that dramatic, but a lot of disappointed exclamations as eager ticketgoers lined up to purchase last-minute tickets to "Comedy of Errors" and learned that both Saturday and Sunday shows were sold out.

An outrageously hilarious comedy, this year's Livermore Shakespeare Festival presentation was sure to be a hit, but everyone was surprised by the overwhelming rush for tickets.

Being among the fortunate attendees at Sunday's show, I can understand its popular success. The wit and slapstick evident at dress rehearsal were only a pale precursor of the fully-developed version evoking laughter and applause from young and old alike on the second weekend of its run.

An added bonus on Sunday was the chance to see the company's interns step into larger roles with admirable confidence. David Cohen, a recent local high school graduate, played both the guitar and the prickly character of an impatient French merchant.

Reciting Shakespeare's lines is difficult enough, but doing them with a strong French accent is quite impressive. For a novice to combine this with clear intelligibility and a lengthy staged sword fight (including foppish fan flourishes) is an amazing achievement.

Stage aplomb is not easy to acquire, but these interns have obviously blossomed under the company's tutelage. What an asset Livermore Shakespeare is providing to the cultural education of our community and its students.

For a chance to catch this sparkling fun-fest, Valley residents will have to reserve tickets ASAP, or be turned away at the gate. A hint to locals from Director Lisa Tromovitch: Friday evenings July 27 and August 3 are still available, since so many out-of-towners want to avoid the weekend exodus traffic on Highway 580.

Make reservations by calling 1-800-838-3006 or visit livermoreshakes.org. At the website, there are also answers to many frequently asked questions. For example, the gates open one hour before each performance, and tables and chairs are available for picnics (where you can also enjoy pre-curtain musical entertainment). No outside alcohol may be brought in (state law), but wine, coffee, cocoa, and cookies may be purchased on-site. Finally, flashlights and warm

jackets are recommended, as the end of an evening outdoors can be dark and chilly.

Performances are Fridays July 27 and August 3 rd., and Saturdays July 28 and August 4 th at 7:30 PM. An additional earlier show will be presented at 6:30 PM on Sunday July 29 th.

The play runs about 2 hours and 15 minutes, with a generous intermission, and is an ideal "first Shakespeare" experience for youngsters and adults alike. Retzlaff Estate Winery's bucolic grounds are located at 1356 South Livermore Avenue, on the gravel driveway next to the big Concannon sign. This venue seems light-years away from urban traffic and tensions - perfectly suited to a grand night of light-hearted entertainment.

Good luck snagging those remaining tickets!

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

South Pacific, presented by the Asbury Players, July 27-28. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. This is a free readers theater style presentation. Reservations recommended. Seating is limited. To reserve tickets or for additional information, call Cherie at 455-1048. Program at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore.

Cantabella Children's Chorus is currently accepting applications for the training choir classes. Cantabella Training Choir is for children in grades K-5. Cantabella Children's Chorus is a non-profit organization, under the direction of Beth Chow, which provides quality choral education to children of the Tri-Valley. For more information please visit www.cantabella.org or contact Beth Chow at 292-2663. Application deadline is July 27th.

Call for Artists, Tri-Valley Artists Guild's 6th Annual ArtWalk is set for October 13th in Livermore. Exhibit artwork in businesses and help us spread art throughout downtown! For prospectus application, download pdf from www.tvag.org. Deadline August 1st.

John Christopher Cellars in Blacksmith Square located in downtown Livermore on July 28th. Stone's Throw will play classic rock tunes from 1-4 PM in the courtyard. Visitors are urged to try the recently released proprietary Red Blend - Courtyard Red. Music 1 to 4 p.m., tasting room open noon to 5:30 p.m. No charge for event. Tasting fees apply, waived with wine purchase. John Christopher Cellars at Black-

smith Square 25 So Livermore Ave., Suite 103 Livermore. www.johnchristophercellars.com (925) 456-WINE (9463).

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

Tao House, tour Eugene O'Neill hillside estate in Danville area by advance reservation only. Access to the playwright's former home is provided by the National Park Service. Tours depart downtown at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Wed.-Sun. Call 838-0249 for information.

Saturday Night Funnies, Aug. 11, 8 p.m. Bothwell Arts Center West End Stage, 8th and H Streets, Livermore. Laugh-A-Lot Products presents stand up Bay Area comedians. Doors open at 7 p.m. Seating on first come, first served basis. \$12. Information 264-4413 or info@laughalotproductions.com.

Carol Maddox will be teaching her 7th workshop at La Romita School of Art in Italy from August 20 through September 3, 2007. Participants will visit small Italian hill towns. Carol is a Signature member of the National Watercolor Society. For more information about this opportunity contact Carol at (925) 462-8866 or email: cmad4paint@pacbell.net.

Shakespeare in the Vineyards and under the stars. The Comedy of Errors, Livermore Shakespeare Festival opens the gates an hour before show time for picnicking at Retzlaff Estate Winery. The Comedy of Errors is a robust comedy with two pairs of mix-matched twins, entwining desire with hi-jinks and past loss with present laughter. The setting is Rancho California, especially appropriate for the vineyard setting in an area that was once the wine producer for Mission San Jose. Four weekends July 12th - August 4th. For information: www.LivermoreShakes.org Tickets 800-838-3006. F/Sat July 27 and 28, and F/Sat August 3/4 all at 7:30PM; \$30/\$25 Special Sunday

performances/Family Nights or Groups on Sundays July 22nd and 29th at 6:30 PM; \$30/\$25.

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

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

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Tuesday Tunes, June 5 to October 16, 2007 Livermore Downtown Inc. Free

live music at the Flag Pole Plaza 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Information: 925-373-1795 or www.livermoredowntown.com.

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

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

Wine Country Luncheon, hosted by Livermore Chamber of Commerce, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Thursday, July 26, at the Martinelli Center, 3585 Greenville Rd. Supervisor Scott Haggerty, "State of the County Address." Seating is limited; advance reservations are required. Seats are \$35 for members & their guests, \$45 for nonmembers. Reservations, 447-

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Woman's Will, all female Shakespeare troupe performs Romeo and Juliet, Sat., July 28, 6 p.m. Centennial Park, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. Free.

The Mad Woman of Chailot, Las Positas College production. July 28, 29, August 2, 4 and 11 and 12. Outdoor performance on campus, 3033 Collier Canyon Rd., Livermore. Information, 925-424-1100 or see www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts. \$10 general admission, \$7 seniors/students.

Vineyard Nights, summer music and dinner series at Garré Winery. July 27: Tormenta Musical Trio performs lively Latin sounds. Outdoors under the stars. Indoor seating available. Reservations strongly recommended. Seating from 6-8pm; music until 9pm. Garré Winery, 7986 Tesla Road, Livermore. 925-371-8200. www.garrewinery.com.

Bocce Ball & Italian Dinner Night, Wednesdays, Italian Dinner served Family Style with two glasses of complimentary vineyard selection wine. Outdoor courts with patio seating. Cellar Master Wayne Re is Bocce Captain and coordinates instruction and group play. Bring a group or come alone; all skill levels are welcome. \$34.95 person. Two seatings from 5:30-7pm. Garré Winery, 7986 Tesla Road, Livermore. 925-371-8200 or www.garrewinery.com. Reservations required.

The 6th Annual Belly Dance Fantasy Festival, July 29th. Taiseena, Troupe Tareefa, and the Good Vibrations Dancers are back with a day of cultural fun for the whole family! Special guest teachers on 7/28 and 29 listed on http://taiseena.com/festival.htm. Dancers all day, classes taught by Bay Area professionals, live music. Shop for fantasy costumes, world music, exotic jewelry, instruments, Moroccan food by Tanja, and more. San Leandro Marina Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd, San Leandro July 28, 2006; 1:30pm to 6pm (workshops only); July 29, 12pm to 9pm Festival & workshops. Entrance fee: \$10, children under 12 \$5, children under 5 free, classes \$25, free parking, wheelchair accessible http://taiseena.com/festival.htm taiseena2001@yahoo.com.

Teen Film Festival: An Independent View, entries sought. The festival screening and reception will be held Wednesday, October 10th at 7 p.m. Teens between the ages of 12 and 18 may submit up to 2 original films in DVD format no more than 5 minutes in length. All films will be viewed by local film-maker/producers. Selected films will be screened and critiqued the night of the festival reception. For further information about the Teen Film Festival, please contact Mary Sue Nocar at the Livermore Library, (925) 373-5500 extension 5583.

Comedy Showcase, Wednesdays 8:00-10:00 pm featuring 6-7 of the best comedians in the Bay Area. Doors open at 6:30, show starts at 8pm. Produced by Laugh-A-Lot Productions \$7.00 cover charge will be collected at the door. Full Restaurant and Bar menu available. No reservations required. Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St., Pleasanton, 925-846-8106.

Blues on the Patio, Thursdays 5:30-9:30 pm July 26: Marshall Law Band with Sam; August 2: Amy Lou's Blues; August 9: Johnny Nitro and the Doorsmammers; August 16: Bluestate Band; August 23: Kathleen Cairns and Tattoo Blue; August 30: Marshall Law Band with Sam. No reservations. No cover charge. Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St., Pleasanton, 925-846-8106.

Concert Series Continues at the Bothwell West End Theatre

The Bothwell Arts Center's acoustic live music concert series runs through August 24th.

The concerts are presented in the Bothwell's West End Theatre.

On Saturday, July 28th, Paul Manousos performs his original alternative music delivered with the passion his reviewers and audiences applaud. Opening for Manousos is Arthur Dodge, a folk/country singer on tour from Kansas.

On August 4th, the many followers of Moreality will hear something new when these local rock musicians, who recently opened for groups such as Blue Oyster Cult and Pat Travers, take the stage for their first-ever live acoustic performance. And, on August 17th, The Mundaze brings a bouncy blend of pop's simplicity with R&B groove, funk movement, classic rock guitar riffs, shimmering vocals, and great lyrics that have been getting fans off their seats throughout Northern California.

The Grand Finale will be on August 24th, with the gypsy-flamenco-reggae sound of the James Robinson group, accom-



Paul Manousos

panied by Teresa Orozco on flute. Robinson, winner of the KKSJ Bay Area Artist Contest, is a guitarist whose artful playing has earned him a long string of excellent reviews.

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

The Bothwell Arts Center is located at 2466 8th Street in Livermore.

ton, 925-846-8106.

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

Livermore Art Association, August 1-31 LAA Group Show & Artist's View of Camp Arroyo. Livermore Library Art Gallery, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Sponsor: Various artists & photographers

An Unusual Evening of Spoken Word, Wed., Aug. 1, Shakespeare Associates. Bimonthly performances, collection of art forms. 7 p.m. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 Eighth St., Livermore. \$19 adults, \$5 seniors/students. 606-6468 or www.shakespeareassociates.org.

Livermore Art Association August 4th, Paris In The Park (Montmartre): Art Show and Sale at Carnegie Park, 3rd and J Streets, Livermore. Sponsor: Livermore Art Association

The Mad Woman of Chailot, Las Positas College production. August 2, 4 and 11 and 12. Outdoor performance on campus, 3033 Collier Canyon Rd., Livermore. Information, 925-424-1100 or see www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts.

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

Moreality at the WestEnd Stage, The Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street (between "G" and "H" Streets), Livermore. August 4, 8pm (doors open at 7:30). \$10. Tickets may be placed

on hold at lryan@livermoreperformingarts.org or 925-447-ARTS. Seating is limited.

Cinema at Wente Vineyards. Gates and Café open at 6:30 pm, the movie begins at twilight. Tickets for the movie only are \$9 adults and \$5 ages 12 and under. Proceeds benefit the California Independent Film Festival. Mon., Aug. 6, "The Sandlot." The Cinema at Wente Vineyards is presented in conjunction with the restaurant at Wente Vineyards on Arroyo Road. For reservations call (925) 456-2400 or online at Ticketmaster.com.

History Talk, Aug. 15. Bev Ortiz will share her knowledge of Native Americans who lived in the area. Doors open at 7 p.m., talk begins at 7:30 p.m. Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Presented by the Livermore Heritage Guild. Information 449-9927.

Men of Worth, a Celtic/folk music duo performs Aug. 16, 7 p.m. at the Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Part of Authors and Arts Program Series presented by Friends of the Livermore Library. Free admission.

History - Ed Kinney Lecture series, August 16: Ice Age Mammals of the East Bay. Guest speaker will be Joyce Blueford from the Math Science Nucleus and the Gordon Fossil Hall. The Museum on Main in Pleasanton. Lectures are at 7 p.m. at the museum. Reservations are requested. \$5 members/\$10 nonmembers. Memberships available for purchase. The museum is located at 603 Main Street, downtown Pleasanton. For information, call (925) 462-2766.

The Mundaze at the WestEnd Stage, The Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street (between "G" and "H" Streets), Livermore. August 17, 8pm (doors open at 7:30). \$10. Tickets may be placed on hold at

lryan@livermoreperformingarts.org or 925-447-ARTS. Seating is limited.

Wine and Words, Sun., August 19, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Martinielli Event Center. Catered by Garre Winery and Cafe in Livermore. Featured Readers: Paul Hoover and Jennifer Sweeney. Hosted by Livermore Poet Laureate Connie Post. Featured readers begin at 2 p.m.; open mic after a short break. Admission \$5.

Wine Country Luncheon, hosted by Livermore Chamber of Commerce. 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Thursday, August 23, at Concannon Vineyard, 4590 Tesla Rd. Assemblyman Guy Houston, "State of the State Address." Seating is limited; advance reservations are required. Seats are \$35 for members & their guests, \$45

for nonmembers. Reservations, 447-1606.

James Robinson group accompanied by Teresa Orozco at the WestEnd Stage, The Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street (between "G" and "H" Streets), Livermore. August 24, 8pm (doors open at 7:30). \$10. Tickets may be placed on hold at lryan@livermoreperformingarts.org or 925-447-ARTS. Seating is limited.

Leslie Brocco, host of KQED's "Check Please Bay Area," will be at the Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave., Aug. 26, 2 p.m. Part of Authors and Arts Program Series presented by Friends of the Livermore Library. Free admission.

A Day in the Park, Sun., Aug. 26, noon to 6:30 p.m. Camp Arroyo, 5555 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Ben-

efit for the Taylor Family Foundation and the camp for children with life-threatening illnesses and disabilities. Silent auction, live auction, gourmet luncheon, wine tasting, local celebrity guests, camp tour. \$175 per person; tables of 10, \$2000. 455-5118. www.tfff.org.

Cinema at Wente Vineyards. Gates and Café open at 6:30 pm, the movie begins at twilight. Tickets for the movie only are \$9 adults and \$5 ages 12 and under. Proceeds benefit The California Independent Film Festival. Mon., Aug. 27, "Big." The Cinema at Wente Vineyards is presented in conjunction with the restaurant at Wente Vineyards on Arroyo Road. For reservations call (925) 456-2400 or online at Ticketmaster.com.

BULLETIN BOARD

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

Livermore Valley Camera Club meeting Monday July 30, will show Katrina's Deadly Path, Photos by Gene Daley American Red Cross Photographer, who was in the Gulf States when Katrina hit, and was there to witness both the devastation and the human condition. Free. Public welcome. Sponsored by Livermore Valley Camera Club, 7:30 PM, Dublin San Ramon Community Services District Building Board Room, 7051 Dublin Blvd, Dublin. Gene is a member of the Livermore Valley Camera Club. A member of the Red Cross Rapid Response team and Past Disaster Chair for the Bay Area Chapter of the Red Cross. He has prepared powerful photo essays on the 9-11 World Trade Center Attack, 25 National Disasters, The Measles Initiative in Africa and other Red Cross operations. His photos have appeared nationally in Newspapers and major magazines including National Geographic Traveler, People, and Conde Nast Traveler. For further information please contact Teri Schoech, 510-396-2608.

Livermore High School Class of 1947, 60th reunion planned for Wed., Nov. 14; luncheon. Members of the class of 1946 and 1948 are invited to attend. Information or to be part of the planning, call Amy Alvino Webb 447-4787, Marilyn Coulford Atherton 846-2966, or Dottie Ralph Santuzzi 447-1616.

Retired Public Employees Association, Tri-Valley Chapter 075, general meeting Thurs., Aug. 2, Emil Villa's, 3054 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Speaker is Henry Jones, who is running for the seat on the CalPERS board vacated by Bob Carlson. \$5 charge for brunch per person. Information and reservations contact Bob at 845-6563 or June at 461-0315.

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

Valley Spokenword Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., July 28, 45 miles tour of Pleasant Hill, Crockett, Martinez, Concord, meet 9 a.m. at Pleasant Hill Civic Center, John Rodriguez, 680-0256. Sun., July 29, 45 miles Pleasanton to Livermore and out Altamont Pass, meet 8:30 a.m. at Muirwood Park, Herman Bonilla, 426-0680. Wed., Aug. 1, 398 miles San Ramon to Livermore and Pleasanton, meet 10 a.m. at Central Park, Peter Rathmann, 828-1973. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

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

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

Tri-Valley Holistic Moms Network, new group to the area and will be holding an Open House on Wed., August 15, at Village High School Multi-Purpose Room, intersection of Bernal and Main/First Streets, from 7PM - 9PM. Regularly scheduled meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of the month at the same time and location. Children are welcome! Please visit www.holisticmoms.org for further information.

Pooch Parade, Wed., Aug. 1, Wayside Park, First and Neal Streets, downtown Pleasanton. Registration at 5 p.m., parade at 6 p.m. \$10 entry fee per category. Proceeds benefit Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers. Held in conjunction with the 1st Wednesday Street Park sponsored by the Pleasanton Downtown Association. Goody bags to the first 150 entrants. For details and registration go to www.trivalleyguidedsogs.com.

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

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

Reunion: USS NIMITZ (CVN-68) Association (Ship's Co., Staffs, Sqds & Dets). Reunion Nashville, TN 2008. Contact Joe Brunner at waldj@cox.net, or (619) 466-2132 or www.usnimitzassociation.org for membership.

Livermore High School reunion, class of 1967, Sept. 14-16. Main event will be September 15 Dinner/Dance from 5:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. at the Vets Hall, 522 South L Street, Livermore. To register or for complete details go to www.livermoreh1967myevent.com or contact Ray Alsdorf (925) 606-5518, ray.alsdorf@acgov.org Cheryl Perry (Givens) (925) 443-3375, cperry415@aol.com Carla Lewis (Viale) (925) 449-4941, lewtwo@sbcglobal.net

Child care licensing orientation will be held Aug. 7 from 9 a.m. to noon. The Licensing Orientation is the first step in becoming a licensed family child care provider and is open to all. Participants will receive the application packet and handouts with information from Department of Social Services - Community Care Licensing regarding the licensing process. Child Care Links will be present to offer an overview of the services provided to potential child care providers. There is a \$25.00 Community Care Licensing Orientation fee for all attend-

ees. This fee applies to every person attending the orientation. Must pre-pay and pre-register prior to attending a licensing orientation. For more information, contact Child Care Links at (925) 417-8733 or Department of Social Services-Community Care Licensing (510) 622-2602.

Interested in teaching, sharing a special talent? Livermore Adult Education is looking for community members who have talents and training that may qualify them to teach a class. Instructors for Taiko Drumming, Dog Training, Senior Fitness, Dance, Guitar, Posting on Craig's List computer class and any other course ideas are appreciated are being sought. Phone (925) 606-4722 or stop by 1401 Almond Ave. Livermore.

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

RELIGION
Unitarian Universalist, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore, Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m. Topic for July 29, "Stages of Recovery." Rev. Barbara Meyers will lead. Information 447-8747.

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

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

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

Vacation Bible School: St. Clare's Episcopal Church - "Avalanche Ranch," 9 a.m. - noon, Aug. 6-10. For children age 4 to fifth grade. 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, CA 94588. \$35 per child; \$30 for each additional sibling through July 27. \$40 per child after July 27. 925-462-4802, www.stclarespleasanton.org.

First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore, has worship services on Sundays at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary, located at 4th and L Streets. Adult Bible study is at 9 a.m. and Sunday school is held at 10:30 a.m. For details, call (925) 447-2078.

Our Savior Lutheran Ministries, 1385 So. Livermore Avenue, Livermore.

Tri-Valley Bible Church, 2346 Walnut St., Livermore, holds Sunday worship at 10 a.m. with Sunday school for all ages at 9 a.m. Children's classes during adult worship service. AWANA children's program Wednesdays 6 p.m. 449-4403 or www.Tri-ValleyBibleChurch.com.

Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton. Sunday school 9:30 a.m., worship at 10:30 a.m. (nursery for both Sunday school and worship); children's church (age 3-12) at 11:15 a.m.; women's Bible study, Wed. at 10 a.m.; Wed. evening programs; Choir 7:15 p.m. (boys and girls mission club K-6); seniors 5:15 pm meet Thursdays 7 p.m. Information 846-8650.

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

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The following person (s) doing business as Video Technologies International (VTI), 315 North "K" Street, Livermore CA, 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Gary Toralpb Bruton, 315 North "K" Street, Livermore CA, 94551 Harold Arnold Pierce, 315 North "K" Street, Livermore CA, 94551 This business is conducted by a limited partnership Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 398246

The following person (s) doing business as Trends Global, 6350 Carson Pass Way, Livermore CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Maier Winery, LLC, 2306 Gloria Court, Pleasanton CA, 94588 This business is conducted by limited liability company Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.

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The following person (s) doing business as JM Shehs Enterprises, Inc. DBA Baskin Robbins, 2601 Blanding Ave., Alameda, CA 94501 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): JM Shehs Enterprises, Inc., 2921 Garden Creek Circle, Pleasanton, CA 94588 This business is conducted by a corporation Registrant has not yet begun to

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The following person (s) doing business as Wine Country Flooring, 1459 Chianti Court, Livermore CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Wine Country Flooring, 1459 Chianti Court, Livermore CA 94550 This business is conducted by a corporation The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on October 9, 2002.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 398235

The following person (s) doing business as Las Positas Vineyards, 2306 Gloria Court, Pleasanton CA, 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Maier Winery, LLC, 2306 Gloria Court, Pleasanton CA, 94588 This business is conducted by limited liability company Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.

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cross streets N. Vasco Prudential Realty			
Liz 925-426-9094			
\$459,000	2BD/2BA	SUN 3-5PM	10 Meritage Cmn #202
cross street Collier Canyon Valley Properties			
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Century 21 Mission Bishop			
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\$484,950	3BD/2BA	SUN 1:30-4:30PM	1610 Sunset Dr
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The story behind the sign's origin is one of sheer determination on the part of a group of civic-minded women during one of the darkest eras of the twentieth century.

"Our town is sadly in need of some sort of sign and club members should consider something really worthwhile" so read the minutes of the Pleasanton Women's Improvement Club. The date was April 11, 1930. This recognition was to eventually manifest itself in a neon proclamation spanning Main Street that spells out quite simply "Pleasanton." The thousand or so residents of the tiny agricultural hamlet were beginning to put the pieces of their lives back

together.

The sign cost \$532. To raise this amount, the club would have to hold numerous fund raising events including raffles, box socials and parties. Despite tough circumstances, the women's club managed to raise enough money to pay the Q.R.S. Neon Co. to build a sign to span Main Street. The design was to feature the word Pleasanton spelled out in a fashion that resembled the rolling hills of the Amador Valley in a natural green color. The 20-foot sign would have 18-inch high neon letters that would "greet visitors from either end of Main Street." The City of Pleasanton purchased the iron support poles for a cost to taxpayers of \$91. The "electrified sign" as many referred to it, was wired by local electrician Samuel Elliott.

On March 8, 1932, the 24th anniversary of the women's club,

the sign was dedicated. It was presented to the city by Mrs. J.B. Lee, president of the club.

The sign brought more than neon distinction to the town. With it came a new alert system for the town's police officers. On top of the sign were a light and a horn that either flashed or blasted to indicate that the cop on the Main Street beat had a call at the station. During World War II, the horns were used to signal an air raid, and in the 1950's they called volunteer firemen to duty.

Except for painting and repairs to the neon tubes, and for a brief period during the 1973 oil crisis to conserve energy, the Pleasanton sign has remained lighted to the approval of both old and new residents alike.

Additional information is provided by Christopher J. Rizzoli, Support Services Supervisor, City of Pleasanton.

The arch was installed in 1932 as a porcelain enamel sign complete with neon lettering. The original color was two-tone blue with white letters. The sign measures 18' long by 36" in height.

Sometime in the 1970's the color was changed to the now "city standard" green with white lettering. The problem lay in the fact that there was little to no preparation of the enameled surface before the paint was applied so it tended to peel very quickly. Year after year city crews had to touch up the green and white paint to keep the sign looking fresh.

It was determined that the sign needed restoration.

In late January, Harvey Electric began installing the new power to the sign and reactivating the horn and the light on the top of the sign.

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