



Magician Roy Porfido will be one of the entertainers.

## Children's Fair Set for Weekend

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) presents the 2007 Children's Fair on Saturday and Sunday, September 8 and 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days at the Robert Livermore Community Center.

The fair will include free entertainment, educational booths related to health and safety, activities for children, and much more. Representatives from the Livermore Library will be on hand to issue library cards. A rock wall, inflatable jumping structures, and some carnival games will require a small fee.

Among the highlights are a bicycle rodeo, a "Fun With Science" demonstration by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory scientists, entertainment by singer Debra Knox and other musicians, puppets, food booths, a free car seat check, free make-it and take-it crafts for kids, magic show, and much more.

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

The Community Center is located at 4444 East Avenue, Livermore. For more information, please call (925) 373-5700 or visit [www.larpd.dst.ca.us](http://www.larpd.dst.ca.us).



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The box office at the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore opened for business on Tuesday. Hours will be noon to 6 p.m. As of Tuesday afternoon, the \$175 tickets for the Bernadette Peters gala were sold out.



## Youth Court Has New Logo

Rebecca Fortelca, a senior last year at Granada High School, has won \$250 for developing a logo for the newly formed Tri-Valley Youth Court. The logo will be used by the Youth Court on their stationery, outreach and various other items.

Tri-Valley Youth Court is scheduled to begin sessions January 1, 2008, one night every month at Alameda County Superior Courthouse in Pleasanton. Cases will be assigned by agreement between schools, police departments and the youth court. In general, Youth Court cases

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# Zone 7 Expects to Weather Water Cutbacks

Zone 7 Water Agency faces a court-imposed 30 percent cutback in the water it receives from the state in the coming year. However, the agency expects to weather the reduction well, because of Valley water storage and contracts it has signed to augment its water.

Judge Oliver Wanger in U.S. District Court in Fresno ordered the cutback Aug. 31 for a one-year period while federal and state agencies work out a plan to safeguard the Delta smelt. The smelt is an endangered species threatened by the federal and state water projects. The projects convey

their water through the Delta, and pump into canals that deliver water to Central and Southern California. The Delta pumps' back-flow forces the smelt into the pumps, killing many thousands of fish over the years.

Among the customers for the southward flow are Zone 7, Fremont and San Jose. The state approved the Peripheral Canal to convey the water past the Delta. The canal was defeated in an initiative in 1982. The state and federal agencies are working on a variation of it that might be more palatable to conservationists who were concerned

about too much fresh water being taken out of the Delta, and hurting species dependent on fresh water.

Zone 7, which serves 200,000 customers in Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin and Dougherty Valley, obtains 85 percent of its water from the state water project (SWP). Zone 7 is in a better position for a cutback than many agencies, because it has a two-year back-up supply of water in the Valley's underground water basin. It was stored there from the SWP during wet years.

Far-sighted management and boards at Zone 7 have also added

10,000 acre feet (AF) of water rights purchased from the Semi-tropic water storage district in the Central Valley. An acre foot can serve two households for a year.

Zone 7 doesn't pull the water directly from Semi-tropic, which is near Bakersfield. There is a swap. Zone 7 sends some of its water in wet years to Semi-tropic's intake on the Central Valley canal. Then, in dry years, it takes part of Semi-tropic's quota from the Delta.

Zone 7 added another 10,000 AF under a recent contract with the Cawelo Water District in the Central Valley. The swap would

work the same way as the one with Semi-tropic. However, Cawelo needs to build facilities so that it can start storing water for itself, before it can allow Zone 7 to take any of Cawelo's quota from the state project.

The Semi-tropic water will help Zone 7 avoid the need to impose mandatory water rationing. The agency has long encouraged voluntary rationing, and calls attention to its web site at [www.zone7water.com](http://www.zone7water.com) for a list of water conservation tips.

If there were more water conservation by Valley residents, it

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Wine tasting was the major attraction at last weekend's Annual Harvest Wine Celebration. In the photo, visitors prepare to sample a Wente Vineyards vintage.

## Pleasanton Results Are Good In Big Picture On Testing

The Pleasanton school district again met the state's accountability rules for all of its comprehensive schools, boosting its districtwide average score by 12 points, to 893.

The state's goal for all comprehensive schools is a score of 800 or above. Pleasanton reported eight schools with scores above 900 in the Academic Performance Index (API) results. Al-

though, Village High School, the district's continuation high school, dropped from a score of 590 last year to 585 this year, the score is considered a very high score compared to most continuation schools in the state. The state's goal for continuation schools is 600 on the API test.

The district also met the No Child Left Behind (NCLB)

guidelines set by the federal government, with the exception of Village, which met the federal guidelines last year. The federal minimum score is 590, or alternatively, a 1 point improvement over the previous year's score.

Superintendent John Casey said in a prepared statement, "Everyone should be proud of the results. They reflect an out-

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## Gravel Firm Sues Livermore Over El Charro Plan

Rhodes & Jamieson, an old name in Valley quarrying history, has filed a suit against Livermore, contending that it could lose 17 acres of its mining potential if the city extends Jack

London Drive westward to El Charro Road.

The suit, filed last week by the Oakland firm of Reed Smith, contends that the city, in writing the EIR for its El Charro specific plan

failed to address its impact on 17 acres of the firm's quarrying land, which is south of the Livermore Airport and east of El Charro Road. The company argues that

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## UC Said to Be Stalling On Lab Union Organizing Talks

According to a union at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, the University of California (UC) is refusing to recognize the union which has organized a majority of Skilled Trades employees at the Lab.

The Society of Professionals, Scientists and Engineers - University Professional and Technical Employees Local 11 (SPSE-UPTE Local 11) has been conducting an organizing campaign among Lab employees in an attempt to get union recognition

prior to the transition in Lab management from the University of California to the new Lawrence Livermore National Security (LLNS) LLC.

Union recognition would allow employees to bargain with UC and/or the new LLNS management for a collective bargaining agreement that would protect their wages and working conditions from unilateral changes by the new management group, and would give employees a voice

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## Tri-Valley Adult Day Care Board To Expand Outreach Efforts

The Tri-Valley Adult Day Care Program (TVADCP) board is seeking additional members.

The program raises funds for the Tri-Valley's only licensed adult day care program, the Friendship Center in Livermore.

Dennis Gambis, a member of the board, noted that 80 percent of all day care programs need sub-

sidies. The board is increasing its outreach in an effort to be able to apply for matching grants.

Linda Hermanson, a board member from Pleasanton, will serve on the fund-raising committee. She commented, "One of missions is to work on recogni-

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## Fair May Add 10 Weeks Or More Of Racing

The Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton has the prospect of adding 10 to 12 weeks of horse racing to the two-week schedule that it now runs at county fair time.

The potential closure of the longtime Bay Meadows track in San Mateo County would free a long calendar of dates, which would be up for grabs for other northern California tracks. There are only two serious contenders for the dates — Golden Gate Fields in Albany and the county fairgrounds track, said fair CEO Rick Pickering.

Golden Gate Field's status as a professional track with a long racing season gives it the stature to add more dates, said Pickering. However, the Pleasanton fair also has good status in the eyes of the California racing board, because it has good track and facilities that are used to train 200 or 300 horses year around.

"If we absorb some horses from Bay Meadows and some also go to Golden Gate Fields, we would have about 600 to 700 horses," said Pickering.

There are 22 weeks of racing at Bay Meadows, and also at

Golden Gate Fields. Poor weather precludes granting some dates, chiefly early in the year. Pleasanton would take 10 or 12 of the weeks. Golden Gate would likely pick up the remainder, said Pickering.

Pleasanton is still some distance from hearing about any expansion of its calendar. Pickering attended a meeting of the California horse racing board Aug. 24 in San Diego. He told the Independent that the board wants more details concerning the whole picture, especially the Bay Meadows part of it.

The Bay Meadows owners want to see development of a shopping mall on their land. The City and County of San Mateo both have given their approval. However, homeowners nearby turned in a petition to put the approval up to a referendum. A judge ruled that there were not enough valid signatures on the petition. That decision has been appealed.

Assuming that Bay Meadows wins in court, it's likely that the commercial construction there could start in the summer of

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## Livermore Schools Lose Ground on Test Scores

By Patricia Koning

In the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, 11 out of 19 schools saw their Academic Performance Index (API) scores for the 2006/07 school year drop. The District's overall API score dropped by 5 points, from 792 to 787. The District is still well above both Alameda County average, which scored 749, and the State of California average of 727.

Altamont Creek, Arroyo Seco,

Croce, Jackson, Rancho, Smith, Sunset, and Mendenhall scored above the state API target of 800. Sunset added three points for a score of 913.

Marylin Avenue Elementary School scored 691, 40 points higher than the previous year's score. All of Marylin's subgroups performed well above their growth targets. The Hispanic/Latino subgroup gained 47 points, socioeconomically dis-

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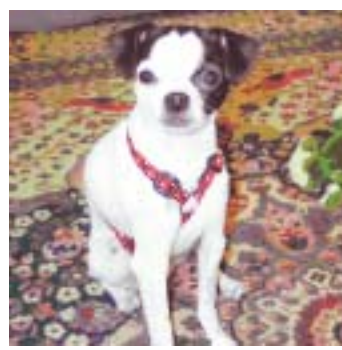


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Living history is part of the annual Scottish Games and Gathering in Pleasanton. Many of the groups provide opportunities for visitors to take part in some of the activities. In the photo, archery instruction is provided.

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### PET OF THE WEEK

Mac still needs a home of his own. Mac is a very loving 16-month old Chihuahua very true to his breed. He is active, playful, sweet, funny, demanding, and mischievous. He has completely recovered from his broken front legs, and is more active and durable than we ever thought possible. His foster family cannot continue to keep him due to other commitments, so we are looking for adopters or a temporary foster home until a

permanent home can be found. He is suitable for families with an adult who is home most of the time, another small dog, a cat, or a responsible teenager, but no younger children. For more information about Mac, call Valley Humane Society at 925-426-8656. Visit our cats 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 10 to 2.

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# VALLEY ROUNDUP

## Hollywood Theme for Luncheon

Hollywood Producer, Marty Katz will be the guest speaker at the Livermore Chamber of Commerce Sept. 20 Wine Country Summer Luncheon. Katz, who is considered one of the most experienced and capable producers in the country, has been involved in the motion picture and television industries for over two decades. He was associated with Walt Disney Studios as Senior Vice President, Motion Picture and Television Production for many years. Included among many of the award winning movies produced under his auspices are "Pretty Woman," "The Little Mermaid," "Down & Out in Beverly Hills," and "Titanic." In 1992 he formed his own independent production banner, Marty Katz Productions.

The luncheon will be held within the outside amphitheatre at Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Road in Livermore on Thursday, September 20 beginning at 11:30 a.m. Advanced reservations are required. Seats are \$35 for Chamber Members and \$45 for non-members.

For further information or to make reservations call the Chamber at 447-1606.

## New Leaders at Las Positas

New leaders will guide the Las Positas College faculty and classified senates for the next two years.

Math instructor Greg Daubenmire will serve as president of the College's Faculty Senate, while Frances DeNisco will head the Classified Senate. DeNisco coordinates the community education program for Las Positas.

As leaders of their respective senates, they will play key roles in the shared governance of the College, joining the administration in the decision-making process.

Daubenmire has taught at Las Positas since 2000 and has been a community college instructor at a variety of Bay Area colleges since 1984. He anticipates working closely with DeNisco on issues of mutual concern.

The senates deal with everything from accreditation and employee evaluation processes to office assignments and concerns about park-

ing spaces. One key area that the faculty senate will focus on this year is analyzing a 16-week semester instead of the current 17-week schedule.

He also hopes to move forward an ethics policy for the faculty, a project he's been working on for the last year in his role as vice president.

"If it's truly shared governance and there's an ethics statement on the web site for students, the faculty ought to put one out there," he said.

DeNisco joined Las Positas in 2001 as an adjunct instructor and then moved into her current position as community education program coordinator. As such, she coordinates the offering of more than 100 fee-based classes for the community. These range from dealing with a mid-life career change to a young learners academy for language instruction to prenatal yoga.

She's looking to build more classified participation into the senate by making it easy for people to take part as well as rewriting the group's bylaws. They will also be watching how appropriate staffing levels accompany the college's major building program.

Daubenmire replaces Melissa Korber, a mass communications instructor, while DeNisco takes over for Todd Steffan, a financial aid technician.

For additional information, please contact Greg Daubenmire at gdaubenmire@laspositascollege.edu or (925) 424-1385 or Frances DiNisco at fdenisco@laspositascollege.edu or (925) 424-1467.

## Pedestrian and Bike Plan

Pleasanton has received a grant for \$111,000 to be used in preparation of a pedestrian and bicycle master plan.

The money comes from County Measure B. The city council, at its Tuesday meeting, approved formation of a committee to oversee the development of the plan.

Staff proposed a five member committee comprised of one representative each from the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Trails Ad Hoc Committee, and the Planning Commission, and two at-large residents.



The Tri-Valley Adult Day Care Program (TVADCP) organization hosted a barbecue for the Friendship Center Adult Day Care Program on Monday, August 20th. Foundation Board members cooked and served lunch to the clients and staff. TVADCP will be at the September 9th Farmers Market in Livermore. To learn more about Adult Day Care or TVADCP in general, please stop by the booth at the Farmers Market. Inquiries may be sent to: tvadcpinfo@comcast.net. Pictured are TVADCP board members Dennis Gambis, Cal Wood and Tom Heath.

## DAY CARE

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tion. The message will be how important adult day care is in this area."

The panel is recruiting people from Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore, with a particular interest in those with marketing/fund-raising skills, and someone who could serve as Secretary to the panel.

The program, licensed by the state Department of Social Services, has operated out of two and a half classrooms leased from the school district at the Sonoma School site in Livermore. The Friendship Center will have to move to a new location. The Livermore Valley Charter School, which shares the school site, wants to use the entire facility.

The Friendship Center has until June of 2009 to relocate.

The TVADCP Board raises funds to keep adult day care at the Friendship Center affordable for families. It has served as a nonprofit organization since 1988 and facilitates corporate giving campaigns and individual donations and grants. Among the largest corporate donors to the center are the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Sandia National Laboratory, Target Stores,

Safeway, and the Hindu Temple.

Now celebrating its 15th anniversary, the Friendship Center serves adults over 50 years of age who cannot care for themselves. The center is open during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The facility is licensed to serve 30 adults per day with a systemic approach to their mental, emotional and physical care, blended with social and recreational activities that are supervised by a professional and caring staff. Hot meals are provided daily by Spectrum Community Services. Friendship Center is a facility of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District and is operated

through the District's Senior Services Division.

Interested persons are encouraged to contact Marena Drlak, TVADCP Chair, at (925) 455-1760.

For more information, please call the Friendship Center at (925) 960-2420.

The average age of clients is 80. Most have some form of dementia, such as Alzheimer's, the most common form of dementia. An estimated 4.5 million Americans have Alzheimer's disease, more than double the number since 1980, and a number that is expected to grow to as much as 16 million by the year 2050.

## Box Lunch Program for Kids to Expand

Open Heart Kitchen is expanding its Weekend Box Lunch Program to serve low-income children at Jackson Elementary School, located at 554 Jackson Avenue in Livermore.

The plan is to build on the success with similar programs at

Livermore's Marilyn Avenue, Portola, and Joe Michell Elementary schools. Healthy lunches are distributed to over 800 students each Friday to provide continuous meal service on the weekend for children who receive government-sponsored lunches during

the school week. Approximately 240 children will receive boxed lunches at Jackson Elementary School. Each box lunch consists of fruit, protein, starch, juice, and dessert. The lunches are assembled largely by volunteers from local high schools.

Seed funding for this program comes from Asbury Methodist Church's (Asbury's) Annual Flea Market scheduled for Saturday, September 8th from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. Asbury's goal is to raise enough money each year to completely sponsor 15 of the 240 children at Jackson Elementary School to receive these lunches. Chuck Johnstone, Senior Pastor of Asbury Methodist Church, says, "This important project is so valuable to our community. No other organization, group or agency has even attempted to address the problem of weekend hunger among low-income school-aged children in the Tri-Valley."

Reservations for space at the Flea Market can be made at the church office during the week (925)447-1950 or online at www.asburylive.org. The cost is \$15 for a space and \$5 for a table, if available.

Open Heart Kitchen provides prepared food to families and individuals in need in Livermore, Pleasanton, and Dublin. It is currently supporting the following programs: Hot Meal Programs (four locations, five days a week), Weekend Box Lunch Program (five locations) and the Senior Hot Meals Program (five days a week in Pleasanton). A small staff, with the help of hundreds of volunteers, prepare and serve over 3,000 meals every week.

More sponsors are very much needed for the lunch program. Open Heart Kitchen is actively seeking additional donations of time, talent, and money. Contact Carol Beddome at 925-580-1616 to help.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Tony prepares to take a test drive of his brand new "1957 Elvis Harley" replica motorcycle. Only thirty of the replicas were available. Two of them ended up in Pleasanton. The motorcycles were sold as a fund-raiser for the American Diabetes Association. Tony's wife, who has diabetes, wanted to donate to the association. The winning purchasers were selected during a party at Graceland, Elvis's mansion. Tony and his wife were on hand when their name was drawn.



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# EDITORIAL

## Not Just A Golf Course

Springtown residents are concerned about the future of the Springtown Golf Course and plan to voice their concerns at the Livermore City Council meeting Monday.

The course, originally owned by the Springtown Homeowners Association, was taken over by the City of Livermore with a promise to retain the golf course. However, the course has been floundering financially, with its use declining. There are rumors the course might be sold for a low-income housing project.

The residents believe city neglect is behind the troubles. They say the city cares more about Las Positas, its other golf course, and tends to ignore Springtown in the distribution of budget funds.

While it has never been a big moneymaker, Springtown, at par 70, fills a niche among the golf courses of the Valley. It is beloved not only by its golf regulars, but also by many non-golfers who enjoy the parklike ambiance of the course. The land is frequented by wildlife such as blue heron, geese and fox. Frogs croak in the water traps.

No decision has yet been made about Springtown's future, reports Public Works Director Daniel McIntyre. He says town hall meetings will be held in the coming months to give residents an opportunity to vent their concerns.

We hope the City Council will heed them. Because it is so accessible to the public and serves such an important role as a kind of wildlife preserve, Springtown shouldn't be measured by the same standards as courses like Las Positas. Springtown is a community resource, rather than a golf course per se. It is one of the few amenities north of I-580. In our opinion, the preservation of this special site deserves Livermore's wholehearted commitment.

## RACING

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2008. However, horse training would continue until November 2008, said Pickering.

The racing board wants firm information from Bay Meadows about whether it would stay open through all of 2008, before it would focus on what it might do about the racing dates. The Pleasanton track has the backing of unions, trainers, and the racing industry for more racing dates, Pickering said.

The fair, as a nonprofit corporation, did not go out and seek the extra business, but was asked whether it could accommodate more racing dates. More racing would be a boon to the fair. The current two weeks annually pays for improvements to the fairgrounds. Having more racing dates could add to that revenue, said Pickering.

On the other side, there would be millions in added expenses, because the fair probably would have to have two tracks, instead of the current dirt track. One would be a new synthetic track, the other a turf raceway. It's likely the fair would have a private company manage the racing operation, just as it does with the nine-hole golf course in the race-track infield, said Pickering. "We have been in dialogue with the management team at Golden Gate Fields and Bay Meadows, and talked about their willingness to invest in this," he said.

The fair association, formed in 1912, uses no tax money to operate the fair. It has a 26-member board, with 10 members ap-

pointed by county supervisors, and 16 elected by the fair board members. All are volunteers.

The proposal for more dates is making its way through board committees. "We are looking at the idea philosophically. Just because the industry is asking us to do something, doesn't mean we have to do it," said Pickering. The fair board will take a very strong look at the outside financing, so that no financial consequences would boomerang back to the fair.

Pickering said that the fair board is sensitive to the concerns of Pleasanton residents about any new racing dates. He said that while the fair draws 20,000 to 30,000 people daily, the new racing dates on their own would bring only about 1500 or 1600 to the track. The hours would be noon to 6 p.m., since there is no big market for nighttime racing. That would avoid morning rush hour traffic.

At fair time, there is much amplified sound from the grounds. However, the fair would enclose the grandstand area that would serve the customers for the new racing dates. The enclosed area would be air conditioned and seat 1600 people. The entire grandstand seats 6000. The racing dates would also generate a number of jobs, said Pickering.

The fairgrounds has the oldest one-mile track in the United States. It was built on Don Augustine Bernal's land grant in 1858, the same year that California became a state.

## UNION

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in the transition, according to a union press release.

Lawrence Livermore Laboratory employees are currently UC employees. Labor laws affecting their employment are administered by California's Public Employment Relations Board (PERB). When the transition to new management takes place October 1, Lab employees will be considered private sector employees. Rather than the PERB, the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) will have jurisdiction over unionization efforts.

As of June 26, SPSE-UPTE 11 had collected signed cards authorizing union representation from a majority of employees in the traditionally defined Skilled Trades bargaining unit and submitted these to PERB. Under PERB regulations, California public employees can "vote" for union representation by signing authorization cards ("card check") or through a PERB supervised election. The card check option is not available to workers under the NLRB unless the employer also agrees to it.

On July 7, PERB verified that the union had authorizations from a majority of eligible employees. Instead of agreeing to recognize the union and proceeding to negotiate with the rep-

resented employees, UC chose to file objections to the unit, seeking to exclude Laborers and include over 100 Machinists, a group which PERB had determined to be appropriately placed with other Technical employees in a Technical bargaining unit.

Both parties have met at two settlement conferences called by PERB Regional Director Anita Martinez. SPSE-UPTE has signaled its willingness to compromise in an effort to reach settlement. However, the union representatives contend that UC has refused to budge. Both UC and the union have to respond this week with justification for their respective positions.

In the meantime, Skilled Trades unit members are frustrated. HVAC Mechanic Brion Leri, a twenty five year Lab employee, summed up the sentiment, "Having attended both settlement conferences, it became clear to me that LLNL/UC is stalling to delay the PERB recognition process. Their tactics are transparent and the reasons for appeal weak at best. We have acted on Representative Tauscher's request to resolve this matter before October 1. UC has yet to compromise, while we have."

by Janet Armantrout

Hooray for Jeff Williams. His entry into the Livermore City Council race should be applauded for two reasons. It ensures that there will be a debate over issues. And, it counters, at least for one election, a troubling trend of uncontested elections.

### COMMENTARY

There were no challengers to incumbents in the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District board and the recent Pleasanton School Board elections. In Pleasanton, there is actually only one school board member who was originally elected by voters, Kris Weaver. The other four were all appointed and subsequently returned to the board via the ballot.

This November, the Livermore mayor's race is uncontested. There is only Jeff Williams challenging the incumbents.

One of the incumbents, Lorraine Dietrich, earned her seat on the council via the appointment process. Dietrich had failed to be elected to the council in her previous attempt. After being appointed, she has been reelected twice.

There are two potential messages sent by the lack of candidates. One, everything is going well; two, it's too hard to unseat an incumbent.

It was anticipated that with twelve candidates vying to be appointed to the seat vacated by councilmember Tom Reitter that this November's election would generate more interest. It appears that being appointed to office inspired candidates to declare their desire to serve the city. The candidate selected would then be an incumbent in a future election. There would be name recognition with voters as a councilmember.

Of the original twelve, only

Jeff Williams has continued to pursue a council seat via the election process. It's an effort that requires organizing a team of volunteers, raising money, and acquiring a good pair of shoes to make all the walking more comfortable.

It is both time consuming and expensive to run a campaign. In Pleasanton, mayoral candidate Steve Brozosky raised over \$64,000 in challenging incumbent Jennifer Hosterman. Hosterman was re-elected. She reported collecting just over \$22,000 a few days before the election. The 2005 Livermore municipal races were the most expensive ever. Incumbent Marshall Kamena, as of Nov. 3, had raised over \$80,000; challenger David Mertes close to \$40,000.

When things are going well, incumbents have an advantage. An incumbent is identified with what is happening in the city. In Livermore, the direction the

council has taken the city appears to be popular with voters. When people are happy, incumbents are most likely to be re-elected, even though an incumbent may not have supported many of the popular issues of the day.

One of the major issues Livermore voters have strongly supported is preserving North Livermore. Councilmember Lorraine Dietrich was a member of the committee that produced a plan to build up to 12,500 homes in North Livermore. She was also a strong supporter of the soundly defeated Pardee development plan for 2450 homes.

It will be up to Williams to convince voters he would be the best choice. He comes to the ballot with the support of Reitter, the highest vote-getter in recent elections. Those who know both Reitter and Williams believe that Williams would bring the same viewpoint on issues and the same strength of character to the council that Reitter brought.

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standing effort by our students, staff, and parents. Our task now is to carefully look at the data and take steps to ensure that all of our students continue to be successful."

Director of assessment and evaluation Jim Rallis stated, "Educators, parents, and students at every school should be commended for their outstanding achievements. The district's persistent focus on continuous student achievement is making a difference for Pleasanton students. We are a data-driven district, and, while all schools are celebrating successes, staff continues to review data to find ways to improve and continue to achieve at a high level."

### FOOTHILL SHOWS MOST DRAMATIC IMPROVEMENT

The most dramatic improvement over last year's API scores came at Foothill High School, which jumped 52 points, from 832 to 884. Amador Valley High rose from 850 to 870.

At the elementary school level, Valley View led the improvement in points with a 16-point boost from 901 to 917. Hearst rose 12 points from 914

to 926. Other results were: Alisal, 884 to 878; Donlon, 910 to 902; Fairlands, 930 to 918; Lydiksen, 894 to 897; Mohr, 960 to 965; Vintage Hills, 918 to 915; and Walnut Grove 932 to 924.

### STATE ERASES MIDDLE SCHOOL SCORE

At the middle school level, Harvest Park went from 894 to 899, and Hart rose from 894 to 895. Changes of 3 points or less are considered to be statistically insignificant.

One development did mar the district's results. Pleasanton Middle School, which dipped to 907 from 912 last year, will see the 2006 results erased by the state. There will be no "improvement" score calculated.

The district's public information officer, Myla Grasso, explained that the district discovered this year that a Hart teacher copied 8th grade science test questions in March 2005, and shared them with three teachers, one each from the district's middle schools. The purpose was to help improve districtwide curriculum, which teachers were working on, said Grasso.

Several observers pointed out that having knowledge of the

questions could allow teachers to focus their instruction towards the test, without providing students with the actual questions.

When the district found out about the action this year, all of the teachers were disciplined. The rules are very clear that no test questions may be copied, said Grasso. The district reported the incident to the state, which said it would erase the 2006 results, although the decision has not been made final.

The district is considering an appeal. The state contended that in some way, the copying of the test helped Pleasanton Middle School students do better on the eighth grade science exams in 2006 than their cohorts at the district's other two middle schools, said Grasso.

Asked why the other two middle schools did not have their 2006 scores erased since teachers from their facilities also had copies of the same test questions, Grasso said the state simply pointed to the higher scores at PMS. Last year PMS was 88 percent proficient (on the 8th grade science test) another middle school was 74 percent and the third was in the 60s, explained

Grasso.

District officials who talked to the teachers do not believe they used the test questions for test preparation, said Grasso. "There is no evidence of showing questions to students. However, the state took what happened, looked at the test scores, and decided that's the action they would take," she said.

"There are two issues here. The teachers did violate testing protocol. That's a district issue. There was disciplinary action taken. The state issue is 'Did our students receive an undue advantage by that action?' We are saying there was no advantage. They don't agree, because the numbers are so high," said Grasso.

Superintendent John Casey said the test scores were so high because of the excellent methods and focus used by teachers, "who are delivering the type of instruction that the state encourages." The district "didn't necessarily agree with the decision to invalidate the scores. However, we continue to consider matters of test security very seriously, and have taken steps with staff to address the need to follow state testing guidelines," added Casey.

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advantaged gained 44 points, and English language learners (ELL) gained 35 points. The Caucasian subgroup added 72 points, for a score of 842.

"I expected our scores to go up. It was a nice surprise to see such substantial growth," says Marilyn Principal Jeff Keller. "This is proof that our common frequent assessments and targeted instruction are working."

Scores for all middle and high schools dropped, except for Granada High School, which increased by 11 points to 796. Livermore High School's score dropped by 13 points to 763. Mendenhall Middle School lost 11 points, earning a score of 826. The other middle schools are still below 800: Christensen scored 774, East Avenue scored 770, and Junction scored 732.

The Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS) earned a score of 865, a drop of 23 points from last year's API of 888.

"I am proud of how the students performed. An API of 865 is a respectable score," says LVCS Principal Tara Aderman. "The school continues to be one of the top three when compared to the elementary schools in the

Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, and the highest performing in comparison to the District's middle schools."

The API score is based on results from statewide standardized tests administered in the spring. Scores can range from 200 to 1000. The state has set 800 as the API target for all schools to meet. Schools that fall short of 800 are required to meet annual growth targets of 5% of the difference until that goal is achieved.

The API is one component of California's Accountability Progress Reporting (APR) system. Another is the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Report. Each school and school district must meet four AYP requirements: percentage of students scoring at or above proficiency in English-language arts (ELA) and math, API growth, and graduation rate for high schools.

These requirements must be met by each numerically significant subgroup. Schools that receive Title 1 funding and fail to make AYP for two years in a row go into Program Improvement (PI).

The District met all 38 of its AYP criteria. Of the District's five Title 1 schools, three—Junction

Avenue Middle School, Marylin, and Portola—did not make AYP.

Junction failed to make AYP on one criterion out of 21—percent proficient for the Hispanic/Latino subgroup on ELA. Since this 2006/07 was Junction's first year to receive Title 1 funding, the school is not in PI.

Marylin and Portola remain in PI for a second year. This is expected because federal law mandates that schools automatically remain in PI for two years. However, both schools failed to make AYP again this year. Marylin's ELL subgroup did not meet the percent proficient criteria for ELA. While this was the only AYP criteria that Marylin missed, it is one of the criteria the school failed to meet in 2005/06.

"I am certain we will make AYP next year," says Keller. "I expect strong growth for the next several years as the impacts of recent reforms, including smaller class sizes, are felt."

Portola's API score dropped by 6 points to 675, making this the second year the school has lost ground on the API. In 2005/06, the school dropped 24 points, from 683 to 707. Portola's Hispanic/Latino, socioeconomically disadvantaged, and ELL subgroups failed to meet the per-

cent proficient AYP criteria for ELA.

"We are extremely proud of the progress made by both Marylin and Portola in improving student achievement," says Superintendent Brenda Miller. "While test scores are just one measure of success, we are working hard in response to the Program Improvement designation, implementing substantial educational improvements at Marylin and Portola."

To exit PI, schools have to make AYP for two years. Portola and Marylin will remain in PI through the 2008/09 school year. If they make AYP in the 2007/08 school year, they will remain in PI year two status—School Improvement.

If either school fails to make AYP this school year, they will advance to Corrective Action status. At this point the District must take at least one of the following actions: replace school staff, implement new curriculum, decrease management authority at the school level, appoint outside experts, extend school year or day, restructure internal organizational structure of school, and inform parents and public of corrective action and allow comments.

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could cut into Zone 7's revenue stream. The agency's finance committee has recommended to the board that it boost water rates by 8 percent in 2008. Zone 7 staff member Karla Nemeth said that staff is not expected to recommend a greater increase when the board meets Sept. 18.

However, it's unknown just what water rate would have to be set in 2009, she said. "We believe we can meet our deliveries for 2008. Along with other agencies in the state, we can sort through the proposed cutbacks, and come to a better understanding of what the impact would be on our service area," said Nemeth.

## LAWSUIT

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an extension of Jack London Road would sever the 17 acres off from the main area of quarrying.

The El Charro specific plan includes a 42-acre prime factory outlet shopping center, which the city is touting as a big contributor to future sales tax revenue.

The legal action sought by Rhodes & Jamieson seeks an injunction to set aside the EIR and the city council's approval of the

specific plan. It also asks the court to stop any further project approvals in the El Charro plan.

Judith Propp, Livermore senior assistant city attorney, said that the city offered to swap land with the firm. "However, they were not interested in that." She said that the city has talked about negotiations for compensation with Rhodes & Jamieson, and is continuing to try to resolve the issues.

As for the Jack London Drive extension, Propp said that the traffic studies showed that only a two-lane road is needed until 2030. Further, the land that would be taken away from mining is only a small corner of the quarry property, not 17 acres.

Neither Doug Jamieson, the company's president, nor an attorney for Rhodes & Jamieson were not able to be reached for comment before the Independent's deadline.

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# Over 80% of Livermore Students Pass California High School Exit Exam

By Patricia Koning

The good news is that in the 2006/07 school year, 82% of high school sophomores in Livermore passed the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE). The bad news is that those results are lower than the 2005/06 school year, when 85% of sophomores tested passed the math portion and 87% passed the English-language arts (ELA) section.

However, Livermore School Superintendent Brenda Miller says she is pleased with the participation rate, which was the highest ever. A total of 1,155 sophomores took the test in the 06/07 school year, compared with 1,133 in 05/06.

The increased participation rate is apparent in the data on subgroups. In 05/06, only a handful of special education students

in Livermore took the CAHSEE. In 06/07, 142 special education students took the math section and 144 took the ELA section, with a pass rate of 55% on both sections.

The number of English Language Learners (ELL) taking the test nearly doubled, from 53 in 05/06 to 93 in 06/07. The ELL pass rate went up, from 35% to 42%, in English language arts but dropped, from 53% to 45%, in math.

Granada High School Principal Chris Van Schaack says his staff made a concerted effort to test all ELL students last year.

"Many times students who struggle with the language will avoid standardized testing, aware of their own shortcomings. In fact, the ones most likely to avoid testing are the ones most

likely to fail the test," he explains. "Another issue is that many of our ELL students are in their first or second year of learning English. We feel that we have a good chance of helping them if we can work with them for several years. In fact, we did not have a single EL student fail to pass the CAHSEE by the 12th grade if they began with us as freshmen."

Socioeconomically disadvantaged students also saw a drop in their pass rate. In 05/06, District-wide, 70% of sophomores classified as socioeconomically disadvantaged passed the math section and 62% passed the ELA section. In 06/07, the pass rate for both sections of the test was 58%. Statewide, the pass rate for socioeconomically disadvantaged students was 65%.

The sharpest decline was seen at Livermore High School, where the pass rate dropped from 76% in math and 71% in ELA in 05/06 to 62% (math) and 65% (ELA) last year.

The socioeconomically disadvantaged participation rate was only slightly higher in 06/07, with 139 students taking the CAHSEE, than in 05/06, with 125 students taking math section and 132 taking the ELA section. Despite the higher participation rate, more students passed in 05/06—88 in math and 82 in ELA—than in 06/07, when 81 students passed both sections.

The CAHSEE assesses student mastery of state content standards in ELA and math, and became a California high school graduation requirement in 2006. It is a pass/fail test, but students do not

have to pass both parts of the exam at the same test date.

Students are encouraged to take the CAHSEE in their sophomore year. If they do not pass one or both parts of the exam in 10<sup>th</sup> grade, they have two opportunities in 11<sup>th</sup> grade and three opportunities in 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Miller says that Livermore students who need help to pass the exam receive targeted remedial education in areas of weakness identified in the exam. They receive intensive instruction in math and ELA during the regular academic year, and can participate in exit exam preparation courses during the regular school year or in summer school.

Parents and students are also invited to meet with their advisors to discuss all of the support

options available to them. "We will continue to provide this range of intervention so that all students can be successful," she says.

The CAHSEE is only one of several high school graduation requirements. Students must also successfully complete specific courses and earn a certain number of academic credits in order to graduate. Last year 41 seniors in the District had not passed the CAHSEE in time for graduation.

"Through our review of data in past years, we have found that the majority of students in our district who do not pass the exit exam also lacked the required number of credits to graduate," says Miller. "Thus, the exit exam was not the only thing standing between them and a high school diploma."

## MAILBOX

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### Majority Ignore Adrienne Smith Livermore

Our mayor and city council have let Livermore down by approving the airport expansion. No one can predict how much added noise and pollution will result, but one thing is for sure, money was the driving force. This issue should have been put on the ballot, instead of five people deciding; especially since one of those five people is retiring and moving away from Livermore.

With an election approaching, reelection candidates will have a lot of explaining to do. I have lived in my home for about 23 years, and in my opinion, jet and plane traffic have doubled in Livermore in three years. Since the City of Livermore currently has no control over airport operations, and will continue to have no control after the FBO takes over, if residents try to complain they will be told the same thing they're told now, "Sorry, we have no control over the airport." The night the Livermore City Council approved the expansion, the opposition was so overwhelming that the people had to sit in three different rooms. I assume that was to lessen the threat of one large angry crowd. Be-

cause at the Granada High airport city council meeting, the bleachers were wall-to-wall protest signs against the expansion. Recently, a lady pilot wrote a letter blasting a homeowner who had written a letter describing her displeasure in the council's approval of the airport expansion. This is the second time that pilot has blasted the same woman. This pilot quoted the same airport-provided fabricated figures she's been quoting for two years as if everyone will accept them as being true.

The handful of outspoken pilots who pushed hard for this expansion obviously have airport related businesses. They don't care about the residents or the recreational pilots who will be pushed out of the airport when the influential jet owners move in. They "pretend" (along with the Livermore City Council) that they don't know that added airport operations will increase noise. Obviously, more planes and jets mean more noise, more pollution and more crashes.

It's inconceivable to me that people would burden other people like this and force them to live with the negative impacts of a busier, expanded airport just for their own monetary gain. Hopefully, karma will even the score.

### Best for Pleasanton Gerry Brunken Pleasanton

Staples Ranch - what is best for Pleasanton?

Best? Certainly not any successful signature gathering petition for what is now titled the "Pleasanton Eastern Gateway Initiative." This greenbelt gate-

way only leads to immense future revenue loss for Pleasanton.

Alameda County owns this land. Pleasanton may annex it and has signed a memorandum of understanding with the county to complete an agreed to long planned improvement project including a senior retirement and assisted living community, acreage for Hendrick Auto Group, small retail, and the 17-acre park.

If successful, the initiative would invalidate the MOU with the county, allowing the county to reassign the land to Dublin or Livermore for development. The proponents of Gateway scoff at this possibility, but that outcome is very real. Five million dollars in annual revenue are at stake here, an attractive incentive for either city. Pleasanton residents would see zero benefits.

Would our citizens want to see something like Dublin's Hacienda Crossings on the land? It could happen, and if we lose this 124 acres, there would be no community park and no future dollars from this location to support our schools, or to assist youth activities, improve any park, plant one tree, and no senior community for those who might desire to live there.

In other words, a total loss for our city. The Gateway initiative is not a good idea. If asked to sign a petition for it, please citizens, politely decline.

### Keep Cities Separate Sal De La Torre Livermore

We are very fortunate that we have a rock quarry separating Livermore from Pleasanton. Many people are now concerned with possible new construction

in the Staples Ranch and the new Livermore plans for construction in the Rhodes & Jamieson property and the adjacent unincorporated area.

It has been our aspirations and dreams to remain a small town with definite division separating Livermore from Pleasanton and Dublin. If there is construction in this area there must be land set aside for open space, vacant land, or a green belt between Pleasanton and Livermore. The Livermore City Council must take action so that Livermore does not become grow into another Dublin, San Ramon, or Danville where there is no separation or distinction between cities. Another Los Angeles, San Jose, Oakland is now in the making in the Livermore valley. The 580 freeway is example of no planning or constraint to growth.

The mind set philosophy of some city councils is that they must to fill every vacant piece of land with a house, building, or business. These people moved to get away from the city and brought the city with them.

### A Proposal Henry D. Shay Livermore

I have a humble proposal. It has been reported that the city of Livermore is considering converting the green space that is presently the site of the unprofitable Springtown golf course into high density, low cost housing. Of course, hundreds of families living in modest abodes in the surrounding neighbor have wagered their savings and future incomes on the preservation of the character of Springtown, which depends to a large extent on the continued existence of the golf course.

Here's my suggestion. Instead of victimizing these folks, let's plop the low cost housing on the ridges lining the Scenic Corridor or, perhaps, in the midst of ver-

dant vineyards south of town.

Oh! What am I thinking? More affluent and influential persons will unquestionably veto any such proposal encroaching on their backyards.

Every time some diabolical

developer casts a greedy eye on the tracts north of I-580, the town rises up in righteous rage. When the city solons themselves consider sacrificing Springtown to balance their budget, should there not be an equal outcry? Yes, where is it?

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During the month of September, there will be horse drawn carriage rides offered in the downtown during Tuesday Tunes.

Tuesday Tunes is presented by Livermore Downtown Inc.

The performance schedule is as follows:

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Sept. 18: Stone's Throw, Flagpole Plaza; Generation Blue, Livermore Valley Plaza;

Sept. 25: (to be announced), Flagpole Plaza; el desayuno, Livermore Valley Plaza; and

Oct. 2: The Gabriel Duffin Band, Flagpole Plaza; The Cool Tones, Livermore Valley Plaza.

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Saturday, September 22 - 10:00am  
Yizkor Memorial Service - 11:30am  
Neilah, Closing Service - 6:30pm  
Havdalah and a 'break the fast' buffet will follow

# SPORTS NOTES

## Gymnastics

Isla Andrews was recently named to the 2007 Diamond TOPS National Team. Isla is 8 years old and trains at Gymnastics in Livermore. TOPS is the USA Gymnastics talent opportunity program that identifies talented, young gymnasts so they can be monitored and aided by USA Gymnastics in their development.

Each summer more than 3,100 gymnasts age 7 to 11 attend regional testing run by USA Gymnastics all across the country. The top forty 7 to 8 year olds and top sixty 9 to 11 year olds are named to the national team. The 9 to 11 year olds attend a training camp where they are coached by the USA National Team coaches. The 7 to 8 year olds are too young to attend the camp. They receive national team warm-up suits and leotards and qualify their coach to attend the national camp to learn from the national team coaches.

## Youth Soccer

The Livermore Elite Explosion U13 Division 1 girl's soccer team made their way to Alameda this past weekend to compete in the Bay Oaks Labor Day Classic. Two strong games Saturday gave the Explosion the edge going into their last preliminary game on Sunday where all they needed was a win to move on to the championship match or a tie to advance to the consolation game, the unfortunate occurred and the Explosion ended their weekend with a loss.

Livermore Elite Explosion 3, Pleasanton Rage AC 0. The Explosion played a great passing game including a beautiful 3 touch pass from Alex Boucher to Audrey Walke to Jessica Floyd to Brooke Rittmann who finished with the fourth touch going in the net past the Rage keeper. Boucher put in the second score and Taylor Roach drove in goal number three. Great midfield play by Alexa Hubbs, Cassidy Peters and Sierra Cassels.

Livermore Elite Explosion 2, Bay Oaks Speed Demons 2. The Explosion took the field in this game as a force not to be taken lightly as they played outstanding against the Speed Demons who are ranked 4th in Northern California. After trailing 1-0 in the first half, the Explosion came back with a great goal by Mandi Alvarez who followed in a deflected Carl Floris shot attempt. The Explosion took the lead 4 minutes into the second half when Taylor Roach successfully put in a direct kick off a foul on forward Danielle Lacombe. Bay Oaks later on came back to tie the game. Consistent defensive pressure from Kerry Stein, Kyle Southwell, Cierra Comfort, Jennie Harmonson and Explosion keeper Victoria Case combined for a great job holding off the powerful offensive strength behind the Speed Demons.

Livermore Elite Explosion 1, Ajax United 2. Despite striking first and early, with a goal 4 minutes into the game by Jessica Floyd, the Explosion struggled in the second half and could not hold off the United as they fought back putting 2 in the net to seal the win. Danielle Lacombe and Alex Boucher executed great midfield control in the game.

The Livermore United boys U13 soccer team tied 3 matches at the Sonoma County Classic Soccer Tournament over Labor Day weekend.

Livermore faced the De Anza Force 94 team in their first match, playing to a 1-1 tie. It was an evenly matched game with Livermore scoring the first goal of the game in the second half off of a throw in by Damon Tregear to Evan Enzmann, who crossed the ball to Brandon Marantian for the finish. De Anza tied the game up minutes later off of a corner kick opportunity.

Later, Livermore took on Sacramento United America tying again 2-2. Ryan Gollott scored both goals for Livermore; one in the first half assisted by Marco Arana-Nolasco and Jeff Gellerman and one in the second half with aid from Enzmann and Gellerman, putting Livermore ahead by 2. Sacramento rallied, dominating the rest of the game and managing to get 2 late goals through the Livermore defense to tie the game.

On Sunday, Livermore battled the San Francisco destroyers to another tie - this time 0-0. Tristan Lewis, the Livermore keeper, along with defenders Cody Martinez and Juan-Carlos Alfaro played well to maintain a shut out.

Pleasanton BSCU U16 played in the North Huntingdon Beach tournament over Labor Day weekend. They were one of several BSCU teams to move forward after qualifying rounds. The U16's went on to place second in the flight 1 group. The following are the scores: Fresno Diablos 1, Ballistic United 2; Ballistic United 3, DBWV United 0. Force (CS) 2, Ballistic United 2. Ballistic United 3, Inter FC (UT) 1. Ballistic United 2, Pros White (AZ) 1. Ballistic United 2, Merced (CN) 3.

The BSCU U18 United traveled to Huntington Beach and made it to the quarterfinals of the NHB tournament before being ousted by the BSCU Attack.

In pool play, United first took on Mt. Diablo Blast. They possessed the ball for the first 90 seconds of the game and moved the ball around at will. However, as does often happen, Mt. Diablo brought a ball down the field and suddenly scored, and the United trailed 1-0. In the 11th minute, a long Brett Weber punt found Nestor Negrete, who wheeled and fired. He was denied on a great diving save, but BSCU got the corner. Min-Joon Oh put the ball into the mix and Tommy Sander knocked it in for the tie at half. United pushed hard in the second half, and it paid off late. In the 54th minute, a BSCU corner was cleared out of the box to a waiting Trevor Danielsen, who knocked it back in. Matt Carlucci was waiting behind the keeper and beat him cleanly for the game winner 2-1.

Game two was against the TVSA Hawks. They took the game to United in the initial minutes of the game. They had several corner kicks and found a gap on a deliberately built up play down the center. A Hawk drove one low right for the 1-0 lead. United responded in the 17th minute when Michael Florian stole a clearing attempt and sent it back to Negrete at the left post. He went far post and evaded it one. In the 23rd minute, a brilliant individual effort by Trevor Morrissey gave BSCU the lead. He stole a clearing attempt on the right side of the defense, juked two Hawks, steered around the keeper, and beat the last defender trying to stop him for the go-ahead goal. United tightened up in the second half, led by Alex McArthur and Justin Mullaney, but had to survive a 60th minute throw into the box for the win. The game for the flight came against the Arizona FC Hammers. The game started slowly as each team was trying to find the other's weakness.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

## The first in a series of cyclocrosses sponsored by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Saturday. The competition was held at Robertson Park Stadium. It involves riding a bike, running and negotiating obstacles.

BUSC had some great opportunities, only to be denied by the Hammer GK. A DK from 20 yards by AZ somehow snaked around the wall, hit the far post, and spun in for the goal in the 15th minute. Again finding themselves down, United mounted a furious, one-sided attack in the second half. Despite constant pressure, United could not convert several good chances and fell 1-0. The quarterfinals were against RFC Attack, who had not yet allowed a goal this tournament. United played them evenly through the first half, led by Jeff Squier's midfield toughness. The Attack found an opening on the wing and a drop pass to an open midfielder led to a 1-0 lead after 12 minutes. An Attack red card gave United an opening, but they could not exploit this. In the 52nd minute, the Attack scored again on a corner kick for the 2-0 final.

## Livermore Youth Soccer

Livermore Youth Soccer League results from last week:

**Boys 6-under:** Spongebob Soccerpants - defense: Colby Smith, Eric Ruloma; offense - Mason Smith, Evan Nyström Herrera. Inside Outs - offense: Jake Carmichael, Dylan Silva; defense: Blake Texeira, Dylan McGroarty; Cougars - offense: Anthony Guerra, Cole Niermeyer, Jesse Wolfson; defense: Carson Moeller, Miles Rassmussen, Nathan Miskella, Earthquakes - offense: Alejandro Cabassa, Gabriel Herrera, Thomas Cowles; defense: Parker Mckenzie, Zachary Kramer, Gabe Emfinger; Goals & Assists: Cameron Winter, Gabe Emfinger, Gabriel Herrera; Transformers - offense: Calvin Fletcher, Tamur Asar, Cian Mullins; defense: Ryan Barney, Calvin Fletcher; Goals & Assists: Tamur Asar, Cian Mullins.

**Boys 7-under:** Bullets 0, Rascals 10; Bullets - offense and defense: Nico Macchooni, Andrew Choumas, Benjamin Knuth; Rascals: Luke Foscalina, Logan Greenough, Andrew Haley. Eagles-Drew Marples scored 3 goals. Zachary Yereimian scored one goal. Sebastian Lee was named hero of the game. Wildcats - offense: Alexandria Christeson, Shelby Clark; defense: Nicole Fairbanks, Jamison Gray; Dolphins - offense: Tiara Birdsong, Piper Cooke; defense: Megan Mossinger.

**Boys 8-under:** Strikers - offense: Jack Perry, Sean Constable, Drew Arruda; defense: Alex Fogsatch, Bailey Kemp, Wes Williams, Dynamite - offense: Sam Miller, Lucas Owen, Joe Murphy; defense: Ryan Escover, Colton Casey, Kyle Correia. The Hot Shots - offense: Gabriel Vargas, Zac Heinz, Connor Sweeney; defense: Justin Kundert, Seth Davis, AJ Phillips, Zack Stewart. The Balls Hogs - offense: Trevor Campbell, Nick McClendon, Anthony Barrow; defense: Troy Wentworth, Mark Silverthorn, Kinaar Desai.

**Boys 9-under:** Hot Shots 0, Thunderbirds 7; Hot Shots - offense: Ryan Marta, Jacob Lester, Griffin Bateson; defense: Jason Walter, Doimic Rivera, Cole Stevens. Thunderbirds - offense: Jordan Mello, Caleb Nale, Michael Puso; defense: Grant Riddiough, Michael Silva, Kevin Spence.

**Hornets 3, Panthers 2;** Hornets - offense: Jason Flores, Noah Klubal, Evan Armstrong; defense: Luke Hottinger, Zachariah Eme, Josh Harlan. Panthers - offense: Roman Vasquez, Taylor Williamson, Nick Brown; defense: Darrell Staley, Justin Pettis, Donivan Winters.

**Cobras 4, TigerSharks 4;** Cobras - offense: Tanner Wright, Connor McCormack; defense: Ethan Aboumarad, Michael Henry. TigerSharks - offense: William Antonio, Joshua Forshaw; defense: Lucas Coppock, Anthony Schultz.

**Grizzlies 1, Scorpions 5;** Grizzlies - offense: Bobby Cantline, Sam Grossano, Chris Roessler; defense - Ralph Miller, Jose Mariscal, Jay Robinson. Scorpions - offense: Ethan Shang, Colton Sofonio, Dominic Carrano; defense: Adrian Rodriguez, Hector Salcedo, Zachary Scribner.

**Girls 5-under:** Butterflies - offense: Brooke Schaible, Lexie Scribner, Hannah MacDonald; defense: Kendall Waugh, Kristina McWilliams, Callin Thompson. Dragon Girls - All of the girls played a great game for their first time on the soccer field.

**Girls 6-under:** Blazing Stars - offense: Madison Hood, Kylie Muzzall, Jodi Bryant; defense: Emily March, Amanda Craft, Rachel Myers. The Daisies - offense: Emily Trask, Madelynn Valone, Angellique Marino; defense: Brianna Wheelock, Kate Wallace, Maryanna Frels. Goal Getters - offense: Audrey Curtis, Nicole Geary, Camryn Gray; defense: Pascale Badders, Jessica Gresho, Grace Hall. Mermaids - offense: Aspen Stoffel, Brooklyn McNeil, Phoebe Omweg; defense: Shannon Spiller, Anna Nostrand, Madison Silva. Mighty Tigers - offense: Alexa Clatt, Taylor Bond, Arianna Racanelli; defense: Lexi Borgna, Brooklyn Pehargou, Lauren Breazale. Livermore Kittens - offense: Sam Prestagard, Skylar Vinson, Ryann Lubeck; defense: Sierra Graham, Gabriella Paned, London March.

**Girls 7-under:** Spirit - offense: Emmerson Coberg, Mary Griffin, Lauren Zielski; defense: Courtney Hayes, Haylee Kramar, Alyssa Silva. Lightning Bugs - offense: Ashley Lamb, Tyler Enderlein, Carly Schindler; defense: Avery Perreault, Kaley

Harker, Sarah Guilford, Jamie Dittmore.

**Girls 14-under:** The Blaze 5, Soccerlicious 6. The Blaze - offense: Katie Baron, Ramsey Schmitt, Molly Cooper; defense: Angela Evans, McKenzie Hubert, Morgan Monaghan; Goals & Assists: Liz Sanchez 3, Paige Bauer 2. Soccerlicious - offense: Ericka Gruidi, Carina Novell, Nicole Schneider; defense - Taylor Meyer, Clarissa Roland, Amanda Stocking; Goals & Assists: Carina Novell. The game started fast with the Blaze scoring 2 goals in the first five minutes. The halftime score was 3-0. In the second half the game was evenly matched 2-2. All the girls played with heart, but the early scoring was too much to overcome with the Blaze winning 5-2.

## Lacrosse Festival

Pleasanton Lacrosse Club's will present a New Player Festival. It is open to boys and girls in grades 1 to 8. No equipment necessary. Fee is \$39, which includes a lacrosse stick, a ball and 2 hours of instruction by experienced Pleasanton Club coaches and players. The event is at Thomas Hart Middle School in Pleasanton, Sunday, September 23rd, 2-4PM. Sign-in starts at 1PM. Register at [www.pleasantonlacrosse.com](http://www.pleasantonlacrosse.com). For additional information, contact Byron Hay at 998-5550 or byron.hay@comcast.net.

## Under-10 Team

Girls 10U Fun Fall Ball team forming, see [www.geocities.com/LivermoreXtreme](http://www.geocities.com/LivermoreXtreme) for more info. For location and dates email usat [LivermoreXtreme@yahoo.com](mailto:LivermoreXtreme@yahoo.com) or leave msg for George at (925) 980-1461.

## Smoke Registration

The Livermore Smoke 2008 season is almost here. Walk-in registration will be held October 9th and October 23rd, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church located at 1020 Mochio Street, 6pm-9pm. Birth certificates will be verified for all players (past records are shredded after each season). Signed zero tolerance policy forms are required for both player and parent. Forms will be available online and at walk-in. For more information please visit us at <http://livermoregirlsoftball.org/>

## Golf Tournament

The second annual Granada High School Girls' Basketball Golf Fund-raiser will be held Sun., Oct. 14 at the Las Positas Golf Course in Livermore.

The Lady Mats are working to raise the necessary funding to purchase new lower level uniforms and travel this winter to the Nike Iolani Classic in Honolulu, Hawaii. The Varsity Team has been invited to play in this tournament and will be representing not only Granada High School, but the city of Livermore, as well.

Check in will be at 8:45 a.m. A bucket of Driving Range Balls will be provided at check. A shot gun start is at 10 a.m. After the golf, a lunch and raffle is set for 3 p.m.

Early bird special for golf participation is \$89 per player or \$356 per foursome, if fees received by Sept. 7. After that date play will be \$100 per player or \$400 per foursome.

Hole and corporate sponsorships are available.

Las Positas Golf Course is located at 917 Clubhouse Drive, Livermore.

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For more information contact Al Chavira at 980-3287 or Steve Martinez at 220-0965 and/or email [AL at aol.com](mailto:AL at aol.com) or [al@chasefinancialgroup.com](mailto:al@chasefinancialgroup.com) or Steve at: [coachscm@aol.com](mailto:coachscm@aol.com)

## Hats Off Run

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

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

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

For information or to register or volunteer, contact Sparky George at (925) 855-1950 or [thebearflagrunner@yahoo.com](mailto:thebearflagrunner@yahoo.com) Visit [www.hatsoffamerica.us](http://www.hatsoffamerica.us). The site includes links to other organizations that support our troops. Hats Off America is a nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization.

## Pony Baseball

PONY Baseball Pleasanton/Livermore/Dublin is now accepting registrations for the 2007 Fall Ball Season Ages 5-10. Ages 11-14 will register with the PONY Baseball Tiger Program. Games begin Sunday, September 23, 2007 and continue 6 Sundays. For more information or to register for Fall Ball or Tiger Baseball log onto our website at [www.pleasantonpony.com](http://www.pleasantonpony.com) or [www.livermorepony.com](http://www.livermorepony.com).

# Friends of Livermore Library Newsletter Named Best

The Friends of the Livermore Library has received the 2006 Best Friends Award for its print newsletter. The award comes from Friends of Libraries USA (FOLUSA). The Livermore Friends received this national award for the best newsletter for medium size libraries.

In determining winners, the FOLUSA Best Friends evaluated the printed materials that promote programs and special projects coordinated by the Friends.

The Friends of the Livermore Library is an association for people interested in books and a city library. The purpose of the Friends is to educate the public on library services and needs and to stimulate gifts of books, magazines, desirable collections, funds, endowments and bequests.

Since its inception, Friends of the Livermore Library has donated more than \$400,000 to the Livermore Public Library to fund special purchases and projects such as:

- Books and non-book items
- Financial assistance to help open the Springtown and Rincon branch libraries
- Underwriting the Library's 1996 Centennial Celebration
- Funding for Livermore Project READ.
- Support of the Library Authors and Arts program
- Operation of the Friends Bookstore at the Livermore Civic Center Library

Anyone interested in supporting the Livermore Public Library and its programs may join the Friends of Livermore Library. A membership form and other information can be found at the Friends website, <http://www.friendsoflivermorelibrary.com>, under membership.

## Garrison Selected as ABWA Outstanding Business Woman

Donna Garrison, Realtor with Keller Williams Tri-Valley, will be honored as 2007 Outstanding Business Woman on September 9th by the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) Bay Area Council and eWomenNetwork at a luncheon to be held at the Wyndham Hotel in San Jose.

Garrison was chosen for her extensive community contributions as well as her diverse professional achievements. As a founder of the Ruby Hill Giving Thanks Charity Committee, Garrison currently serves as President of the Board. She has worked in various capacities since 1997 to help the organization raise over \$2.2 million to support local charities such as Hope Hospice, ValleyCare Medical Foundation, Taylor Family Foundation's Camp Arroyo and Open Heart Kitchen.

Partnering with her sister, Garrison is a successful Tri-Valley realtor. She is also an independent film producer, having produced several films highlighting women's issues, one of which was accepted at the prestigious Sundance Producer's Conference last year. Early in her career, she worked at Microsoft with some of the brightest, innovative and giving people she's ever met including Melinda French Gates. She continues to pass on these lessons by inspiring children to dream big and give to others while volunteering with the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Career Day efforts.

American Business Women's Day was proclaimed in 1986 by

President Ronald Reagan to acknowledge the meaningful and increasing contributions made by American business women to the economy. The ABWA organization greatly assisted in creating this special day for American business women. For over 20 years, the ABWA's Bay Area Council looks into the larger community to recognize three outstanding business women in celebration of American Business Women's Day.

For more information about attending the event, log on to the Express to Success Network website, [www.expressstosuccess.org](http://www.expressstosuccess.org).

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## Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan



### Seasons in Our Valley

The term "dog days" was coined by ancient Romans. The dog they referred to was the constellation Canis Major, or Big Dog. Sirius, the brightest star in our sky, is in this group of stars. As the constellation begins to rise just as the sun sets in this time of year, the Romans believed that the light from Sirius increased the light from the sun, resulting in hotter weather. Officially, this time frame in the Northern Hemisphere is between July 3 and mid-August. Most of us today, however, consider all of August and even some of September as dog days—the part of summer that usually is hottest and seems to last longer as we yearn for cooler rainy days of autumn. This year the continuing hot spell seems especially cruel after a mild summer; the Big Dog is dragging his tail and laughing at us.

It is said that the senuous, grassy hills surrounding the Livermore Valley have only two seasons—wet and dry. From October until May, residents can expect a rainy day once in a while. The wettest months are usually December, January, and February. William P. Bartlett, Livermore's early newspaperman, recalled the old days here before gravel or hard-top roads. "Then came long wet winters, when the roads vanished, and horses pulled their hoofs from the stiffened adobe mud with a report like a pistol shot. Their shoes were sometimes pulled from their hoofs by the tenacity of the adobe." When heavy rains came, the two major streams, Arroyo Mocho and Arroyo Del Valle, normally barely flowing or even dried up, suddenly could become raging torrents.

Winter rains today often bring mudslides, which can result in road closings but rarely threaten homes here in our valley. Late autumn rains typically saturate the ground, and when the subsequent winter rains are heavy, the ground can no longer drain adequately. Groundwater comes to the surface, taking surrounding earth with it. Local hills often show depressed areas, the results of slow mudslides that have oozed down like thick syrup. Below the slide, a tongue-like bulge will appear. In natural areas, the slide kills trees and shrubs in its path, as their roots are inexorably torn out on their downhill ride.

Livermore's average annual rainfall is 14.6 inches. The driest year on record since 1870 was 1975-76 when only 4.82 inches of rain fell; the wettest was 1982-83 with 31.95 inches. Between June and September, the only rain likely in the valley is a thunderstorm, and even that is rare. During the wet months, grasses revive to turn the hills and pastures the lush green of Ireland. During the dry months the grasses become the gold of harvest and then later take on a faded brown tone.

Under the trees, however—in woods, open woodland, and riparian woodland—four seasons are easily noticeable. Spring flowers and wild almond and cherry blossoms begin to appear near the end of February, along with field mustard. In March and April spring bloom is at its peak in the hills. As the ground dries, flowers adapted to less moisture, such as mariposa and blow wives, appear. Summer in the valley is hotter than the coast, but not as hot as the central valley; the sky remains a deep blue with that "California" weather travelers love. The hottest day in Livermore was in September 1950 when the temperature reached 115 degrees. Typically the hot spells do not last long before the wet winds pick up and bring ameliorating temperatures.

In autumn months, bigleaf maple, sycamore, and cottonwood trees brighten the riparian corridors with yellow. Up on the hill-sides, blue oak leaves become copper-colored. And, of course, in Livermore itself the four seasons are visible in the non-native plantings in gardens and parks.

Snow visits the Livermore area in the winter, most often visible on Pine Mountain and Cedar Mountain to the south or on the peaks of Mt. Diablo. Occasionally, however, even the valley has snow. Tilli Calhoun remembered the snowstorm of early December 1932 because a boy threw a snowball with a rock in it that scratched her left eye. Although there is no record of the depth of the snowfall, the *Herald* noted that it was the heaviest since 1922. Archie Young, who was born in 1876, left a description of snow falling in the Altamont hills at the Young farm when he was a boy: "A bunch of us were in the blacksmith shop looking out the door. The clouds were low and heavy, the wind quite strong and cold. It began to snow way up at the top of the 'Big Hill' and slowly came down lower and lower. Soon it was working its way across the orchard and vineyard, and just as it was about to blot out the house, the wind which had been blowing up until then, died out completely, and then the snow started around us. Not a breath of air, not a sound, and those big flakes of snow sifting down so thick we could hardly see the house. ... Did the storm last? I don't know. Who was with me? I don't know, nor do I know how old I was, only that I was quite small. I know now, looking back, that it must have made a beautiful picture, but it wasn't the beauty that impressed it on my memory at that age. You would think it would be the memory of running out in the snow, or the snowballing after that I should remember, but no, just the slow advance of the falling snow."

(Readers can reach me at am50homan@yahoo.com.)

## SHORT NOTES

### Safe Toys

Woopsiedaisy Toy Shop in Livermore wants residents to know that it does not carry toys made by Mattel or Fisher Price, the two major companies voluntarily recalling millions of toys imported from China. The recent toy recalls have caused worry and confusion for many parents and Woopsiedaisy Toy Shop is working to ensure that their customers feel confident that they are purchasing the safest toys for their children.

Woopsiedaisy Toy Shop imports several brands of toys directly from Germany and France and is carefully keeping track of the recall of any toys made in China. Woopsiedaisy is happy to help you choose toys that meet and/or exceed current toy safety standards. To assist you with this, Woopsiedaisy will give 15% off of all Vilac, Corolle, LEGO, and HABA Toys. These companies use completely non-toxic, child-friendly substances.

"We do not sell toys that we would not let our own children play with. While we do have a large selection of products, our store is not very big. With that, we have been able to hand select every toy for its safety, durability and fun. We do not carry toys to simply fill our shelves," declared Elizabeth Fields, owner of Woopsiedaisy.

For information, please contact Elizabeth Fields at Woopsiedaisy Toy Shop, 154 South J Street, Livermore.

### Share the Road

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty kicked off the county's Share the Road Safety Program last week with the publication of a new education brochure. "The goal of the program is to make our roads safer for everyone with a focus on educating pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists on the lawful and courteous use of roads," said Haggerty.

The county has 170 miles of road in the unincorporated eastern area, most within Haggerty's district. The roads have been severely impacted during the morning and afternoon commute hours as motorists seek alternate routes to avoid I-580. Haggerty's office has been working with the California High Patrol and Sheriff's office to increase traffic enforcement on the roads. While law enforcement efforts can be effective, Haggerty conceded that there are not enough officers to cover 170 miles of road every minute of the day.

The roads are located in rural settings primarily zoned for agriculture uses. The narrow, two-lane roads have also become increasingly popular with bicyclists for training and major cycling events and on weekends for car clubs and motorcyclists. Residents have been especially affected as they attempt to enter or exit their driveways or move equipment or livestock along the roads.

In addition to the brochure, the county has installed Share the Road signs along east county roads. The brochure will be distributed to libraries, DMV offices, businesses and at community events. It may also be downloaded from the county's website at [www.acgov.org/pwa](http://www.acgov.org/pwa) under community update.

### Investor Forum

Technology Ventures Corporation (TVC) and the Telecom Council of Silicon Valley are looking for technologies in the Telecommunications and IT fields for presentation at the 2007 Telecom & IT Investor Forum being held on November 16, 2007. Those who own a start-up company and are looking for Seed through Series C funding, please submit an executive summary for consideration.

For this forum, all areas of telecom and IT will be considered including, but not limited to: wireless, mobile services, location-based services; telecom hardware and solutions; enterprise software and hardware; Software-as-a-Service; software delivery; peer-to-peer; Hardware-as-a-Service; appliances; network and application security; storage digital media and content.

To be considered, interested parties must submit a non-proprietary copy of their expanded executive summary to TVC no later than September 7, 2007. The executive summary should contain the following information: description of business, management team, technology/IP, market, competition, summary of financials, contact information, and the amount of desired investment. Companies with ties to publicly funded research institutions such as national laboratories and research universities are particularly encouraged to submit.

The Executive Summary should contain: description of business and pain point addressed management team, technology/IP uniqueness and entry barriers market size and dynamics competition and go-to-market strategy summary of financials and amount of funding sought contact information

Selected companies will receive access to VCs and angels in the market space, coaching and mentoring by TVC Directors of Business Development, and be included in all forum pre-promotion and follow-up.

Strict ten minute presentations will be given during the Forum. At the completion of lunch, time will be offered for personal meetings between interested investors and presenting companies as well as display area for company demonstrations.

About Technology Ventures Corporation: Technology Ventures Corporation, a non-profit organization, helps to facilitate the commercialization of technology from national laboratories and research universities. TVC

provides business and management assistance to technology entrepreneurs through consulting, training, and assistance in raising equity capital. Interested entrepreneurs in California should contact TVC at 925-960-1600.

### Free Bus Rides

Wheels offers Tri-Valley middle school students a special free two-week pass aboard its fixed route bus service during the first two weeks of school.

The Try Transit to School Program introduces students to the local transit system.

The free pass was mailed directly to students from the school districts. Students will receive route and schedule information for the bus route that serves their neighborhoods. Individuals who have not received a packet can contact their schools or Wheels.

For additional information, go to [www.wheelsbus.com](http://www.wheelsbus.com) or call 455-7000.

### Prepare for Science Fair

The Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory is offering several sessions that will help students and teachers prepare for the Tri-Valley Science and Engineering Fair in March 2008.

Free presentations are designed especially for that purpose. They include the following Science Fair 101 for Students: Saturdays, Sept. 8 and 15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This presentation will help students learn the ten steps in preparing a winning science fair project; take part in hands-on activities; and hear discussions by experienced teachers, past winners, judges and Lawrence Livermore National Lab scientists.

Science Fair 101 for teachers, Sat., Sept. 29 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This presentation will offer teachers: tips on how to effectively mentor their students' projects; and suggestions on ways to maneuver the safety aspects, rules and regulations. Teachers also will hear from fellow teachers, past winners, judges and Lawrence Livermore National Lab scientists.

Sessions are free and conducted at the Edward Teller Education Center at Lawrence Livermore National Lab, East Gate Drive off Greenville Road. The presentations are sponsored by the Lawrence Livermore National Lab and the Edward Teller Education Center.

Registration is required for all presentations. For more information or to register, go to the Web at <http://education.llnl.gov/sf101/> or call (925) 422-5059.

### Cole Joins Alain Pinel

Pam Cole has joined the office of Alain Pinel Realtors in Livermore. As a resident of Livermore, Pam has been assisting buyers and sellers in Livermore and the East Bay for the past 7 years.

Over the years, Pam has learned the benefits of an aggressive marketing plan to help sell her clients' properties. Her marketing plan includes a Showcase listing on the Internet's #1 real estate site, Realtor.com. This Showcase listing will allow potential buyers to view up to 25 photos of properties currently listed for sale. In addition, Pam offers the Realtor.com Featured Homes Marketing System to her clients.

### Shot Clinic

Axis Community Health has scheduled its free immunization clinics for children on 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.

### 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 fund-raising 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 example, recording artist Jeff Austin Black recorded a special three-song CD sampler to give to customers who donated at Safeway stores.

### Harvest Park Environmental Club Recycling Many Items

The Harvest Park Middle School Environmental Club is recycling in unique ways and would like the public's help.

During September, students are recycling empty laser, fax, copier, and inkjet cartridges as well as used cell phones, laptops, Palm Pilots, iPods, DVD's, electronic games, and game systems. The community is encouraged to bring drop off items to the schools' main office from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The students' goals are to preserve the environment by keeping these harmful items out of landfills and to raise funds to complete the Alternative Energy Learning Lab Teaching Greenhouse, an extension of the Harvest Park Garden Of Character.

The site is currently maintained as a fenced garden, wildlife habitat and outdoor classroom on the school property.

The recyclable items that are collected are returned to Cartridges for Kids® (CFK). Harvest Park Middle School Environmental Club is among more than 12,500 non-profit organizations nationwide that are helping the

environment by recycling.

To learn more about Harvest Park Middle School Environmental Club recycling program, please call Marsha Jones at (925) 426-4444 or email [mjones@pleasanton.k12.ca.us](mailto:mjones@pleasanton.k12.ca.us).

The school is located at 4900 Valley Avenue.

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## COURT

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will be limited to misdemeanors not involving weapons or major violence.

The general purpose of the Youth Court will be to help young people "by giving them second chances and becoming more responsible for their own actions through cooperation with their peers and their community and to experience restitution using restorative justice principles," according to Diane Jeronimo, Executive Director.

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## New Program in Valley Teaches Teens about Jewish Religion and Heritage

Midrasa Tri-Valley/Tri-Cities, a program for Jewish teens in grades 8 through 12 to learn about their religion and heritage in a fun environment, is accepting registrations for its first year at its new location in Pleasanton. Previously the Midrasa program was held in Fremont.

Midrasa Tri-Valley/Tri-Cities, which is open to Jewish teens from Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, Sunol, Fremont, Newark, and Union City, will meet at Congregation Beth Emek at 3400

Nevada Court in Pleasanton each week on Sunday evenings from 7:15 to 9:15 pm beginning Sunday, September 30. Besides the weekly Sunday evening program, students can join other East Bay Midrasa students and attend weekend retreats during the year at Camp Newman in Santa Rosa; take excursions to local spots such as Angel Island and San Francisco; go on a trip to Washington, DC; and participate in the Center for Jewish Living and Learning (CJLL) summer program "Let's Go Israel."

Midrasa's weekly Sunday evening classes are designed to build Jewish identity and Jewish community. The program emphasizes intellectual and spiritual growth, Jewish values, and communal responsibility. Midrasa Tri-Valley/Tri-Cities, a part of the Midrasa/East Bay Jewish Community High School network, offers an innovative program that includes formal classroom learning, informal educational experiences on re-

treats and excursions, and opportunities to develop life-long friendships.

The annual cost for Midrasa tuition is \$360 for teens affiliated with Temple Beth Torah in Fremont, Congregation Beth Emek in Pleasanton, or a temple associated with another Midrasa. For non-affiliated families, the cost is \$485. There are additional costs for the retreats and excursions. Financial aid is available. There is an early bird registration discount of \$18

per family for registration/ payment completed by September 10 and a multiple student discount of \$18 each for the second or third sibling concurrently registering.

There will be an opening day celebration on Sunday, September 30 from 7:15 to 9:15 pm at Congregation Beth Emek, with a student program featuring pizza and activities run by CJLL retreat staff and a separate wine and cheese reception for parents hosted by the Midrasa Board. Program staff will be in attendance. Those who have not pre-registered for the program can register on opening day.

Brochures and registration forms will be mailed in mid-August to local Jewish families who have teens. To be placed on the mailing list or for more information on Midrasa, including retreats, excursions, and financial aid, call Cathy Taylor at 925-549-1664.

Midrasa Tri-Valley/Tri-Cities is sponsored by Temple Beth Torah and Congregation Beth Emek. It is operated in partnership with the Center for Jewish Living and Learning and is a beneficiary of the Jewish Community Federation of the Greater East Bay and Sinai Memorial Chapel.

## OBITUARIES

### William L. Lynn

William L. Lynn died August 27, 2007. He was 75.

Bill was born on Dec 22, 1931 in Indianapolis, IN., moved to Oakland in 1956 where he worked as Systems Analyst. He has been a resident of Livermore for the past 20 years. He enjoyed golfing at Springtown frequently, and made many trips to Pismo Beach and Cruisin.

Bill is survived by his wife of 50 years, Joan Lynn, his son, Edward Lynn, his daughter and son-in-law, Kary and Steve Freitas, and his granddaughter, Michele Freitas.

Mass was celebrated Friday, Aug 31st at 1 St. Michael's Catholic Church in Livermore. Burial followed at St. Michael's Cemetery.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

### Marlys Lee Graham

Marlys Lee Graham went home to be with the Lord on August 23, 2007 after a long battle with diabetes.

She was born April 6, 1941 in Long Beach. She worked in the space and information division of Northern American Aircraft and later became a registered nurse. She felt blessed to be able to deliver babies. Purple was her favorite color. She loved cats, riding horses, and gardening. Her amazing smile will be missed. As a member of the First Presbyterian Church, she loved to sing in the choir and help with the youth group.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Sun., Sept. 9 at the First Presbyterian Church, 4th and L Streets, Livermore.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to either the SPCA or the American Diabetes Association.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

### Corday (C.L.) Johnson, Jr.

C.L. Johnson, Jr. passed away peacefully on August 20, 2007, from complications following surgery at ValleyCare Medical Center in Pleasanton. He was 68.

He and Jan, his wife of 40 years, have been long time residents of Pleasanton. C.L. was born in Hayward, CA on Oct. 16, 1938, the son of Helen and Corday Sr. He grew up there and was a 1956 graduate of Hayward High School. He worked at Hayward Plate Glass and Mirror Co. from that time until his retirement in 1997. Prior to his death, C.L. was presented with a gold watch and plaque honoring his 50 years as a member of the Glaziers and Glassworkers Union Local #169. He also served as an MP in the U.S. Army in the 1960's.

C.L. was a collector of toy trains, enjoyed playing golf, and was a loyal fan of the San Jose Sharks and the Oakland A's.

In addition to his wife, C.L. is survived by sisters, Barbara Ruibal of Colfax and Linda Jackson (Steve) of Chicago Park, and a brother David Johnson of Clermont, NY. He also leaves numerous in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins and a long list of friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held at noon on Fri., Sept. 14 at the Pleasanton Hotel in downtown Pleasanton.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

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### Beverly Jean Sotl

Beverly Jean Sotl passed away quietly in her Livermore home the morning of Aug. 26, 2007. She was 72.

Beverly was born Nov. 7, 1934 to Ruby and Walter Fleming in Edwardsville, IL. She married the love of her life,

Donald G. Sotl in May of 1952. Beverly and Donald eventually moved to Freehold NJ and then to Livermore in 1979.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Kathleen Marie Sotl and her husband of 55 years, Donald. She is survived by her children, Mary Wangerin of Oakley, Theresa Crews and Jennifer Gruzcelak, both of Livermore, and David Sotl of Federal Way, WA. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren.

Beverly loved to travel and enjoyed spending time with her family. She was a very kind, loving and thoughtful individual who will be remembered. Her spirit lives on in the countless lives she has touched.

In accordance with her wishes, there will be no public service. However, the family will be holding an open house in her honor. For more information, regarding the date and time, contact any member of the family of Callaghan Mortuary, 447-2942.

The family does request that anyone wishing to make a donation in her memory to do so at: Kaiser Permanente Hospice, 200 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553.

### Patricia Mederios

Patricia Carolyn Mederios died August 28, 2007 in Oakland. She was 61.

Pat was a native of Livermore and lifelong resident of Pleasanton. She was born to Frank and Velma Mederios on March 20, 1946. She graduated from Hayward Beauty College and worked as a cosmetologist from 1965 to 1970. Along with her sister, they owned The Country Place for 11 years (a gift and needlework shop) in Pleasanton. Most of the last 16 years, she was an insurance specialist with Kaufman and Broad, Larwin Co., and DaNova Homes. Pat loved the valley wine and arts festivals and attending Pleasanton Playhouse productions. She enjoyed day trips to Carmel, Monterey, Reno and eating out. Pat was a devoted parishioner of St. Augustine Catholic Church in Pleasanton.

She is survived by her sister, Beverly Mederios of Pleasanton, a aunt Genevieve Creighton of Fremont and numerous cousins and friends.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Thurs., Sept. 6 at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. Cryptside committal services will be at the St. Augustine Catholic Cemetery in Pleasanton following Mass. A reception follows the services.

The family has requested contributions in Patricia's memory to Sisters of the Holy Family, PO Box 3248, Fremont, CA 94539 or to St. Elizabeth High School, 1530 34th Ave., Oakland, CA 94601.

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### Wally Depew

Wally Depew, a former Livermore resident, died in a hospital in Nogales, Ariz., Aug. 18. He was 69.

While living in Livermore in the early 1970s, Depew and his wife, Linda, managed Van's Health Food Store in Livermore. Both were active artists in Livermore. Depew was a nationally known concrete poet, working in an art that combines visual arts aspects of typography with more abstract experimental concepts of words. His videotaped half-hour combination of slides and sound track, which was suggestive of pop art and surrealism, was exhibited at the Toronto Arts Festival in the early '70s.

An avid New York Yankees fan, Depew wrote columns for the Independent about baseball, including reviews of board games and books.

The Depews became allergic to pesticides and air pollution as the result of a pesticide poisoning incident when they were living previously in Sacramento, where Depew was a technical writer of manuals for the state Department of Water Resources. Community pesticide use and the smog in Livermore hurt their health, making them almost disabled, so they searched the West for two years for a clean place to live. They finally found one in northern Arizona. However, spraying by a neighbor forced them to move again to a place near Patagonia in the southern Arizona high desert. They found a care-taking situation which gave them their own small home, from which they removed all plastic and other toxic materials.

Linda Depew continued her painting career with non-toxic materials, and sold her work through a gallery in New York. Wally Depew detoxified a computer, and did graphics arts jobs, which he shipped to clients online. He put some of his concrete poetry on-line. It is still accessible at <http://www.geocities.com/soho/2781/>.

Depew, who was also a jazz trumpet player, called his web page "Bright Moments," after an album by Raahsan Roland Kirk. Depew's favorite musician, Charles Mingus, was born in the city where Depew died.

Born in Scranton, PA., the son of a radio sports broadcaster, Depew was a Phi Beta Kappa student at Keystone College. He earned a degree in psychology at Drew University. He played trumpet in the First Army Band in New England. He worked on two of the early small press poetry magazines in the United States in the 1960s, as publisher of Poetry Newsletter in New York, and editor of Dust magazine in California.

Depew is survived by his wife of 33 years, Linda Depew of Patagonia, Ariz.; sister, Jean Attenborough of Westfield, N.J.; and niece, Suzanne Attenborough of Palo Alto. He is also survived by two terriers, Pigeon and Sparky; two cats, Lilly and Sam (named for Samuel Beckett); and Mabel Parrot.

Contributions in his memory may be made to UNICEF, his charity of choice for the past 10 years.

### Leonard Giovanetti

Leonard Joseph Giovanetti passed away at his home on Sept. 1, 2007. He was 83.

He was born and raised in Oakland. He moved to Castro Valley and joined the Army at age 18. He served in World War II in the Aleutian Islands. He married and then raised his family in Castro Valley. He worked for Signal Oil Co. then as a pipefitter and plumber retiring at age 65. Leonard enjoyed hunting, fishing and boating, as well as camping on the Russian River at his cousin Bruno Buti's home. Italian family get-togethers were always very special.

He is survived by his wife Audrey, children and spouses

Vicky and Terry Kelsey, Ron and Paula Giovanetti, Larry Giovanetti and Jodi and Brad Wellman, eleven grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and extended family. He is also survived by a sister, Donna Love-Key. He was preceded in death by his parents Ida and Al and a brother Ronald. He will be missed by all.

Visitation is 4 to 6 p.m. on Thurs., Sept. 6 at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St., Pleasanton. Mass will be celebrated at 7 p.m. on Thurs., Sept. 6 at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. Burial will be at the VA National Cemetery in Ferny, NV.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Lenny's memory may be to: VA Palo Alto Health Care System, 3801 Miranda Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94304 for the "Livermore Nursing Home Care Unit."

### Patricia Joyce Veilleux

Patricia Joyce Veilleux died September 1, 2007 in Livermore, at the age of 65 after a short battle with cancer.

Joyce was born in Oakland where she attended Holy Names High School. She attended Seattle University and moved back to the Bay Area after marriage, moving to Livermore in 1967. Joyce worked over 14 years for ValleyCare Medical Center and had retired in 2004.

Joyce will be remembered for her kindness, generosity and her great sense of humor. In recent years, Joyce enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren and taking family vacations.

Joyce will be deeply missed by sons Paul, Chris and Jeff and daughter-in-laws Maria, Kristine and Shannon. Joyce was a treasured grandmother to Mason, Haley, Avery, Meghan, Jakob and Luke. She is survived by a brother, Robert, of Lake Oroville. She was preceded in death by her husband Robert.

Memorial contributions are suggested in lieu of flowers to your charity of choice.

Burial is private. Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

### Gerald (Gerry) Jira

Gerald Jira died Sept. 2, 2007 in Hayward. He was 50.

The native of Burlingame is survived by his parents, Bill and Nancy Jira of Pleasanton, son Steve Jira, brother and sister-in-law David and Alice Jira of Sussex, WI; sisters, Linda and husband Bob Warren of Livermore, Teresa and husband Steve Hilliard of Silver Springs, NV, and Jackie King of Pleasanton. He also leaves behind many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He worked as a machinist, mailer and carpenter. He was a member of Local Union 15. Gerald loved working on cars and panning for gold.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Sun., Sept. 9 at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St., Pleasanton.

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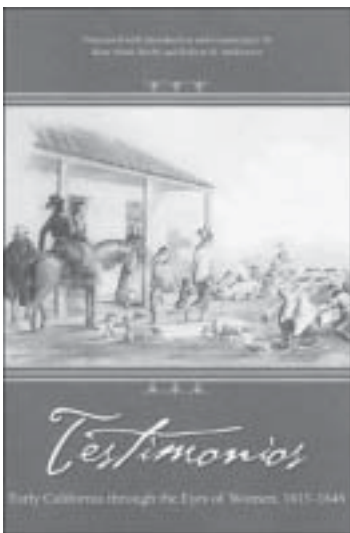
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When in the early 1870s historian Hubert Howe Bancroft sent interviewers out to gather oral histories from the pre-statehood gentry of California, he didn't count on one thing: the women. When the men weren't available, the interviewers collected the stories of the women of the household—almost as an afterthought. These were eventually archived at the University of California, although many were all but forgotten.

From the editors of the highly influential Lands of Promise and Despair, here are thirteen women's firsthand accounts from the time California was part of Spain and Mexico. Having lived through the gold rush and seen their country change so drastically, these women understood the need to tell the full story of the people and the places that were their California. Some of their words are translated here into English for the first time. Come hear about life as our foremothers experienced it in early California.

Towne Center Books will sell Testimonios at the event. For pre-sale call 846-8826.

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

## Concert Chorale Holding Auditions, Open Rehearsal

The Valley Concert Chorale will hold auditions for the 2007-2008 concert season by appointment on Monday, September 10, 17 and 24, at the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore. The church is located at the corner of 4th and L Streets.

The Chorale is seeking experienced singers with sight-reading skills who enjoy singing exciting and challenging music. The Chorale performs a wide variety of music ranging from classical to contemporary, to folk to jazz. To schedule an appointment, call (925) 443-6815.

On Monday, September 17, the Chorale will hold an Open Rehearsal Night, when interested singers may join the rehearsal to experience singing with the Chorale. Rehearsal begins at 7:00 p.m. at the church in Livermore.

The 2007-2008 concert season highlights include performances in December of Jackson Berkey's Anniversary Carols and John Rutter's Dancing Day, and in March, Carl Orff's well-known choral masterpiece Carmina Burana at the Bankhead Theater, Livermore Valley's new performing arts center.

More information about the Valley Concert Chorale is available at [www.valleyconcertchorale.org](http://www.valleyconcertchorale.org) or by calling the general information line at (925) 866-4003.

**Celebration of the Piano with Roy Bogas**, Saturday, September 8, Master Class at 10:30 am; Lecture/Recital at 2 pm. Free Admission. Las Positas College, 3033 Collier Canyon Rd., Livermore. For further information call the Performing Arts Events Line at 925-424-1100 or call Cindy Rosefield at 925-424-1119.

**Michael Fennelly Classical Piano Concert**, Sat., Sept. 8, 8 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, 4th and L Streets, Livermore. Benefit for the Renee Smith Young Artist Achievement Awards in Music. \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door. Tickets available at Towne Center Books and Ingram & Brauns Musik Shoppe in Pleasanton, Camarata Music in Dublin and Fine Fretted Friends in Livermore. Program includes works by Bach, Brahms, Chopin, Thalberg, Liszt and Ryan Frances. Information at [www.pleasantonarts.org](http://www.pleasantonarts.org).



Storm over Monitor Pass II by Lynn Slade.

**Livermore Art Association, Pleasanton Art League**, meeting Mon., Sept. 17 at Almond Avenue School, 1401 Almond Avenue, Livermore, and the meeting begins at 7:30. Guest artist is Lynn Slade, who creates paintings using a combination of watercolor and handmade rice papers known as "Washi." She works with this combination "to capture both the color and texture of my subjects." She is able to create an image that "has a depth and luminosity not usually gained solely with watercolor." She has won awards at the Amador County Fair and the Lodi Harvest Festival and is represented by Studio 7 in Pleasanton, and the Fine Eye Gallery in Sutter Creek. The public is invited to attend the meeting. There is no admission charge.

**Competition for Young Musicians**, Livermore-Amador Symphony Association 35th annual competition application deadline is Sun., Oct. 7. The competition is open to instrumentalists and vocalists who reside or attend school in Livermore, Sunol, Pleasanton, Dublin, or San Ramon. Students are eligible through grade 12. If not enrolled in high school, the maximum age is 17. All instruments will be considered. The purpose is to select two young musicians who will perform as soloists with the symphony on Feb. 9, 2008. Each winner/soloist will be awarded \$250. Completed application forms must be accompanied by a cassette tape, CD or DVD for preliminary screening

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**Chorus auditions** for Livermore Valley Opera (LVO)'s upcoming opera LaBoheme. Call 925-443-6563 for information or go to the website: [www.livermorevalleyopera.com](http://www.livermorevalleyopera.com) for information.

**Broadway Chorus**, Pleasanton Playhouse is looking for people who love to sing. Registration and rehearsals begin on Sunday, Sept. 9 at 6 p.m. at 1048 Serpentine Lane, Suite 303, Pleasanton. Rehearsals will be held Sunday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. No auditions are required. For information call Nancy Mulligan, 925-443-3076.

**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](mailto:info@poppyridgegolf.com).

**Tuesday Tunes**, June 5 to October 16, Livermore Downtown Inc. Free live music at the Flag Pole Plaza and Livermore Plaza 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Information: 925-373-1795 or [www.livermoredowntown.com](http://www.livermoredowntown.com).

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**Sunday Blues and BBQ** from 4-8 pm on the Patio during August and September. September 9 Kathleen Cairns & Tattoo Blue; September 16 Amie Sampson; September 23 Jack Pollard Band; September 30 Top Secret. Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St., Pleasanton, 925-846-8106.

**Blues on the Patio** Thursdays 5:30-9:30 pm: September 6 Highwater Blues Band; September 13 Nite Cry; September 20 Kathleen Cairns & Tattoo Blue; September 27 Georgia and the Rough Week. No cover charge. Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St., Pleasanton, 925-846-8106.

**Diablo Light Opera Company**, "Peter Pan," with special flying effects. 8 p.m. on Sept. 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29; 2 p.m. Sept. 8, 9, 16, 22, 23, 29, 11 a.m. Sept. 20, 27. Tickets \$17-38. Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. Tickets: 943-7469; [www.leshercenter.org](http://www.leshercenter.org); [www.dloc.org](http://www.dloc.org).

**Family Movies Under the Stars**, at Emerald Glen Park, Dublin. Presented by City of Dublin. Free of charge and open to the public. All ages are welcome. "Curious George" (g) on Fri., Sept. 7, 4201 Central Parkway. Arrival time is 7:30 p.m. (movies start at dusk). Refreshments, including candy, popcorn and soda, are available for sale. Attendees can bring their own snacks. People are encouraged to bring blankets and low beach chairs to sit on. No pets, please. For information, call 556-4500 or go to [www.ci.dublin.ca.us](http://www.ci.dublin.ca.us).

**Bocce Ball & Italian Dinner Night**, Wednesdays: Sept. 12 The Foods of

Tuscany; Sept. 19 The Foods of Piedmont served with three glasses of complimentary vineyard selection wine, event takes place on 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. [www.garrewinery.com](http://www.garrewinery.com). Reservations required.

**Vineyard Nights** Summer Music and Dinner Series: Fri., Sept. 7 and 21: "Rock and Pop in the Vineyards" with The Brandon Carroll Duo. Sept. 28: Powell St. John Trio Friday, legendary singer and songwriter for Janis Joplin and Boz Scaggs. Event takes place 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](http://www.garrewinery.com).

**Author Lois Trader**, Lady in the Red Dress, Livermore Library program, Sept. 12, 7 p.m. 1188 So. Livermore Ave. 373-5505.

**History - Ed Kinney Lecture series**, Sept. 20, The Spirits of the Kottlinger Barn; presented by Terry Carlsen, owner of Millfleer. Presented by the Museum On Main in Pleasanton. Lectures are at 7 p.m. Reservations are requested. \$5 members/\$10 non-members. Memberships available for purchase. Lecture at Lynnwood Methodist, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton. For information, call (925) 462-2766.

**Arsenic and Old Lace**, Pleasanton Playhouse, Sept. 21-Oct. 14. 8 p.m. Fri. and Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Studio Theatre, 1048 Serpentine Lane, Suite 309, Pleasanton. 462-2121. [www.pleasantonplayhouse.com](http://www.pleasantonplayhouse.com).

**Valley Dance Theatre**, evening of wine, hors d'oeuvres, dancing and a silent auction, Sat., Sept. 29 from 5 to 9 p.m. This event is for adults (age 18 and over) only. First Presbyterian Church, 2020 5th St. Livermore. Tickets are \$75 per person; \$600 for a table of eight. For additional information go to [www.valleydanceandtheatre.com](http://www.valleydanceandtheatre.com) or call 925-243-0925 and ask for Rochelle Abrantes or Betsy Hausberg.

**Danville Role Players Ensemble** Black Box production of Jane Martin's "Talking with..." Fridays and Saturdays September 7, 8, 14 and 15 at 8pm at Danville's Town Meeting Hall, 210 Front Street, Danville. RPE's Black Box productions employ minimal sets, no stage and are offered at the price of \$10 at the door only. For more information contact Role Players Ensemble Theatre at (925) 820-1278 or visit [www.danvilletheatre.com](http://www.danvilletheatre.com).

**Recital**, Saturday, September 29, 7:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. Annual recital co-sponsored by the Alameda County East Branch of the Music Teachers' Association of California and Asbury. MTAC Young Artist Guild member Ashley Hsu of Fremont, student of Hans Boppelle of Santa Clara University, will perform Beethoven, Chopin and

Ives. No charge for admission; refreshments served. Further information: (925) 443-2514.

**Pleasanton Art League (PAL)** membership show at the Lindsay Dirks Brown Art Gallery inside the San Ramon Community Center September 1st through the 29th. A reception will be held Saturday, September 8, from 3 to 5 p.m. The public is invited. 12501 Alcosta Blvd., in San Ramon.

**Livermore Art Association 50th anniversary gala** celebration on Sat., Sept. 15, Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore from 6 to 10 p.m. Show featuring art work by LAA members. Hors d'oeuvres will be offered by Tommie's Deli and wine by John Christopher Cellars and Thomas Coyne Winery. Vested music will perform live music. Tickets are \$15 per person. They can be purchased at the LAA Gallery in the Carnegie Building, 3rd and J Streets, Livermore. Tickets should be purchased by Sept. 8. For additional information, call 449-9927.

**Livermore Photographers Recog-**nized, Jessica Quintal and Anna Vickroy of ultra-spective photography : music : design in downtown Livermore have recently been accepted into the Loan and General Collection of the 116th International Exhibition of Professional Photography. To celebrate their achievement, ultra-spective will be hosting a reception to display works by the two photographers on Friday, September 21 from 4 to 7 p.m.. For more information or to view additional photographs, go to [www.ultra-spective.com](http://www.ultra-spective.com) or call 449-9879.

**East Bay Traditional Jazz Festival**, Sat., Sept. 29, 10:45 a.m. to 7 p.m. Swiss Park, 5911 Mowry Ave., Newark. Supports youth scholarships, youth programs and promotes the continuance of New Orleans style music. Indoor venue. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Make checks payable to East Bay Traditional Jazz Society, 5562 Paseo Navarro, Pleasanton, CA 94566. Information, 846-5058 or [www.eastbaytradjazz.org](http://www.eastbaytradjazz.org).

## Picazo Wines Available for Tasting

Picazo Vineyards, owned and operated by Pam and Jose Picazo, is located on the Ruby Hill Bench in the Livermore Valley. The winery's first vintage was 2004. Wines are available for tasting by appointment.

Picazo produces an exceptionally deep, rich, highly individualistic Merlot from their estate vineyard in the southern Livermore Valley. While the wine is 100% Merlot, the overriding character and flavors focus more on site than variety.

Mark Clarin has been Picazo's winemaker since the first harvest. Mark, a native of Livermore, has been making wine for nearly 30 years. Prior to Picazo, he worked for Wente and Randall Graham at Bonny Doon. Knowing that this benchland property was one of Livermore's best sites, and sensing Pam and Jose's desire to make only great wine, Mark leapt at the opportunity to become Picazo's winemaker.

According to the Picazos, the winery is driven by quality and character. Individual blocks are harvested independently based on physiological ripeness (brown seeds, no shrivel). The fruit is hand picked in the cool morning air, hand sorted, and cold soaked for three to four days.

Starting with the 2007 vintage, the wine is barrel fermented in headless, ultra-tight-grain, French oak barrels, 50-60% of which are new. While expensive, labor intensive and relatively rare

for red wines, they believe that small barrel fermentations lead to more harmonious, complex and individualized wines. Hand punch downs and extended macerations extract maximum color and flavor. The wine spends 22 months in wood prior to bottling. Whenever possible the wines are bottled unfiltered.

In addition to his role as proprietor of Picazo Vineyards, Jose Picazo is Founder, President and CEO of Iconix, an e-mail fraud solution software company based in Mountain View, California. Jose has 12 patents in the technology and telecommunications arena. Prior to launching Picazo Pam managed process improvement at one of the world's largest automotive companies.

Starting with the 2007 vintage Picazo will also produce a Cabernet Sauvignon from a single vineyard in southeastern Napa Valley.

To schedule an appointment to taste Picazo wines, please call 454-0291.

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## Warner Bros. Picks up Local Film: 'Fallen Angels'

Warner Bros., thru its Polychrome Pictures division, has acquired the domestic distribution rights to the demon haunted penitentiary film "Fallen Angels." The horror thriller will begin possessing theatres in a limited release beginning October 5th and will be stalking onto DVD November 13th.

Boasting the first ever iconoclastic line-up of cult actors, the film stars Star Trek: The Next Generation's Michael Dorn, Bill Moseley of the Devil's Rejects and Rob Zombie's Halloween, Playboy cover girl and reality TV star Adrienne Curry in her feature debut, Kane Hodder of the Friday the 13th series, Michael Berryman of the Hills Have Eyes, Academy Award nominee Kevin McCarthy, WWE Diva and Playboy cover girl Christie Hemme, Last House on the Left's David Hess, Christopher Knight of the Brady Bunch and My Fair Brady, Golden Globe winner Ruth

Buzzi, R.A. Mihailoff of Leatherface: The Texas Chainsaw Massacre 3, Phantasm's Reggie Bannister, and Martin Kove of the Karate Kid.

In the award winning film, the demolition of a turn of the century prison grinds to a halt when a 100 year old crime scene is discovered. Hidden deep underground is a chamber filled with the remains of several brutally slain children. As a CSI team arrives at the prison, an even more disturbing discovery is made that will eventually unveil a legion of seven demons and their even more chilling origins: each demon is responsible for one of the seven deadly sins.

The special effects were brought to life by veteran Bob Keen of Return of the Jedi, Blade, Highlander, and Dog Soldiers. Having created the demon "Pinhead" and the rest of the demons for the Hellraiser series, "Fallen Angels" showcases Keen's finest

menagerie of mayhem yet as he unveils seven new demons and several viscerally charged, cringe worthy death scenes.

"Fallen Angels: is both a visceral horror film and a CSI mystery. The film has already been an official selection at Screamfest, California Independent Film Festival, HorrorFest UK, Fantastic Festival of Films UK, Indy Horror Film Festival, and the Chicago Horror Film Festival.

Written and directed by Jeff Thomas and produced by Derek Zembrak, Leonard Pirkle, Robert Rowland, and Myron St. John, the "Fallen Angels" special edition DVD will include the featurettes: Cult Icons: The Cast of Fallen Angels, Behind the Bars: The Making of Fallen Angels, Seven Deadly Demons: The Special Effects of Fallen Angels, and Haunted Prison: The Set of Fallen Angels, director's commentary, trailer gallery, and behind the scenes still gallery.

## Author Offers Look into the Lives of Iranian Women

Anita Amirrezvani, author of *The Blood of Flowers*, will be at the Livermore Library on Sunday, Sept. 16.

The Blood of Flowers offers a rare and insightful look inside the lives of Iranian women and transports readers to the vibrant, bustling markets of Isfahan, the cool stone rooms of the Shah's royal rug workshop, and the privacy of the hammam, the public bathhouse, which provides one of the few places women may truly reveal themselves, both in body and in mind. In her fiction debut, Anita Amirrezvani deftly weaves centuries-old folklore and craft traditions into an observation of gender roles and cultural mores that are as timely today as ever.

This free event will be presented at 2pm at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. The Friends of the Livermore Library have underwritten this program as part of the Friends Authors and

Arts Series. For additional events, check the library's website at [www.livermore.lib.ca.us](http://www.livermore.lib.ca.us)

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

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**Educational seminar,** Dementia, Depression and Alzheimer's - What does that mean?, presented 7 p.m. Sept. 10 in the La Toscana Dining Room at Heritage Estates Retirement Community, 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Guest speaker will be Pam Coyne, RN of Hospice of the East Bay. Refreshments provided. Free seminar open to all those interested in attending. For more information, contact Nancy at 373-3636.

**Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club,** Sat., Sept. 8, 86 miles, 46 - gain, meet at Stanley Market at 8:30 p.m. in Napa, Mike DeMico, 778-3000, Sun., Sept. 9, 30 miles Pleasanton to Castro Valley, Oakland Zoo, meet 9 a.m. at Val Vista Park in Pleasanton, Curtis Stallins, 462-8384. Wed., Sept. 12, 35 miles Napa Valley, meet 10 a.m. at 1870 shopping center in Yountville, Barbara Wood, 707-745-6353. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

**Grandparents Salute,** Parkview Assisted Living and Memory Care hosting Grandparents' Tea on Mon., Sept. 10, 2 p.m. All Pleasanton residents are invited. Tours of Parkview will be offered after afternoon. Complimentary tea service includes light refreshments. Those interested in attending or who would like more information, may call the Parkview at 461-3042.

**Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated** meets at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, September 13, at La Vite Ristorante (formerly Garlic di Pasta), 3037G Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. Featured speaker will be Steve Giraud of the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps. New members and visitors are welcome. Reservation deadline is September 9. Call (925) 426-1995.

**Del Valle Home Economists,** starting 41st year. Group of graduate professionals representing many phases of what in the past were known as home economics. Meeting Thurs., Sept. 13, 4 to 5:45 p.m. on the patio at Alden Lane Nursery. This will be a back to school party and apron fashion show. All graduates in related fields such as child development, fashion merchandising, etc. are invited. For more information or if planning to attend, please call Pat Hoeng at 447-0411 or email Joanne Ahey at joannea@comcast.net. Light refreshments will be served.

**Special Yoga Workshops,** Wednesdays, 4:00 - 5:00 PM. no previous yoga experience necessary. September 12: Yoga for Back Care; September 19: Yoga for Women; September 26: Yoga for Heart and Circulation. Dublin residents: 3 Workshops for \$25.00; Non-Residents: \$28 for 3 workshops. Drop-in students: \$13.00 admission/class. Dublin Senior Center, information 556-4511.

**Tri-Valley Conservancy BBQ,** will be hosting a Bar-B-Q Fundraiser. The event is Sunday September 9, from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm, at the Eagle Ridge Vineyard in Livermore. Bar-B-Q tickets are \$40 per person.

Raffle items being awarded during the Bar-B-Q include two footballs signed by John Madden, a 3.0 liter bottle of 2003 Charles Wetmore Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon signed by the Wente family, a 2.0 liter bottle of 1990 Concannon Cabernet Sauvignon, Necklace and Bracelet courtesy of Cavalieri Jewelers, and a gift basket of Local Olive Oils. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 12 for \$50 (you do not have to be present to win). To purchase tickets, call Barbara Graham at 449-8706.

**Pleasanton/Tulancingo visit,** Sept. 19-23. Variety of activities are planned that are open to area residents. They are hosted by the Pleasanton/Tulancingo Sister City Organization. Events include a welcome dinner at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on Sept. 19; dinner and casino night on Sept. 21 and a farewell dinner on Sept. 23. Please call Jorge Victoria at 462-6723 or Dick Stafford at 462-6245 for more information and ticket prices.

**Amador Valley Adult and Community Education** presents a class and book signing led by Kennette Reed on Tues., Sept. 11 from 6 to 9 p.m. Village High School 4645 Berna Ave., Pleasanton. 925-426-4260 www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/village/. Class fee: \$29. Materials fee: \$20. Kennette Reed is the principal consultant with Kennette Reed & Associates. Her firm provides national-wide customer and staff retention, performance improvement, and executive coaching solutions.

**Computer classes:** Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Introduction to the Internet class on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:15 am -12:15 pm. Searching the Internet class on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>

from 10:15 am -12:15 pm. Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:15 pm -8:15 pm a Microsoft Word Basics class will be offered. Learn how to send and receive e-mail in E-Mail Basics class on Saturday, September 22nd from 10:15 -12:15pm. Classes are hands on, first come first served, and take place in Community Meeting Room B. Stop by the Civic Center Library Adult Information Services Desk or call 373-5505 for further information about the classes.

**The Valley Vista 4-H Club** is looking for new member ages 5-19. Various projects include mini 4-H, beginning 4-H, crafts, cooking and leadership. The club meets the second Monday of every month beginning September 10, at Jackson Avenue School, 554 Jackson Avenue in Livermore at 7:00. Contact Melanie Kent at (925) 443-1587 or mjkent@earthlink.net for more information.

**Beating the Blues with Bingo** Theresa Cleaver of Valley Care Health Systems' Legends program will share signs, symptoms, and tips to combat depression through a game of Bingo. Join us for discussion and prizes! Tuesday, September 11, 10 am to 11:30 am at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. Activity fee: \$1.50 Residents, \$2 Non-residents. Call (925) 931-536.

**Assistance League of Amador Valley** will be hosting a coffee/orientation at 7 p.m. on Mon., Sept. 17. This will introduce both new and prospective members to the non-profit volunteer organization and service projects we are involved with throughout the year. For more information: call 925-461-6401, email amadorvalley@yahoo.com; website: amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org.

**Amador Valley Quilt Guild** will meet on Saturday, September 8, at 1:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Avenue, Pleasanton. Guest Cara Galati will present a lecture entitled "So, You Want to Make an Art Quilt." Cara will conduct her workshop "RadiantSuns" the following day. The guild is a nonprofit educational association for quilters of all skill levels. Anyone interested in quilting may attend. For further information about the guild or upcoming speakers, please visit our website, http://amadorvalleyquilters.org.

**RELIGION**  
**Unitarian Universalist,** 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. Service at 10:30 a.m. Theme for Sept. 9, "The Gathering of the Waters," led by interim minister Rev. Carolyn Colbert. Information 447-8747.

**Grief Support Workshop,** 8-week session. Offered by Grief Support Ministry at the Catholic Community of Pleasanton at St. Elizabeth Seton in the chapel, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. Schedule: Sept. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 and Nov. 8. All are welcome. Registration is required. Contact Joan Bell at 828-6864.

**Bible Study,** St. Charles & St. Michael's Monday Night Bible Study begins on September 10th at 7:30 pm at St. Charles Borromeo, 1315 Lomas Ave., in Livermore in the Pope John XXIII room. The 2007-2008 begins with Being Disciples of Jesus, a 7 week series beginning on September 10th and running until October 22nd. This study is open to all people interested in Bible Study. There is a \$10 donation for materials. For more information contact Julie Gallagher at rose@stcharlesborromeo.org.

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Nhu Ha Le, 18050 Woodland Ave., Morgan Hill CA 95037  
Hanh Huynh, 18050 Woodland Ave., Morgan Hill CA 95037

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