



Beth Wilson

Wilson Chosen To Serve on LARPD Board

Beth Wilson was the unanimous selection to fill the vacant Livermore Area Recreation and Park board seat.

The seat became vacant when Dale Turner resigned in July.

Wilson was one of three candidates selected for the interview process, along with Robert J. Coomber, Jr. and Corey L. Nelson.

Board members all declared that deciding among the three was tough, since they were all qualified. Scott Kamena commented that in deciding he

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Roy Bogas

Las Positas College Offers Master Class

The Las Positas College Music Department presents a Master Class featuring Berkeley concert pianist Roy Bogas on Saturday, September 8.

The event is open to all. It gets underway at 10:30 a.m. in Room 801 of the Las Positas theater on campus. The Lecture/Recital begins at 2:00 p.m. at the same location and both events are free to the public. The event is made possible through a grant from the Milanese Fund of the Las Positas College Foundation.

This event will also introduce participants to the Piano Teach-

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Pleasanton Council to Consider Land Use

The Pleasanton City Council will review the land use element of the general plan at its Tues., Aug. 21 meeting.

The council will consider whether or not to count senior housing under the cap, with the idea that if it were not counted there would be more units for other uses.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. Among the issues to be addressed by the council will be recommendations provided by the Planning Commission. One would be to revise the definition of gross developable acres to exclude portions of a property with slopes of 25 percent or greater. Those areas would not be included in calculating the number of units a property may accommodate.

The staff report includes new information as to the number of units left under the voter approved 29,000 unit cap. Staff points out that some units were double counted. Rather than 1685 units left to be planned for, there are 2007 units available.

Staff is suggesting that the city council may want to revisit

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Sierra Club Fails to Endorse Initiative

A bid to convince the Tri-Valley Group of the Sierra Club to endorse the initiative designed to keep the Staples Ranch mostly open space was unsuccessful.

Matt Morrison, a member of the group's five-member executive committee, said there were two votes for it on the committee, including his, and three against it.

Morrison and Anne Fox are leading a Pleasanton petition drive, which has six months to gather signatures and put the initiative on the Pleasanton ballot. Their target date is the election Nov. 8.

Morrison said he will devote his spare time to the initiative and leave the executive committee, but hopes to be put back on in January, when the initiative drive will be completed. If the club had endorsed it, there might have been enough overlapping work to enable him to have the time to stay active on the executive committee, he said.

Initiative proponents are willing to allow a Pleasanton car dealer to locate to Staples Ranch, rather than seeing Dublin or Livermore get the business. However, another business,

a proposed four-rink ice skating facility to be set up by the San Jose Sharks, is opposed by the initiative's backers.

Fox said that the facility has been rejected by both Dublin and Livermore, so there doesn't appear to be any chance that it would wind up in either of those two cities. The initiative would permit sports fields, but not sports facilities, such as the ice rink.

Morrison said that he hopes that the fact the Staples Ranch is the last unplanned gateway to the city moves people to guard it with the open space protection

afforded by the initiative.

Morrison said that in the late 1990s, Carole Varela led a movement on the East Side to stop unpopular developments. Now Morrison wants to see petition circulators going into neighborhoods around the city to look for similar support. So far, most of the motivated activity has come from people living near Stoneridge Drive, which is near the Staples Ranch.

Jon Harvey, one of the Sierra Club executive committee members who voted against making the endorsement, said, "It was not a real easy decision for me. I re-

searched the proponent's site and talked to others. The bottom line is that the Sierra Club spent a lot of resources to create the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). Voters put that into the cities' hands (in 2000 with county) Measure D. (The site is within the UGB approved by voters.) I'd rather see the public process played out."

Harvey continued, "The initiative circulators have done well to put the spotlight on the development plan (for Staples Ranch). The city should see what the residents want there. The city council hasn't heard from the public.

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Young artist works on one of the murals.

Art Has Positive Impact on Teens

By Andrew Glazier

Andrew Duncan Johnstone has a name as Scottish as it gets. He is an amazing storyteller and an artist to boot. He plays the bagpipes. Yes, he eats haggis too. As he says of himself, "He is lucky enough to get paid to paint on the walls."

He and his business partner, Ileana Evans are working with at-risk teens in Livermore to paint a series of three murals or a "triptych." Some of these teens have been caught spraying graffiti or have just gotten in trouble and need a better direction to channel their energy. The murals they have been painting will hang in the Livermore multi-use center. The center, as Andrew describes

it, "needs vigor and life." This project was the brainchild of Horizon family counseling led by Lynne Siwula. Horizon is a department of the Livermore police department. Andrew says, "I've never met a bad child, just a child with a few bad breaks."

The program begins in "Clarion Alley," a famous alley in San Francisco's Mission District. Accompanying the youth are Livermore police, who typically despise graffiti, are wide eyed at the vibrant hues and extraordinary images which cover the alley. It seems more than the kids have their eyes opened today. After the alley, they visit M.O.M.A. or the Museum of Modern Art. Only one in the

youth group had stepped foot in a museum before. The general impression was that they weren't as striking as the pieces in Clarion Alley. The fine line between graffiti and art is context. On a wall, graffiti is a pain for all. On canvas, it is bought, sold and revered. Most important of all, the artist can make a living from his/her art rather than do it for free and risk prosecution.

After the museum, they traveled to PIXAR Animation Studios. They were, as Andrew describes, "fabulous hosts." They meet with a character writer, who typically, artists find intimidating. One young woman casually pulls out her sketchbook and

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Improved Attendance Pays off for Schools

By Patricia Koning

A campaign to improve attendance rates in the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District has been paying off—literally—with a positive impact on the District's bottom line.

According to Director of Student Services and Special Education Bob See, preliminary data indicates that the District went from 96.63% in the 2005/06 school year to 96.85% in 2006/07, a 0.22% improvement. This is a rough estimate and the ac-

tual calculation is very complex.

"Though 0.22% sounds relatively small, that would compute to a six figure number—probably around \$200,000," says See. "I should mention that 96.85% is a really good percentage. Illness is the reason for the majority of absences in our district."

In the 2006/07 school year, the schools with the best attendance were all above 97%. Both Rancho and Smith Elementary Schools reported 97.86% atten-

dance, and Mendenhall Middle School and Granada High School had 97.39% attendance.

The District experienced a similar increase between 2004/05 and 2005/06. At the start of the 2004/05 school year, the District implemented site-level attendance plans, resulting in an even larger percentage of improvement over the 2003/04 school year.

"Site administrators, attendance secretaries, and our three

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Open Heart Kitchen Expanding to Dublin

Open Heart Kitchen is on track to expand its free hot meal service to residents in need in the City of Dublin.

Service is slated to begin Monday, September 10 and continue each Monday from 4 to 6 p.m. at Crosswinds Church, 6444 Sierra Court. Hot meals will be made from scratch by Open Heart Kitchen volunteers and staff using the Ridgeview Commons kitchen in Pleasanton and transported to Dublin in the organization's hot/cold service truck. Each meal consists of a

main dish with protein and starch, vegetable, green salad, fruit salad, bread, milk, coffee, tea, juice, and dessert.

Open Heart Kitchen expects to serve approximately 150 hot meals each week in Dublin. All meals are provided without question or qualification; the organization anticipates the annual program cost to be approximately \$27,000.

The Tri-Valley Human Services Needs Assessment (May 2003) cited "insufficient availability of free meals for the

homeless and working poor" as a specific gap in human services. In 2000, the U.S. Census Bureau reported 719 households in Dublin living in poverty and 2,299 households in Dublin earning less than \$50,000 per year.

"We are delighted to have the opportunity to expand our service to the residents of Dublin, and want to thank the City of Dublin and Crosswinds Church for partnering with us. We also appreciate the many businesses, individuals, and organizations of

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Pleasanton teacher Rob Palassou was on hand to watch the launch of the space shuttle last week.

Astronaut Trainee Brings Science To Classroom

Rob Palassou stood with an elite group of spectators only three miles from the roaring blast-off of space shuttle Endeavour from Cape Canaveral last week. As the earth shook from the blast, and the bright rocket flames hurt his eyes, he couldn't help

but think about the big surprise that brought him there.

Palassou's journey from Pleasanton to the shuttle launch began in 2003, when one of his students in the fifth grade at Valley View elementary school, Erik

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PET OF THE WEEK

McDreamy, or Mac, is a very special and lucky pup. He was rescued by Valley Humane Society's "Just Like New" Fund to pay his vet bills after breaking both front legs in a fall. After a four-month recovery in a foster home, he is healed and ready to move on to his forever home. Because he may always remain fragile, his new home needs to be all-adult with no other dogs, although a cat would be okay. Mac is a 15-month old Chihuahua who

loves to be held and carried, and needs someone home with him most of the time. He is active, playful, entertaining, sweet and loving. Call Valley Humane Society at 925-426-8656 for more information about Mac, or visit our cats and kittens at the Adoption Center at 3670 Nevada St in Pleasanton's Stanley Business Park Wed-Sun 11 am-5 pm. Valley Humane Society holds dog adoptions at Pet Extreme in Livermore every Sat 10 am-2 pm.

Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan



Bachelor Thomas D. Carneal

When I first began learning about writing local history, I worked with a graduate student from Sonoma State University. One of her recommendations was to make a special effort at finding information about single men. Often their story is not passed down to others because they did not have children who kept their memories alive or descendants who cared about their family tree. So, I like to think that this column is dedicated to Karana, my mentor.

Thomas D. Carneal was born in the governor's mansion in Jackson, Mississippi; his grandfather, lawyer and lawmaker Henry Stuart Foote, was governor, having defeated Jefferson Davis for the post on a Union ticket. In November 1854, when Tom was 17 months old, he came with his grandfather and mother to California. When he was four, his mother married again, to J. West Martin, who with his brother had bought Rancho Santa Rita, including its assets, at an administrator's sale for \$10,000. In his history of the county, William Halley wrote, "They got a great bargain, for it is said that there were cattle enough sold from it to provide the purchasing money." Martin became a successful banker, popular mayor of Oakland, and regent of the University of California at Berkeley.

Tom Carneal graduated in 1874 from UC Berkeley, earning a bachelor of philosophy degree, and went on to law school at Columbia University in New York City. About 1880 he was involved in a railroad accident in which he lost part of an arm and the toes on one foot. For the rest of his life, he had a hook instead of a hand on that arm. A small volume, *Our Constitutions, Federal and State*, published in 1879, is owned by Dorothy Reinstein Lamee of Livermore. Inside the front cover, someone has written "Taken from Tom's pocket after his injuries."

After his stepfather's death in 1899, Carneal gave up his law career and took over management of family ranch properties in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. In her will in 1907, his mother left him 2,357 acres of ranchland. Carneal was well known for his innovative agricultural methods. In 1900 he received a grand prize from the Paris Exposition for his wheat exhibit. The 1900 U.S. census listed him as farm manager on the ranch with a Chinese cook, "Joe." The private road leading to his house was just north of the intersection of Highland and Carneal Roads, the site of the Reinstein ranch today. He worked hard and expected the same from his tenants, but he also helped by buying modern conveniences for their homes and by paying expensive medical bills.

Ernest Vargas, son of one tenant, described Carneal: "You just don't find people like that any more. They speak about 'great men'—well, Mr. Carneal was a great man. It's just too bad he's not better known. Someone should write a book about him." Carneal's first car, according to Jack Jensen, was a Duryea Steamer, the biggest car around the valley. "You had to be a steam engineer to run 'em. You get bad water, and you have boiler trouble." Later, Carneal drove a Franklin, and he had a ramp built in a car shed on his ranch so that he could start the car without cranking it because of his missing hand. He rolled his own Bull Durham cigarettes with one hand "as deftly as any Texan cowboy." About 1911 he and several other ranchers brought in the first electric lines in the Highland area.

Highland School, now a private residence, stands at the southeast corner of Highland and Carneal Roads on three acres that Tom Carneal gave the school district. Carneal paid to have this fireproof concrete one-room school built after a new portion of Highland Road went through an earlier schoolyard. The first classes in the innovative school were held in August 1922. The initial estimated cost of the building had been \$7,000, but Carneal continued to add amenities, and his final costs probably came close to \$10,000. It had indoor bathrooms, a teacher's office, and a small library. Carneal even gave the school a radio and a player piano. The schoolhouse had its own septic tank and water system; the rooms were lit by acetylene gas.

Tom Carneal never married, and before his death he gave his ranch properties to his four tenant farmers, Niels Banke, William Mitchell, Manuel Vargas, and Henry Reinstein. Vargas bought out Mitchell and much later sold the combined property, but the Banke and Reinstein ranches are still here today. At an interview in 1924, Carneal said, "I've left good roads here, and a schoolhouse, and four modern homes for tenants, and 20 barns, and a civilized community. I haven't lived altogether in vain. The *Oakland Post-Enquirer's* obituary in February 1930 said in part: "The late T.D. Carneal was part of the old story, the old life, the old pioneer flavor of other days. But he was too vital, too intensely alive to be content with that. He was part of the new day, also—eagerly interested in new things, in aviation most of all." (Readers can reach me at am50homan@yahoo.com.)

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looked at resumes and what he knows about each. "I've worked with Beth and Core. Beth is well studied, extremely bright, and has demonstrated commitment by attending more meetings than anyone other than board members over the last two years."

Of Corey, Kamena noted her skill in leading the youth soccer program. She also served on the sports park committee. He said after the vote, that if Corey had been nominated first he would have voted for her. Kamena said he didn't know Bob Coomber, but he appeared well qualified.

Board president Steve Goodman said that he hadn't decided who to vote for until the vote was actually taken. "All have unique perspectives and experience to bring to the board. This is more difficult than I thought it would be."

Maryalice Faltings stated, "Any of you would be a good addition to the board. Corey had some innovative ideas. Bob has a strong budget background. I know Beth because she has been coming to meetings. My guess is that she understands LARPD the best."

David Furst nominated Wilson. He offered no comments on the nomination. Earlier, he too praised the quality of the candidates.

As mentioned board members, Wilson's attendance at board meetings over the last two years was one of the deciding factors in selecting her over the other two finalists. During the last board election, Wilson had declared plans to run for election, but never filed. She has lived in Livermore since 1983. She is a music teacher with the Tracy Unified School District and is involved with the local community through the Livermore Amador Symphony, the Valley Concert Choral, and the Tri-Valley Conservancy, to name just a few. Wilson has been a volunteer at Sycamore Grove Park and been active in the outdoor education programs offered there.

Each of the candidates answered six questions prepared in advance by a board committee. One was what they would change and why.

Coomber wanted a more inter-connective trail system. He suggested working together with other agencies to make that a reality.

Nelson felt that the district needed to be more proactive in its outreach and publicity efforts to make it easier to find information about programs.

Wilson's goal would be to find ways to get children and families outside, whether it was through sports activities or open space.

Another question asked what

segment of the population was most under-served and how would they be served better.

Wilson felt that the Hispanic population was largely ignored. Areas where they live have fewer parks and amenities. She would like to see district documents in Spanish and a greater effort made to reach out to and understand the needs of the population.

Coomber's focus was on people with disabilities. He felt that getting people out and active would lead to healthier lives for them. He suggested providing additional programs to make getting out and being active possible.

Nelson also mentioned the Hispanic population. She felt that there were other groups of people who did not benefit from district programs. She wanted the district to go out and ask people what they want, not wait for them to come to the board.

All answered several of the questions related to policymaking and budgeting by noting the board needs to listen to the public, set priorities and then act on them.

As for their goals, Wilson stated, "I strongly believe in open space and educational programs. It is important to communicate with the public to let them know what is available."

Coomber was interested in making sure that the programs offered were of the highest quality. He suggested reviewing programs to make sure they were what the public wants. In the future he wanted more open space acquisition and more trails.

Nelson also felt the district should evaluate what it offers to make sure programs are still relevant and useful. Over the long term, she would work to build a solid infrastructure to support those programs.

OTHER ACTIONS

In other business, the Board approved an easement for 370 acres of Sycamore Grove Park with the Tri-Valley Conservancy. The easement was designed to preserve the conservation values of the land while still enabling the park district to provide public access to the park.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

What better way to spend a sunny Sunday afternoon than eating ice cream with a friend? Loran Fariauto and Rachel Holmstrom did just that during the annual Ravenswood Ice Cream Social held Sunday at the historic site in Livermore.

Blankets for Kids Looking for Volunteers to Help Out

Blankets For Kids, founded by Pleasanton resident Jo Molz, makes and distributes soft fleece blankets to at-risk, abused and neglected children through the Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon and Livermore police departments; Alameda County Child Protection Agency, Hayward and Oakland; Calico Center, Castro Valley; Agape Villages, San Ramon; Tri-Valley Haven and Shepherd's Gate, Livermore; and My Stuff Bags in Los Angeles.

The easy-to-make blankets are constructed of a soft fleece material with pleasant designs and are welcomed by the children who find themselves in very stressful circumstances.

Volunteers at Blankets For Kids have made more than 10,000 blankets for distribution since the organization began.

Anyone interested in volunteering, or donating money or fleece to Blankets For Kids, a

501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, please contact Jo at (925) 846-6155.

VALLEY ROUNDUP

Draft Regional Rail Plan Meeting

After 18 months of analysis and stakeholder involvement, a blueprint for expanding the region's network of rail lines will be unveiled. The Draft Regional Rail Plan will identify potential rail passenger and rail freight improvements for the near, intermediate, and long-term.

The analysis looks at ways to incorporate passenger trains into existing rail systems, improve connections to other trains and transit, expand the regional repaid transit network, increase rail capacity, and coordinate rail investment around transit-friendly communities and businesses. The plan also includes an analysis of potential high speed rail routes between the Bay Area and Central Valley.

The regional rail elements include BART, railroad based services, high speed rail system and interfaces to other transportation modes such as regional busses and ferries.

The public can view and comment on the plan in Livermore on Wed., Aug. 22 at the library in rooms A & B, 1188 So. Livermore Ave.

There will be two sessions: 3 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. The first half hour will be an open house followed by a presentation and discussion. The format and content are identical for both sessions.

Written comments will be accepted until August 29, 2007, and should be directed to Katie Balk, Regional Rail Project Offices, c/o BART, 300 Lakeside Drive, 16th Floor, Oakland, CA 94612, info@bayarearailplan.info.

Library Receives Grant

The Livermore Public Library has received a \$50,000 Federal Library Services and Technology (LSTA) Grant from the California State Library.

The Livermore Public Library received the grant for "Reel Focus: Teen Learning Through Video Creativity," an outreach program that will provide low income youth in the 5th through 12th grades the opportunity to develop video production expertise while also learning work and study related skills. Bi-weekly instructional sessions will be held from October 2007 through May 2008 at the Rincon Branch of the Livermore Public Library. Students will work on individual projects, hear guest speakers and take field trips to film shoots, sound stages and other film related locations. Final film projects will be debuted at a June 2008 Reel Focus Film Show-

case.

These Federal grants are awarded competitively to California libraries for innovative library services, technological development, services for underserved populations, library networking, and resource sharing.

Partner agencies in this project include the Friends of the Livermore Library, Las Positas College, Livermore Cultural Arts Commission, Livermore Film Commission and the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District.

Teens interested in participating in this project may get more information by calling the Rincon Branch Library at 373-5540.

Creek Alliance Celebrates 10th Year

The Alameda Creek Alliance will celebrate its 10th anniversary with a celebration dinner and silent auction fundraiser on Friday, August 24th from 5:00-8:30 pm at Chouinard Vineyard along Stonybrook Creek in Palomares Canyon. Click here to order tickets.

The event will feature good food, Chouinard wines, live music, local celebrity speakers and a silent auction.

Speakers include State Senator Ellen Corbett, who represents the 10th District; outdoor writer Dan Bacher, contributor to numerous publications and websites who covers fishing and water policy issues; Andrew Gunther, Executive Director of CEMAR, facilitator of the Alameda Creek Fisheries Restoration Workgroup, lead author of the 200 Alameda Creek Steelhead Assessment report, and Board member of the Union of Concerned Scientists; and Jeff Miller, founder and director of the Alameda Creek Alliance.

Food will include hors d'oeuvre and a buffet dinner. Live Music will be provided by local bluegrass band, the Forget Me Nots.

The winery is located at 33853 Palomares Road, along Stonybrook Creek in Palomares Canyon in Castro Valley. Tickets for the event are \$40 to \$100 per person, on a sliding scale. Information, call (510) 499-9185.

Correction

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

Tauscher Calls for More Rest for Troops in Democratic Radio Response

Rep. Ellen Tauscher, Chairman of the House Armed Services Strategic Forces Subcommittee, delivered the Democratic Radio response to President Bush last Saturday. She discussed the national security need to enact The Ensuring Military Readiness through Stability and Predictability Deployment Policy Act of 2007, her legislation to stop the Pentagon's practice of sending troops back to Iraq without proper rest or training.

The legislation is currently stalled in the Senate by a Republican filibuster. President Bush has threatened to veto it.

Tauscher declared, "Last week I was honored to see the House pass my bill to stop the Pentagon's practice of sending Soldiers and Marines back to Iraq without proper rest or training. The President's surge has sent many of our Army units to Iraq for the second and third time."

"Army generals recommend that in times of war, troops have two years away from combat after one year on the battlefield. Today that ratio is upside-down. Soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan spend only twelve months at home for every fifteen months in combat. The result is that after more than four years of over extended and frequent deployments troops and the nation's overall defense readiness has been put at risk," said Tauscher.

Tauscher observed that with policies like this it is no wonder the Army found itself three thousand officers short, or that mid-grade sergeants are leaving at higher than desired rates.

"As the Chairman of an Armed Services Subcommittee I know how this war has threatened our national security and damaged military readiness. As a Californian, I'm well aware that spending nearly three hundred and thirty million dollars every day in Iraq is draining the homeland security resources of my

state and others.

"We are sending more men and women to Iraq everyday — they deserve better than a revolving door of service that keeps them away from their families for too long and sends them back to battle too quickly."

"Those who refuse to admit we need a change of course in Iraq claim this legislation will tie the hands of the Commander in Chief. This is simply untrue. The legislation contains waivers for operational emergencies that pose threats to national security, as well as for individuals who volunteer to redeploy sooner."

"If we are honest about wanting to support our troops, there is no better place to start than

with the rest and training they require to complete their mission and return home safely," said Tauscher.

"To those who would stand in the way rather than behind our troops, (referring to the similar legislation stalled in the Senate) I say: If you truly support the fighting men and women of our Armed Forces, if you truly believe in a military that stands second to none in a dangerous world, then stop the obstruction. Start doing what you know is right. We must come together as Americans to preserve the readiness of the greatest military in history - for our troops and for our national security," she concluded.



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begins to show it to him. Andrew describes her as courageous.

When the group returns to Livermore, they don't paint, not yet. First Andrew and Ileana show them how to build frames and then stretch canvas. After help with the first, they build the second and third perfectly. "You could bounce a quarter off of them." The police are amazed to see youth from rival neighborhoods helping each other to mix paints.

This project took six months to find funding. At first, as Andrew tells it, the police were unconvinced. They leaned back in their chairs with their arms crossed. By the end of the meetings, they leaned forward and were amazed how this creative solution could redirect youth whose current prospects were

slim. Ileana was central to the fundraising for the project and is trying to establish it as a non-profit. The art supplies were donated by Don Edwards of Berkeley and Dick Blick of Concord through the efforts of the sales representative, Randy Stratton.

The children's talent is clear. By working on the panels, they create art. Art is therapeutic. As Ileana tells it, even her sixty-five year old mother-in-law is taking drawing classes. The youth, as their parents have noticed, are sketching after school rather than going out and getting in trouble. One father was so touched by his child's sudden improvements that he was moved to tears. He claims when he first saw Andrew, "He saw wings."

Andrew tells the youth how he used to work at Kensington

Palace in England. A similar job involved the 1,000 year old Yorkminster Cathedral. He once worked while Princess Diana looked on.

As the youth finish the three pieces they describe their work. The first canvas is a dark, brooding sky with an angry sun and a desolate forest. One of the branches of the trees reaches into the next piece. There, against a gray background, a single leaf sprouts as an Aztec warrior looks on. A second peaceful face looks at the viewer. Another branch continues to the third canvas, which shows re-growth and a bright sun. One of the most impressive things is that when finished, the young people clean up without being asked. That surprises even Andrew and Ileana.

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EDITORIAL

Research Vineyard

Las Positas Community College students have planted a three-acre vineyard to create a "hands-on classroom" for the school's viticulture program.

The program offers sixteen classes and prepares students for work in the wine industry. Sixty are enrolled at present.

The vineyard includes a wide variety of wine grapes from the exotic Viognier Albarino to the conventional Cabernet Sauvignon. The students, under the supervision of David Everett, are planting enough of each grape to produce with each a minimum of one barrel of wine.

Everett calls it a "research vineyard." He says they'll experiment and "see what works" and help Valley vintners solve their problems. The teacher points out that thanks to the education nature of the program, they don't have to worry about their projects failing. "Failing can give as many good answers as succeeding," he says.

We would observe that this vineyard is being planted in an area of the Valley — North Livermore — not known for its viticulture. Phil Wente says the area has potential. Indeed, with the planting at the college, a little vineyard district seems to be arising. The hillside directly across Collier Canyon Road from the college is already covered with a 90-acre commercial vineyard, planted in 2001 by business park developer John Kontrabecki.

We anticipate great things from the college vineyard. We hope that among the issues the students examine is the site itself of their vineyard — the potential for quality growing in the hills and canyons around the college. By helping to answer questions like that, this research vineyard can make an enormous contribution not only to education, but also to the growth of Livermore Valley winegrowing.

ATTENDANCE

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Child Welfare and Attendance specialists have played a big role in this improvement." See explains. "However, communication is also a key. Newsletters and other parent communication have played a role. Parents are more aware now that schools do not receive funding when their children are out of school, even for medical reasons."

Schools receive funding based on Average Daily Attendance (ADA), which means schools are only paid for the students who are attending school, not the number enrolled. Each day a student is absent—excused or not—means school districts lose a certain amount of their potential ADA. For Livermore, that number comes out to about \$35 per day per student.

The attendance plans were first implemented in response to the budget crisis in 2004, which led to school closures and increased class sizes. Although the District's fiscal situation has improved significantly since then, keeping attendance rates high is still a focus.

The District now tracks attendance monthly. That data is shared with site administrators, Child Welfare and Attendance (CWA) specialists, and attendance secretaries. The data is also analyzed for trends. Attendance percentages from each school site are compared with the previous year.

"If we notice higher absenteeism in this comparison for a particular month, districtwide, or in specific schools, we try to figure out why. Perhaps we had a flu going around, bad weather, or a change in procedures," says See.

To address illnesses, nurses go into the classrooms during flu season and conduct presentations on hand washing and how to stay healthy. See says that the preliminary data suggests that these tactics may have had a positive effect.

The District tries to find the reasons behind increased attendance rates as well. "We also look at why a particular school went up. If a school posted a goal, that might be the reason and we pass on that strategy," says See.

Maria Ramirez, principal of Portola Elementary School, has gone out of her way to recognize good attendance. Students with perfect attendance are recognized monthly with prizes and certificates. There is also a school-wide competition for the grade level with the highest percentage of perfect attendance.

"The winning grade level chooses a prize, which involves me doing something for them personally," explains Ramirez. "For the past three years, it's been the third grade. Three years ago they chose to silly string my hair. The following year I had to sing 'I will Survive' in front of

the entire school, dressed in a 70's outfit and an Afro wig. Last year, I dressed Hawaiian style and they threw water sponges at me."

Granada High School Principal Chris Van Schaack attributes his school's high attendance rate to good communication with parents on the importance of daily attendance.

"We've had an increase in the number of parent conferences regarding attendance over the past two years — evidence of an increased level of awareness," he says. "Of more importance to students, we began to take away dance privileges and parking permits when students had multiple unexcused absences."

Attendance secretaries at Granada run weekly reports that alert staff to students who have shown an increase in absences. Vice Principals and Counselors then meet with those students to find out if there is a specific cause.

Ramirez also considers communication with students and families crucial. Between the District's eTruancy program, home visits, and timely phone calls, CWA specialist Miguel Navarro and Portola's attendance clerk Kathy Pittlick maintained ongoing communication with families regarding attendance.

"With the resources for continuous, timely, and ongoing communication, parents are more aware and have worked diligently to get children to school," she says. "I believe it's the parents who have made the difference in increasing our attendance rates."

INITIATIVE

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Discussions have been more around the Stoneridge (Avenue) extension."

Noting that Mayor Jennifer Hosterman has suggested a specific plan for the East Side, Harvey said, "The public is waking up to not considering these things one at a time, but (to putting together) a strategy on what we want as a gateway to the city."

Supervisor Scott Haggerty said recently that if Pleasanton doesn't act quickly to ensure annexation of the Staples Ranch, which is owned by the county, it could wind up being annexed to Livermore or Dublin.

Fox said that there are major impediments in the way. Livermore voters would have to approve moving the city's UGB to allow it. The city's general plan would have to be modified. "They probably would have to modify their El Charro Specific Plan," said Fox. Further, the senior housing proposed for the Staples Ranch was opposed by Livermore two years ago, because the four-story buildings would be in the Livermore airport's flight path, said Fox.

Fox Can Vote on Staples Ranch Proposals

Pleasanton Planning Commission Chairman Anne Fox can take part in discussions concerning Staples Ranch projects when they come before the commission.

Fox has submitted two initiative measures of concern to the Staples Ranch property. The city has entered into a memorandum of understanding with Alameda County, the owner of the property. The MOU does not require the city to approve any of the projects. It does require the city to consider seriously developments proposed for the site.

The City of Pleasanton Attorney Michael Roush was asked to look into whether Fox should recuse herself from any discussions regarding Staples Ranch. In a written opinion, he said that he believes felt that there would be no legal disqualification. However, Roush requested that outside counsel review the facts and provide an opinion. The city hired Liane Randolph, who until recently was the chairperson of the Fair Political Practices Commission, to conduct the review.

Randolph concluded that Fox can participate in decisions concerning Staples Ranch, notwithstanding her role in the initiatives measures, mainly because those decisions have wide ranging policy implications.

Fox, in an interview, pointed out that other commissioners or councilmembers have been involved with initiatives while seated. Steve Brozovsky, Brian Arkin and Jerry Thorne all sponsored initiatives related to uses on the Bernal property. "That did

not preclude them from taking part in Bernal issues when they came before them," pointed out Fox.

Fox has been the target of controversy since the initiatives were introduced. There have been complaints that she continues items needlessly, removes items from the consent agenda for full commission discussion, and used her title as chairman in promoting the initiatives.

David Bouchard, executive director of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, asked the council to have Fox dismissed as chairman of the Planning Commission. Councilmember Jerry Thorne questioned whether Fox's actions were appropriate. He was concerned about what he saw as actions that were obstructionist.

On the other side, councilmembers Matt Sullivan and Cindy McGovern felt that there was no need for council intervention. McGovern called Fox the target of what is almost a "witch hunt." Sullivan said, "One person's obstructionist is another person's champion of democracy. I think we are crossing a line here."

City Manager Nelson Fialho suggested that there are plans to bring back the ethics manual for discussion. The council can have a discussion at that time of how to deal with someone who may have violated the rules.

Just recently, fellow Planning Commissioner Arne Olson introduced a motion asking for a vote of "no confidence" in Fox.

The matter has been on the last few planning commission agen-

das. Each time, there has been no support to move forward with a vote.

Commissioner Olson stated, "Having served on the Planning Commission for just over a year, I have had ample time to watch the operation of the Commission under what I would consider the 'questionable leadership' of our current Chairwoman Anne Fox. A pattern has developed that I believe is not in the best interests of the effective functioning of this Commission, and in maintaining a positive view of the Commission by the community at large."

Olson referred to the removal of items from the consent calendar. He noted, "There is ample time to raise questions with staff regarding Consent Calendar items before a meeting. But this approach has not been followed. This has resulted in raising tensions with staff, and in delays which take time away from more substantive deliberations."

Fox said that the consent calendar is a recent addition to the commission's agenda, starting in March 2006. The idea was to place simple conditional use permits there. "However, staff has been putting PUDs and downtown rezonings on the calendar, as well as projects located at gateways. I pull an item if I think it needs a public hearing."

She also says she removes an item if she hears from a member of the public that there should be a hearing. "Other commissioners pull items," said Fox. She pointed to Arne Olson, who pulled a recent item regarding the Union Jack Pub building in

downtown Pleasanton.

Former Planning Commissioner Brian Arkin first established the consent calendar. He noted, "The consent calendar was never meant to have full-fledged development projects (PUDs) fly through the process without a public hearing via a consent calendar mechanism. It was meant for CUPs and modifications to CUPs that are noncontroversial."

Arkin also addressed another issue—Fox's failure to meet with staff ahead of a meeting to discuss the agenda. During my two years as Chairman of the Planning Commission, I never meet with staff ahead of the meeting to discuss the agenda. It was always staff's discretion as to what items to place in the agenda. During my tenure on the Planning Commission, I am unaware that other Chairpersons met with staff ahead of the meeting to discuss the agenda," stated Arkin.

The final complaint regarding Fox was what was seen as the use of her title in promoting the initiatives. In a letter written to one paper, she was identified as Chairman of the Planning Commission. It turned out that the newspaper had added the title. The same letter was sent to The Independent at the same time. The Independent did not print Fox's title. Fox, in writing the letter, had listed herself as a member of Friends of Pleasanton, the sponsors of the initiative. There was no reference to her role on the planning commission.

The other newspaper noted that it was policy to identify letter writers if they hold a public position.

Rep. Tauscher Encourages Business Alliance's Regional Outlook in Talk

Rep. Ellen Tauscher (D-Alamo) told Tri-Valley business people that she is glad to see their involvement in a regional approach to solving such joint business-government problems as infrastructure.

"In regard to a regional approach, you are doing what I have advocated for a long time," Tauscher told 175 people who met for a rejuvenation of the Tri-Valley Business Council (TVBC) on Aug. 9 at the Palm Events Center in Pleasanton. She noted, "You can't sit in traffic in Antioch and not think about how the whole traffic problem is interrelated."

ELECTION

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incumbents. That's not the case. "What I bring is a continuation of Tom Reitter's philosophy of government and urban planning. I want to make sure of it that there is plenty of balance on the city council."

Williams explained that in the recent vote on development in North Livermore, 72 percent of the voters strongly opposed it. "I want to provide those same voters a place to put their second vote this November for someone who agrees with that position."

Asked who he is endorsing, Williams said he is supporting Marj Leider in her bid for reelection.

Councilmember Doug Horner, recently appointed to replace Tom Reitter, said he has not endorsed anyone. "I haven't talked to anyone since the end of filing. I imagine I will be endorsing candidates in the future," Horner also signed Dietrich's nomination papers. He too said that was not an endorsement.

Friends of Livermore have endorsed Leider and Williams for

Tauscher said that regional support in the form of backing from all of the Bay Area congressional delegation helped to bring federal money quickly to fix the damaged Interstate 880 maze structure in Oakland, after a gasoline tanker exploded there a few months ago. What was expected to take 83 days for repairs was shaved down to 29 days.

Noting the collapse of the Interstate 35W bridge on Aug. 2 in Minneapolis, Tauscher said that the nation needs to work hard on upgrading and updating its highway infrastructure. She declared herself in favor of an increase of 5 to 10 cents in the federal gaso-

line tax to pay for improvements. The increase should be indexed. California should raise its gas tax, too, she said.

TVBC president Toby Brink also spoke about infrastructure needs in a short presentation about the organization's policy council on transportation. Brink listed three important projects in the Tri-Valley: the Highway 84/Isabel Avenue widening, the Interstate 580/680 fly-over, and the high-speed rail proposal that may come through the Tri-Valley on the way from southern California to the Bay Area. "These are not new projects. However, we want to learn how we can partner and move ahead," said Brink.

Along those same lines of cooperation with government, James Paxson, co-chair of the TVBC government/business council, said the panel will make contact with officials, and establish a forum twice a year for dialogue. "We'll work with the Tri-Valley Mayors Council. We'll see the lists on your agenda, and you will see what is on ours. It's a great opportunity to promote the economy in the area," said Paxson.

Tauscher, whose district includes Livermore, gave recognition to LLNL and Sandia for their roles in fostering new businesses. "It's difficult to measure. It's classified (activity) sometimes. However, businesses are born there. Many ideas have been created and nurtured there," she said. Praising Lab employees, Tauscher said that they could "go elsewhere, and become rich. This is a specific kind of patriotism, working on a job for the American people, aiding homeland security and medical science," she said.

WEB SITE CAN LINK BUSINESSES & SERVICES

A new wrinkle by TVBC called Innovation Network was

unveiled at the breakfast meeting. With guests looking at a huge slide screen, consultant Chris Richards logged on-line and showed off features of the web site. Any of the 18,000 businesses in the Tri-Valley that buy or sell services can participate at the site. The URL is www.bizdata.us/tvbc.

The site is intended to put buyers of services in touch with sellers and vice versa. The early stages of information exchange can help users determine whether the offered services can be of help. Also, time is saved, because there is no need to drive anywhere to interview people, or wait for exchanges of phone calls. Users can put in a profile of their business or the service they need, and also install key words or search for them. Businesses are listed by categories. Referring to the screen, Richards said, "It's live, it's running, and it's yours."

The TVBC is undergoing a rebirth. Last week's meeting was part of that. Brink said he was encouraged by the turnout, and noted that one-third in attendance were not members. In the past, TVBC had more policy groups, but the effort was perceived as slowing down, because energy was being diffused across a broad front. Now there are fewer panels. It's hoped more energy flowing into fewer topics will bring more action.

Brink told the Independent after the meeting that TVBC hopes to be host to a topical event each quarter with a focus on one of the council categories. Besides the transportation and government/business policy councils mentioned above, there are also panels focusing on education and economic vitality. Asked what might be the next program, Brink said, "I don't know which is next. However, it's important that we bring in the community and receive public input."

OPEN HEART

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The Tri-Valley that have generously given of their time and money to support Open Heart Kitchen. It is with this continued support that we can reach out to under-served areas and make available such a basic service," stated Carol Beddome, Executive Director.

Volunteers are needed to work Mondays in Pleasanton cooking meals for late afternoon transport to the serving site at Crosswinds Church. Donations for this program are also needed and welcomed.

A small staff and the help of hundreds of volunteers prepare and serve over 2,500 meals every week. Open Heart Kitchen is actively seeking additional donations of time, talent, and money. Contact Carol Beddome at 925-580-1616 to help.

MAILBOX

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Sommerfest Dick and Doris Ryon Co-Festmeisters, Sommerfest 2007

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

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

This event could not have happened without many hours of effort by cheerful and dedicated volunteers drawn from LCAC's member organizations and the larger community. Our hearty thanks to all individuals, merchants, and organizations who made this great event possible! Mark your calendars for the third Saturday in June 2008, June

21st, one week after the annual Livermore Rodeo for next year's Sommerfest.

Housing Donald F. King Livermore

I attended a conference on housing in Oakland on June 28. Titled "Focus on Bay Area Housing." It was sponsored by a number of organizations, public and private, having interests in planning, producing and financing housing. The primary public agency participating was the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG). Attendees were presented with a major report just produced by the ABAG professional staff. It is titled, "A Place to Call Home; Housing in the San Francisco Bay Area, 2007." This publication, in Appendix A, contains statistics showing how each of 14 Alameda County cities performed in producing housing judged to be affordable to four annual household income groups. The groups are labeled Very Low (\$41,000 to \$66,250); Moderate (\$66,250 to \$83,300); and Above Moderate. The figures all relate to number of housing units that the study estimated should have been built in the period 1999 to 2006.

The numbers show Livermore to be radically biased in favor of producing homes for families in the Above Moderate income category. ABAG set a goal of 2,347 for that category. The city actually issued 2,628 building permits—112 percent of the goal. Of the 875 goal for Very Low Income families, only 202 permits were issued. For Low Income families, the goal (estimated need), was 482 units, but only 259 permits were issued.

The City owes its less affluent residents an explanation, if not an apology.

Quieter Aircraft Rich Buckley Livermore

I agree with an important element of Kathy Chase's letter regarding the Livermore Airport. When it's all said and done, one of the most important areas for residents to focus their attention now is also at the Federal level where congress needs to be pres-

sured to address and encourage, among other things, much quieter jet engines for domestic small utility and private plane uses. The driving force that tends to dominate commercial aviation is fuel efficiency over most other considerations. It may be possible to bring down the noise level of jet engines used in small commercial utility and private aircraft to a much lower level trading off efficiency for sound abatement, a trade-off that has a growing appeal across the country. Write your congress person and get them educated.

Outdoor Movie Theaters Thomas Jefferson Livermore

A recent local newspaper article talked of families, including one in San Ramon, with outdoor movie theaters in their backyards. Those families might like their outside movie nights, but think of neighbors whose quiet and peaceful outdoor time is destroyed by the unwanted surround sound coming from a theater's irritating outdoor speakers.

I bet the outdoor theater people would be upset, and maybe even complain, if a neighbor's outdoor speakers competed with their movie presentations.

Perhaps the outdoor theater enthusiasts, as well as others who feel compelled to fill the air with noise from radios and the like, have the mistaken belief that their quiet neighbors are too poor to buy their own outdoor sound equipment.

People desirous of outdoor noise—radio, or other—could be considerate of others by simply using headsets.

'Majority' Evelyn Murphy Livermore

I read with interest the 8/2/07 reply to my 7/19/07 letter on the Livermore Airport and that the only thing found to complain about was my use of the word "majority."

I thought, after all this time, it was obvious the "majority" I speak of is the number of opponents, people who live in the glide path and its considerable noise, etc., versus the proponents,

the actual pilots who fly the planes. This has very little to do with the people who live far away from this problem and have no vested interest in the Livermore Airport. Although the whole Tri-Valley is definitely impacted by all these noise problems many times during the day and night.

It was also interesting to read that opponents' "facts" inflame emotions, and for that reason should be discounted. Whereas the proponents' "facts" are what—soothing and reassuring and should be believed as the truth?

Letters from that writer are interesting as she always has so many "facts" at her fingertips. Yes, everyone knows the minute Livermore Airport took federal money, "Livermore has absolutely no jurisdiction in the matter." That's the point!! About the only thing Livermore can control is expansion/improvement.

As for flying in to go to "theatrical presentations" in Livermore, don't even get me started on the "conspicuous consumption" of natural resources already being wasted by the hobbies of wealthy, joyriding small plane owners.

In the same paper the article "Airport Panel To Spell Out Hangar Priority" stated people on the waiting list for hangars were skipped over in favor of those with "commercial licenses," even though a commercial license is not a requirement. This shows a definite trend toward larger commercial businesses instead of private planes. Yet, we have been "assured" by the Mayor and City Council that airport improvement/expansion will not appreciably increase the number of flights in and out. These seem to be completely contradictory. Again, explain why a facility where aircraft operations are down 35% in the last 7 years needs expansion/improvement? Can bigger, noisier commercial jets be the answer?

As has been said so many times before, the fight all along has been about noise, air pollution, property values, and above all, quality of life in our beautiful valley. Surely, everyone can agree on that.

Hiroshima Donald F. King Livermore

I am writing this sixty-two

years to the day after the United States Government dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan. That was August 6, 1945. Estimates of the number of Japanese killed range from 80,000 to 100,000. To this day there are survivors of the bombing. For most of these it can be assumed their lives will be shortened due to exposure to radiation. And many have had to endure years of ill health stemming from that awful event of 8/6/1945.

Three days later we dropped a second nuclear bomb. This time on Nagasaki. Estimates are that another 70,000 died. There is general agreement that about 140,000 deaths resulted from the two bombs.

Osama bin Laden in an interview some time ago, was queried as to how he felt about the fatalities resulting from the attack he ordered on the Twin Towers. He replied that the U.S., in its use of nuclear bombs on Hiroshima/Nagasaki, killed many more than the 3000 or so Americans killed on September 11, 2001, implying that the al-Qaeda attack should be viewed in that context. He had a point, I'll have to admit.

'Rapid Bus' Robert S. Allen BART Director (1974-1988) Livermore

Your July 26 issue puffs the Wheels (LAVTA) "Rapid Bus," a costly upgrade of their #10 route. Wheels reports that the "Rapid Bus" would cut running time about 20%.

The #10 takes 34" westbound and 33" eastbound between the Livermore Transit Center (with its parking facility) and the BART station. The "Rapid Bus" could thus be expected to take 27" westbound and 26" eastbound.

Between BART's Airway Blvd. Park/Ride and the station via I-580, the 12V takes 19" westbound and 16" eastbound—far less than the #10 or the "Rapid Bus." But it only runs once an hour during commute hours.

Three buses running a total of 25 hours/day could link the Airway Park/Ride with every commute hour BART train (6-10am, 3-7pm). At an assumed direct cost of \$45/hour, the marginal cost should run under \$300,000/year, all or most coming from fares.

The LAVTA board and staff refuse even to discuss this I-580 link. It would cost far less than the "Rapid Bus," eliminate Stanley Blvd. and downtown Pleasanton congestion, and give much faster, more dependable service. While giving Livermore commuters viable transit access, it would ease parking at the BART station, reduce ramp-meter delays, cut Stanley Blvd. and I-580 congestion and "cut-thru traffic" in Pleasanton, and enhance Tri-Valley air quality.

Buses would have almost no deadhead cost. Buses now in #12 service could be changed to link downtown Livermore, the Airway Park-Ride, hotels and other commerce north of the Airport and Las Positas College about every 15 minutes at no extra cost.

LAVTA, owned by the cities and county, has refused to even agendize my request for a study of this concept. I don't object to the "Rapid Bus," but everyone would benefit from my off-repeated proposal. I hope they'll relent.

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Study Finds Cooling Impact of Irrigation Slowing Down

Expansion of irrigation has masked greenhouse warming in California's Central Valley. Irrigation may not make much of a difference in the future, according to a new study in the Aug. 13 edition of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Irrigation's influence on climate is often overlooked when studying the human effect on regional climate change. Yet irrigation has expanded rapidly in many parts of the world and understanding its influence helps to explain historical trends and to improve climate projections in those regions the study reports.

In California, irrigation expansion is likely to end because of urbanization and water demand increase. In the United States, irrigation has for the first time decreased by 2 percent from 1998-2003. Growth in irrigation has already slowed down in many parts of the world.

Irrigation has provided a cooling effect. However, the study finds that throughout the major irrigated regions of the world, the cooling influence of irrigation on daytime maximum temperatures will be much smaller in the next 50 years than in the past century, and will likely not continue to curb the effects of greenhouse warming anymore

"Globally, we derive 40 percent of our food from irrigated regions, so we'd like to be able to model future climate changes in these regions," said Celine Bonfils, lead author of the study from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and U.C. Merced.

Based on observations of temperature and irrigation trends throughout the state, the authors demonstrated a clear irrigation-induced cooling in agricultural areas. They study showed that this effect has recently slowed down.

"This is not a model result, but something very clearly evident in the data. We also looked at other major irrigated regions in the world, and saw a very similar pattern" Bonfils said.

The team, which included Bonfils and David Lobell at Livermore Lab, first studied the net impact of widespread irrigation on local and regional climate in California, the top irrigating state in the United States (3.3 million hectares). In highly irrigated regions of the San Joaquin Valley, daytime temperatures relative to low irrigated areas have cooled by 1.8 degrees - 3.2 degrees C since the introduction of irrigation practice in 1887.

"In comparison, there was no clear effect of irrigation on tem-

peratures over the 1980-2000 period when there was no net growth of irrigation," Lobell said.

Irrigation cools the surface of the earth by increasing the amount of energy used to evaporate water rather than heat the land. The more irrigated the land, the more intense the effect. "It was quite surprising how well we could distinguish a cooling trend that incrementally increases with the amount of irrigation," Bonfils said.

This study also shows that the rapid summer nighttime warming, well observed in Central California since 1915, cannot be explained by irrigation expansion, as outside research has implied. "Our results show that the expansion of irrigation has almost no effect on minimum temperatures and that irrigation can-

not be blamed for this rapid warming," Bonfils said.

"An increase in greenhouse gases and urbanization would best explain this trend, which exceeds what is possible from natural climate variability alone," Lobell said.

In other areas of the world where irrigation development has been rapid, including Thailand, the Aral Sea Basin and Nebraska (the second most irrigated state in the United States), the research team found the same cooling effect in summer daytime maximum temperatures. In India, Pakistan and Eastern China, the temperature change due to irrigation is a little less clear because of the presence of aerosols in the atmosphere that also contribute to the observed cooling by reflecting or absorbing sunlight.

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Q I'm new at recycling food scraps and have three questions about my kitchen pail:

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- 3) Is it OK to line it with plastic bags? *Luciana*

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Q One of my neighbors doesn't have WM service and their trash is stacking up and smells awful! What can I do? *Angelica*

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SPORTS NOTES

Football League Kicks Off

Livermore Junior Football League's Inaugural Opening Ceremonies and Jamboree will take place this Saturday, August 18 at the Livermore High School stadium at 10:30 a.m.

Scheduled speakers include Mayor Marshall Kamena, LARPD Board President Steve Goodman, and former All-Pro defensive tackle Greg Kragen, who played in three Super Bowls. KKIQ will provide music before and after the opening ceremonies. Carl's Jr will offer lunch meals to benefit LJFL. After the opening ceremonies, LJFL's four teams, the Colts, Saints, Cardinals and Jets will scrimmage against each other as the LJFL Fusion cheerleading squad leads cheers.

This inaugural year fields 100 players of 7th and 8th grade middle school students. LJFL expects to expand to include all 4th through 8th grade students who wish to play contact football. All participants will learn the fundamentals of contact football in a safe and positive environment and play regardless of talent level or ability. All games are played in Livermore or Pleasanton.

LJFL is founded under the principle that every Livermore child who wants to play football should have the opportunity. All children who register are placed on a roster and play extensively in all games.

LJFL's sign-ups for the 2008 season will take place on Saturdays in January, February and March next year.

Madden Charities and numerous local businesses helped to provide equipment and uniform funding for the league.

For additional information, interested parents should visit www.livermorejuniorfootball.com.

Youth Soccer

The Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club U18 continued their successful summer with a pair of wins in the NorCal Spring League, cementing the league title with 7-1-0 record. Game one was an uneven 3-2 win over host Manteca. The Rangers jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the 5th minute when a cross from the left was headed in back post. Manteca controlled the early action with an aggressive attack and very strong play from their keeper. Ballistic began to settle and had great chances from Alex McArthur, Stefan Rabrenovich, and Nestor Negrete late in the half, but the Manteca GK turned them away. In the 41st minute, Tigran Nahapetian led David Norton down the right sideline.

Norton got his mark to overcommit and cut back inside him to his left and finished near post to tie the match. Now it was Manteca's turn to press, but Ballistic weathered it and went up 2-1 in the 52nd minute. Norton turned the corner at the left edge of the box and crossed one perfectly to an unmarked McArthur for a far post header for the lead. Manteca again pressed and this time converted in the 61st minute to tie it again. With time winding down, Nahapetian made a steal along the right side and found Matt Carlucci breaking in from the left. Carlucci took it at the top of the box and went low right for the game winner 3-2.

Game two was a much easier 4-1 win over San Jose. Norton sent a cross into the box in the 24th minute that the GK misplayed. Negrete didn't give up on it, kiked back to his left, and finished for the 1-0 lead. In the 32nd minute, the ball bounced out of a pileup to Carlucci driving the middle of the field. His liner from 20 yards found net for a 2-0 halftime lead. In the 43rd minute, Min-Joon Oh made a big clear of a SJ corner and Nahapetian knocked a big ball clear up the field. Norton and Rabrenovich pressured the defense, and Rabrenovich ended up with it from 15 yards for a hard drive and a 3-0 lead. SJ got one back in the 63rd minute, but Ballistic regained their composure and put the game away. Rabrenovich chipped a ball from the left flank that Oh skied way over the keeper's reach to head home on a flick for the 4-1 final. Strong defense this day was led by Justin Mullaney's clears and tackles and Mike Florian shadowing through the midfield to delay many odd-numbered buildups.

The Livermore Elite Explosion U13 Girls Division 1 soccer team displayed outstanding teamwork this past weekend as they went undefeated in all 4 of their games in tournament play. Explosion goalie Victoria "Skully" Case played outstanding holding all four opponents scoreless and leading the Explosion to 4 shutouts.

Livermore Explosion 2, Tracy United 0. In the Medal Game, Livermore came out strong early as Sierra Cassels saved a ball from going of bounds and passed to Carli Floris who chipped the ball to Danielle Lacombe who controlled and half-volleyed the ball over the goalie heads and in the net for the score. Brooke Rittman secured the victory with a PK goal late in the game.

Livermore's Explosive 0, Arsenal 0. Livermore's defensive attack led by Keary Stein dominated the first half and their offense dominated the second half as half-backs Alex Boucher and Alexa Hubbs played outstanding distributing numerous balls to their forwards. Despite many shots on goal, the Explosion could not find the back of net before time ran out.

Livermore Elite Explosion 4, East Diablo Endurance 0. Center mid Taylor Roach scored twice with back-to-back goals; one off a corner kick and minutes later her long shot from the 40 dropped in over the goalie's reach. Halfback Jessica Floyd took possession of a loose ball and sent it in past the Endurance keeper for Livermore's 3rd score of the first half. In the second half, Cassidy Peters scored off a pass assist by defender Jennie Harmon.

Livermore Elite Explosion 4, Tracy United 0. In this match Audrey Walke controlled the midfield leading the Explosion to offensive domination. Cierra Compton took advantage of a corner kick and put the ball in the net for Livermore's first goal. Cassidy Peters scored twice in this match. Her first goal came off a beautiful cross by Mandi Alvarez and shortly after she shot in a long ball sent by Kyle Southwell. Brooke Rittman displayed her ball skills as she dribbled around the fullback and goalie to put in a shot late in the game.

Livermore Elite Soccer U16 Boys - Div III The Force made a strong showing in their first tournament outing of the season, taking second at the Pacific Coast Cup. Livermore's defensive play was solid and along with keepers Peter Morrow and Kyle Kline did not allow a single goal throughout tournament play. Offense was strong scoring 8 goals, including a hat trick for Alex Gonzalez in game three against the Real Madrid Jr. from San Francisco. After playing to a scoreless tie through overtime in the Championship game against a well matched Almaden Fire team, the Elite Force lost their first place hopes in penalty kicks.

BUSC Class 1 U18: Playing together for the first time since Feb 2007, BUSC United put together an outstanding match against league rival Alliance 95 in the Santa Clara Sporting Tournament. Moving on against Santa Rosa and PACT Tigras proved too much for the newly re-united team. They are looking forward to a great tournament season. Top Offensive Players: Christian Clark, Cody Hall, Danny Glascock, Bruno Andres, Tommy Powell, Bobby Sehrgosha, Arya Haghighi; Top Defensive Players: Brent Richmond, Connor Silcox, Thomas Janjigian, Eric Rogstad, Matthew Martin, David Busch.

The Livermore Shock U-14 girls, Division-1 Soccer Team took home the second

place title in the 2007 19th Annual North vs. South Summer Classic Soccer Tournament in San Luis Obispo, August 11 and 12th.

The first game was played against the Central Coast Condors. The Condors were first to score, but Shock then grounded the Condors and scored two goals for a final score of Shock 2, Condors 1. Shock dominated the game after the Condors scored the first goal.

The second game on Saturday was played against the California Cougars. Shock tried to tame the Cougars but they were not completely successful. The game ended in a tie score of Shock 1, Cougars 1.

The third game on Sunday morning was played against the South Valley United (SVU) Black. This was a fast, clean game and Shock finished with a final score of Shock 2, SVU 1 with one Shock player down on injury. This qualified Shock for the final championship game. Shock played hard during the championship game against the California Odyssey Team. The final moments of the game were tense as Shock repeatedly tried to score a goal. They held their own but lost to the Odyssey by one goal for a final score of Shock 0, Odyssey 1.

Goals were scored this weekend by strikers Ashlyn Conlin (2 goals) and Lauren Kershner (2), and Center Mid Fielder Raquel Hamblen. Forwards Kylie Hill and Kiki Simmons had several excellent attempts on goal as did Mid Fielder Breanna "Banana" Rittman. They were expertly assisted by Angel Gosse, Tatyana Martinez and Katie Keller on the outside wings. The defense for Shock was strong and the four Shock defenders, Alison Burklund, Brianna "Bob" Hyllon, Haley Londry, and Julie Lopez played excellently. Rachelle Hamblen did an outstanding job as Goal Keeper with several key saves throughout the weekend. So far, Shock has placed in all the tournaments played this season.

The Livermore Crew U12 '95 played outstanding soccer at the MDSL Summer Classic, taking 2nd place. The Crew were given points for a win in their first game when a scheduled team withdrew from the match. In a friendly game against the MDSL Dominators, the Crew were able to score early on an impressive slide tackle by Haylie Grant which set up Jessica Hopkins for the first goal of the game. Other goals were scored by Rachel Leonard (2) and Haleigh Atkinson.

The Crew won their second game 2-1 in an evenly matched game against the Pleasanton Rage Premier. Baylie Hernandez was stellar in goal, fending off an early siege by the Rage in a game in which the wind played a major factor. Great defensive play by Allison Lau, Jessica Hopkins, Sarah Franklin, and Haylie Grant kept the Crew only 1 goal down at the half. With the wind at their backs, the Crew were able to tie the game on an explosive pass by Danica Egelston to Rachel Leonard. Amanda Crabb struck a perfect corner kick to set up the winning goal. Outstanding play by Kylie Diaz, Hannah Gooby, and Jenna Hatch contributed to the win.

On Sunday, the Crew defeated the Lamorinda United 95 3-0. At forward, Haleigh Atkinson applied early pressure to the United's defense. Danica Egelston scored on a pass from Rachel Leonard to give the Crew a one goal lead at the half. Early in the second half, Jenna Hatch scored on an assist by Amanda Crabb. Minutes later, the two scored again this time with Hatch assisting on Crabb's goal. Baylie Hernandez and Sarah Franklin combined for the shutout in goal.

In the championship game, the Crew lost a heart-wrenching game 3-2 against the NV/San Jose Thunder. Despite being down 1-0 on an early goal, the Crew fought back to within one on a goal by Jenna Hatch. Kylie Diaz, Allison Lau, and Hannah Gooby played strong at midfield, with Gooby dazzling the crowd with her headers. Late in the second, Lau connected with Danica Egelston to bring the Crew back within one goal. Sarah Franklin, Baylie Hernandez, Haylie Grant, and Rachel Leonard all had a strong defensive outing.

The Livermore U-15 Boys team fared well at Castro Valley Summer Shootout. The team steadily improved through the tournament finally holding off undefeated WCCVSL Inter to a scoreless tie. MVP in the final game was a rock to go to Alex Barto for his heroic diving saves. Tournament goals were scored by Chris Gonzales and Garret Foster. The goals were made possible by assists from Steven Scultz, who was also unpassible as a defender, and Garret Foster. The tournament outcome for the Fuego may have been different had it not been for the sterling performances in the backfield from Brandon Fread, Ricky Salazar and Mitchell Lowrey.

The U15 San Ramon Santos were crowned Soccer By The Bay Champions this past weekend in San Mateo. In an outstanding team effort, the Santos went undefeated defeating: 1) Elk Grove United 3-0, with goals by Mathes Menezes, Jonathan Yankowski and Grant Matsumoto. 2) Watsonville FC Chivitas 2-1 with goals by Menezes and Guillermo Rivas 3) Burlingame Arsenal 6-0 with goals by Ben Danielson, Menezes, Nick Somers, Albert Glancy and a pair by Rivas. The Championship Final shaped up to be a real battle as the team in which the Santos came out on top 1-0. In the game winner, Ryan Fagenson had a great run up the left side and centered in a low cross which was knocked in by Andrew Graves. The Santos defense played outstanding all weekend allowing only one goal in four games.

The Ballistic United U11 team played in the Santa Clara Soccer Tournament and came away with one win, two losses and one tie, including an 8 to 1 win over Edyls Force. A strong offense by Erik Johnson, Alex Krause, Stephen Dougherty and Okera Wylie all scored goals. The defense also played well with Blaz Perko, Daniel Payne, Daniel Rodriguez and Sahit Menon leading the way. Goalie Sam Musbach made some great saves.

Top Offensive Players: Okera Wylie, Alex Krause, Erik Johnson; Top Defensive Players: Daniel Rodriguez, Sahit Menon.

Mustang Strikers U-17 played in the Prestigious Surf Cup Tournament of San Diego, losing in the finals in Penalty kicks 6-5. In pool play action Mustang remained undefeated sending them to the quarterfinals. Game 1 versus WSM Internationals of Beaverton, Oregon—Mustang came away with a 2-1 victory. Shawn Daut and Chris Bernardi scored the game winners for Mustang. Game 2 versus GSC Arsenal of Gilbert, Arizona—Mustang came away with a 2-0 victory. Alex Alvarez and Gerardo Garcia provided the scoring in the shutout victory. Game 3 versus the favored home team Surf White, Mustang came away with a 1-0 shutout. Chris Bernardi scored the lone goal for Mustang. Finishing pool play, Mustang met Crossfire 90 Flory of Redmond, Washington in the quarterfinal match. In a tough played match, the game ended in a 1-1 tie. Gerardo Garcia had the lone goal for Mustang. The game went directly to Penalty Kicks and goalie Ryan Rivera was awesome in the nets. Mustang's 4-3 victory in Penalty Kicks sent them to the Semifinals to meet Fort Collins of Colorado.

In the Semifinal Match, Fort Collins came out quickly against the Mustang Strikers, but Mustang came away with the victory 2-1. Alex Alvarez and Emrah Klimenta scored for Mustang. Mustang was in the finals of Surf Cup. FC Barcelona Blue was the opponent. In an exciting game with 2 overtimes and then Penalty Kicks, Mustang lost 6-5 penalty kicks. Chris Bernardi and Justin Chew scored in the finals finishing

with a 2-2 tie. After 2 hard fought 10 minute overtimes, the game went to Shootouts. Ryan Rivera came up big with saves, however, FC Barcelona goalie made the last save. The Incredible offense of Michael Janjigian, Patrick Watson, Torjorgensen, Dominic Daley and Nick Feeney kept teams from scoring on Mustang. The awesome midfielders George Mayer, Alex Alvarez, Scott Brendsell, Jose Garcia, Nadav Kariv & Shawn Daut provided pressure and scoring chances for the offense. The Forwards Chris Bernardi, Gerardo Garcia, Justin Chew and John Wainscott provided the constant pressure for Mustang.

The BUSC U18 United again ventured down to Southern California and again showed they can play with the best of them, earning a trip to the semifinals before being knocked out by the hometown PVSC Raiders Game one was against FC Barcelona, and the United came out with a 1-0 victory. FC came out hard and almost got one in the 2nd minute except for a one-handed save by GK Brett Webber. BUSC almost scored soon after on a great set play that Matt Carlucci sent screaming just over the post. BUSC organized well and managed to find the net late in the half. Trevor Danielson sent a long free kick into the box, but as FC attempted a clear, Ricky Rojas leaped over the defender to head it back to Trevor Morrissey. He finished for the eventual game winner. FC pressed hard in the second half, forcing numerous corner kicks. The United defense held strong, let by Justin Mullaney and Michael Florian, who had a great tournament in the midfield.

Game two was against Manchester United, with a 2-1 result. David Norton was all over Man U, making a steal and pass to Nestor Negrete that was almost converted 25 seconds into the game. The first part of the half was all United, but then Man U began to regain control and again force numerous corners. United settled in defensively with Tommy Sander making sure tackles and Jeff Squier controlling play in the air. In the 23rd minute, Norton harassed a back pass and forced a weak clear by the keeper. Rojas ran on from 30 yards and crushed one dead on past the out of position goalie for the 1-0 lead at half. Webber made a huge save in the 45th minute when a Man U wing got in on a chip pass, but was blocked by Webber on a strong challenge. Shortly after, Norton outraced the central back, who will see him in his nightmares, and beat the keeper 1v1 for the 2-0 lead. Two minutes later, Carlucci sent Norton in again past the exhausted center back, but he was saved by his keeper, who made a great save.

Game three was against the CRSC Brigade. There was a lot of early pressure from CRSC, but due to a well-organized defense led by Jay Jafarpour, who had his best game of the tourney, the Brigade was forced to shoot from way outside. In the 15th minute, United struck. On a direct kick from the right sideline about 30 yards out, Danielson sent a liner into the mix, and Negrete muscled up 1v1 against the keeper to win the challenge and knock in a header. BUSC had to survive more pressure in the second half, with numerous Brigade corner kicks raining in, but Sander and Squier were there to clear them out of danger. Alex McArthur worked hard to try to up the lead. First, he nutmegged his mark and sent Norton in alone, but the CRSC keeper came up big. Then, on a direct kick, McArthur positioned himself far post but the keeper came out of nowhere to stop the header. United finally cracked through again when in the 59th minute, a big switch of the field by Jafarpour sent Stefan Rabrenovich in on the right, he finished for the 2-0 final.

Game four was against the Fusion. Min Joon Oh almost put the United on his back in the beginning with a great header pass to Rabrenovich, who went wide, and two strong shots of his own in the first 11 minutes. The game got sloppy and the half was scoreless. United almost struck spectacularly in the second half as Tigran Nahapetian made a tremendous run down the right and fed Rabrenovich, who was robbed by the Fusion GK in the first 17 seconds of the half. A breakdown on a counter gave the Fusion one chance, and they converted in the 36th minute, and hung on for the 1-0 win. United came in second in their flight of five and earned a trip to the semis against PVSC. It was a rock 'em sock 'em first half with the bigger Raiders trying to manhandle the United, but they hung in for a scoreless first half. The PVSC defense was strong, robbing Oh on a great free kick and McArthur on a header, both with the keeper beat. Meanwhile, the Raiders struck early in the second half on a rebound shot in the 33rd and a counter drive in the 41st. United tried to claw back, but a PK in the 43rd sealed the deal. PVSC got one more in garbage time for the final.

Pleasanton Rage U12 Premier brought home third place medals at the MDSL Summer Classic tournament on August 11 and 12 in Concord. In the first game against Lamorinda United, Rage was down 2-0 at the half, but Kira Ewanich's hat trick (3 goals) brought them a 3-2 victory. Great assist from Lindsey Kail.

In the second game against Livermore Crew, Rage thought they scored when Kirsten Jensen shot into the top corner of the net, only for the referee to make a debatable offside call on another player. Andi Boehm held off two defenders and passed across the field to Jessica Medina. Medina smashed it into the net for a goal. In the second half, Rage didn't finish the game they started and lost 2-1.

On Sunday, Rage showed their force with a 6-0 victory over the Mount Diablo Dominators. Boehm crossed it to Tori Larsen. Larsen fires into the net for the first goal. Minutes later, Larsen does it again for a second goal. On the side, Haley Lukas throws the ball to Boehm, who shoots from 25 yards for another goal. Medina and Ewanich drove two more goals into the net. Defenders Cambi Cukar, Haley Lukas and Georgia Savage shut down the Dominators. Outstanding jobs by goalies Lexie Nicholas and Brittany Gray.

For the final game against the Mount Diablo Storm, Haley Lukas drove the ball down the field, passed to Boehm, who fired it into the net for the first goal. Ewanich picked up the ball at the halfway line, shrugged off 3 defenders and cracked it into the net for the next goal. In a huddle at the net, McKalee Mooney saw a hole and brought the

ball to the goal. The last goal was netted, when Boehm served the ball from the corner into the heart of the defense, as the ball bubbled; Mooney does it again for another goal. Rage finished the game with a 4-2 victory.



Brandon Fischer

Fischer Goes to Nationals

Brandon Fischer, longtime Livermore resident and swimmer, traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana July 27 - August 5, 2007 to compete in the Summer Nationals.

Traveling to competitions is nothing new to Brandon, who has competed at the National level for the past three years, swimming at four National meets, and three US Open meets, to name a few. Brandon has been swimming competitively for almost seven years. He is currently training with the Pleasanton Seahawks. He's been preparing for Nationals since Far Westens 2006, where he swam all best times and captured the meet high point trophy.

His times - in the 100-meter breaststroke with a 1:05.91, the 200-meter breaststroke with a 2:22.05, the 200 IM with a 2:13.73, and the 400 IM with a 4:42.99 - still stand today. At Summer Nationals, amongst the very best athletes in the nation, Brandon kept his nerves in line and swam three solid races, competing in the 100- and 200-meter breaststroke and the 200 IM. He was also invited to attend a breaststroke camp, taught by many top swimming coaches, following Nationals.

The other highlight of 2007 was his high school season at Granada. He received two more All-American awards, and got 1st place at EBALS in the 100-yard breaststroke and 200-yard IM. At NCS, he placed 2nd in the 100-yard breaststroke with a 56.84. This breaststroke time has resulted in his being ranked 15th in the nation. He came in 3rd at NCS in the 200-yard IM with a 1:54.01, which is another All-American time. These swims also broke two school records, standing since the late 1970s. Brandon, who will be starting his senior year at Granada in the fall, is now in the college recruiting phase, and preparing for short course season in the fall. His goals are to swim in college, major in art, and enjoy his upcoming senior year.

California Gymnastics

California Gymnastics Academy competed in Meet at Mavericks hosted by Gymtowne Gymnastics in Moss Beach August 12. The level 6 team finished in third place, while the level 5 team took fourth place.

RESULTS (by event):
LEVEL 4: Age Group: Younger: VAULT - Karissa Haubert - 3rd place (9.25) BARS - Karissa Haubert - 8th place (8.55) BEAM - Karissa Haubert - 8th place (7.55) FLOOR - Karissa Haubert - 7th place (8.95) ALL AROUND - Karissa Haubert - 7th place (34.3).

LEVEL 5: Age Group: Younger: VAULT - Isabella Orecchia - 3rd place (8.325) BARS - Isabella Orecchia - 2nd place (9.0) BEAM - Isabella Orecchia - 4th place (8.525) FLOOR - Isabella Orecchia - 2nd place (8.7) ALL AROUND - Isabella Orecchia - 2nd place (34.55); Age Group: Middle: VAULT - Celina Moufarrej - 7th place (8.15); Morgan Fiske - 8th place (7.9) BARS - Celina Moufarrej - 6th place (8.4); Morgan Fiske - 10th place (8.1) BEAM - Celina Moufarrej - 5th place (8.6); Morgan Fiske - 8th place (8.4) FLOOR - Celina Moufarrej - 2nd place (8.8); Morgan Fiske - 10th place (8.2) ALL AROUND - Celina Moufarrej - 6th place (33.95); Morgan Fiske - 9th place (32.6).

LEVEL 6: Age Group: Younger: VAULT - Tiana Hodzic - 9th place (8.2) BARS - Tiana Hodzic - 7th place (8.0) BEAM - Tiana Hodzic - 7th place (9.0) FLOOR - Tiana Hodzic - 7th place (8.3) ALL AROUND - Tiana Hodzic - 6th place (33.5); Age Group: Middle: VAULT - Shannon Gray - 7th place (7.8) BARS - Shannon Gray - 7th place (8.05) BEAM - Shannon Gray - 7th place (7.75); Age Group: Older: VAULT - Jaime Gray - 7th place (7.65); Jacy Rasnick - 7th place (8.0) BARS - Jaime Gray - 2nd place (8.35) BEAM - Jaime Gray - 4th place (8.075) FLOOR - Jaime Gray - 4th place (7.625) ALL AROUND - Jaime Gray - 4th place (31.7).

Livermore Smoke
The Livermore Smoke 14-under Black (B division) participated in the 14-under B division Western National Championship in Stockton last week, finishing in fifth place. Play-in rounds: Livermore Smoke 7, Kingman, AZ 0. Livermore Smoke 5, San Carlos 1.

Tournament play: Livermore Smoke 5, Kingman, AZ 3. Livermore Smoke 4, Belmont Blast 2. Next the Smoke drew the highly-touted Belmont Blast from the Peninsula area. Belmont's strong defensive play was no match for Smoke's offense to remain undefeated thus far in the tournament. Day three: San Diego 0, Livermore Smoke. Consolation bracket: Folsom 6, Livermore Smoke 1.

Outstanding defensive players were Cassie Robles, Ashlee Vignola, Cynthia Meyers, Taylor Morton, Lindsey Huston,

Fall Baseball

PONY Baseball is now accepting registrations for 2007 Colt/Palomino Fall Ball Season Ages 15-18 Register online at www.pleasantonpony.com or www.livermorepony.com Any questions please contact Angel Moore at amo10@comcast.net call 925-600-PONY.

Fall Swimming

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

The Livermore Smoke 14-under Red (C division) participated in the Galt Tournament this past weekend.

Valley Maglc 6, Livermore Smoke 5. Angel Sponburgh and Jordan Hansen each had two RBI for the Smoke, while Hanson recorded four strikeouts while pitching Stockton Storm 7, Livermore Smoke 5. For the Smoke, Kaylene DeBord had a double, Katie Draschner and Danielle Hamilton each had a RBI; Jordan Hansen had two RBI, pitcher Janette Espinoza five strikeouts and a RBI, and Amanda Fletcher was also a batting standout.

Auburn Storm 6, Livermore Smoke 4. For the Smoke, Kaylene DeBord had a RBI, Janette Espinoza had a double and two RBI, and pitcher Jordan Hansen had four strikeouts. Championship play - first round: Valley Magic 11, Livermore Smoke 1. For the Smoke, Katie Draschner singled, Niki Lupo had a RBI, and pitcher Jordan Hansen had four strikeouts.

Livermore Smoke 16-Under finished 5th at the ASA Nationals in Salem, Oregon. This was a great accomplishment for this team. Alanna Leseau had a great tournament for the Smoke and hit a homerun in the final game, and was named the MVP for the team and was presented with the team trophy.

Cycling Workshop

Cyclepath Pleasanton is kicking off its cycling workshop series. It features free bi-monthly clinics intended to educate cyclists and cyclists to be - on topics ranging from bicycle handling and safety to understanding the parts on a bike and changing flat tires. The first workshop, a hands-on cycling skills clinic led by EMC Team Racer Richard Asturias, is scheduled for August 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Topics covered in the clinic will include riding in a group, drafting/pacelining, cornering, bicycle handling skills, safety, rules of the road and how to stay on your bike if bumped by another rider. Participants should bring their bikes and be prepared to go on a short ride to practice what they have learned.

The workshop is free and takes place at Cyclepath Pleasanton, 337-B Main Street (in the Bank of America building). Those interested in participating are encouraged to register in advance at www.cyclepath.com or at the Cyclepath Pleasanton store. For more information call 925-485-3218.

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OBITUARIES

Robert Edward Goodwin

Robert Goodwin, 64, passed away August 6th at his home in Livermore, CA. He was born to Robert and Dorothy Goodwin in Palo Alto, CA in 1943. He grew up in Colma, CA, where he graduated from Westmoor High School in 1960.



Robert Goodwin

Robert graduated from the University of San Francisco in 1964 and attained a law degree from USF Law School 1967. He first practiced law in San Francisco and then in Santa Barbara, CA, for 23 years, specializing in water rights. Since 1992 he has lived and practiced law in Livermore. He has served as president of the Livermore Chamber of Commerce, president of the ValleyCare Health System Foundation, director of the Livermore Rotary Club, director of the Eastern Alameda County Bar Association, and Tri-Valley Estate Planning Council. He was also an active member of the Livermore Valley Opera Board.

He is survived by his son Brian Goodwin, daughter-in-law Melissa Goodwin, daughter Amy Tabor, son-in-law Craig Tabor sister, Gale Vocke, brother-in-law John Vocke, nephew Brad Vocke, and grandchildren Jake and Lauren Tabor.

Services will be held Friday, August 17 at 11 a.m. at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave. Livermore.

Jack Oliver

Jack Oliver passed away peacefully August 7, 2007 in his home at the age of 90. He was surrounded by his family.

He was born April 3, 1917. He is survived by his children: Sterling C. Oliver and wife Sue, Buckley G. Oliver; and Suann L. Shumaker and husband Dan; grandchildren Debra Stokes, Thomas Oliver, Erik Shumaker and wife Heather, Michelle Oliver, and Gregory Oliver; three great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Bette Oliver.

In 1934 Jack made his own 35mm movie camera and used this new camera to film Tracy's Frontier Days; a film which previewed at the Grand Theater in Tracy. This early interest in photography led him to pursue this passion in a variety of forms for the rest of his life.

As a Navy airman veteran of two wars (WWII, Korea), he survived three aircraft accidents. He was a radio/radar operator on the first radar-equipped TBMs. After Korea, he joined the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in 1952. At the lab, he operated high-speed photographic equipment; later he maintained the early high speed computers.

After retiring from the Lab, he restored and installed theater pipe organs; one in his home, and many throughout the Bay Area. Turning to his photographic and electronic wizardry, he began using video cameras to record the organ restoration process. This expertise then led him to a long (3 decades) and rewarding second post-retirement career at Tri-Valley Community Television, CTV30, as their Chief (and only) Engineer.

While at CTV 30, he acted as a benefactor with personal donations of broadcast quality capabilities, making possible the first live news broadcast by a public television station. With his technological and electronic capabilities, the local channel went from a single one-half hour program in 1976 to three channels of programming devoted to the Tri-Valley. To help bring even more local news to the Valley, he created a mobile studio that recorded city council meetings and major events. During his time at CTV, he helped launch many careers in editing and reporting via

the Regional Occupational Program. Retiring yet again, he then partnered with Darla Stevens and together they provided a streaming-on-demand service for various public meetings. His love for technology and his strong intellectual curiosity kept him busy with this new career until a few days before his passing.

His family is tremendously proud of Jack's accomplishments and service to his community. He was truly one-of-a-kind; a loving father and grandfather, a mentor and inspiration to several generations, both at the lab and throughout his public service. He was kind, unassuming, patient, witty, and cherished by all who knew him. He will be greatly missed.

For more information about his life and achievements go to <http://www.geocities.com/danshangar/JackOliver>

A Memorial Service will be held at Callaghan's Mortuary, 3833 East Avenue, Livermore, on Friday, August 17 at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd., Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568, in memory of Jack Oliver

Joyce L. Basinger

Livermore resident Joyce L. Basinger died August 8, 2007.

She was born to Joel and Hazel Cutting in Ottawa, Kansas on Nov. 26, 1937. She lived there through high school. She attended college twenty miles away at the University of Kansas where she received a B.A. in Elementary Education and a M.A. in Speech Pathology, as well as being an active member of the Chi Omega Sorority.

While working on her Masters thesis, she met the love of her life and husband for the last forty-five years, Richard. While Richard finished his Doctorate in Mathematics, she supported him by beginning her career as a speech pathologist in Kansas City and Lawrence school districts. Together they moved and spent four wonderful years in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she had her two sons David and Jon. Joyce and her family moved to Livermore in 1969 where she continued working as speech therapist with special needs children in Livermore and later in the public schools of Pleasanton. She had a love for antique furniture, silver, quilts and a good game of bridge. She was especially found of music, and was eager to play her flute, piano or antique pump organ whenever asked. A strong Christian woman, Joyce was an active member of Granada Baptist Church for the last fifteen years, and chose to live her life by the commandment - "love thy neighbor as yourself." And true to that desire she made friends in all walks of life throughout the Livermore Valley and beyond. Those who were friends returned the love and will miss the joy she brought to life.

Joyce is survived by her husband Richard, sons David and Jon, and the joy of Joyce's last years, grandsons Nathaniel and Austin.

Funeral services were held August 13 in Livermore with the Rev. Garrett Riller officiating. Interment followed at Memory Gardens.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Sandra Lee LaVerne
Sandra Lee LaVerne died August 8, 2007 in Dublin. She was 34.

She was born in Walnut Creek on Aug. 4, 1973 and lived in Dublin for 34 years. She participated in a variety of special education activities including bowling and shopping. She was a member of the Adult Day Care Programs and participated through various community activities.

She is survived by her mother, Donna LaVerne of Dublin. She

was preceded in death by her father Robert LaVerne.

No services are planned. Memorial gifts may be made to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Stefan Martin, Ph.D.

Stefan Martin died August 6, 2007 at the age of 53 in Dublin after a 10 month battle with Mesothelioma (cancer caused by exposure to asbestos).

He was born Oct. 2, 1953 in Baltimore, MD. He was the oldest of nine children. He and his wife most recently lived in Northern California. In 1992, Stefan received his Ph.D. in theoretical linguistics from the University of Maryland College Park. After more than 20 years in the teaching profession, he transitioned to the world of business and became highly skilled in computer languages and operating systems. Most recently, he worked as a system administrator for Netflex.

Stefan enjoyed hiking, canoeing, camping, reading and nature. He had a profound love of people, animals and living life to the fullest. He will be remembered by those who knew him as a gifted, omniscient, articulate and conscientious problem-solver with a deep love of the study of language.

He is survived by his wife of ten years, Jeannine Broadwell, his mother, Dorothy Martin, siblings, Denise St. John and husband Bernie, Melinda Coleman and husband Chuck, Felicia Martin, Brian Martynowicz and his wife Kelly, Dwayne Martin, Kevin Martin, numerous nieces and nephews, and five cats. He was preceded in death by his father, Edmund J. Martin and sisters Valerie Martin and Shawn Martin.

A memorial service was held August 11 in Pleasanton. Others are planned for Sat., Aug. 18 at 3 p.m. at the Evans Funeral Chapel in Parkville, MD., and Sat., Aug. 25 at 1 p.m. at the Brown Funeral Home in Plattsburg, NY. His ashes will be buried in the Broadwell Family Cemetery in Schuyler Falls, NY.

Donations in his memory may be made to Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd., Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568, or the Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation, PO Box 91840, Santa Barbara, CA 93190.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Andrea "Andy" Curtin

Andrea "Andy" Curtin died August 10, 2007 at the age of 64.

She was a resident of San Ramon. Andy's enthusiasm for fun, life and sunshine engaged everyone she met. Raised in Berkeley, Andy attended St. Columba's and graduated from St. Joseph's High School. She was due to retire from her career in banking and at Richard's Crafts in Alamo in September. Andy's perfect day included a newspaper and coffee, playtime with her grandchildren, a nap on the beach, and a great meal out.

She is survived by her children Shannon Curtin, Carrie Queen and Angela Rhee; former husband Tim Curtin, in-laws Wood Queen and Ed Rhee, grandchildren Kelly, Sidney, and Harper, along with too many friends to list.

Friends and family are invited to an open house to celebrate Andy's life on August 19 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 9 Cody Court, San Ramon.

In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to the Save the Bay Foundation: www.savesbay.org.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Rose M. Spatz

Rose M. Spatz, longtime resident of San Ramon, passed away August 3, 2007. She was born February 23, 1912 in Nebraska.

Mrs. Spatz, at the age of 18

won a medal for Track & Field Competition. She enjoyed ice skating and snow skiing. She also enjoyed crafts, crochet, knitting, oil painting, sewing clothes, and playing bridge. She was well traveled throughout her life. Rose had a real love for music, she played piano, organ and accordion, all of which were self-taught. Rose enjoyed playing in the San Ramon Kitchen Band.

Rose was pre-deceased by her husband of 67+ years, Dennis in 2001 and her daughter Shirley Eiden in 2004. She is survived by a daughter Rosalie Gore and husband Tom of Napa; grandson Mark Eiden and wife Amy along with great grandchildren Matt, Garrett and Stacey of Livermore; grandson Dave Eiden and wife Kitty along with great grandchildren Nicholas, Jamie, her husband Chris and new great great-granddaughter Annabell, of Oakley; grandson Kevin Eiden and wife Valerie along with great grandchildren Nathan and Breanna of Pleasanton.

Everyone loved Rose. She will be deeply missed.

Services to honor the memory of Rose Spatz will be this Friday at 3 p.m. on Fri., August 17, at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore.

The family suggests donations to Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd., Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568-3151 or a charity of choice.

John Ray Jordan

John Ray Jordan died August 10, 2007 at ValleyCare Health Center in Pleasanton at the age of 79. He was surrounded by his family.

John was born Oct. 1, 1927 in Cushman, Arkansas. He moved from Saratoga, CA to Pleasanton in 1978. John served in the U.S. Navy near the end of World War II. He worked at the San Jose Water Works Company, retiring in 1985. He loved the many camping trips with family and friends before retirement. He enjoyed music, golf and traveling with his wife of 55 years, Dena. One of the most important aspects of his life was his faith in God. He was an active member of the First Church San Jose for many years.

He is survived by his wife Dena, son Gary and wife Michelle and step-granddaughters Breanne and Kaylie; step-

grandson Anthony; daughter Nancy Gayles and granddaughters Deanna and Jordan; brother Woodrow Jordan, brother-in-law and sisters-in-law Jim and Donna Hogue, Betty Borland, Katherine Jones and Lucy Hogue; as well as many nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thurs., Aug. 16 at First Church San Jose, 878 Boynton Avenue, San Jose.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Theresa Kichler

Theresa Miriam Kichler died August 5, 2007 in Livermore. She was 93.

She was born Dec. 3, 1913 in Johannesburg, South Africa. In 1934 she married Charles S. Kichler, whose distinguished career took them throughout the world. He preceded her in death

in 1970. Her parents, a brother and sister also preceded her in death.

She is survived by two daughters, Stirry Danziger of Bartlesville, OK, and Luci Maitino of Livermore, their husbands and families. She leaves four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Theresa: From the far reaches of South Africa to the shores of America, through the prairies of Oklahoma and then to loved ones on the West Coast, your life has been a long journey that has now reached its resting place. The long, hard trek is over, but your memory lives on, treasured by those to whom you have given life and by all whose lives you have touched. May you now rest in peace.

A private cremation has been arranged.

Livermore Library to Present A Program by Leslie Sbrocco

Award-winning author, writer, speaker, wine consultant, and television host, Leslie Sbrocco, will be at the Livermore Library on Sun., Aug. 26 at 2 p.m.

Sbrocco's entertaining approach makes learning about wine and food fun. Her current television project is as host of the PBS series *Check Please! Bay Area*, which won the 2007 James Beard Foundation Media Award for Best Local Television Show. She is the author of two books on wine, *Wine for Women* and *The Simple and Savvy Wine Guide*. She is also a respected judge at some of the country's largest wine competitions.

This free event will be presented at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. The Friends of

the Livermore Library have underwritten this program as part of the Friends Authors and Arts Series. For additional events, check the library's website at www.livermore.lib.ca.us

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

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Author Sets Mystery Series in the Tri-Valley

Looking to fill downtime at weekend open houses, San Ramon resident Rob Rittenhouse brought along his laptop and fulfilled a life-long passion for storytelling and murder mysteries by beginning a book series, using local settings and characters as the basis for his novels.

Slain in San Ramon is the first adventure of Sheriff's Deputy Chip Wellington as he seeks to solve the murder of fictional realtor Mary Wilson. Wellington will return later this year for the second installment of Rittenhouse's series, *Dead in Danville*.

Rittenhouse, 60, is a retired technical writer and hi-tech salesman who turned to real estate with J. Rockcliff Realtors in Danville.

WingSpan Press in Livermore published the book, and amazon.com sells copies for \$14.95 each. Copies can also be purchased by contacting Rittenhouse at J. Rockcliff Realtors in Blackhawk.

The Danville Interior Design Gallery at 9000 Crow Canyon Rd. will host a book signing for Rittenhouse on Aug. 24 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

"My literary heroes are Agatha Christie, Mickey Spillane, and Robert B. Parker," said Rittenhouse. "The idea was to adapt the style of the great murder-mystery writers and apply them to local settings that

folks in the Tri-Valley Region would easily recognize."

Rittenhouse's 182 breezy pages are chock full of references to local landmarks. "Some folks may even recognize themselves," he said with a mischievous grin. In fact, a bit of buzz has arisen around *Slain in San Ramon* as some locals try to guess which personalities are hiding behind Rittenhouse's pseudonyms.

Chip Wellington is modeled on Rittenhouse's son Rob Jr., 33, a Berkeley PD sergeant with a background in homicide. As for the other characters, "I'd rather have readers try and figure out who's who rather than just come out and tell them," said the author.

Rittenhouse will apply one fundamental change to *Dead in Danville*. "Dead in Danville will be more narrative and rely less on descriptive phrasing than *Slain in San Ramon*," he said. He also noted that his next volume is scheduled for release in time for holiday shopping. "Every police procedure is fundamentally sound, and every landmark is vivid and real," said Rittenhouse. "I've had the time of my life writing these books, which are dedicated to my wife Cal. I look forward to see where future volumes take Chip and how the region responds to its starring role in the series."

Book Focuses on 'Images Of America Dublin'

A newly published book helps celebrate Dublin's 25th anniversary as an incorporated city.

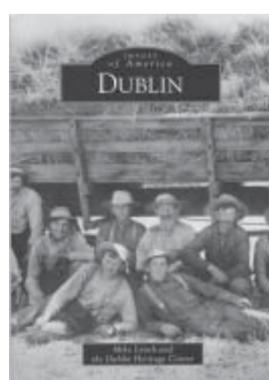
"Images of America Dublin," was written by local author and historian Mike Lynch in conjunction with the Dublin Heritage Center. It includes 200 vintage images that highlight the town's earliest families, as well as images of the gold rush of 1848. In addition to the photos there are documents and maps. One menu shows t-bone steak for \$1.00.

Readers will learn how Dublin has grown from a farming town to a modern city.

Lynch notes, "The people, places and events chronicled, mark the milestones of Dublin's evolution over the past 150 years." He added, "I tried to encapsulate those moments that were representative of those who helped shape the character of the city."

"I immersed myself in the history of Dublin, looking through just about every historical reference I could find at the Dublin Heritage Center, Main Street Museum in Pleasanton, the Pleasanton Library, and the Carnegie Center in Livermore. Like any good book of history, we would chronicle the important families everybody knew, names like Amador, Murray, Dougherty and Green. But, we also wanted to share the stories of the everyday people of Dublin. I tracked down as many personal papers, photographs, family histories and oral histories I could find."

Asked what readers will find interesting about the book, Lynch replied, "One of the enduring mysteries about Dublin is



that no one is quite sure how it got its name. Over the years, a number of local historians and researchers have offered their ideas, some of which I chronicle in this book. However, the plain and simple fact is that no one knows for sure. Perhaps one day some previously unknown document just might solve the mystery."

The book is divided into seven time periods starting with taming the wilderness: prehistory 1850 and ending with path to a city: 1961-1982.

In the case of Dublin, "the truth of the beginning is far richer and more diverse than first realized. Dublin did indeed beckon many Irish to settle down, but it did also for those from Spain, Denmark, Germany, Italy and Mexico, just to name a few. Dublin stood at the crossroads: starting with the trails used by Native Americans to the modern day freeways."

The book gives faces to those who first settled in Dublin. One of the more informative ways to use the book is to take it to the Dublin Pioneer Cemetery. There are the headstones of many of those pictured in the book.

The book, published by Arcadia Publishing, is available at area bookstores, independent retailers and online at www.arcadiapublishing.com.

Concert by Clay Foor is a young Bay Area composer and arranger with an incredible melodic sense who has been active locally as both an instrumentalist and choir conductor. The public now has an opportunity to hear an entire concert of his music, both choral and instrumental. He and his East Bay Festival Chorus will perform on Sunday, August 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. Tickets, at \$20, will be available at the door.

Hair, '60s tribal love-rock musical. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 7-18 at 8 p.m.; Sunday, Aug. 19 at 2 p.m. University Theatre, 25800 Carlos Bee Blvd., Hayward tickets for the CSUEB production, at \$14 general, \$12 senior/youth/alumni, and \$8 for CSUEB students, may be reserved at (510) 885-3261, or purchased at the door beginning one hour prior to show time.

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

Tuesday Tunes, June 5 to October 16, 2007 Livermore Downtown Inc. Free live music at the Flag Pole Plaza 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Information: 925-373-1795 or go to the website at www.livermoredowntown.com.

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

Sunday Blues and BBQ from 4-8 pm on the Patio during August and September. August 19 Georgi & the Roughweek; August 26 No Band; September 2 Screamin Iain & the Diving Ducks; September 9 Kathleen Cairns & Tattoo Blue; September 16 Annie 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; August 16 Bluestate Band; August 23 Kathleen Cairns & Tattoo Blue; August 30 Marshall Law Band with Sam; September 6 Highwater Blues Band; September 13 Nite Cry; September 20 Kathleen Cairns & Tattoo Blue; September 27 Georgie and the Rough Week. No cover charge. Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St., Pleasanton, 925-846-8106.

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

Wine Country Luncheon, hosted by Livermore Chamber of Commerce. 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Thursday, August 23, at Concannon Vineyard, 4590 Tesla Rd. Assemblyman Guy Houston, "State of the State Address." Seating is limited; advance reservations are required. Seats are \$35 for members & their guests, \$45 for nonmembers. Reservations, 447-1606.

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

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

A Day in the Park, Sun., Aug. 26, noon to 6:30 p.m. Camp Arroyo, 5555 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Benefit for the Taylor Family Foundation and the camp for children with life-threatening illnesses and disabilities. Silent auction, live auction, gourmet luncheon, wine tasting, local celebrity guests, camp tour. \$175 per person; tables of 10, \$2000. 455-5118, www.tfff.org.

Diablo Light Opera Company, "Peter Pan," with special flying effects. 8 p.m. Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29; 2 p.m. Sept. 2, 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;

Family Movies Under the Stars, at Emerald Glen Park, Dublin. Presented by City of Dublin. All movies are free of charge and open to the public. All ages are welcome. "Charlotte's Web" (g) on Fri., Aug. 24; and "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.

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.

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 Kottling Barn; presented by Terry Carlsen, owner of Millfleure. The Museum on Main in Pleasanton. Lectures are at 7 p.m. at the museum. Reservations are requested. \$5 members/\$10 non-members. Memberships available for purchase. The museum is located at 603 Main Street, downtown Pleasanton. For information, call (925) 462-2766.

Thomas Coyne Holding Open House

Thomas Coyne Winery will host a Summer Open House on August 18 and 19.

Tasting will be noon to 5 p.m. each day at the winery tasting room, located in an historic building.

Bring a picnic enjoy the sweeping views of the Livermore Valley Wine Country. Fine fruits and cheeses will be served. New wine releases will be the 2006 La Petite Quest and 2002 Livermore Merlot. For more information please visit www.thomascoynewinery.com.

There is no admission charge. The winery is at 51 E. Vallecitos Rd., Livermore. For information call 373-6541 or go to www.thomascoynewinery.com.

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UNDERDOG (PG) DLP	12:20	2:35	4:50	7:05	
DADDY DAY CAMP (PG) DLP				12:15	3:20
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LARPD to Show 'Ferris Bueller's Day Off'

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) rolls the reel to show "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" outdoors on Fri., Aug. 24. The movie ranked number 10 on Entertainment Weekly's list of the 50 Best High School Movies.

The popular 1986 comedy was written and directed by John Hughes. It stars Matthew Broderick and Jennifer Grey. The story follows high school senior Ferris Bueller as he skips school again and spends the day in downtown Chicago with his girlfriend and best friend while creatively avoiding school administrators, his younger sister, and his parents.

The film will be shown in the courtyard of the Robert Livermore Community Center at 4444 East Avenue starting at 8:45 p.m. Admission is free. Popcorn and bottled water will be available for purchase during the performance. The Community Café in the center will be open for business prior to the start of the movie. Families and friends can watch the film from the grassy knoll and are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. For more information, please call (925) 373-5700.

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Two Poets Featured At 'Wine and Words' Reading

Livermore Poet Laureate, Connie Post invites the public to "Wine and Words," a continuing Livermore Poetry series. The reading will be Sun., Aug. 19 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Martinelli Event Center, 3585 Greenville Road, Livermore. Featured readers, Paul Hoover and Jennifer Sweeney, begin at 2 p.m. An open mic will follow after a short break (one poem per reader- 40 lines or less). Hoover has published eleven books of poetry including *Edge and Fold* (Apogee, 2006) and *Poems in Spanish* (Omnidawn, 2005). His literary essays were published as *Fable of Representation* (University of Michigan Press, 2004). He is the editor of the influential anthology *Postmodern American Poetry* (W. W. Norton, 1994) and, with Maxine Chernoff, of the annual literary magazine *New American Writing*, now in its 25th issue. The coming year will see the publication of three works of translation. Selected Poems of Friedrich Holderlin (with Maxine Chernoff), *Black Dog, Black Night: An Anthology of Contemporary Vietnamese Poetry* (with Nguyen Do, and, also with Nguyen Do, an art edition to be published in Ho Chi Minh City of 33 Poems of Nguyen Trai, 1380-1442, Vietnam's greatest poet. Sweeney is a teacher and writer in San Francisco where she lives with her husband, poet Chad Sweeney. She won the 2006 Main Street Rag Poetry Book Award and her book, *Salt Memory*, was published last November. She holds an M.F.A. in Creative Writing from Vermont College. Her poetry has been published or is forthcoming in: *Hayden's Ferry Review*, *Barrow Street*, *Passages North*, *New York Quarterly*, *Hunger Mountain*, *Puerto del Sol*, *RUNES*, *Subtropics* and elsewhere. She was recently awarded a Cultural Equities Grant from the San Francisco Arts Commission. There is a \$5 admission charge. For additional information go to www.poetrypost.com.

Saturday Salon Set This Weekend

4th Street Studio invites writers to read and listeners to listen at its monthly Saturday Salon on Saturday August 18 at 7:30 P.M. at 4th Street Studio, 2235 Fourth Street, in Livermore. This month's salon celebrates the light in August: writing that might create the sound and the fury, make us ponder what we have and have not, provide us with a sanctuary, or at least the hamlet. Certainly none that would induce the big sleep. Says Salon founder, Karen Hogan, "August's Saturday Salon celebrates the installation of the quote from William Faulkner's Nobel Prize speech at the Performing Arts Plaza. I believe that the Commission for the Arts has taken a giant step forward in recognizing that Livermore is a city of writers who use the poetry of language to, as Faulkner says, 'create out of the materials of the human spirit something that did not exist before.'" Readers have up to ten minutes to read. Public is welcome. Wine Country Literary Harvest 2008 will be released on October 13. For more information, contact Karen Hogan at 925 456-3100 or by email at 4thstreetstudio@pacbell.net.

Retro-Pop Group to Perform in Concert at Bothwell Arts Center

The Hot Music for Hot Nights Concert Series continues August 17 with the retro-pop group Mundaze in Concert at the Bothwell Arts Center. Formed in 2002 and re-shaped into the current lineup in 2006, The Mundaze have opened for notable touring acts, been in the final round of SF Radio Station Live 105s Battle of The Bands, performed live on-air at Modesto, CA's radio B93.1, and filmed for television on The BBC. Singer-songwriter Shannon Bradley offers up originals that have the feel of a radio classic, and the strong showmanship of this talented band makes this group a treat to watch. Drummer Justin Anderson provides the solid groove, lead guitarist Chad Dorado creates complex counter-rhythms, and on keyboards, Michael Klooster adds his special warmth. Finally, TJ Tyler's syncopated bass (and his interaction with long-time friend Bradley) pulls the show together with his energy. This show at the Bothwell's West End stage, 8th and H Streets, Livermore, will be a special experience. Tickets are \$10, show starts at 8pm and doors open at 7:30. To hold tickets to the August 17th performance, contact lryan@livermoreperformingarts.org or 925-447-ARTS.

Rock and Roll on Library Lawn

The High Strung with Posterboy rock concert will be held Sat., Aug. 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. on the Pleasanton Public Library lawn. Local favorites Posterboy will open the show at 6 pm with The High Strung performing at 7pm. The concert is free and open to the public. Both bands will be selling CD's. For more information call Teresa Parham, Teen Services Librarian at (925) 931-3404 or visit the BLOG: www.ptownteenlib.blogspot.com.

Organizations wishing to run notices in Bulletin Board, send information to PO Box 1198, Livermore, CA 94551, in care of Bulletin Board. Include name of organization, meeting date, time, place and theme or subject. Phone number and contact person should also be included.

Livermore Library Board of Trustees meets 7 p.m. Thurs., Aug. 23 at the Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. An agenda will be posted at the library 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Hands-on cycling skills clinic, Sun., Aug. 26, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. presented by EMC Teamracer Richard Asturias. Event covers riding in a group, drafting/placelining, cornering, bicycle handling skills, safety, rules of the road, and how to stay on the bike when bumped by another rider. Be prepared to go on a short ride to practice skills. Free. Please register in advance at www.cyclepath.com by phone, 485-3218 or at the Cyclepath store, 337-B Main St., Pleasanton.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Group Sat., Aug. 18, 47 miles Moraga loop from Shannon Center to Castro valley and Moraga, meet 9 a.m. at Shannon Center, Peter Rathmann, 828-1973. Sun., Aug. 19, 30ish miles, meet 8 a.m. at Walnut Creek BART, may include some good climbing, Kandice McDonald, 505-400-1609. Sun., Aug. 19, 30 miles, out to the first Calaveras summit and back, meet 9 a.m. at drive-thru dairy on Neal St., Pleasanton, Jonathan Quist, 510-881-5295. Wed., Aug. 22, 40ish miles, Diablobjunction and return down north gate, meet 9 a.m. at Park n Ride at Sycamore Valley Road, Henry Lann, 708-4066. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Lake Chabot Mountain Ride, 6 p.m. every Tuesday in August. Meet the Cyclepath group at the ranger station; ride approx. 2 hours. Riders should be in good fitness, have a well-adjusted, safe mountain bike and general knowledge of bike handling skills. Free. Information at 485-3218 or www.cyclepath.com.

Home Equity Conversion Counseling, individual counseling for senior homeowners or other interested parties, 10 a.m. to noon at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Free and impartial education about reverse mortgages and other forms of home equity conversion. Counseling by appointment only. To schedule an appointment call the Senior Center at 931-5365. Services provided by ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing counseling agency.

Full Moon Walk, John Muir National Historic Site, Tues., Aug. 28 includes a saunter up Mt. Wanda to watch the full moon rise over Mt. Diablo. Hear stories of the moon and night sky. Meet at Caltrans Park and Ride lot, corner of Alhambra Ave., and Franklin Canyon Rd., Martinez. Bring water, a flashlight and wear good walking shoes, as the trail is steep. There is no charge for the walk. Reservations are required, call 228-8860.

War Made Easy: How Presidents & Pundits Keep Spinning Us To Death, will be shown at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin at 7 p.m. on Sat., Aug. 25. This is a nonpartisan, public event. \$3 donation or free, wheelchair accessible, and refreshments are served. Meet & greet begins at 6:30 PM and a short discussion follows the film. For more information, call 925-462-3459.

Read It and Eat Luncheon, Tues., Aug. 29, Mildred Armstrong Kalish's memoir "Little Heathens: Hard Times and High Spirits on an Iowa Farm During the Great

Depression" is a delight. Social hour at 11:30, lunch at 12:00. The book and lunch are \$30.00; lunch alone is \$15.00. Serving some of Mildred's family recipes for lunch. Reservations are required, call Towne Center Books at 925-846-8826. Learn more about Little Heathenshere.

Beating the Blues with Bingo Sadness or loss of interest may be signs of depression but, depression has a broad range of other symptoms. Theresa Cleaver of ValleyCare 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) 931-5365 for information.

Vineyard Alternative Elementary/Middle School, a Livermore School District independent study program for grades 1-8, is now accepting enrollment for the 2007-08 school year. A Parent Orientation Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 21, at 10:00am in Room 8 at the Ed Rundstrom Learning Center, 1401 Almond Ave., Livermore. This voluntary program is designed to assist parents who wish to instruct their children at home. The program provides, at no cost, educational materials that meet the district and state framework guidelines. For more information, call (925) 606-4740.

Wine & Food Pairing Train with Ace Club, Sun., Aug. 26, 2:30 to 6 p.m. Niles Canyon Railway, 6 Kilkare Rd., Sunol. Cost \$39.50. Register at www.ncry.org/wine. For information, contact Mark at 408-849-4749 or go to www.ace-club.com. Ace Club is Silicon Valley's Adventure and Social Club.

Livermore High School Class of 1958, 50 year reunion; Friday, May 30, 2008 at the Sheraton Hotel, Stoneridge Mall in Pleasanton. Attempting to locate and inform all classmates of the upcoming event. Please contact: Betty (Tilton) Garner in Pacifica, CA at 650-355-4195 or email her at gamebee@yahoo.com.

Service news: Air Force Airman 1st Class Christopher J. Buffoni has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Stephanie Mimitz of Pleasanton. Buffoni is a 2003 graduate of Amador Valley High School, Pleasanton.

Student news: Pleasanton native Daniel Giudici graduated magna cum laude and was the recipient of a special award from California State University, Chico at the 117th Commencement of the University May 20, 2007. Giudici, a mechatronic engineering major, received the Mechatronic Engineering Faculty Award as an outstanding student in that program. Mechatronic engineering is the study of the design of "intelligent" systems and products in which mechanization and control requiring sensing, actuation and computation are combined to achieve improved product quality and performance. He is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Golden Key International Honor Society and Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society. Giudici was included on the College of Engineering, Computer Science and Construction Management Dean's Honor List for four years. Along with his mechatronic engineering major, Giudici also completed a minor in computer science. Giudici graduated from Amador High School in Pleasanton in 2003. Brittany Markert of Livermore has been awarded a 2007-08 California Grocers Association Educational Foundation Classic Wines Scholarship in the amount of \$2000. She will attend Santa Clara University this

fall where she will major in mathematics.

College Admissions Seminar Tuesday, August 21 at the City of Pleasanton Library from 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Presented by Diane Keller, an Independent College Admissions Advisor with The College Connection, Pleasanton. This free seminar is for parents and high school students to learn more about the college admissions process. Topics include how colleges evaluate applicants, how to find a good fit, what to do before senior year, and how to prepare a strong application. For more information, please contact Diane Keller at 925-963-2932 or drkellercc@yahoo.com.

Adventure, The Pleasanton Senior Center's "Passport to Adventure" series continues on Friday, August 31 at 10 a.m. as guest speaker Dolores Bengston invites participants to visit the Dogon, Bozo and Guron tribes of West Africa. Includes a look at the "Sea Salt Caravans" traveling to Timbuktu. No cost. For more information, please call 925-931-5365.

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

Boots and Buckles, dinner dance Sat., Aug. 25, Novato Horsemen's Clubhouse, 600 Bugeia Lane, Novato. Music by Rufusstock. Menu prime rib or salmon piccata. Presale tickets \$35 adults and \$15 juniors; dance only is \$15; tickets at the door \$40 adults, \$25 juniors. Cocktails 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m., dancing at 8 p.m. To purchase tickets, call Amy Hutchinson, 415-457-0115 or 415-517-3907.

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

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

RELIGION
Unitarian Universalist, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m. Topic for Aug. 19 is "The Importance of Showing Up." Dorris Lee will lead. Information 447-8747.

Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m. Sunday worship. Information 447-1950.

Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton. Sunday school 9:30 a.m., worship at 10:30 a.m. (nursery for both Sunday school and worship); children's church (age 3-12) at 11:15 a.m.; women's Bible study, Wed. at 10 a.m.; Wed. evening programs; choir 7:15 p.m. (boys and girls mission club K-6); seniors 55 Plus meet Thursdays 7 p.m. Information 846-8650.

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

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Liv-

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

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

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. For additional information, contact Joan Bell at 828-8864.

Community Laughs Family Event, Saturday, September 8, at CrossWinds Church in Dublin, 5-8 pm (dinner, catered by Cabana Dave's), will be served from 5-6). Comedian Stephen B. will entertain the adults, while the kids can enjoy a magician and an inflatable slide. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for kids (ages 3-12). Kids under 3 are free. Tickets online at www.crosswindschurch.org.

Music for a Sabbath Evening: Compositions by Clayton J. For. Sunday, August 19, 7:30 pm, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton. Featuring East Bay Festival Chorus; Flutes Con Moto; and Clayton For, Music Director at Tri-Valley Unity Church in Dublin, on piano. Lively music in the classical tradition, and brilliant new compositions. \$20 per person; \$40 per family of two or more. For tickets and information, call 925-783-3965.

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Looking over plans for the Sufi proposal are (from left) Hooman Jenab, consultant; Mohsen Esfahani, contractor; and Lynn Wilcox, publicity.

Sufi Proposal in Pleasanton Draws A Big Crowd

The biggest turnout in recent memory for a Pleasanton Planning Commission workshop heard proponents and opponents of a proposed Sufi church on Dublin Canyon Road near the Canyon Creek subdivision.

Anne Fox, chair of the commission, said that the attendance at the meeting Aug. 8 was even bigger than the turnout for the controversial water slide park on Stanley Boulevard several years ago, or the Centex development on Vineyard Avenue. The meeting lasted four hours. Forty-three speakers were heard. The speakers were fairly evenly split on the issue, said Fox.

Part of the reason for the big audience was publicity given to the application. Someone apparently put fliers on cars' windshields that a mosque is coming to Pleasanton, said Fox. People in the audience were asked whether anyone present had placed the fliers. No one responded, she said. There was also a statement on a Bay Area radio talk show about the proposal.

However, the applicants made it clear the facility is not a mosque. The facility, also referred to as a meditation center, will provide a place for meditation and instruction about meditation. There will also be classes in art and poetry for youths.

Sufism is a mystical branch of Islam. The procedures are much different from mainstream Islam. Sufis do not have minarets on their buildings. They do not issue a call to prayer throughout a neighborhood the way Muslims traditionally do. Lynn Wilcox, a member of the congregation and

an author of three books on Sufism, told the Independent that Sufis teach peace, harmony and service to the community.

At the start, the proposed facility would be for 40 to 60 people. At its maximum, the center would accommodate 250 people, according to a planning staff report. Total size would be 14,000 square feet.

Neighbors complained about the impact of traffic on the curve in Dublin Canyon Road near their development, which would be next door to the facility. They also said that traffic already speeds there, and would get worse.

Jennifer Miller, a neighbor, sent an e-mail to the Independent that said that the issue is not the kind of religious practice proposed, rather the land use. The center would be more than 50 feet tall at its cupola, and the building more than 30 feet. It would block her view of the countryside, she said. The reduction of view and increased traffic problems would hurt her property values, she said.

Miller said that such a use in an agricultural zone would be a big change from the rural use. It would occupy a much bigger profile than two other houses of worship on Dublin Canyon Road, she said.

Wilcox told the Independent that the Sufis are willing to consider moving the building on the six-acre parcel to try to curb the impact on the view, and make other adjustments. The proposal was referred to staff for more work on the plan.

LAND USE

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a previous council direction as to how assisted living units are counted under the cap. At issue is a proposed senior living facility for the Staples Ranch. The council had directed staff to count 240 of the proposed 800 units under the cap.

In the report prepared for the August 21 meeting, it is suggested that the units not be counted, making them available to other projects to "increase their viability and meet city goals, such as providing affordable housing and mixed use development."

Two new land use designations are proposed. One is mixed use, which allows any combination of business park, office, retail, research and development, community facilities and residential uses in a single building or on a single site. The second is water management and recre-

ation, which is proposed for the lake area in East Pleasanton.

A new section of "sustainability" would be added. This calls for integration of energy efficiency into land use planning, transportation planning, and to consider energy use in new policies and development.

The cost/benefit implications of any new program proposed for the general plan would be analyzed prior to the implementation of specific programs.

Originally intended to be a nine-month process, Pleasanton's General Plan update is now in its fourth year. The process has evolved and grown in scope, accounting for the extended timeline.

The General Plan was last updated in 1996. The new plan is intended to guide the city through the next 10 to 20 years.

SHORT NOTES

Water Walk

Splish! is the theme of a nature program to be presented by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District rangers staff on Sun., Aug. 19. Meet Ranger Dawn Soles at 2 p.m. at Veterans Park.

The program will include a refreshing walk in the creek, searching for the creatures that live in and around the Arroyo del Valle. Wear clothes and shoes that can get wet, closed-toed shoes are recommended. Hats, sunscreen and water are also suggested.

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

Downtown Winners

A Taste of Downtown last weekend in downtown Livermore was a sold out success.

The event staged by Livermore Downtown, Inc. was hosted by various businesses. Visitors were treated to samples of foods and tastes of area wines. The event also shopping specials, entertainment, and an opportunity to win prizes.

Attendees were asked to vote for their favorites. The winners are as follows:

Best Winery: 1st Place - Battalion Cellars; 2nd Place - John Christopher Cellars; 3rd Place - Wood Family Vineyards. Favorite Shopping Location: 1st Place - Cranberries Gift and Decor; 2nd Place - Diva N U at Blacksmith Square; 3rd Place - Country Morning. Best Food Taste: 1st Place - El Charro Taqueria; 2nd Place - SanSar Indian Cuisine; 3rd Place - Strizzis Italian. Best Food Presentation: 1st Place - SanSar Indian Cuisine; 2nd Place - El Charro Taqueria; 3rd Place - Kawa Sushi.

Prizes were also awarded with the passport grand prize winner as Barbara Filler; Cal Bikes Beach Cruiser winner, Tanya Calmney; Carpet One area runner, Shelly Buchberger.

For more information in regards to upcoming events and how to get involved, please e-mail us or contact us at 925-373-1795.

Quest for Excellence

Tri-Valley Conservancy and Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association are hosting a Quest for Excellence Quality Wine Growing Educational Series. The purpose of this series is to assure the highest quality of wine grapes and wines are produced by Livermore Valley Wine Growers and Vintners.

The next Quest for Excellence seminar will be held on Tuesday, August 28th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Robert Livermore Community Center, located at 4444 East Avenue in Livermore.

Gregory Gee, Assistant Agricultural Commissioner for Alameda County, will present a Regulatory Update for Alameda Co. Winegrowers relating to the topics of: Light Brown Apple Moth; Vine Mealy bug; Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter/Pilot Program; and Perennial Pepper weed in Vineyards - identification and control strategies.

Please RSVP by August 23rd to the Livermore Valley Wine Growers Association at (925) 447-WINE (9463). The session will have a fee of \$10.00 to cover the cost of materials.

Citizens' Police Academy

Enrollment is now open for the Fall 2007 session of the Pleasanton Police Department Citizens' Police Academy. The new session begins on Thursday, September 6th and concludes on December 13th. This will be the sixteenth Citizens' Academy the Department has presented since its inception in 2000.

The goals of the program are to create closer partnerships with the public, explain law enforcement procedures, and discuss the importance of public involvement in the policing process.

All fourteen segments of the Academy will be held on Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Police Department, with the exception of November 22nd for Thanksgiving. These classes are primarily taught by Department personnel. They cover a wide variety of topics including Community Policing, Patrol Procedures, Radio Communications, SWAT, Narcotics Investigations, Crime Prevention, Traffic Enforcement, K-9's, Evidence Collection, Use of Force Issues, Animal Services and the DARE Program.

This program is open to adults only. Applicants will be carefully screened and participants must live or work in the City of Pleasanton. They must be free of any felony convictions, have no misdemeanor arrests within one year of application, successfully complete a background investigation check, sign waiver forms and be approved by the Chief of Police.

Applications are available at the front counter of the Pleasanton Police Department, by calling the Academy Coordinator, Sgt. Mike Tryphonas at (925) 931-5169 or by sending an email to the coordinator at mtryphonas@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.



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Waiting to sample one of the wines poured during A Taste of Downtown at Art!Space in Livermore were Joann Gundermann and Veronica Hansen. For winners selected for various prizes during the event, please see the story on this page.

BBQ For Veterans

The Tri-Valley Rotary Club will help host the Annual Family Day BBQ at the Veterans Hospital in Livermore this Sat., Aug. 18. The guests of honor for the day will be the veterans in residence at the hospital and their friends and family members. Last year, there were 200-300 attendees at the event. It is anticipated to be at least this size again this year. This event provides the resident veterans with an opportunity to host their loved ones for an afternoon of socializing and fun.

In honor of the occasion, Connie Post, Poet Laureate of Livermore, will read her 2007 tribute to veterans, "Inside Honor."

This will mark the sixth year that this event has been supported by the Tri-Valley Rotary Club. They will provide tri-tip, chicken, hotdogs, veggie burgers, baked beans, potato salad, rolls, salad, plates and utensils for the event. They will also provide volunteers to setup, BBQ, and prepare the food for the veterans and their family and friends.

Financial support for this project was provided by the Tri-Valley Rotary Club and a grant from Richard Parejo of Gould Electric in Pleasanton, California.

Walk from Obesity

Join the fight against fat. Teams are now forming for the 2007 Livermore Walk from Obesity to be held 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Oct. 6 at LifeStyleRx, 1119 E. Stanley Blvd., in Livermore.

Walkers will travel between a quarter-mile to three miles from LifeStyleRx along the Arroyo Mocho trail.

The walk is a fundraiser for the Obesity Action Coalition and the American Society for Bariatric Surgery. Both organizations fund research and advocacy efforts on behalf of the obese. The walk is open to anyone. Registration for the walk is \$25 and includes an event T-shirt, pedometer, refreshments and all-day pass to LifeStyleRx. Each walker is encouraged to raise at least \$100. Event vendor and sponsor opportunities are also available.

For information contact Julie Rooney, jrooney@valleycare.com or 925-454-6339; or visit www.walkfromobesity.com. To start a team or join an existing team, visit http://walkfromobesity.kintera.org.

Assistance with Claims

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

To qualify, applicants must be either age 62 or older, or blind or disabled as of Dec. 31, 2006, and with a maximum total 2005 household income of \$42,770. Applicants must also be U.S. citizens or qualified aliens.

Homeowners must have owned and occupied a home in California on Dec. 31, 2006. Renters must have lived in a qualified rented residence in California for one or more months in 2006 and paid \$50 or more per month for rent. The amount of assistance ranges from \$20 to \$472 for

homeowners and from \$15 to \$347 for renters, depending on 2006 incomes.

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

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

Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton, on first and third Mondays, noon to 4 p.m., 931-5365.

Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin, various dates in September and October, 556-4511.

To schedule appointments and for further information, call the numbers given. All claimants should bring 2006 income records. Renters need their 2006 landlord's name, address and phone number. Homeowners should bring 2006-2007 property tax bills. First time claimants should also bring proof of age or disability. Repeat claimants should bring a copy of last year's claim.

Travels with Salome

Salome' Garau-Taylor the daughter in law of Robert and Gloria Taylor owners of Retzlaff Vineyards in Livermore has launched a group travel company.

Travel with Salome' and Co. specializes in fine food and wine tours with unique adventure travel elements. Salome' accompanies her groups to interesting venues around the world. She personally creates each tour, hand selecting everything from the comfortable accommodations and delicious dining experiences to the excellent local guides. Girls' trips, couples' trips, international cooking tours, wine safaris, spa getaways, and more are available. Meet Salome' at Retzlaff Vineyards, Monday, August 20th between 5-8pm, enjoy a glass of wine and learn about the upcoming tour to Argentina in December.

For more information visit www.travelwithsalome.com or call 208-309-0094.

Garage Open

The 1915 Duarte Garage located on the "Old Lincoln Highway" will be open on Sunday, August 19, from 10 am - 2 pm.

The garage is located on the corner of Portola and L St. in Livermore. The public is invited to stop by to see the collection of old garage memorabilia, old photos, and 3 vintage fire trucks as well as various pieces of machinery from a bygone era. In addition, "The Lincoln Highway: Calif. V. 6," as well as other photographic vintage car books will be available for purchase.

The Livermore Heritage Guild sponsors the Duarte Garage. No charge for admission. For more information call (925) 443-9740.



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