



Candy Clark, who appeared as Debbie Dunham in the film, will attend the screening at the Vine Cinema in downtown Livermore.

American Graffiti To Screen at Vine

The California Independent Film Festival (CIFF) is beginning its tenth year. To celebrate this anniversary, CIFF is offering more screenings and events than ever during its 2007-08 season.

The first event of its tenth anniversary season will take place on Saturday, August 25, at 7:30 p.m. with a showing of American Graffiti. This five-time Oscar-nominated film put writer and director George Lucas in the ranks with the new breed of directors of the time, which included Steven Spielberg and Francis Ford Coppola.

Candy Clark, who received a Best Supporting Actress nomination (See MOVIE, page 9)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen
Target shooting from horseback will be featured when the California Range Riders Cowboy Mounted Shooters appear in Livermore Aug. 25.

Shooters Competition at Robertson Park

The California Range Riders Cowboy Mounted Shooters will be hosting a Cowboy Mounted Shooting competition at the Robertson Park Covered Arena in Livermore on Aug 25th. The competition, "Faultline War II, the Shootout, will be from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Cowboy mounted shooting is an equestrian sport in which competitors wearing two single action .45 caliber revolvers, race against the clock through a gymkhana type course while firing at balloon targets. This sport requires the ability to control the (See SHOOTERS, page 7)

Sale Benefits Just Like New Fund for Animals

A special garage and garden sale will be held to benefit the Valley Humane Society's Just Like New Fund.

The sale will be held Sat., Aug. 25 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 4510 Entrada Court, Pleasanton (off Neal Street). Jackie Barnett will open her garage and garden for the event.

Animals, such as McDreamy, benefit. McDreamy sports double leg casts. The black and white Chihuahua broke both front legs when he fell from the arms of his owner.

Another animal helped was Ziggy, a cat rescued from the side of a road. He was covered in dirt and oil and appeared to be injured. Angelina crossed two lanes, switched on her emergency blinkers and caught him. Ziggy eventually ended up at the Feline Medical Center where he was cleaned up. His limp turned out to be a birth defect. (See JUST LIKE NEW, page 7)

Iraq War Veteran On the Road to Recovery

By Andrew Glazier

Mariela Mason is a fighter. Nearly three years after she was struck by a truck in Kuwait while serving in the U.S. Army, she is still fighting to survive. Two of the soldiers who were changing the massive tractor tire with her were killed instantly. Another was dragged and lost all the skin on his back. Mariela hasn't seen him since. To say she is lucky to be alive is an understatement. It is miraculous.

Mariela was unconscious for seven months. She remembers vividly doctors standing over her say-

ing she would never wake up and if she did would not know who she was or be able to talk or walk. So far she has proven them all wrong. Her parents Emile and Lisette of Livermore remember flying home with her on an army transport plane. She had many tubes coming out of her body. She didn't look like their daughter. She was one of the luckier ones. Her parents saw over fifty amputees on that flight. The pilot told them, "We have had three flights just like this every week since the war started."

When Emile describes his

daughter's stay in the V.A. hospital he says first and foremost, "I want to be very clear that I don't want to attack the V.A. The staff has been great. It is the people higher up who make policy decisions I don't understand." Mariela has needed therapies the V.A. does not specialize in. Cranio-sacral therapy is one such therapy the family has had to find outside the V.A. at their own expense.

A family friend, Debbie Bruton points out that after September 11, victims' families received \$1,000,000 each. "These

civilians went through something horrible and received that amount. Soldiers, who volunteer to fight and lose limbs, are given a flat \$100,000, which is supposed to last a lifetime and rarely lasts more than a few years. It's not fair."

At the Livermore V.A. it is crowded. There are many older soldiers from earlier wars. Mariela is one of the very few women there and the only one her age. Occasionally she goes to the V.A. in Palo Alto for therapy and nearly half the beds there are empty. It seems the resources are

not evenly distributed throughout V.A. hospitals.

Every photo her father displays shows her smiling. Mariela says she has no regrets except one. That she can't go back and serve with her unit.

Mariela was born in Costa Rica and adopted at a young age by Emile and Lisette. They lived in Mexico briefly before moving to California. Her parents are from the part of Switzerland which speaks French. Mariela still speaks fluent French and English and is working hard to become (See RECOVERY, page 4)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen
Mariela Mason keeps a pink blanket with Minnie Mouse on it. It belongs to her daughter.

Pleasanton Art Master Plan Called 'Exciting'

The Pleasanton City Council approved a Downtown Public Art Master Plan at its meeting on Tuesday.

The plan was a council priority project. It includes suggestions and methods for the placement of additional public art in downtown Pleasanton.

Councilmember Jerry Thorne commented that those who had put together the plan had done a phenomenal job.

His view was echoed by both Councilmembers Cheryl Cook-Kallo and Cindy McGovern. Cook-Kallo called it an exciting plan. McGovern said she wished the council had discussed it more in public. "It has some wonderful ideas that the public should hear about," McGovern added.

The city's budget contains an annual allocation of \$50,000 for public art each year, with \$5000 set aside to conserve existing art. Currently, there is \$350,000 in the Public Art Fund.

The plan includes an inventory of existing public art works. There is also a discussion of "ap-

propriate" themes for public art including commemoration of local history, community identity, and creating sensory environments.

Five goals are set. One is to enhance the downtown. A way this could be accomplished would be to place exceptional artworks throughout the area in highly visible locations. Another is to commission artists to create works that address and interpret downtown.

Goal two is to involve and serve residents and visitors in public art. There are several options including creating a public art collection that is visible and relevant at all times, and ensuring that there is a diverse collection so that a "range of taste is respected, reflected and celebrated."

The other three goals are to create a program that values creative thinking and broad perspectives of artists, sponsors and audience; create a program that honors the past and celebrates the (See MASTER PLAN, page 4)

Bright Spots For Districts In STAR Tests

Valley school districts have been notified of their STAR (Standardized Testing and Reporting) test results by the California State Department of Education. The Pleasanton and Livermore districts saw significant growth in some subjects at some grade levels because the districts put more attention and resources into deficiencies shown by earlier tests.

The STAR test results were announced Aug. 15. However, the results will be reworked by the state into the Academic Performance Index (API), due to be released Aug 31. The API will show where schools and school districts rank in relation to others of similar socioeconomic circumstances. Next week, the state will release results of the CAHSEE test, which

is the required high school exit exam.

STAR clusters test results in categories that are ranked downward from advanced, through proficient, basic, below basic and far below basic. The statewide goal is to have everyone at proficient or above.

The Pleasanton STAR high school results showed dramatic gains in English Language Arts (ELA). Ninth graders districtwide rose from 78 percent to 84 percent at proficient levels or better. Tenth graders were up to 76 percent from 65 percent. Eleventh graders rose from 61 percent to 72 percent.

Myla Grasso, the Pleasanton district's public information officer, attributed the dramatic

improvement to teachers working more closely together. For the first time, their contract set aside a weekly preparation period where the teachers could meet and discuss successful teaching techniques, as well as share insights into individual learners.

Teachers in the elementary and middle schools have had a similar preparation period for years. In the Pleasanton elementary and middle schools, the scores in ELA were virtually identical to last year's districtwide results in grades 2 through 8. For example, second graders last year scored 78 percent at proficient or better, and this year it was 79 percent. Variations of 3 percent or less are (See STAR, page 4)

Zone 7 Extends Consulting Contract

The consulting contract of former Zone 7 Water Agency general manager Dale Myers was extended over a longer time period and doubled in pay to \$100,000 by a 5-2 board vote.

The contract with Myers was extended to the end of the year when the board voted at its meeting Aug. 15. Myers retired in February after 10 years as general manager, and earlier service in other staff hierarchy positions. As a consultant, he is an advisor to staff on specific issues involving Bay Delta conservation planning, which is essential to maintain and improve the quality and quantity of water that Zone 7 imports from

the State Water Plan.

Myers was working on the Bay Delta issues before he left the agency.

Directors Jim Kohnen and Dick Quigley voted against the contract extension. Kohnen said, "Myers had a few things in the mill (when he retired) that needed his attention. We (approved) \$50,000 for time to put them in order. Six months have gone by. Now we are asked for another \$50,000. I do not want a sweetheart deal with a fellow who retired. That's not right."

Other directors disagreed with Kohnen that it was special (See CONTRACT, page 7)

New Principal Wants To Burnish 'Jewel of the Nile'

Sunol Glen elementary school's new principal and superintendent, Molly Barnes, is quick with a quip.

Talking about the locale of her new job, she noted that the town of Sunol is a little jewel tucked away in Niles Canyon. "The jewel of the Nile," she said, with an allusion to a popular movie title in the 1980s.

Barnes has also been quick to

bring innovation to the school, not long after starting work on July 1. When school opens next Tuesday, students in sixth, seventh and eighth grades will go to various rooms during the day instead of staying with a home room teacher virtually all day, the way younger children do. It's what students in larger districts do in middle schools. The (See PRINCIPAL, page 3)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen
Darren Greenwood discusses his work.

Teaching Through Whale Murals

Those murals of whales and dolphins that now appear on two sides of the Livermore waste-water reclamation plant are for more than decoration. They are a reminder that what happens with water quality in Livermore

eventually happens at the Farallon Islands, off San Francisco, where the humpback whales and gray whales congregate.

Any drop of polluted water in Livermore needs to be treated

before it is sent out through a 16-mile pipeline to the Bay, and then eventually out of the Bay and on to the Farallones and beyond, said Darren Greenwood, the man who painted the murals.

(See MURALS, page 4)

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426-8656 for more information about Milo, or visit him and our other 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



Alaskan Gold Rush

In 1850 California became a state, largely because of the tremendous influx of Argonauts. In August 1896 another gold discovery started a new stampede, this time to Alaska and the Klondike, places of alien beauty more difficult to access. A number of people from Livermore heard the siren call. The *Livermore Echo* often published letters from Alaskan travelers.

There were two main routes; one was north by steamship through the Aleutians and up to St. Michaels on Alaska's west coast and then into the interior to Dawson in the Yukon Territory by river steamer. Livermoreans Albert Bistorius, John Dougherty and Lew Clark tried this route. In August 1897 Clark described their first impression of the area around Dutch Harbor on Unalaska Island: "Everywhere rock, moss and snow all mingled together in such sharp and striking contrast, enclosing a long, narrow harbor of smooth, clear water ... all shining in the light of the rising sun, makes a picture so grand, beautiful and magnificent that the pen falters in the description. The harbor ... was alive with whales and their spouting looked like hundreds of artesian wells throwing water high into the air, affording a rare sight to a landlubber."

One of the problems with traveling successfully by river in Alaska, of course, is timing the boat trip so that ice does not block the way. After they arrived at St. Michaels on August 11, the three adventurers worried about their more than two-week wait for a river steamer. Clark wrote, "Everything with us depends on getting away from this place early, for every day increases the danger of being frozen up in the Yukon." The boats, when they finally arrived, had their crews fill the hold mostly with whiskey, for which they received more money than the settlers' necessary provisions. "Everything and everywhere is selfishness and greed and lust of gain."

The owner of the *Echo* eventually made his son, Clarence Still, a "special correspondent" from Alaska. Clarence left for the gold country in March 1898 and traveled to the Klondike on the other main route, through Juneau and Skagway and over the infamous Chilcoot Pass. After successfully hauling their 7,600 pounds of supplies over the pass, the next step for their party of seven was to make two boats to navigate a series of lakes and the Stewart River to their destination, Dawson. They had to find trees and whipsaw the lumber for the boats. By June 5 they were almost finished with the task. Clarence noted that it was light 22 hours out of 24. He pictured part of the journey on the water route for the *Echo*: "It has rained and thundered here for the last three afternoons. People in California have never seen it rain—it only sprinkles there—but here it rains." He also added that at night the mosquitoes were so thick he could not see through his bed netting. Clarence's first efforts at gold mining were on a creek that emptied into the Stewart River. The ground was still frozen. The crew had to "fire the hole" as they sank a 17-foot deep shaft.

Hiram Bailey married Casimira Molina, the stepdaughter of Robert Livermore; their son, William Bailey, earned a law degree from the University of Colorado in 1897 and married Minnie Crum, Livermore's first telephone operator. They traveled to Dawson with their young son in 1898. Will died in May 1903 when the canoe in which he had been crossing the Klondike River sank into the icy water. The swift current carried him down the Klondike and into the raging Yukon River despite the desperate efforts of friends to save him. Livermorean George Waltenbaugh journeyed to Alaska in 1900 and remained. He became chief engineer of river steamers on the Yukon River during the summer months and worked in machine shops in Seattle or Dawson during the winters until his death in 1917. Ben Sherman from the Altamont arrived in Alaska in 1898 and mined for a while, but later he worked as a barber, perhaps mining on the side.

Two other Clark brothers, John and Sam, followed Lew to Alaska from Livermore about 1900. All three settled down to a life in the Far North. After wintering over in the states in 1905-06, John A. Clark, Frank S. Black and Sam Clark returned to Fairbanks in March by riding bicycles over the 364-mile Tanana Trail from Valdez. They enjoyed the snowy scenery and the challenges of the nine-and-a-half day trip. The *Fairbanks Evening News* described Sam's arrival: "Sam Clark rode into town this afternoon on a bicycle that looked as though it had been to the wars. He said he was afraid of being arrested for riding it. It was all done up with box staves and baling wire, and boasted one pedal." John A. Clark married in 1907 and worked as an attorney in Fairbanks. W. Samuel Clark married in Fairbanks in 1907; at the time he was described as "one of the best known mining operators in the Tanana District, and in fact, throughout the entire North." The *Evening News* commented, "Within a few months, the Clark brothers ... have yielded to the hand of destiny and become homebuilders in Alaska."

Many Livermore Argonauts came home several years after the initial gold stampede, most without any longed-for riches. Albert Bistorius, however, earned enough to take his entire family on a four-month tour of Europe in 1900. If you care to learn about more of these adventurers, you can buy a little book called *The Klondike News* by Gary Drummond and Anna Siig at the Carnegie Library Building.

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



Photo - Doug Jorgensen
Pleasanton youth spent the last days of summer vacation raising money to help animals at the local shelter. The children attend a day care. They said they wanted to have a lemonade stand and decided to use the event as a fund-raiser. The teacher suggested they use the money to help a local charity. The kids chose the animal shelter. In addition to lemonade, the children sold cookies.

Emergency Communications Topic of Community Education Program

"Emergency Communications in Livermore" is the title of a community education presentation offered by the Livermore Police Department in cooperation with the Livermore Police Department Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) and the Livermore Area Recreation and Parks District (LARPD).

The program will be held on Tues., Aug. 28 at 7 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue. Presenting the program will be Supervising Public Safety Dispatcher Sherri Plamondon, who has extensive experience in emergency communications. She has worked for the Livermore Police Department dis-

patch center for 16 years, and regularly teaches courses for the Dispatch Academy.

Plamondon will be discussing a variety of topics related to Emergency Communications. She will discuss how the 911 system works, what happens when you call 911, cellular and VOIP (internet telephone services) issues. What to report and when to report it. She will share stories of incidents occurring in Livermore and how they impacted the dispatch center. There will be an opportunity for the audience to ask questions of SPSD Plamondon and to share communications related concerns.

Registration for this program is completed by calling LARPD at 373-5700 and asking for class #2722.



Pipe bands entertain crowds as part of the Scottish Games.

March Under the Arch Is Back

The "March Under the Arch" returns to downtown Pleasanton on Friday, August 31 as a prelude to the 142nd Scottish Highland Gathering & Games set for September 1 and 2 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Marching in under Pleasanton's landmark Main Street Arch will be The Toronto Scottish Regiment Pipes & Drums, a premier Canadian military band. Additionally, a Highland Dancing demonstration will be held under the Arch.

The free half-hour festivities begin at 6:00 p.m. with introductions of the Chief of the Caledonian Club of San Francisco John Biggar, host of the Games, and other dignitaries including Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman.

Following the "March Under the Arch," the Toronto Scottish Regiment Pipes & Drums will march to the Lyons Wayside Park, one block south on First Street, to continue their concert near the band stand.

The section of Main Street between St. Marys and Division will be cordoned off from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

The Toronto Scottish Regiment Pipes & Drums will be joined by the Marine Band San Diego during the Closing Ceremonies Grandstand Show both days of the Games. Both featured bands will perform solo as well as blending together in a show of pipes, drums and brass pagentry that brings the two distinctive different cultures together.

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Disaster Preparedness

The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department invites the community to attend the 2nd annual Disaster Preparedness Fair at Carnegie Park on Thurs., Aug. 23. The event, from 4 to 9 p.m., will be held in conjunction with the Livermore Farmers' Market.

Several local organizations, such as the Red Cross, Boy Scouts of America, and Contra Costa Animal Services, along with a variety of local businesses, will provide services and resources informing residents how to take care of themselves, their families, pets and neighborhoods in the event of a disaster.

Kids will be able to play disaster preparedness games, explore a fire engine and learn how to safely evacuate a burning house. The fire department will set up the fire safety house with simulated smoke and instruct children how to crawl out safely.

Adults can win prizes, learn how to compile a seven day survival kit, and watch a search and rescue demonstration by trained dogs. Contra Costa Animal Services will provide information regarding pet emergency preparedness. The Livermore Police Department will have information about the "Neighborhood Watch Program," where police and the community work together to reduce crime.

Carnegie Park is located at 2155 Third St. in Livermore.

Chamber to Host McNerney

Congressman Jerry McNerney will discuss the latest issues in Washington D.C. at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce Tues., Aug. 28 luncheon.

McNerney was sworn into office on January 4, 2007. He serves in the U.S. House of Representatives representing California's 11th District, which includes parts of San Joaquin County in the Central Valley as well as parts of Contra Costa, Alameda and Santa Clara Counties in the Bay Area.

The luncheon will be held at Wente Vineyards in the Cresta Blanca room, 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore. 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Chamber Luncheons are open to the community. Cost is \$30 per person for members; \$35 for non-members. Limited space available. For reservations, call (925) 846-5858.

New Principals

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District last week announced the names of three principals who will be taking begin their jobs this fall.

Darrel Avilla is the new principal at Livermore High School. He has 20 years of experience in Livermore schools. Avilla recently spent three years as vice principal at Granada High School. He has a bachelor's degree in business administration from St. Mary's College in Moraga and received his administrative services credential from Cal State East Bay. Avilla has been a Livermore resident for 18 years. His three children are graduates of Livermore High School, and all work as educators. Avilla replaces David Chamberlain, who was principal of the school for two years.

Kat Hannah is the new principal at Del Valle/Phoenix High School. Hannah, who was an ad-

ministrator of two Bay Area high schools, began her experience as a high school science teacher in Honolulu. She holds an administrative credential from UC Santa Cruz.

Angela Ehrlich has been selected to serve as principal at Joe Mitchell Elementary School. Most recently, Ehrlich served as principal of Wood Middle School in Alameda. Ehrlich's administrative experience began in 1998, when she became assistant principal of a middle school in Des Moines, Iowa.

Unused School Property

A property advisory committee has recommended that the Livermore School District sell three unused properties.

The School Board heard a report on the recommendation at its meeting Tuesday. No action was taken. The decision will be placed on a future agenda as a public hearing/action item.

California Department of Education requires that school districts having surplus or unused land form a committee, of at least seven, to study and make recommendations as to the uses or disposal of such properties. The Board established the committee in April. It was comprised of Pete Conley, Joe Medeiros, Bob Wurtzer, Floyd Wilson (director of facilities for the district), John Mahoney, Jennifer Thaete, and Pat Avilla.

The parcels of land discussed include the Inman Property, a 1.1 acre site at the corner of Doolan Road and Collier Canyon Rd.; May School Property, a 2.0 parcel located in North Livermore on May Road; and a 13.5 acre site in South Livermore across from Robertson Park.

The committee determined that the May School land has no value to the district. It has no water, sewer, or power and is too small to support any kind of educational program. It is also at an inconvenient location. The value of the property is about \$7500.

The Inman Property was determined to have little educational value. It too has no water, sewer or electricity and is not large enough to support any kind of educational program. The value of the property is appraised at \$700,000.

The South Livermore land was intended for a K-5 school. However, the population for the school did not materialize. Because of declining enrollment, the district's need for the site does not exist nor will it exist, the committee determined. The value of the property is \$8.2 million.

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District has expressed interest in acquiring the South Livermore land to provide additional sports fields and neighborhood park amenities for the area. By law, the school district has to offer the land to a park district first.

Correction

Lynne Siwula was not the brainchild behind the art project in the story in the Independent. It was a collaborative project with the Livermore Police Department, the City of Livermore Housing and Human Services Division of the Community Development Department, and Horizons Family Counseling. Jean Prasher (Human Services Program Manager, Community Development, City of Livermore) came up with the idea for this project.

Still Time to Enroll in College Classes

More than 8,000 students began classes at Las Positas College in Livermore this week when the fall semester begins.

During a recent convocation, speakers from Dublin and Pleasanton invited the college to offer classes in their communities.

Faculty and staff prepared for the new academic year Aug. 15 with the all-day convocation at Las Positas' sister college, Chabot College in Hayward. New District Chancellor Joel Kinamon presided over the morning session for all district employees, while Las Positas Interim President Bob Kratochvil led the Las Positas College afternoon session.

Kratochvil, who assumed the interim presidency in July, emphasized that his tenure would be the bridge to prepare the college for new leadership. The application period for the Las Positas presidency closes Sept. 17. Those responsible for the search are hoping for a new president to start in January.

One of the highlights of the afternoon session was the telephone presentation, of the Donald R. Milanese Award for Educational Integrity and Excel-

lence to past-president Karen Halliday. She called in from her new home in the Willamette Valley of Oregon.

During the afternoon session, Las Positas faculty and staff also were addressed by five invited guest speakers. Assemblywoman Mary Hayashi and Dublin Mayor Janet Lockhart led off the speakers. Lockhart invited Las Positas to establish a satellite facility in her community.

Rev. Ronald Culmer, rector of St. Clare's Episcopal Church in Pleasanton spoke, also invited the college to consider putting classes in the church's new community facility when that is completed in future years.

Cal State East Bay President Mo Qayoumi said they needed to work together to improve the already good cooperation between the staffs and to recruit and development the technology, math and science students for Bay Area workforce needs, particularly from under-represented groups.

The final invited speaker, Sonnie Dae, reminded all of the staff why they do what they do. Dae came to Las Positas in 2000 as a single mother of five, living

in a shelter after her 16-year marriage broke up.

She attended Las Positas College for three years and then moved on to Cal State East Bay and graduated from its blended degree/teaching certificate program. Dae is now starting her third year as a fifth grade teacher at Webster Academy in Oakland.

Las Positas offers a full-range of undergraduate-level courses designed to transfer to the University of California or the Cal State University systems. Most undergraduate transfer classes are also accepted by private four-year universities.

Students can still register this week for classes that have already begun. In addition, there are many classes that do not start until after Labor Day that students can still sign up to attend. They can do so online at www.laspositascollege.edu or by going to the campus at 1000 Campus Hill Drive in northwest Livermore. Campus Hill Drive is reached by driving east on North Canyons Parkway until it ends at Campus Hill Drive.

For registration information please call (925) 424-1554.

PRINCIPAL

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change will help to better prepare students for the high school curriculum. To enable the change, teachers will teach from a core curriculum.

There will also be more emphasis on science, as the three-member school board has requested. The two new teachers hired, Abigail Butcher and Sandra Maier, have strong science backgrounds.

Maier will teach seventh grade. She is a replacement for Lindsay Sawicki, who moved to Georgia. Butcher will teach a new class, a combined kindergarten and first grade of 18 students, necessitated by an increase in enrollment. The school will use state money for class-size reduction to pay for the new class.

Enrollment has grown to 214 students. There is even a waiting list in second and third grades. More than 70 percent of enrolled families are from outside Sunol, chiefly from Pleasanton, Fremont and Livermore. A few years ago,

some Sunol residents were concerned that shrinking enrollment would hurt the district, as the enrollment slipped to around 190.

The district is fiscally sound, and has the 5 percent budget reserve that the state requires for small districts, said Barnes.

Barnes has hired an athletic director to give the school its first coordinated intramural sports program, something that goes beyond physical education classes. As with the core curriculum school day, the sports program will give Sunol students a better transition to their future high schools than they would have had in the past, said Barnes. "There is talk about soccer, wrestling, softball and even a tumbling unit. We are small. We don't have a gym, but we have enough to have a pretty good program," said Barnes.

There will be a new math computer program, which was purchased for \$30,000 through fundraisers by the parents club. It was

lined up by Barnes's predecessor, Diane Everett. The program will teach math via computers. The program has a music component. The program was developed by the Mind Institute, which dwells on the link between music and increased learning ability.

Barnes has experience in Antioch, Brentwood and Fremont as an English teacher and principal. She said that the charm and calm of Sunol is just the right fit for her at this point in her life.

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Take a Ride on the Cowboy Express

Take a ride back into the old west aboard the Cowboy Express. This journey back in time is planned for Saturday, September 29, 6 to 8 p.m. starting at the Niles Canyon Railway Station in Sunol.

The train has 12 rail cars for 400 guests. Seats are limited. There will be plenty of room to move about the vintage indoor and outdoor cars.

The train departs at 6:30 p.m. and returns at 8 p.m., a roundtrip from Sunol through Niles. Appetizers and a dessert will be provided in individual boxes for each rider. Beverages, including wine, will be available for \$5. There will also be entertainment with musicians and singers during the 1 1/2 hour ride.

Groups will be seated together in a car. Riders are welcome to come dressed in period clothing... long skirts, jeans, cowboy boots and hats.

Tickets are \$25, including

food and entertainment.

Raffle tickets will be for sale for \$5. Some of the prizes are a Gold Country get-away in Jamestown, a Twaine Harte cabin retreat get-away, a day tour with lunch in Old Sacramento and more. One lucky winner will receive a trip to San Antonio, Texas.

Event and raffle tickets can be purchased by calling 925-461-6401.

This fun fundraising event is sponsored by Assistance League of Amador Valley. It will raise money to fund philanthropic activities and projects. One of these is Operation Schoolbell. With this project, volunteers help clothe hundreds of school children every year. This last year League members met the children at Mervyn's in Livermore and they were able to choose a jacket, pants, shirts, socks and underwear. All of the new items

went home with them in new backpacks. Plus they received a voucher for Payless Shoes.

One student said, "Thank you for making Operation School Bell possible. I guess my favorite part is to get new clothes. I think I felt like I wanted to jump up and down when I got my clothes. My favorite thing about shopping was trying them on." A school counselor commented, "The excitement of the children could hardly be contained as they were fitted for their clothing and actually took ownership of their bag full of brand new goodies. It was truly a most incredible event to witness, one which I will never forget."

Operation Schoolbell also funds "Books of My Own." This literacy project provides a fall and a spring distribution of new books to children in five elementary schools in Livermore and Dublin to keep and share with their families.

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EDITORIALS

Kitchen Grows

Open Heart Kitchen is expanding to Dublin.

The Kitchen, which offers free nutritious meals lovingly prepared from scratch by volunteers, will be serving on Mondays from 4 to 6 p.m. at Crosswinds Church in Dublin, commencing September 10. All are welcome. No eligibility rules have to be met.

They expect to be serving in Dublin about 150 meals each week. Valleywide, the Kitchen serves more than 2500 meals a week.

The growth of Open Heart Kitchen isn't something to celebrate. The need for these meals reflects the fact that poverty exists in the community.

We can give thanks, however, that an organization like Open Heart Kitchen is there, with a genuine open heart, reaching more and more of those who can use a good warm meal.

Learning Through Movie Making

Livermore Library has been awarded a \$50,000 federal/state grant to do a unique student film program during the coming school year.

Called Reel Focus: Teen Learning Through Video Creativity, the program is for low-income youth in grades five through twelve. They'll attend talks by guest speakers and will work on individual film projects, with biweekly classroom sessions from October through May. There will be a public presentation of the best videos at a gala community event in June.

Students interested in participating are invited to call 373-5540 (Rincon Branch Library where the classes will be held).

The grant comes via a federal/state program that seeks to promote innovative library services and development of library resources for under-served groups. These grants are awarded competitively. Livermore has put together a communitywide partnership, with five agencies representing the schools, library and arts sponsoring the project.

It looks to be a great program, one that will not only invigorate the learning process, but will also enrich the film culture that has begun to flower so brightly in Livermore.

CAMPAIGN NEWS

Livermore city council candidate Lorraine Dietrich's name will appear first on the November 6, 2007 ballot.

Secretary of State Debra Bowen last week announced the results of the randomized alphabet drawing to determine the order that candidates' names will appear on local election ballots.

The drawing places the Livermore candidates in alphabetical order on the ballot. The other incumbent Marj Leider will be second, Jeff Williams third. Incumbent Marshall Kamena is the only candidate for mayor.

Candidates want to be listed first. The theory is that candidates listed first have a better chance of winning than those listed last. Voters tend to select the first name or names that appeal to them. Since they read from top to bottom, they may have selected their candidates before reaching the end of the list.

In several stories on the web, it was pointed out that researchers from Yale University and Boston College conclude in a recent study that candidates listed first receive more votes than those listed in any other positions.

Livermore Parks Director and small business owner Scott

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considered statistically insignificant. None of the changes was greater than 3 percent.

Looking at the grades second through eighth in this year's results, third graders had the lowest score, with 73 percent at proficient or above. Fourth graders had the highest at 86 percent. The second through eighth grades also showed little difference from last year in math, with 2 percent the widest variation.

LIVERMORE RANGE IS LOWER THAN PLEASANTON'S

Scores in the Livermore district lagged behind Pleasanton's. They ranged in ELA from 49 percent proficient or above among 11th graders to 75 percent for ninth graders. Fourth-graders were the highest scoring among K-5 levels, with 64 percent.

In math, the lowest score as a districtwide average was 39 percent for the 7th grade and a high of 73 percent for the third grade.

Bright spots for the Livermore district included major gains for students at Sunset Elementary School, already a high-performing school. In second through fourth grades, 88 percent or more of students in second through fourth grades were above proficient or advanced. In fifth grade, the figure is 80 percent, an 11 point hike above the previous year in fifth grade.

Kamena is the first to publicly announce that he has signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge sponsored by Americans for Tax Reform, the group commissioned by Ronald Reagan in 1985.

The pledge states: "I, Dr. Scott Kamena, pledge to the taxpayers of the State of California, that I will oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes."

Other signers include Senator Tom McClintock and 15th District Assemblyman Guy Houston who will be termed out of office in 2008. (Source: Americans for Tax Reform)

"If we let it, our government will try and tax everything that moves," said Kamena. "In California, working families already pay some of the highest taxes in the nation. What Ronald Reagan said in the 80s is still true today: we face massive problems because spending is just too rampant, not because taxes are too low."

The Kamenas have a long record of service to the community. Scott's father, Marshall Kamena, is currently serving his fourth term as Mayor of Livermore. Scott's wife, Jennifer, is a former Alameda County Deputy District Attorney who is now focused on raising their young daughter Audrey.

Assistant superintendent Kelly Bowers credited a math intervention program for the improvement. Bowers said that big gains were made at Marilyn Avenue School, too. In second grade, ELA went up by 13 percentage points. Third grade increased by 9 percentage points in ELA and fifth grade by 7 percentage points. Math scores at Marilyn Avenue shot up by 11 percentage points in second grade, 20 points in third grade, six points in fourth grade and 12 points in fifth grade. Bowers gives credit to professional development and classroom teacher administration.

SUNOL GLEN SCORES GENERALLY HIGH

At Sunol Glen School, which is its own school district, second graders scored 61 percent at proficient or better, the lowest grouping at the school in ELA. The highest were the sixth and seventh graders tied at 84 percent at proficient or above. The eighth-graders were at 83 percent. The remaining grades were in the 72 to 76 percent range.

The second-graders did much better in math than they did in ELA. They scored 89 percent scoring at proficient or above. They were the highest of all the grades in math. Scoring lowest were the fifth-graders at 52 percent.

MURALS

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Greenwood should know what he is talking about. He is Livermore's water resources manager. He is responsible for the operation of the waste-water treatment plant. He came up with the idea of painting the murals from his visits to Livermore schools, where he has explained the importance of water treatment.

His early practice in mural painting came from a visit to Junction Avenue Elementary School a few years ago. A teacher there asked Greenwood to paint a mural for Earth Day festivities. He not only painted the scene on the school's wall, but also found a way to encourage the students to become involved in creating the mural. Greenwood drew some fish separately on paper, ran them through a copy machine, then gave one to each child. The children colored the fish, and the fish were pasted on the mural.

Greenwood also created a mural for Marilyn Avenue School, after a teacher there

heard about his work at Jackson Avenue.

The two school murals are about 40 feet wide and 10 or 12 feet tall. The waste-water plant work covers about 40 feet high by 75 feet long, on the larger of the two walls, and somewhat less on the smaller. Greenwood worked from photos and books and naturalists' drawings of whales.

The murals are public art, so Greenwood had to obtain approval from the city's public arts commission. He completed a painting to show how commissioners could expect the mural to look. That was three years ago, when the commission had only committee status.

It took Greenwood some time after the approval to clear his schedule so he could undertake the project. All the labor is donated. The city paid for the paint. Final touches will be put on during the first week of September.

The murals already have

brought a lot of comment, said Greenwood. Adults driving by point at them. However, it's the kids who really delight in them. When they've visited on school tours, children have shown lots of enthusiasm. Greenwood may try to produce more with his art, when he gets some time. He is looking into creating prints of his paintings, so they could be sold at a reasonable price. Also, he doesn't want to part with his paintings, because he likes them too much.

FROM ARTIST TO GEEK IN COLLEGE

Greenwood started drawing in elementary school, and studied art in high school in Modesto. However, when it came to a college choice, he rejected art school and "took the more responsible career path. I became a science geek instead, and have the whole water treatment career."

He joined the City of Livermore 15 years ago as a source control inspector, which in-

involved inspecting businesses, and carrying the water pollution education message to schools. Ten years ago, Greenwood started painting for his own pleasure. He started with indoor murals for his children's homes. Then he discovered how easy it is to paint on canvas, compared to wallboard or outdoor walls. He painted ocean and seashore scenes on about a dozen canvases so far.

One such shore painting, with third-dimensional elements of a shore scene, is in his office. It's bright and well-executed. A visitor to his office can't help but think that with all of the lightness of color and mood in the painting, Greenwood is really spending a day at the beach.

Greenwood conducts research for his murals by going snorkeling off the Monterey coast, and also in Hawaii. His shoulder-length hair suggests a touch of the surfer, but Greenwood denies it. "That's more the long-haired artist's look," he said.

HOUSING

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ney at Public Advocates that represents the plaintiffs in the lawsuit, said his group has asked the city for public records that will disclose the full extent of what he perceives as the conflict between the cap and the city's obligations under State law.

"Two things are at stake here," Marcantonio said. "First, the city's disclosure appears to confirm that the housing cap is already in violation of State law. Second, as the city prepares to adopt a new long-term General Plan, the cap will pose a clear barrier to meeting the need for several thousand additional housing units in the next few years."

Pleasanton City Attorney Michael Roush said that the city disagrees with the analysis concerning the city's obligations. "The city can meet its regional housing needs under the current general plan and stay under the

cap," according to Roush.

Approved by Pleasanton voters in 1996, the Housing Cap limits the number residential units to 29,000. The new staff report, issued in connection with last Tuesday's City Council meeting, states that Pleasanton had built 26,245 units as of January 1, 2007, leaving room for 2,755 more units under the 29,000-unit cap.

According to Public Advocates, this data appears to confirm that the cap makes it impossible for the city to achieve the unmet portion of its assigned share of the housing need. State law requires each California city to accommodate its "fair share" of the region's need for new housing. Pleasanton's unmet portion of its 1999 share stood at 2,889 units as of April 2006—more than the 2,755 units that can be accommodated under the cap.

Under state law the city has to

show it can accommodate the assigned housing numbers, but is not required to build them.

Roush explained that the city is essentially making its best effort to rezone enough property where presumably affordable housing could be built. "When the general plan is updated, that will happen," declared Roush.

For the new "planning period" that began last month and continues until 2014, Pleasanton has been allocated an additional regional share of 3,277 housing units. Public Advocates contend that the city must plan to meet these housing needs, which include over 1,800 units affordable to families with very-low or low incomes.

The lawsuit, filed against the city by the Urban Habitat Program and Sandra De Gregorio last October, is currently pending before the California Court of Appeal.

The original lawsuit was thrown out because the judge declared the statute of limitations and passed. In addition, the complaint was not "ripe." The judge said the cap should have been challenged either when it was established or in 2002 when the current housing element was adopted. The complaint was not "ripe," because Pleasanton could show that it has never turned down an affordable housing project.

Roush said that the city was able to demonstrate that it has been processing applications to build affordable housing. "The city has never been faced with a situation where it had to say 'no' to anybody," added Roush.

The decision to throw out the lawsuit was appealed. Roush anticipated that it would probably take a year for the appeal to come forward and be heard.

RECOVERY

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fluent in Spanish. The day she woke up from her coma, she began to speak normally.

She graduated from Granada High School in Livermore and excelled at basketball although her favorite sport was soccer. She also attended Junction Avenue Middle School and Marilyn Avenue Elementary School.

When she first returned to Livermore to recuperate, a few high school friends visited her but none since. She says she wishes they would return, as it makes her day so much more exciting. Her therapies include swimming, which she enjoys. Acupuncture, which the V.A. doesn't cover, must be sought outside the hospital.

This war has service personnel suffering more head injuries than any other war. One reason is that people with unbelievable in-

juries, who would have died before, are kept alive on life support. The doctors first told her parents that she wouldn't survive. They then said if she improved it would be for a few years and then it would stop. Mariela is still improving. She wants to enroll in college soon. Her main goal is to care for herself and her daughter who is on the east coast with her father. He too served in Iraq. While they are still married, the divorce rate for returning soldiers is unbelievably high. Mariela keeps a pink blanket with Minnie Mouse on it. It is her daughters. She hasn't seen her daughter for a few months.

John Carter currently teaches at Granada High. He used to coach an opposing team. He remembers her as a fierce opponent who never gave up. In high school his daughter Allison

played sports with her. Allison says there are plans to honor Mariela at her tenth high school reunion October 20th. Mariela says she will be there.

John recalls the first time he saw Mariela after she returned from Iraq. She was at the V.A. hospital in Washington D.C. He stood over her bed and held her hand. As John talked to her, she smiled. The doctors were surprised and said it was the first facial response they had seen from her.

Emile remembers when the Blue Star Riders, a motorcycle club that visits soldiers in the hospital stopped by. He walked in and saw thirty huge men in leather clothes. He remembered every American movie that portrayed motorcycle riders in a negative way. He was afraid at first. They were there thanking Mariela for her service and as she thanked them back; they all cried, every last one. Emile now has them over to his house on Morgan Territory Road. Their motorcycles fill the driveway. He sports the club's shirt and calls the riders friends.

Emile himself is a fighter. At sixty one, he still serves as a volunteer fire fighter in San Ramon and plays six hours of tennis every weekend. His friends at the Livermore Valley Tennis Club are planning a fund-raiser for the family on October 20th. One tennis player, Loretta Patterson works at the First Republic Bank in Livermore where she set up an account. The public is encouraged to donate anything at any

MASTER PLAN

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future; and create a program that builds upon other civic initiatives.

The master plan provides suggestions for a variety of public art projects, including location, budget and implementation.

Lions Wayside Park and DeLucchi Park are seen as a potential for several projects. One would be to place fountains in either or both of the plazas. It is suggested that a unified approach be taken to commission an experienced artist in landscape and open space design to work with a landscape architect to develop a plan. The artist would focus on the fountain. The suggested budget ranges from \$200,000 to \$400,000 for the entire plaza. The fountain would be the major cost at \$150,000. It is estimated that it would take a year to complete the design and six months to a year to construct and install the design.

Another proposal for the two parks is to create a sculptural feature and rose garden with public sculpture, one that provides visitors with a walk-through experience. Estimated cost is \$100,000 to \$200,000.

"Sparkle on Main Street," is a program featuring ephemeral artworks based on light and media technologies. These would be temporary installations. The media and light displays could be orchestrated to augment existing celebrations and events in the downtown. Individual project costs would vary between \$5000 and \$50,000.

Banners on Main Street would offer a variety of opportunities to host a solo exhibition of the work of one artist or a group show of a number of artists; poets and

writers could be commissioned to create text-based pieces. The budget ranges from \$500 to \$7500 depending on the complexity of the project.

Gateways to the downtown are addressed. A sculpture is proposed for the Main Street Green.

Artist designed benches are proposed throughout the downtown. The emphasis would be on the unique qualities of each bench from humor to poetic narrative, from tiles and embossed cement to new hybrid materials. Cost is \$500 to \$10,000 per bench.

A chalk festival could include a combination of professional and amateur artworks. The artists would be paid. Others participating would pay a nominal registration fee. The budget for this would be \$30,000 to \$40,000.

An artist in residence program would provide the public with direct contact with artists and their work processes. An artist would be hired to work with clients and user groups toward such tangible results as production or creation of an art object, a performance or cultural celebration. Suggested budget is \$10,000 to \$25,000 for a six month residency.

An biennial award of a Phoebe Apperson Hearst Award would include a public art commission. Art with a theme of Mrs. Hearst's interest, education and Native American history, among them, would be the focus.

Other ideas would be to construct temporary artworks for annual festivals; commission "best friend" amenity stations; and create a timeline trail along Main Street sidewalks.

MAILBOX

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Springtown Golf Course Betty Crosby Livermore

I have just heard a well-substantiated rumor regarding Springtown so alarming that, if true, demands further investigation and action by all residents of our neighborhood in North Livermore.

Facts: At a recent City Council meeting, the City Council of Livermore passed resolutions to expand their powers of eminent domain as well as to extend the Springtown Golf Course lease to Sierra Golf Management for

three months.

These actions have sparked a rumor that the City of Livermore is planning to sell the Springtown Golf Course (which the City bought from Springtown Association a number of years ago for only \$100,000) because it costs too much money to water it, even with the water they have tapped from the local creek which has been dammed for that purpose. Livermore prefers to support the Las Positas Golf Course. If they sell the Springtown Course, it is rumored the City might sell it to a developer who would build low-cost housing on the Golf Course land so the City could meet its required low-cost housing quota, and the developer would in turn have the privilege of building a "higher-cost" housing elsewhere in the city.

The aforementioned "low-cost housing quota" is just the tip-of-the-iceberg of another scandalous scenario between

MAILBOX

Alameda County, Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore. Alameda County has allowed Pleasanton and Dublin to refuse to meet their low-cost housing quotas because those cities have opted to pay the penalty rather than cooperate with the County. This has left Livermore as Alameda County's last frontier of building low-cost housing in order to meet the State-mandated requirements. I question why Livermore officials are just giving in to this outrageous situation rather than insist on all three communities shouldering this obligation equally in fairness to all. Obviously Pleasanton and Dublin officials have a low opinion of Livermore, unless deals behind close doors were made.

Any or all of these issues could negatively impact the entire Springtown community, create more population density, and destroy not only our real estate values, but the good quality of life in our neighborhood. Even without these threatening issues, all North Livermore residents should become familiar with the entire City of Livermore General Plan, get involved and become a voting force with a positive effect on the welfare of the entire community.

The Springtown neighborhood has always been considered a lower income area because it was developed originally as a retirement community. Now it has evolved into a mixed neighborhood which now includes elder seniors, middle aged, retired "Boomers," young people in their first homes, and young parents who have chosen Springtown and North Livermore to live and raise their children in a safe, quiet, and pleasant neighborhood. If the rumored development is true, it appears that the City of Livermore doesn't care enough about our welfare to keep our living standards from deteriorating.

Could this be the beginning of the end of Springtown? I welcome all comments on these issues, by e-mail if possible (catoasis9@earthlink.net). I hope and pray these rumors are not true.

Council Decision Max Curtis Livermore

On June 25, 2007, the Livermore City Council passed the Minimum Standards for Commercial Aeronautical Activity (Min. Stand.) and approved the bid to build the new Fixed Based Operator (FBO) at the Livermore airport. The vote allows the successful bidder to move forward with the construction of the Jetport.

The council meeting was the quite a lesson in city politics. The Council continued to ignore and refused to admit the negative quality of life issues associated with airport expansion, includ-

ing noise, pollution, and reduced property values. The council also adamantly refused to admit that building the Jetport is an expansion of the airport capacity, instead continually referring to the expansion as "an improvement."

The following statements are taken from the proposal by the successful bidder, Livermore Air Center, for constructing and managing the new FBO:

".....(Livermore Air Center) is qualified to operate an aircraft maintenance business, including airframe and power plant repair services and is prepared to do so in approximately 15% of the 25,000 sq. ft. hangar initially proposed to be built."

"Proposer believes that fuel sales for the first year of operation will be 1 million gallons and the second year fuel sales will increase by 15% and fuel sales will increase 5% a year thereafter." Projected Gross Revenue chart shows twice as much jet fuel sold as general aviation fuel.

Drawing included in the proposal show a 25,000 sq ft building labeled hangars with an additional 50,000 sq. ft. labeled future expansion. Attached to the hangar building is the 7500 sq ft FBO containing lounges, kitchen, business center, conference rooms and offices. In addition to the Hangar/FBO building, there are drawings for a 9,000 sq ft administration building.

The proposed southside hangars are on 9.1 acres; with an adjacent parcel of about the same size designated future expansion.

The proposal predicts a 35% increase in fuel sales, an additional 35,000 to 40,000 square feet of hangar and office space, and an additional 65 small and medium hangars and the council refer's to this as "an improvement." This is not an "improvement." It is a huge expansion of the airport's capacity to handle increased traffic.

After spending the evening of the council meeting listening to misleading and inaccurate statements by the City Council & staff, councilmembers Dietrich and Marchand attacked Livermore Airport Citizens Group (LACG) for originating and distributing information they deemed misleading. Who did the council depend upon to certify their accusations of misleading information from LACG? Dan McIntyre, Public Works Director - the person who spent the evening spoon-feeding the council the information they wanted to hear and wanted the citizens in attendance to hear, without regard to accuracy. Of course, this attack took place under "council rules" which provide no opportunity for response or defense by the accused.

During the meeting the mayor made the statement "air cargo could be removed." One can assume the mayor was referring to

the Min. Stands. as it is the only document which contains references to "air cargo." Problem is—references to "air cargo" have not been removed from the Minimum Standards. After several e-mails with staff where they tried to deny the conversation took place, Mr. McIntyre provided the following explanation—"It was merely a combination of commentary and question for Mr. Ghielmetti, and had no effect in the motion approved by Council." Once again the council is choosing to renege on a promise made to the citizens in a public forum.

LACG would like to have a public discussion with the City Council about what is included in the Minimum Standards, what these standards mean to the public and what the council believes LACG has said that is misleading. However, we recognize this is extremely unlikely since the Council shows little interest in the concerns and quality of life of a significant portion of its constituency.

Questions need to be asked and answered. Is the Livermore City Council requiring the FBO to include permanent noise monitoring and curfew violation systems? Is the number of Stage 1 & 2 jets that can be based at the airport being contractually limited? What is the remaining 85% of the HANGAR building going to be used for? How can fuel sales increase by 35% over the next five years with out increasing takeoffs and landings? Why does the council continue to refuse to admit and address quality of life issues?

The Mayor says "the sky isn't falling" because of this expansion, and I agree. I just think the sky will be a lot more crowded and polluted when the Jetport is completed.

Granada Grad Night Keri Brown

GHS 2007 Grad Night chair
We, the Granada High School Grad Night committee, would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to the community for helping make the 2007 Safe and Sober Grad Night a success! This special event is basically a "homemade" gift from the parents and the community to the senior class. It involves a great deal of work, time, commitment, and love. Grad Night is totally run by GHS parent volunteers and paid for by funds received through donations and fundraisers. We truly couldn't have made it happen without your contributions and support.

Safe and Sober Grad Night provides a supervised, safe environment for the graduating Senior's to celebrate. This is a special event where the graduates can have "the time of their lives without risking their lives". By providing a Safe and Sober

Grad Night, we can greatly reduce the risk of harm to the graduates, and the community at large, on a night when that risk is unusually high. We hope that you will continue to support this event for the graduates in the years to come.

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Garbage Rate Sean Dorman Livermore

I'd like to thank the Livermore City Council for adding another \$11 (and some change) to my garbage bill. It's funny, I think my garbage bill has gone up at least 80% since I moved back here in '97; even cable is cheaper than it was!

I missed the late night meeting where the increase was passed. But, I doubt I'll forget the outcome around election time.

LARP Board Corey L. Nelson Livermore

Last week, I had the pleasure of being selected to interview for the vacant LARP Board of Directors position. I thank President Steve Goodman, Vice President Maryalice Faltings, Director Scott Kamena, and Director David Furst for the opportunity to interview. The Directors and the staff made the time a pleasurable experience.

My congratulations to the

newly selected Director Beth Wilson who was kind enough to mail a personal note the next day. The Board made an excellent choice. Director Wilson has been a long time contributor to LARP. She has my support in her new role. My congratulations also to the other candidate, Robert J. Coomber, Jr. who has a wonderful outlook on life and a strong supporter of the LARP trail system. He demonstrate great care in the health of our citizens to get our and enjoy what LARP has to offer.

As time move forward, I will continue to work with LARP and support the current Board in their efforts to provide our community with quality services under the challenge of budging and resource constraints.

Set Available Deborah McQueen Opera Smarts

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Houston Reportedly Settles Lawsuit

Press reports indicate that Assemblyman Guy Houston has settled a three-year-old civil lawsuit in which he was named a defendant. Terms of the settlement were not disclosed. There was no admission of guilt.

Efforts to reach Houston on Monday and Tuesday for comment about the settlement were unsuccessful. Morgan King, a Dublin attorney representing four plaintiffs who filed suit against Houston, also did not return calls.

The plaintiffs were four investors who put their money into Winning Action Investments, which was owned by Houston's father, Fred. The plaintiffs said

they lost approximately \$300,000.

Fred Houston's attorney reportedly said that the firm's investments collapsed. The attorney, David Sternberg, reportedly said that Fred Houston tried to cover the investments with his own assets, but eventually bankruptcy was inevitable.

The plaintiffs said they were falsely assured that their investments were secured by Winning Action and a piece of land in Napa County.

Although Guy Houston was an officer in his father's company, he said that he was not involved in the company's decisions, and had no direct involvement, other

than signing on as an officer. Houston said that he lost hundreds of thousands of dollars himself in the failed investment business.

Houston convinced a judge to seal court papers about his deposition in the fraud case until after the election last November. Houston said that the suit was politically motivated against him as an assemblyman.

Houston will be termed out in 2008, and is planning to run for the supervisor's seat held by Mary Nejedly Piepho.

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SPORTS NOTES

Youth Soccer

Livermore Elite Soccer U16 Boys captured the title in the Benicia Old Capitol Classic.

In game one, Livermore Elite Force defeated Folsom United 3 to 2. Livermore got in front early with a goal shot from Cody Lutz, assisted by Zach Addington. Peter Cabeceiras found his mark and drilled a PK shot to put Livermore up by 2. Folsom tried to mount a comeback late in the game, but the Force secured their lead for good, when keeper Peter Morrow sent a booming goal kick to Cody Lutz who tapped it over the goalkeepers head and into the net.

Livermore Elite Force edged ACC Forza 2 to 1 in game three. This was a great defensive game. Livermore's Kyle Kline and Jared Silver pushed their team hard against the tough ACC Forza. Goals by Jeff Felker and Brandon Bauer put the Force on top.

Game three was a 2 to 0 shutout over Castro Valley United. Offense in this game was all Livermore and the net belonged to Peter Morrow who scored both goals. First on an assist from Alex Gaspar and later when he was fed a beautiful pass from Alex Gonzalez.

In the championship game, Livermore Elite Force edged Vacaville Wizards 2 to 1. A true team effort was needed and every Force player put their game on and did everything asked of them by Head Coach Paul Kline. Livermore broke through Vacaville's defenses early with a pass assist from Zach Addington to Alex Gaspar who drove the ball into the net. Later in the game, Addington was to get a goal of his own when he received the ball from Alex Gonzalez and scored. Two would prove to be all Livermore needed but, it took maximum effort from every Force player to dominate the game and claim the tournament Championship.

Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club (BUSC) United U18 entered the final four in the Summer Classic and fell just short, finishing second after a strong weekend of play. In Monday's semifinal game, it was an intense and determined effort against old foe Bay Oaks that resulted in a solid 2-0 win and a trip to the finals. United attacked immediately, and it paid off in the 4th minute. On a direct kick from the right side of the box, BUSC attackers went up strong to challenge the kick. David Norton was able to get his head on it before the Bay Oaks GK could find it for the early lead. Bay Oaks unleashed their fast and creative offense on the United end, but the defense stayed stout. Justin Mullaney and Tommy Sanders were ferocious on the corners, and Jay Jafarpour neatly cleaned up anything after them to keep the lanes clear. Bay Oaks had several corner kicks and put them in the mix, but GK Brett Weber was very alert to the ball, and snagged a direct kick straight on from 30 yards as the half ended. In the second half, United continued to press for a second goal. Trevor Danielson rocked on just wide left from 30 yards in the 35th minute. Bay Oaks came back with a counter that Weber had to make a save on after a big switch of the field. The clearing kick went back towards the Bay Oaks defense. Their attempt to clear it was blocked by Stefan Rabrenovich, who went in on a net alone and chipped the keeper for the 2-0 lead. They almost upped the lead soon after on a great right side play by Tigran Nahapetian, who sent a laser on net that was just tipped high. Bay Oaks continued to pressure, but were constantly frustrated by the United defense. Jeff Squier was the beast in the middle, shaking off a blow to the head to relentlessly control the middle of the field. Bay Oaks had one last shot to get back into the game with an indirect kick from 16 yards. Jafarpour blocked it and drove it away, and that was the last good chance and the final was 2-0.

United played DeAnza Force Blue in the finals, and got off to a terrific start. Danielson made a great left side run, drew in the defender, and crossed to a waiting Rabrenovich for a 1-0 lead in the 4th minute. The talented Force forwards were putting pressure on the United defense, and a striker was able to split two defenders and get one off in the box for the tying goal in the 10th minute. In the second half, DeAnza sent a long cross into the box from the right to the left. An onrushing striker took it in flight between two United defenders and headed it home for the 2-1 lead. United couldn't muster up the tying goal and DeAnza took the championship.

United U-18 advanced to the semifinals by winning all three pool play games and advancing to the semifinals on Monday. Game one was against the visiting Spokane Shadows from Washington. Displaying a tough defense, the Shadows gave the United a game, but in the 29th minute, David Norton sent a corner kick into the mix that Matt Carlucci headed home for the 1-0 win.

Game two was against the West Marin Pirates. It was all Ballistic in a 5-0 win. Nestor Negrete started the scoring with a 25 yard direct kick from the left side for the lead. In the 16th minute, United scored on a great



The Livermore Junior Football League kicked off the season during opening day ceremonies August 18 at Livermore High School. Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena and Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board President Steve Goodman took part in the ceremonies. Players also heard from NFL all-pro defensive tackle Greg Kragen. Listening to Kragen speak is Jeremy Smith of Livermore.

combination play. Carlucci sent a cross to Trevor Morrissey, who again reversed the field to a waiting Alex McArthur back post. He headed it home for the 2-0 lead. West Marin tried to come back with a blast in the 17th minute, but goalkeeper Brett Weber laid out and deflected it with his left hand to the keeper's best friend, the post, and it glanced away harmlessly. In the 37th minute, Tigran Nahapetian made a long run down the right, drew the defense in, and crossed one perfectly to a wide open David Norton for the 3-0 lead. Smelling blood, United swarmed the Marin end and had two goals called back by offside. Finally, Carlucci flicked one onto Nahapetian with a header, and he finished for his "first goal in five years" for the 4-0 lead. Late in the second half, Norton flicked a long Ballistic clear to Carlucci far post, and he finished for the 5-0 final. Min Joon Oh had a huge game in the midfield with several scoring opportunities and tackles and Ricky Rojas was strong at the central back.

Game three for the flight was against DeAnza United. It was a track meet with attacks and counterattacks abound. Jeff Squier almost scored a spectacular goal from 40 yards, sending a frozen rope that was just wide and high. Norton was twisting his mark into knots, creating several opportunities on the right side. In the 17th minute, he turned the corner and set up Morrissey, who chipped to McArthur far post. The DeAnza GK slid over to rob McArthur, but he would get his revenge. A minute later, Michael Florian found McArthur again waiting far post, and this time there was no stopping it. Weber had to punch away a DeAnza corner in the 30th minute to keep the 1-0 score at half. The second half was more thrills and spills. Trevor Danielson lined a shot from out high the DeAnza keeper had to dive to stop. Weber punched out another near post try. Carlucci and Norton executed a perfect give and go, but the DeAnza keeper came from nowhere to stop Norton far post. The backbone of Danielson, Justin Mullaney, and Jay Jafarpour were flawless, and a Weber save on a 60th minute direct kick sealed the deal. The United will take on Bay Oaks Monday in the semifinals.

The Livermore United boys U13 soccer team tied 2 matches and lost 2 at the Ballistic Summer Classic Soccer Tournament over the weekend.

They started the weekend tying the PAC Cosmos 0-0. The game went back and forth

in the first half with neither team able to score. Livermore dominated the second half, but still was unable to break through the Cosmos defense. Juan Carlos Alfaro, Paul Mayes, Daniel Toscano, and Jeff Gellerman showed well for Livermore.

Next Livermore took on SAC United America playing to a 0-2 loss. SAC pressured hard and was held to only 2 goals by outstanding performance from Livermore's goalkeeper, JT Addington.

On Sunday, Livermore played their toughest game against the CVSA Cyclones, losing 4-0.

In their final game, Livermore faced the Stanislaus United team, playing to a 2-2 tie. Stanislaus scored first but Livermore retaliated when Damon Tregear, Evan Enzmann, and Brandon Marantan made a series of passes to bring the ball up the field to Ryan Gollott for the goal. Cesar Rivas scored again for Livermore minutes later, with an assist from Addington. Livermore was leading 2-1 at the half, but Stanislaus was able to tie the game with just minutes left of play. Sergio Alvarez played aggressively for Livermore's defense.

Pleasanton Ballistic United U11 played in the Ballistic Summer Classic this past weekend, finishing in 3rd place. The first game was against Ruckus and lost 2-1. The only goal was scored by Okeria Wylie.

In the second game United came away with a 3-0 victory over Boca. Scoring for Ballistic started with a nice cross from Collin Alexander to Jackson Still who headed the ball into the net. The second goal came on a great cross from Jared Siegel to Erik Johnson. Alex Krause scored the third goal.

In the third game Ballistic tied 1-1 in a tough defensive battle. In the consolation game United defeated DeAnza Force 4 to 1. Goals were scored by Matthew Powell, Daniel Payne, Sam Musbach and Alex Krause. Daniel Rodriguez collected 3 assists to help with the scoring. The strong defense of Sahit Menon, Cameron Casey, Jeff Klei, Blaz Perko and Daniel Rodriguez help Ballistic with the solid victory.

Top Offensive Players: Jackson Still, Alex Krause, Erik Johnson; Top Defensive Players: Blaz Perko, Sahit Menon, Daniel Rodriguez, Cameron Casby, Jeff Klei.

Pleasanton Ballistic United U-14s played exceptionally well in their own Summer Classic tournament this weekend and almost made it to the semi-final. In the

opening game they dropped a close one 1-0 to the Delta Youth Soccer Elite. However they rebounded nicely with a 5-0 victory over the Vallejo Earthquakes later in the day. Jason Chow, Dane Shaffar, Alex Lutz and Edgar Martinez tallied for Ballistic.

Ballistic went into their morning match on Sunday knowing they had to beat Lamorinda and hope that other result went their way. They took care of their part by duly dispatching Lamorinda by a score of 4-1. However, Delta and Vallejo tied leaving Ballistic in the consolation bracket. Erik Knaggs, Chris Franzella, Jason Chow and Toby Harvey scored for United. Ballistic looked disappointed not to have made the semifinal and their sluggish first half effort saw them trailing Marin FC 3-0 at half time in their consolation bracket game. They came out fighting after the break and were rewarded with a nice goal by Dane Shaffar. Marin FC ran out winners by a score of 5-1. Ballistic can take a number of positives from their performances, not least the performance of the Kuo twins in defense and the goal-scoring of Jason Chow (2) and Dane Shaffar (3).

The Livermore Crew '95 U12 took 6th place in the Soccer by the Bay Tournament 2007 on August 18th and 19th. In their first match, the Crew lost 2-1 to SCA 96. The Crew scored early in the game when SCA's keeper made a defensive play to stop a shot, but Jessica Hopkins was able to bury the ball in the net on the ensuing rebound. A late goal by SCA resulted in a tie at the half. The teams held each other until late in the second when an SCA corner kick resulted in the winning goal.

In the second game of the weekend, the Crew tied the Sporting 95, 0-0. In a dramatic defensive battle, both teams controlled the play at times. Baylie Hernandez and Pooja Patel were flawless in goal, backing up the defensive line in front of them: Sarah Franklin, Haylie Grant, Jessica Hopkins, Madysou Souza and Rachel Leonard. Defensive contributions from Kylie Diaz, Hannah Gooby, Jenna Hatch and Allison Lau helped solidify the effort.

The Crew won their third game of the weekend 2-0 against the MVLA Thunder. With the score 0-0 at the start of the second half, a goal by Rachel Leonard gave the Crew the 1-0 lead. Minutes later Pooja Patel scored her first goal of the tournament. Other offensive contributors were Beth McCall, Danica Egelston, Haleigh Atkinson and Amanda Crabb. Sarah Franklin and Jenna Hatch shared the shoutout in goal.

The Pleasanton BUSC Black Class 3 U19 went 1-1 in pool play and took third place in the Fremont Futbol Classic.

Their opening game was against eventual flight champion River City Rampage. GK Garrett Clark was on his game, making two spectacular saves in the first half to keep the Black in it. RCR finally connected on a through ball and the Black trailed 1-0 at halftime. In the second half, Clark saved a PK to keep the score at 1-0, which was huge as the Black fought back to tie the game. Going with three forwards, Jay Guilmet took a quick throw-in the Kieren McEntee, who turned and fed Jacob Buchenauer at the top of the box. Buchenauer fired one home and the Black tied it at one. They actually pressed the action for the last six minutes but the game ended tied.

Game two was against the RYSC Hammers. In the 11th minute, Aaron Scott ran the left wing and sent a cross in to McEntee. He headed the ball to Kurt Lenamorn, who fired one home. Four minutes later, the Black struck again. Bryant Dante sent a quick long throw to McEntee in the box. He battled his mark, turned and drilled one home. Buchenauer recorded the shoutout with help by outstanding defensive play from Clark and Joey Halim, and strong midfield play from Kris Tayeb.

Game three against the Fremont Atlas was all Black in the beginning, but the inability to score hurt them. Fremont scored a PK and a goal in the last minute to win 2-0. The consolation game was against RYSC Spartans. The Black held on for a 1-0 win. The Black, with only 11 players, pressed early and it paid off. Lenamorn stepped into an attempted clear and rocked one home in the second minute. From there, the Black played "rope-a-dope" and played a bend but don't break defense. McEntee kept the defenders honest with some strong attempts up top. Jason Ash and Kamron Behzadi led a midfield that hung tough to protect the early goal.

The Livermore Elite Fury girls U12D3 played three tough matches during the Santa Clara Rotary Cup. In the first game against the Orchard Valley Blast, the Fury offense controlled the play early as Rebekah Johnson and Skyler Kriz set up their teammates with nice lead passes. Erin Winegarner and Callie Crowe provided strong midfield support. Despite the Livermore pressure, the Blast responded with a one final push before half and took the lead on a well-placed shot off a corner kick. In the second half, Livermore continued its pressure as Kaitlin DaDalt, Alison Pierson and Ryley Landreth attempted shots. However, the Blast defense stopped each scoring

chance as Orchard Valley posted a 1-0 win.

In the second game against the Benicia Arsenal, the Fury started strongly again. In the fourth minute, Kaitlyn Bulhoes drilled a rebound shot into the back of the goal after a Rebekah Johnson shot hit the top post. The Arsenal countered with a goal five minutes later off a long run and turnaround shot despite tight Fury defense. Both teams traded scoring opportunities to open the second half as Mikayla Molien just missed a header inside the box and Morgan Brandt made an excellent defensive play to force an Arsenal shot wide. Livermore goalie Amanda Fairclough had several great saves, including a break-away. Benicia finally scored the tie-breaking goal after Fairclough stopped a close, hard shot to the face and went down. Play continued until the Arsenal scored despite a great effort by the Fury to clear the ball. Livermore pushed hard in the final moments but could not score as the Arsenal held on for a 2-1 victory.

The final game against the Almaden Wildcats was another close one. Defender Alyssa Stevenson stopped a break-away. Marissa Scheid made some strong midfield plays to start the Fury offense. Brittany Ahlbeck made several good one-on-one moves to shake Wildcat midfielders and push the ball forward. After a scoreless first half, Almaden controlled play in the second. The Wildcats finally scored on a break-away and would have scored more if not for goalie Emily Kalantar and defender Morgan Brandt. Kalantar made several difficult stops, including a diving save. Brandt blocked a close shot attempt. Despite staying within a goal, Livermore could not break through the Wildcat defense and Almaden prevailed 1-0.

Livermore Elite Express U-11 brought home the first place trophy from the Tracy Summer Classic.

The first game was a 1 to 1 tie with Ajax United. The goal was scored by Jake Foscalina assisted by Scott Buskey. Tony Jiminez, Matthew Dremalas, and Nolan Parker played great for Elite Express.

Livermore defeated the El Dorado Crew 97, 5-1. Goals were scored by Jake Foscalina, Bailey Bartlett, Dominic Foscalina, Jeremy Stanley, and Jordan Ratinho. Tony Jiminez and Scott Buskey assisted three of the goals. Matthew Dremalas, and Nolan Parker played solid defense for Elite Express.

Game four was a 5 to 0 shutout over the Turlock Tornados. Jake Foscalina, Logan Gruitt, and Bailey Bartlett each scored one goal, and David Adams scored two for Elite Express. Cole Souza, Jordan Ratinho, and Kevin Switzer played awesome for Elite Express.

In the championship game, Livermore shutout Tracy United Quakes, 6-0. Express came out extremely strong with Scott Buskey scoring 4 goals, and Kevin Switzer and Tony Jiminez each netting a goal a piece. Michael Rademann, Nolan Parker, and Ryan Ruley played awesome defense for Elite Express.

Pleasanton Rage U12 Premier team finished the West Coast Futbol Classic on August 18-19 in Mission Viejo with two victories and a tie. Unfortunately, another team in their flight shared the same record and their spot in the playoffs based on goal differential.

In the first game against Real So Cal Black, Rage's defensive line of Cambi Cukar, Haley Lukas and Georgia Savage held tough. Savage took a speeding ball to the face and didn't bat an eye. Cukar saved two goals from the net using her body. Rage scored the only goal in the game when Jessica Medina passed to Andi Boehm who dribbled half way down the field and fired it into the net.

In the second game against Copa, Tori Larsen dribbled down the left wing of the field and served a low and hard cross into the box where Boehm was waiting to score the first goal. Copa attempted a goal from the corner, but Brianna Nicholas prevented the score with an amazing header. Boehm scored the last goal from a crowd in the box. Rage finished the game with a 2-1 victory.

The toughest game came on Sunday against Lightning Red. In the first half, Rage dominated the game, but was unlucky at the net. Excellent effort and passes by Evan Murphy and Melissa Muller. In the second half, goalie Brittany Gray doubled-saved a goal. Gray blocked the first goal, then the opponent made a second attempt. Gray reacted swiftly and tackled the ball. The game ended in a scoreless tie.

Bowling News

Mark Shiraki of the Gene's Pro Shop Championship Trio Loop rolled a 267, 256, 224 and a 221 for a 968 series while high game honors went to Jeff Williams who recorded an 11 strike in a row 290 game in the same league at the Granada Bowl in Livermore.

Ray Salas used a 278 game to complete a 949 four game set while Gene Bruhl's 268 helped him to a 934.

Tim Piper of the Wednesday Wonders rolled a 227, 226 and a 212 for a 665 series while Billy McClain upped his average with

a 654 series that included games of 221, 218 and a 215.

John Giambone Bowling in the Sunday Family Affair had a 279 and a 241 to complete a 698 Series.

Mike Stephenson of the Strikes and Spares League bowled a 257 on his way to a 668 series. Brian Johnson rolled a 265 game for a 623 series in the Granada Terrace while Randy Miller put together a 265 game to complete a 615 and Roger Purta reported a 244 for a 628 set in the same Granada Terrace League.

Youth Bowler Casey Albert had a 238 for a 630 series in the Friday Family Affair.

Girls Softball Tryouts

Girls 10U Fun Fall Ball team forming, see <http://www.geocities.com/LivermoreXtreme> for more info. Tryouts Aug. 28. For location, email LivermoreXtreme@yahoo.com or leave msg for George at (925) 980-1461.

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 am1010@comcast.net or call 925-600-PONY.

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

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

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

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

Pony Baseball

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

CYO Basketball

St. Michael's/St. Charles CYO Basketball is now accepting registration for 07/08 season. Register on-line at www.smccyo.org for player's 1st - 8th grade, coaches and referees. Late registration will be accepted at try-outs. Visit the website for more information or email vince@teamwpd.com. CYO hot line number 925-417-5429.

BULLETIN BOARD

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.

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

4-H Reunion Barbecue Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 9, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds from 12 Noon - 6:00 p.m. The event program includes a special salute to Retired Alameda County Farm Advisor Gordon Winlow who was an inspiration to 4-Hers for 30 years. All members and leaders from 1955 to today are encouraged to attend this unique opportunity to reconnect with old friends and enjoy participating in activities. Tickets are on sale for \$15/adult and \$8/child (9 years and under). Reservations are due by Friday, August 31, 2007. For more information contact Leona at (510) 537-1536.

Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club monthly meetings resume on September 4, at 7:00 p.m. at Alisal School in the multipurpose room, 1454 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. The speaker will be Kristen Yanker Hansen. Her topic will be Gardening with Water Wise Plants. Visitors are welcome. For more information, please call Sally at 925-417-8809.

Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group, meets 4th Tuesday of each month, 10 a.m. at Heritage Estate Retirement Community second floor conference room, 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. All are welcome. Next meeting is Aug. 28. Meetings share therapy options and progress. Contact: Lorene Stack, 447-6158, or Ann Laye, 443-4098.

Livermore Adult Education, fall registration has started. Art, Computer, CPR, Digital Camera, Dog Training, Driver Education, English as a Second Language, Fi-

nance, Fitness, Foreign Language, Sewing, Knitting, Crocheting and Yoga classes are among the many offered. Register online at www.livermoreadulted.org or walk-in registration starts August 27 at 1401 Almond Ave, Livermore.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat. Aug. 25, 42 miles, Paul Yamshch second annual birthday ride, meet 10 a.m. at San Ramon Central Park, Paul Yamshch, 829-4923. Sun., Aug. 26, 30 miles birthday ride led by Bonnie and Bob Powers, meet 10 a.m. at the Powers' home, 828-5299. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Hands-on cycling skills clinic, Sun., Aug. 26, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. presented by EMC Team racer 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.

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 Heathens here.

Assistance League of Amador Valley will be hosting a coffee/orientation at 7 p.m. on Mon., Sept. 17. This will introduce both new and prospective members to the nonprofit volunteer organization and service

projects we are involved with throughout the year. For more information: call 925-461-6401, email amadervalleyassistanceleague.org, website: amadervalleyassistanceleague.org.

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

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

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

Amador Valley Quilt Guild will meet on Saturday, September 8, at 1:30 p.m. at the

Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Avenue, Pleasanton. Guest Cara Gulati will present a lecture entitled, "So, You Want to Make an Art Quilt." Cara will conduct her workshop "Radiant Suns" the following day. The guild is a nonprofit educational association for quilters of all skill levels. Anyone interested in quilting may attend. For further information about the guild or upcoming speakers, please visit our website, <http://amadervalleyquilters.org>.

RELIGION
Unitarian Universalist, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m. August 26, "Helpin' out in New Orleans: Heroes of the Spirit." Information 447-8747.

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

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.

Bible Study, St. Charles & St. Michael's Monday Night Bible Study, Sept. 10-Oct. 22, 7:30 pm at St. Charles Borromeo, 1315 Lomas Ave., in Livermore in the Pope John XXIII room. The series will explore the Gospels' insight into the Call and the Cost of Discipleship, along with being a witness and a model disciple. This study is open to all people interested in Bible Study. There is a \$10 donation for materials. For more information contact Julie Gallagher at upatholic@aol.com or 925-447-4549.

FASTPITCH TRYOUTS

The Tri-Valley Blaze Girls 12-U Softball Team is looking for a pitcher and a few skilled players to finalize the Roster. Currently registered with ASA and USSSA our team is a competitive traveling team and committed to improving the skill level of our players. Practices are held in Livermore on T,W,T on competition weeks and Sat. on off weekends.

If interested please contact Gil Herrera at 925-383-4708 and visit our website at <http://eteamz.active.com/tri-valleyblaze/>

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SHORT NOTES

Hike by Moonlight

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff will host a "Nearly-Full-Moon Hike" on Sun., Aug. 26. Meet Ranger Patti Cole at the Wetmore Road entrance to Sycamore Grove Park at 7:30 p.m.

Hikers will head out just before sunset to experience the bright moonlight in the middle of the park. And, by the moon's glow, will search for those crepuscular and nocturnal critters that are starting to stir. No flashlights allowed. Reservations required by calling (925) 960-2400. No "Hoot Owl" groups please.

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.

Try Transit

Pleasanton Unified School District, the City of Pleasanton, and the Wheels bus service (LAVTA) are again partnering to encourage middle school students to "Try Transit" during the first two weeks of school.

Students at the district's three middle schools have been mailed information about bus service and a pass to ride free from August 25 through September 7.

For more information on routes and schedules, visit www.wheelsbus.com or call (925) 455-7500.

Creek Cleanup

The annual California Coast and Creek Cleanup Day is set for Sat., Sept. 15. Many events are planned along the Pacific Coast, the San Francisco Bay shoreline and along the arroyos.

Volunteers are welcome to help pick up trash Saturday morning in Livermore in the creekbed along the Arroyo Mocho bike trail. Bring a trashbag. Wear a hat, gloves, sturdy shoes and sunscreen. Carry drinking water.

For more information, go to www.coastcleanup.org.

Wardrobe for Opportunity

Acc'sentials, a downtown Pleasanton store, will sponsor a special event and clothing drive to benefit Wardrobe for Opportunity. Donations of men's and women's clothing in good condition and acceptable for a professional office environment will be accepted at the store, 520 Main St., between 11 am and 6 pm on Sat., September 15.

All who donate items on the 15th will receive a 10 percent discount on anything purchased at Acc'sentials that day. There will also be a special, free event in Acc'sentials' garden courtyard from 2 to 4 pm, featuring music by Destiny, "Harpist from the Hood," guest speakers from Wardrobe for Opportunity, and refreshments, including olive oil, bread, and baguettes donated by Olivina of Livermore and much more. The speakers will include a client dressed by Wardrobe for Opportunity, who will share his positive experiences with the program and the changes it has made in his life.

Wardrobe for Opportunity, a non-profit, volunteer-based organization headquartered in Oakland, provides professional clothing and career support to low-income job seekers so they can find employment and become economically self-sufficient. Since 1995, the organization has prepared more than 13,500 job-seekers for the professional workplace. Program participants, who are referred by over 70 partner social service agencies, receive at no charge two complete outfits to wear for job interviews and once hired, can return for a "working wardrobe" of enough clothing for the first few weeks



Modeling clothing for Wardrobe for Opportunity.

of work. Clothing is donated by area clothing stores and individuals. Wardrobe for Opportunity also consults with its clients on planning and achieving goals and projecting the image of a confident applicant and employee.

Bennie McKay, owner of Acc'sentials, is coordinating the clothing drive and donating his space.

SHOOTERS

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horse through many turns and speed changes while cocking and firing the revolvers, holstering one when it's empty, and then drawing the other to complete the course of fire.

Revolvers are similar in design to the legendary Colt Peace-maker. They fire black powder blanks, which are capable of popping balloons on poles at about 10-15 feet. There is no bullet, and no live ammunition is allowed in the guns or gun belts.

Cowboy mounted shooting is a re-enactment of the old west

McKay first became involved with Wardrobe for Opportunity several years ago as a volunteer fashion consultant, helping clients put together a professional wardrobe. He comments, "I had the opportunity to experience firsthand the program's impact. One of my first clients was a rather stout, short man. He was about 5'4" tall and wore a size 54 jacket. I helped him find a good-looking outfit. I saw him look in the mirror and immediately stand taller, then I noticed a tear on his cheek. From then on I was hooked on helping this great service."

McKay sponsors two annual clothing drive events at his store to benefit Wardrobe for Opportunity. Besides collecting clothing from individuals, he requests donations from the vendors who supply his store. Donated clothing must be appropriate for a professional work setting. For women this would include suits and jackets, pants, shirts, and blouses that can be mixed and matched. For men, recommended items are suits, blazers, slacks, shirts, ties, and belts. Shoes and accessories such as jewelry, bags, and unopened makeup are also appreciated. All donations must be clean (dry-cleaned or washed), ironed, on hangers, and in good condition with no stains, rips, missing buttons, or broken zippers. Clothing should be in current style, and basic colors, such as black, brown, navy, or white, are best.

For more information on the clothing drive, call Acc'sentials at 925-931-9130. For more information on Wardrobe for Opportunity, go to www.wardrobe.org.

Food Drive

Dinner MyWay, at 1989 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton, is sponsoring a food drive through the end of September to benefit Tri-Valley Haven in Livermore. Any member of the community is invited to drop off non-perishable foods at Dinner MyWay Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 7 pm (except September 5), Fridays from 9 am to 1 pm, and Saturdays from 9 am to 3 pm (except September 1). Anyone who donates will be entered in a raffle to win such prizes as free food assembly of Dinner MyWay meals for a month, free Dinner MyWay entrees, and more.

Tri-Valley Haven operates a domestic violence shelter with 30 beds and provides emergency food, clothing, and personal items for the women and children staying there. The organization also runs a homeless shelter and the Haven Food Pantry, which gives free groceries to about 2,000 low-income Tri-Valley residents per month. During the winter holiday season Tri-Valley Haven receives heavy food donations, but donations drop off sharply during the rest of the year. Tri-Valley Haven currently has a great need for food to distribute at the domestic violence shelter, the homeless shelter, and the food pantry.

Dinner MyWay will accept any type of non-perishable food for the drive but especially asks for canned meats, canned fruit, cereal, honey, jelly, peanut butter, cooking oil, fruit juices, ketchup, mayonnaise, and mustard. In addition, canned vegetables are welcome although Tri-Valley Haven is better supplied with these items. Tri-Valley Haven also can use shampoo, conditioner, and toothpaste, with full, rather than sample, sizes preferred.

For more information on the food drive or on Dinner MyWay, call 925-485-4286.

September at Wenté

The 21st Annual Concerts at Wenté Vineyards Season ends with three shows: country legend Vince Gill takes the stage with Amy Grant and The Del McCoury Band on Sept. 6. Hootie and the Blowfish perform Sept. 27, and the timeless Doobie Brothers rock out with Peter Frampton on Sept. 12. Under the full moon on the 26th, Cher and Nicolas Cage light up the night in the Summer Cinema's presentation of "Moonstruck." "Fresh Tracks" hikers can meet at Redwood Regional Park for a day of nature and culinary delights.

Fresh Tracks is a hiking and luncheon series presented in partnership with the East Bay Regional Park District. September marks the last hike of the summer, a one and a half hour naturalist-led hike at Redwood Regional Park in the Oakland hills. Participants will learn about the flora, fauna and wildlife of each park in addition to its local culture history. There is a choice of a morning or afternoon hike. The morning hike will end with lunch and live music, while the afternoon hike will begin with lunch and music. Both will feature Regional Park naturalists leading the walks.

The walk is Sat., Sept. 15, either 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Redwood Regional Park in Oakland. Hike fees for Contra Costa and Alameda county residents are \$40 Adults (12 years and up), \$38 Seniors (62 years and up); nonresidents \$44/\$42. Preregistration is required. For information visit ebparks.org.

The Cinema at Wenté Vineyards continues at the end of September with the spectacular film, "Moonstruck," featuring Nicolas Cage and Cher. Ca-

1880's. Competitors are required to wear clothing consistent with this period or like in the B movies. All riders must wear boots. Competitors usually create an alias or persona to fit an old western character such as Billy the Kid, Wild Bill Hickok, Hopalong Cassidy, The Duke, Union and Rebel soldiers, and others.

The Livermore competition is open to the public. There is no admission charge. For more info go to www.CaliforniaRangeRiders.com

sual dining from Wenté Vineyards' Reel Classics Café (think juicy burgers, grilled sandwiches, popcorn, and more) is available. Guests who dine at The Restaurant on movie nights receive a free movie ticket for each entrée purchased.

Gates and Café open at 6:30 pm, movie begins at Twilight. Movie only is \$9 Adults, \$5 Kids (12 and under). Proceeds benefit The California Independent Film Festival. For tickets call (925) 456-2400 or on-line at www.ticketmaster.com/venue/229578

Encaustic artwork by Margaret Huffman will be on display at the Wenté Vineyards Estate Winery Tasting Room. Encaustic painting, also known as hot wax painting, involves applying heated, colored beeswax to a surface such as prepared wood or canvas. This exhibit will be on display Aug. 31 to Sept. 28. For more information please call (925) 456-2305.

Medspa Program

Aventine Medspa is hosting two events monthly to educate clients on skin rejuvenation and other services. All events highlight a particular service or product that Aventine Medspa offers.

On August 28, Aventine Medspa hosts a program on "Colorescience Makeovers and Shopping." At the event makeovers will be presented to guests using Aventine's high quality, mineral make up line. There will also be demonstrations of lasers. Appetizers and beverages from Campo di Bocce in Livermore will be served. Two vendors will be present for shopping. Pursalent Gems will be at the event showcasing the latest in fashion handbags and accessories. June Sablan of Stonewear Jewelry will also appear at the event with her handcrafted jewelry.

Aventine Medspa is located next to Campo di Bocce near Ruby Hill.

Gallery News

New artists, new gift lines, new jewelry and more is coming to ArtSpace in downtown Livermore.

New is the Holly Yashi Reversible line providing two pairs of earrings for the price of one.

Work by artist Caia Koopman will be displayed. She is a native of California and was born in Livermore. She majored in fine art and earned a B.A. at UC Santa Cruz. Caia's paintings have been used commercially for many years as graphics for snowboards, skateboards and wakeboards for major companies such as K2, Morrow, and Hyperlite. She has also been featured on MTV, "mtv sports" as an athlete/artist for her snowboarding and painting.

CONTRACT

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treatment. Board president Bill Stevens said that he is aware of the possible political interpretations of the situation. However, staff is competent to monitor Myers's work. Myers's knowledge of the Bay Delta issues and their history is invaluable for the agency at this time, he said.

"Dale is the right person for that job," said Stevens. Further, Myers could command a much higher fee if he were to undertake the same work for a private business, said Stevens.

Staff attorney Amy Naamani explained that when the contract for Myers first came up early in spring, fewer facts were known about the demands that would be placed on Zone 7 in regard to the Bay Delta plan and related subjects. It has become much more complicated and time consuming. The contract extension will show that added complexity, said Naamani.

Part of the complexity has been an environmental lawsuit over Delta smelt kills by the Delta pumps that serve the State Water Project contractors. Zone 7 is one of those contractors. The pumps were shut down by a judge's order, but restored later.

JUST LIKE NEW

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Now he runs around the house playing at all hours. He has a beautiful silky white coat and a good appetite, and he gets along well with the other cat who lives in the home. Angelina reports, "We're all living happily ever after."

The Just Like New fund pays one-time emergency medical costs, enabling low and fixed income families to obtain lifesaving treatment for their sick or injured pets.

Her artwork has also been featured in numerous national and international print media including Surfing Girl, Mademoiselle, Details, Girl's Life, Snowboarder Magazine, Teen, Teen Style, Teen People, J-14, Fine, and others. Caia designed T-shirt graphics and promotional illustrations for many companies, such as: Quiksilver/Roxy, Hurley, Op, AT&T, and Casio.

ArtSpace is looking for artists and craftspersons to take part in "Inspirations" gallery event, a program that could include a demonstration or talk.

For information, call 371-2500. ArtSpace is located at 133 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore.

Shot Clinic

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

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

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

Child Care Programs

Child Care Links provides free workshops to employers in Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin.

Workshop facilitators will provide valuable information on important issues to parents at their work site. Workshops are available on a variety of topics and can be tailored to the needs of employees. The length of each workshop can range from 45 minutes to 2 hours. Workshops can be during the lunch hour, or at another time arranged by the employer. Child Care Links can also provide a series of workshops.

Training Topics include: Choosing Child Care, Parenting Skills, Child Development, and Work/Family Balance.

A Child Care Links facilitator will present the curriculum, related handouts, resource materials and answer questions. Child Care Links' staff is available during business hours to answer further questions, provide free child care referrals and community resources.

Employers or employees are encouraged to call for further information on this free service. For more information contact Shauna Brown at (925) 249-3925. There is no charge for this service.

Myers is one of the negotiators trying to work out a solution, said Zone 7 general manager Jill Duerig.

Long-time director Jim Concannon said that the Bay Delta negotiations, both as to the lawsuit and the long-term vision for the Bay Delta and a conservation plan for it are "the most important issues in 50 years. Most of us in this room understand that. Our water (to Zone 7 via the Delta pumps) was shut off. Having Dale is fantastic. It's money extremely well spent. I know how conscientious this man is."

Director Sarah Palmer stated, "In the scope of services, he is the right man for the job."

Quigley's objections had to do with what he said was the lack of a concrete, measurable product that emerged from Myers's work.

However, Duerig said that Myers's product is not reports he could write for the agency or the board, rather his involvement in the process, including his work as a negotiator. "His product is to keep us (on staff) informed, and keep us at the table," explained Duerig.

Ownerless pets rescued with the community by "good Samaritans" also qualify for the fund.

The Garage and Garden Sale will feature garden art, succulent and cacti dish gardens and other plans, an upscale garage sale, and a number of handmade boutique items such as cat beds, aprons, catnip pillows, and cooling neck wraps.

For more information, please call Jackie Barnett at 846-2512.



Defense plant. Mary Piasenti and Mary Guiliano, assembling generator equipment for U.S. bombers, Oakland, 1942. Photo Courtesy of Ray Raineri and Jennifer Dowling.

Exhibit at Pleasanton Library Focuses on Working Men and Women

Con Le Nostre Mani (With Our Hands) is a photographic exhibit that looks at Italian Americans at work in the East Bay from the 1890s to the 1960s.

The display will be at the Pleasanton Library August 18 to Sept. 16.

The exhibit is a way to celebrate working men and women this Labor Day. Everyone is invited to the reception on Sunday, September 2nd, from 2 to 4pm. Traditional Italian refreshments will be served. The Jonathan Stein Jazz Trio will provide entertainment.

No registration required. This program is free and open to all. For more information, call Penny Johnson, 925/931-3405.

Campout at Sycamore Grove Park Offers Chance to View Rare Meteor Storm

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) plans a special family event to observe the mysterious Aurigid Meteor Storm in the late evening and early morning hours of Friday, August 31 and Saturday, September 1.

The Aurigids, named for the constellation of Auriga the Charioteer, have been seen on only three occasions: in 1935, 1986 and 1994, but there were very few witnesses because these sudden outbursts were totally unexpected. Modern science helps us to pinpoint the next Aurigid meteor storm, resulting from the Earth moving through the debris from a rare long period comet.

The show is expected to be spectacular and most astronomers agree that there could be between 400 and 1,000 meteors per hour for about two hours, peaking during the early morning hours of September 1. Residents of Portland, San Francisco or Los Angeles and others in the far western U.S. should have front row seats because we are in a perfect position to view the meteors. Most of the rest of North America will miss out on the show due to bright twilight or daylight.

The public is invited to join LARPD Rangers in viewing this rare astronomical spectacle during an evening of camping under the stars at Sycamore Grove Park in Livermore, starting at 9:00 p.m. on the evening of Friday, August 31. The fee is \$12 per person or \$45 for an entire family of up to five people. Participants must bring their own camping equipment. To register, please call (925) 960-2400.

The event is best suited for children ages seven and up. Hot drinks and a campfire will be followed by camping under the stars. Participants will be woken when the time is right and then have the option to climb a hill for a better view or enjoy the show from their sleeping bag. A continental breakfast will be served in the morning and the event ends at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 1.

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Custom Cars, Rods and More At Fairgrounds For Annual Goodguys Show

Goodguys 21st West Coast Nationals will be held August 24, 25 and 26 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

The show is presented by the Goodguys Rod & Custom Association. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

There will 3000+ hot rods, customs and classic cars thru 1957 vintage on display. Vendors and exhibitors will be selling auto related parts and services. Toy Town USA will have 1000s of model and pedal cars, vintage mini engines, toys and a Kushman Scooter display.

The Goodguys Gallery will be full of local craftsmen with items for sale. Hot Rod How-To Seminars will feature pros offering building tips. Kids can enjoy the free model make 'n take program and play area.

General admission is \$15; \$6 for kids 7-12; free for kids 6 and under; \$8 parking.

For more information, call 925-838-9876 or go to www.good-guys.com.

Short Cut Across Arroyo Has Been Removed

In time for the start of the new school year, a concrete crossing of Arroyo Mocho behind Granada High School in Livermore has been removed. This will improve campus safety and security, enhance the creek's environment and remove a potential fish barrier.

The multi-benefit project involves a partnership between the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, which hopes the crossing removal will help control access to and from Granada's closed campus, and the Valley's Zone 7 Water Agency. Removal of the crossing is identified in Zone 7's StreamWISE (Waterway Improvements Supporting the Environment) program as a way

to improve water quality. The goal is to reduce trash, facilitate future fish passage, eliminate an impediment to water flow and minimize the amount of concrete in the stream. The StreamWISE program and vision allow Zone 7 to partner with local agencies on multi-benefit projects with community support.

From the school district's perspective, the crossing had invited uncontrolled access from Murrieta Boulevard to the back side of Granada's closed campus, potential harm to students and staff from unwanted visitors, vandalism, jaywalking to and from the shopping center across Murrieta and other nuisances including fires, trash and vegetation

damage. The crossing can also be extremely hazardous when water is flowing. Administrators at both Granada High and the school district hope that removal of the crossing will curb such problems.

The crossing removal will eliminate a shortcut for students and area residents who have become accustomed to using it to get between the school and Murrieta Boulevard. School district officials noted that fencing on the back side of the campus has already been installed to restrict such use and is continually being torn down by violators. People trying to walk or bike to Murrieta Boulevard from campus must now take either Wall Street

to Stanley Boulevard or Mocho Street to Holmes Street. For residents living southwest of Granada, this will add a short distance, about 1,400 feet, to the trip.

The crossing removal was supported by various community groups. The Alameda Creek Alliance said it would eliminate an obstacle to potential steelhead migration once habitat restoration within the larger Alameda Creek watershed succeeds. Friends of the Arroyos said foot and bicycle traffic from people using the creek crossing has contributed to trash and other problems at Granada Native Gardens, which is maintained by volunteers and is located on school district property on Murrieta Boulevard side of the creek.

Under a partnership agreement, the school district was responsible for actual removal of the crossing. Zone 7 was responsible for obtaining permits from regulatory agencies, including the US Army Corps of Engineers, the California Department of Fish and Game and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, and for undertaking the hydroseeding along banks for erosion control. Zone 7 said the crossing removal also will help it implement a much-needed downstream desilting project.

Zone 7's StreamWISE program will provide flood protection, benefit the environment and improve the quality of life in the Livermore-Amador Valley.

Alameda Creek Alliance Celebrates 10th Anniversary

The Alameda Creek Alliance celebrates ten years of working to restore Alameda Creek and its native fish populations this month. The Alameda Creek Alliance is a community watershed restoration group that formed in August 1997 after steelhead trout in the Central California Coast were listed as a threatened species. The organization has spent the last decade working to restore runs of steelhead trout and salmon to the Alameda Creek watershed, the largest tributary to southern San Francisco Bay.

"The potential for Alameda

Creek steelhead restoration has captured the imagination of East Bay residents, involved hundreds of people in watershed protection and restoration efforts, and changed water agency attitudes about Alameda Creek," said Jeff Miller, Director of the Alameda Creek Alliance. "Over the next decade we intend to make Alameda Creek one of the success stories in urban stream restoration."

The Alliance will celebrate the 10th anniversary with a dinner and silent auction this Friday, August 24th, from 5:00-8:30 p.m. at Chouinard Vineyards along

Stonybrook Creek in Palomares Canyon. The evening will highlight the Alliance's accomplishments in restoring Alameda Creek and its fisheries. The event will feature food, wine, live music, and local celebrity speakers. Two dozen tickets for the event are still available.

Speakers at the event 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, Director of Center for Ecosystem Man-

agement and Restoration, and Alameda Creek Fisheries Restoration Workgroup Facilitator; and Jeff Miller, Founder and Director of the Alliance. Live Music will be provided by local bluegrass band the Forget Me Not.

The Alliance continues to work with a consortium of a dozen local, state and federal water supply and land management agencies on projects to restore native fish habitat in Alameda Creek. The efforts of the Alliance have resulted in the removal of four obsolete dams from Alameda Creek and the construc-

tion of two fish ladders to allow fish to migrate to suitable habitat upstream. One more dam removal and construction of four additional fish ladders are in the planning stages. These projects will make up to 20 miles of Alameda Creek accessible to ocean-run fish for the first time in over half a century.

The Alliance has grown to an organization of 1,400 members and has organized over 70 local and regional conservation and fly fishing groups in support of the Alameda Creek restoration.

For information go to www.alamedacreek.org.

OBITUARIES

James Ricker Wilson

James Ricker Wilson, of Livermore, died on August 14, 2007.

Wilson was born October 21, 1922, in Berkeley, California, to Leslie and Ethel Wilson. After earning a B.S. degree in chemistry from the University of California, Berkeley, he served in the U.S. Army at Los Alamos researching the properties of plutonium. He returned to Berkeley and earned a doctorate in the physics of neutrinos in 1952. After a year at Sandia Laboratory in Albuquerque, he joined the Lawrence Livermore Radiation Laboratory, where he worked until his death. His expertise was computational physics, initially applied to classified projects. In 1968, he took a sabbatical year at Cambridge to study astrophysics.

He applied many of his previous computational codes to public research for the next thirty-seven years. His professional recognition includes a Marcel Grossman Award in 1994 for work in relativistic astrophysics. In April 2007, the American Physical Society honored him with the Hans Bethe Award for "his work in nuclear astrophysics and numerical work on supernovae core-collapse, neutrino transport, and shock-propagation. His codes re-energized supernovae shocks and launched numerical relativity and magnetically driven jets."

Jim met his future wife, Demetra Corombos, while climbing in the Canadian Bugaboos in 1947. They married on February 24, 1949, and enjoyed 56 years marriage until death parted them in 2005.

He is survived by his brother William (Florence) Wilson and by his children, Leslie Ramsey Wilson, II; Marika (Thomas) Smith; George (Sharman) Wilson; Tasia (Thomas) James; and Peter Banker Wilson. He is also survived by his seventeen beloved grandchildren: Lisa (Craig) Almaguer; Alan McIntyre Smith; Stuart Wagers Smith; Edward Michael Marsh; Demetra Canna Smith; Thea Marika Wilson; Glen Ricker Florey; Amber Celeste Wilson; Sarah Tasia Wilson; John Sheldon Marsh; Andrew Wilson Smith; Owen Cotton Florey; Lyle Avery Wilson; Marian Elizabeth Brighid James; Philip Carl Smith; Patrick Thomas James; Duncan Ricker Smith; and two great-grandchildren, Mira Sophia Almaguer and Camille Wren Almaguer.

Jim Wilson was known to friends and family for his moun-



Jim Wilson

tain adventures including annual week-long family back-packing trips in the High Sierras, which continued a tradition established by his father in 1903. He made rock-climbing first-ascents in Yosemite Valley and Sequoia; mountaineering in British Columbia; and a month-long ascent in 1967 of Hummingbird Ridge on Mt. Logan, still considered the hardest mountaineering route in North America, which has not been repeated. His winter ski of the John Muir Trail was the first done without caches.

Jim has many friends and relatives who will cherish their memories of his lively mind, fierce determination, and mischievous sense of humor. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Michael's Catholic Church on August 20. There was also a Memorial Service at the Unitarian Church in Livermore.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Sharen Irene Heinz

Livermore native Sharen went home to be with her father in Heaven, August 13, 2007, for a much-deserved rest, following a drawn out battle with ovarian cancer. She left surrounded by her family in her own home: her husband of 46 years, Bob; sons Gary and Johnny and their wives Luisa and Stacie; her granddaughter, Tabitha; her two grandsons, Zachary and Tyr; her mother Madeline McGonegal and her sister Bonnie McGonegal. She also left behind two additional sisters, Charlene Robello and Linda McGonegal, as well as three nieces and three nephews, a loving brother-in law and his wife, Bill and Pam Heinz.

Sharen was born on September 30, 1942, in Livermore at St. Paul's Hospital to Caron and Madeline McGonegal. The third generation of valley residents, Sharen was proud of her heritage. Her mother's parents emigrated from Sweden and her father's family had moved west from North Dakota. Both her father and grandfather served the country in both world wars, her grandfather losing both his arms to a German grenade in France in the First World War.

A valley resident her entire adult life, Sharen, together with her husband Bob, was a local business owner operating three Chevron service stations in Livermore and Pleasanton. Their youngest son, John, now operates the remaining station in Pleasanton.

Sharen was passionate about her family and raising her two boys, taking an active roll in their interests in and out of the home, beginning with pre-school and continuing with church, school and sports, as well as family ac-

tivities such as camping, boating, and 4-wheel drive trips. She was also actively involved in her community, serving on the Alameda County Crime Prevention Board and was very involved in the development of the Vineyard Avenue corridor, as well as numerous other local projects and issues.

Not only was Sharen concerned about the physical well being of her community, but also of the spiritual needs present. She served on the prayer chain hotline of Valley Christian Center for many years, interceding for those in need of divine intervention.

Funeral Services were held August 22 Cornerstone Fellowship in Livermore.

The family requests anyone wishing to make a donation in her memory, to do so to one of the following organizations: The Ovarian Cancer Research Fund, www.ocrf.org 212-268-1002; Kaiser Martinez Hospice Program, http://www.helpnow.org/support_donate.php, 925-229-2812.

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Marianne Smith Dean

Marianne Smith Dean passed away unexpectedly while house sitting in Kona, Hawaii on her 77th birthday, July 31, 2007.

Marianne was born in Orange, CA and raised in Santa Ana by her parents, Jessie Louise and Ridley Clark Smith of Hope, Arkansas and McGregor, Texas, respectively. She graduated from Santa Ana High School in 1948 and attended USC, University of Washington, and San Jose State, earning a BA in elementary education in 1965, while raising her children. She also attended CSU, LA graduating with highest honors and receiving her MA in education in 1976.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 43 years, Richard William Dean and a grandson, Cody Logan Dean. She was the mother of Frederick William (Fred) Dean and Natalie Carol (Nat) Dean; grandmother of Joshua Wesley Dean and a sister to Noreen Politiski. She will be missed by her daughter-in-law Janna and son-in-law Paul Singdahlson, as well as many nieces, nephews and extended in-law family members.

Her friends were many, from her fellow parishioners at St. Peter's By the Sea Presbyterian Church in Rancho Palos Verdes and Trinity Lutheran Church in Pleasanton, to the countless children and their families whose lives she touched in her gentle way as a special education grades K-12, and later, in retirement, as a special needs instructional aide in countless class-

rooms in California.

Marianne was a member of many professional, social and philanthropic organizations, the most outstanding P.E.O., currently Chapter WB in Pleasanton. She adored the outdoors, hiking, camping, and observing many species, as well as people and history. She loved to sew for herself and others. Her spirit lives on in the countless lives she touched.

In accordance with her wishes, there will be no public service. Memoriam in her name may be directed to Harbor Interfaith Services, 670 9th West St., San Pedro, CA 90731.

Mitzi Ann Rickenbach

Mitzi Ann Rickenbach, a resident of Livermore for 43 years passed away, Aug. 16, 2007 after losing her fight against bone cancer.

She was born in Livermore on Nov. 2, 1963. Mitzi graduated from Amador Valley High School and most recently worked for Harris Salinas Rebar in Livermore. Mitzi loved the outdoors. She and her cousin, Dawn went on many adventures including hiking and river rafting. She also loved gardening.

She is preceded in death by her twin sister, Tami in 1964, her father, Dominick in 1995 and her beloved son, Trevor in 2004. She is survived by her son, Patrick Rickenbach of Livermore, her mother, Jacklyn Rickenbach of Pleasanton, her brother; Dominick Rickenbach of Livermore, her sister; Sandra Furey of AZ, many nieces and nephews and one great niece; Aria Furey of AZ.

Visitation will be held Thursday, Aug 23 at 7 p.m. with vigil at 7:30 p.m. at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Fri., Aug 24th St. Augustine Catholic Church, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

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Alda S. Moniz

Alda S. Moniz died August 16, 2007 in San Leandro. She was 71.

Alda was born Nov. 13, 1935. She was employed with JCPenny for many years. Alda loved sewing, shopping, playing bingo and traveling. Her favorite pastime was being with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Ruben J. Moniz, Sr., a daughter Nancy J. Marty, sons Ruben J. Moniz, Jr., and Tym L. Moniz, a brother, Tony Desousa, and five grandchildren.

A chapel blessing service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thurs., Aug. 23 at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833

East Ave., Livermore. Burial will follow at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Livermore.

Flowers accepted as well as memorial donations to the American Stroke Foundation.

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Louie Lopez

Louie Lopez passed away peacefully in his sleep on August 19, 2007. He was 27.

He was a lifetime resident of Pleasanton. He graduated from Livermore High School, class of 2000. He loved singing, dancing and listening to his favorite music and having family get-togethers. He was a Special Olympic athlete who participated in all the sports and attended all RADD activities. He was a very involved member of St. Augustine Church and the Spred Program. He was the heart and soul of the family and will be truly missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his parents,

Louie and Denise Lopez, grandmother Margarite Lopez, his mother Tami Longo, brothers, Patrick, Nathan, Nick and Felix Lopez, Uncle Al, Auntie Leti and cousins, Alfonso, Angelica and Alex Lopez of Pleasanton, Uncle Sal and Auntie Teresa and cousins Nate, Danielle and Gabriel Gonzalez of Hayward, and Uncle John and Auntie Lucy and cousins John and Jessica Flores of Livermore.

Visitation is 5 to 7:30 p.m. Thurs., Aug. 23 with vigil at 7:30 at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St., Pleasanton. A funeral mass will be celebrated at noon on Fri., Aug. 24 at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Special Olympics, in loving memory of Louie Lopez, 3480 Buskirk Ave., Suite 340, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

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"Vroom" is one of the works that will be displayed at the Worthington Gallery.

Exhibit Held in Conjunction with Goodguys Rod and Car Event

Worthington Gallery West has coordinated its upcoming exhibit, "Pin-ups and Pinstripes," with the 25th anniversary of the Goodguys Rod and Custom Association's hot rod and custom car event, to be held at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton on August 24 to 26.

The exhibit at Worthington West, at 739 Main Street in downtown Pleasanton, runs from August 24 to September 22. It will include pieces of art in a variety of media, all of which relate to cars, other modes of transportation, or automotive accessories.

Artists represented in "Pin-ups and Pinstripes" include:

- "TBonez" (Terry Bell) who will show pinstripping of vintage cars and skateboards;
- Joanna Crawshaw with portraits of ladies posing with retro cars;
- Kellie "Kandystriper" Mitrovich, one of the only female pinstriper artists in the U.S., whose work depicts colorful pinstripes on cars, skateboards, and helmets;
- Mark Knize who specializes in sculptures of "parts" made from found materials, such as his piece "A Guy Thing," created

from nuts and bolts;

- David Mudgett and his chopper sculptures;
- "Big Al" showing his "Luscious Ladies" works on paper; and
- Tom "Giant" Nye who will exhibit his hot rod art.

Gallery owner Claudia Hess comments on the exhibit, "Pin-ups and Pinstripes" is a little different from our previous shows. Women are often the ones who go to galleries to buy the art. This show is for guys, as well as for women who appreciate vintage cars or who want to share the exhibit with a guy friend who loves these classic machines. The pieces are a lot of fun and will also appeal to anyone who enjoys pop culture."

There will be an exhibit opening from 6 to 8 pm on Friday, August 24, offering a chance for attendees to meet the artists and find out how they create these distinctive works.

Worthington Gallery West, located at 739 Main Street, Suite J, is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 11 am to 6 pm, and Fridays from noon until 8 pm. For information, call 485-1183 or send an e-mail to wgallerywest@sbcglobal.net.

Livermore Photographers Earn Honors

Two Livermore Photographers Recognized in International Competition

Jessica Quintal and Anna Vickroy of ultra-spectre photography: music: design in downtown Livermore have recently been accepted into the Loan and General Collection of the 116th International Exhibition of Professional Photography.

Their work will be on display at the Tampa Convention Center January 6-8, 2008 in Tampa, Fla. This exhibition is held in conjunction with Imaging USA, an annual convention of over 8,000 professional photographers and several photographic associations.

Approximately 5,000 entries were submitted to Professional Photographers of America's (PPA's) International Print Competition, from which a panel of more than 40 photographers from across the United States selected the images that would comprise

the 2007 General and Loan Collections...the most prestigious awards.

Jessica's photograph titled *Her Ethereal Beauty* was captured inside the main house at Ravenswood Historical Site. The subject is of local student and photography assistant Perri Gutteridge. Anna's photograph titled *Unwavering Faith* was taken just south of Ravenswood Historical Site of subjects Perri Gutteridge and Cody Williams.

Both photographers say they enjoy photographing the beauty and character of Livermore's landscape and history.

To celebrate their achievement, ultra-spectre will be hosting a reception to display works by the two photographers on Friday, September 21 from 4 to 7 p.m..

For more information or to view additional photographs, check out the blog at www.ultraspectre.com.

MOVIE

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tion for her performance as Debbie Dunham in the film, will attend the screening at the Vine



Candy Clark as she appeared in portraying Debbie Dunham in the film.

Cinema in downtown Livermore. Tickets are \$15. They may be purchased by calling 925-558-2797.

The California Independent Film Festival (CIFF) is one of the most successful and fastest growing film festivals in California. Since its inception in 1997, CIFF has received both national and international press. Festival headquarters has traditionally been centered in Livermore and the Livermore Wine Country. This past season the festival expanded to include several venues throughout the East Bay.

Future screenings and 2007-08 season events include the Horror Festival on October 25-27; a holiday movie screening on December 1; and an Oscar Party on February 24.

The Festival itself, the 10th Annual California Independent Film Festival, is scheduled for April 16-20, 2008. The CIFF also hosts the annual Danville International Children's Film Festival. The 5th Annual is scheduled to take place on May 16-18, 2008 in downtown Danville.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

California Independent Film Festival, Saturday, August 25, at 7:30 p.m. with a showing of the movie, *American Graffiti*, at the Vine Cinema, Livermore. Candy Clark, who received a Best Supporting Actress nomination for her performance as Debbie Dunham in the film, will attend the screening at the Vine Cinema in downtown Livermore. Tickets are \$15. They may be purchased by calling 925-558-2797.

Auditions, open rehearsal night, Valley Concert Chorale, auditions are Sept. 10, 17 and 24, 5 - 7pm. First Presbyterian Church, Livermore 4th and L Streets Livermore. No admission charge. Information www.valleyconcertchorale.org/ or 925-866-4003. The Chorale is seeking experience singers with sight-reading skills who enjoy singing exciting and challenging music. The Chorale performs a wide variety of music ranging from classical to contemporary, to folk to jazz. To schedule an appointment, call (925) 443-6815. On Monday, September 17, the Chorale will hold an Open Rehearsal Night, when interested singers may join the rehearsal to experience singing with the Chorale. Rehearsal begins at 7:00 p.m. at the church in Livermore.

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

The Cinema at Wente Vineyards, showing "Big," Monday, August 27. Guests who dine at The Restaurant on movie nights receive a free movie ticket for each entree purchased. Gates and Reel classics Cafe open at 6:30 pm, movie begins at twilight. Movie only \$9 Adults, \$5 Kids (12 and under). Proceeds benefit The California Independent Film Festival. For tickets call 925-456-2424 or online at www.ticketmaster.com. Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Rd., Livermore.

Blues on the Patio Thursdays 5:30-9:30 pm: 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.

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

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

Ceramics by Hanno Hagen, Wente Vineyards Estate Winery tasting room, 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore. The exhibit will be on display throughout the month of August. For information please call 925-456-2305.

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 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.

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

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

Leslie Sbrocco, 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; www.dloc.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.

Grgich Hills Winemaker Dinner with founder Miljenko "Mike" Grgich as guest and speaker on Wed., September 26, 2007 Dinner at 7:00 pm \$99 per person plus gratuity and tax Chef Neil pairs his Croatian influenced 5 course dinner with Mike's wines. Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St., Pleasanton. 925-846-8106 or www.PleasantonHotel.com.

26th Annual Harvest Wine Celebration, Sunday, September 2nd & Monday, September 3rd, 200. Events at valley wineries. Noon to 5pm both days. Call 925-447-WINE (9463) for more information.

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

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

Children's Fair, Sept. 8 and 9, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Robert Livermore Community Center, 444 East Ave., Livermore. Wide variety of free activities. Presented by Livermore Area Recreation and Park District. 373-5717.

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



Photo - Wendy Cooper

Left to right are cast members Suzi Wolfe, Jan Lee Marshall, and Krista Sheffler.

Role Players Present "Talking with . . ."

Danville Role Players Ensemble to present a Black Box production of Jane Martin's "Talking with . . ." Fridays and Saturdays September 7, 8, 14 and 15 at 8pm at Danville's Town Meeting Hall, 210 Front Street, Danville.

Role Players Ensemble is co-directed by Sue Trigg, RPE's new artistic director and Chris Chapman (her actor husband) "Talking with . . ." comes from the pen of one of America's most distinguished Pulitzer-nominated playwrights, and the most mysterious. Author of over ten plays, half of which have won major awards, Jane Martin has never been interviewed, photographed or seen in public. Since all of her plays received their first production at the Humana Theatre Festival in Louisville there is continuing speculation that Jane Martin is really Jon Jory, the longtime director of the Humana Festival, now a professor in Seattle. However, he has consistently denied authorship, so the mystery remains.

There is no mystery about the quality of her work, however, and its exceptional range. The play is a series of women's monologues, performed, in this production, by ten local actors. It

won the Theatre Critics' Association award for Best Regional Play in 1982 and was produced on television in 1995 with Kathy Bates playing all of the roles herself.

The women vary broadly, from a snake handler, daughter, baton twirler, washed-up rodeo cowgirl, tattooed woman, to an older woman in the twilight of her years. They embody universal issues: unbearable loneliness, crises of confidence, bereavement, loss of hope and struggles with faith. Throughout, their common humanity shines as they insist that each of their lives matters in their own way.

The actors bring a broad range of life experiences to their roles and include Elinor Bell, Barbara Anne Cecchetti, Kate Davidson, RPE board member and actor Bonnie DeChant, Lynne Elizondo, Tiffany Hoover, JanLee Marshall, Jeannine Rouse, Krista Sheffler and Suzi Wolfe.

RPE's Black Box productions employ minimal sets, no stage and are offered at the price of \$10 at the door only. For more information contact Role Players Ensemble Theatre at (925) 820-1278 or visit www.danvilletheatre.com.

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Cinema at Wente Vineyards. Gates and Cafe open at 6:30 pm, the movie begins at twilight. Tickets for the movie only are \$9 adults and \$5 ages 12 and under. Proceeds benefit The California Independent Film Festival. Mon., Sept. 26 (full moon), "Moonstruck." The Cinema at Wente Vineyards is presented in conjunction with the restaurant at Wente Vineyards on Arroyo Road. For reservations call (925) 456-2400 or online at Ticketmaster.com.

Author and Mountaineer Bob Madgic, Shattered Air: A True Account, Half Dome. Presentation at Livermore Library on Sept. 26, 7 p.m. 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Information 373-5505.

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

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Photo Contest Planned in Conjunction with new CVB Look

The Tri-Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) has unveiled Tri-Valley, California's new brand identity, including the new tagline, logo, and website. The strategy highlights Tri-Valley, California as a destination rooted in tradition, celebrating small-town charm, genuine hospitality, and authenticity.

The destination's new tagline, "Our roots are showing," was created in collaboration with Great Destinations to reflect Tri-Valley's pride in its past, and a commitment to staying true to the values of hospitality, quality, and community. The burgeoning wine country celebrates adventures in wine, historic

downtowns and award-winning festivals, while remaining true to its roots and resisting the lure of commercialization.

In conjunction with the new look, the Tri-Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) is holding the region's first "Show Us Your Roots" photo contest. The Tri-Valley CVB seeks quality images of Tri-Valley, California and the cities it represents, including Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, San Ramon, and Danville. Cash prizes from \$250 to \$1,000 will be awarded to the photographers who can best capture why Tri-Valley is a unique destination for business and leisure travelers.

"By inviting people to 'show



us their roots' we hope to capture the true essence of the Tri-Valley, California brand," said Amy Blaschka, president & CEO of the Tri-Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau. "Having a collection of images created by the people who call Tri-Valley, California home only strengthens our authentic, welcoming, brand positioning."

The Tri-Valley CVB invites

both amateur and professional photographers to enter the Show Us Your Roots contest. A maximum of 20 electronic images may be submitted on CD to the Tri-Valley CVB, or online at www.trivalleycvb.com. Entries must be received on or before December 1, 2007. Winning entries will be selected by their depiction of Tri-Valley, as well as overall photo quality. The photographs chosen will be showcased in upcoming print and online marketing materials.

The Tri-Valley CVB is looking for images highlighting Tri-Valley, California as a destination rooted in tradition, celebrating small-town charm, genuine hospitality, and authenticity.

Entrants who can capture the unique quality of Tri-Valley-living are encouraged to participate. Photos with people are encouraged, but any photograph that portrays Tri-Valley, California as an attractive and unique destination will be considered.

Go to www.trivalleycvb.com for an entry form and submission specifications.

"Tri-Valley, California is the real deal," said Eric Swartz, president and founder of Great Destinations. "Although its style is prototypically upscale Californian, Tri-Valley, California is modest and down to earth. You won't find yourself being treated like a tourist or an outsider."

Tri-Valley, California's logo

and color palette, created in partnership with Carl Mazer Design, reflects the region's warmth and authenticity. The color palette mirrors the hues of Tri-Valley's landscape. The addition of California to the name Tri-Valley alleviates confusion as to the region's location.

The new website (www.trivalleycvb.com), developed for the Tri-Valley CVB by Simpleview Inc., features a room reservation and booking application, travel itineraries, expanded member listings, a comprehensive press room, user-generated blogs, an expanded photo library, online RFP's and a region-wide comprehensive calendar of events.

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