

Livermore Considering Ag. Water Bond Vote

A bond measure that would provide \$30 million to purchase water entitlements for North Livermore agriculture is being considered by the City of Livermore.

The city council will discuss the issue in greater detail at a goal setting workshop, which will be held sometime in March. Mayor Marshall Kamena wanted the council to consider going for a larger bond, one that would also help pay for the system to deliver the water. Estimated cost would be \$87 million.

The vote was 4 to 1 to hold further discussion. Lorraine Dietrich was opposed. "I think this is wishful thinking in the extreme (establishing agriculture

in North Livermore)." She also said such a discussion should be held during a council meeting rather than at a goal setting session that is sparsely attended by the public.

Last year the council appointed a subcommittee comprised of John Marchand and Tom Reitter to provide more detailed information and recommendations to the council regarding North Livermore agricultural water funding and water entitlements.

The recommendation was to move forward with a bond measure to purchase 10,000 acre feet of water entitlements that could be banked with Zone 7. The subcommittee wants to move forward with the purchase of water now, as the

price of entitlements continues to escalate. The estimated cost is \$3,000 an acre foot, that is up \$1000 per acre foot since the subcommittee began its meetings last year.

A two-thirds vote of the public would be required to move forward with the bond measure. The estimated cost per household to pay off the bonds is \$18 a year for a home valued at \$400,000.

If the city were to move forward with only the \$30 million bond, water users in North Livermore would be responsible for providing the conveyance to move the water where it could be used.

Senior Planner Steve Stewart told the council that the subcommittee had confirmed that the high costs of infrastruc-

ture, water entitlements, and environmental review are the primary constraints to implementing cultivated agriculture in North Livermore.

In addition to the bond measure, Stewart said the subcommittee is recommending that the city conduct the environmental review to cover the water transaction and convert pasture to cultivated land, and to subsidize recycled water for agriculture use.

Reitter commented on the proposed bond measure. "The public has identified in various polls that it wants to see an increase in agriculture. It is perfectly appropriate that they contribute money. The idea is to demonstrate residents are supportive of agriculture," he stated. "It

won't be easy. It is something, I believe we have to do. If we don't the area will be lost. Already proposals such as the cemetery are chipping away available land."

He explained that water adds value to land and provides alternative uses to development.

Reitter added that he thinks that food security will become a bigger issue in the future. Having the ability to grow food near the market will be important.

Marchand, a former Zone 7 Water District Board member, echoed Reitter's comments on public support for agriculture. "It will take water to make agriculture happen. If we can provide value

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Cities Organize Sex Predator Task Force

The five cities in the Tri-Valley are mapping out a policy to take responsibility for monitoring the sexually violent predators who are paroled to them from prison.

Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon and Danville representatives have met to establish the SAFE (Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement) task force. The group will have its second meeting Jan. 31, with one councilmember or mayor in attendance from each city.

The group will review what their cities' policies are in dealing with sex offenders. That's a prelude to a discussion about what policies might evolve in regard to offenders, so that cities can deal with them when they are released.

What the five cities don't want to do is pass ordinances that, in effect, refuse to accept certain offenders, most notably the violent sexual predators, said Dublin vice mayor Kasie Hildenbrand. She and San Ramon Mayor Abram Wilson attended a panel discussion about the problem at a League of California Cities convention last year.

When the two officials returned to the Tri-Valley, they decided that since the area has a reputation of working together, instead of pushing problems to the other cities, it would be a good idea to start the task force.

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Members of the public were invited to participate in the 2nd Annual Polar Bear Slide at the Robert Livermore Community Center pool last Saturday. All participants received a certificate of completion. One swim team used the event as a team bonding experience for the new year.

Applications Coming In For Pleasanton School Board Seat

Chris Grant and Jennifer Carolan have applied for the Pleasanton School Board vacancy that will be created Feb. 2 when Steve Pulido resigns to become a judge.

Applications must be in the district's office by 4:30 p.m. Jan. 12.

Grant is senior vice president of corporate development for Kaiser Permanente Foundation. He oversees mergers and acquisitions in health plans, facilities and medical groups.

Grant applied for the seat vacated last year by Gloria Fredette's resignation. He emerged as one of two final candidates from a field of seven applicants, but the board chose the other finalist, Jim Ott. He serves on the district's education excellence committee and on the board of Pleasanton Parents In Education (PPIE) foundation.

Grant and his wife, Stephani, have three children, all in Pleasanton schools. They have worked

as school volunteers, and Grant's mother, father and sister have been educators.

Carolan is in her fourth year as a teacher in the Livermore school district, where she teaches math at Livermore High School. Before that, she was a special needs attendant at Lydiksen Elementary School in Pleasanton.

She has a son at Lydiksen and another at Hart Middle School. Carolan's late great-grandmother, Mary L. Fay, served on the San Diego school board for 18 years, starting in the 1950s. The district named a school after her, said Carolan. "I feel a sense of commitment to my community to provide continuity in the excellence already evident in the district," Carolan said.

Besides her teaching interest and experience, Carolan said that her degree in economics also makes her qualified for the position. "By nature, I am a community-oriented type of person. I

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Final Hearing Scheduled On Future of Livermore VA

The Local Advisory Panel (LAP) for the Livermore Division of the VA Palo Alto Health Care System will conduct its fourth and final scheduled public meeting Friday, February 9, to discuss the business planning options developed to determine the future of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Livermore nursing home.

Veterans in the Livermore area will receive either major renovations to a current veterans' nursing home or a new state-of-the-art facility from the VA, the R. James Nicholson, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, announced last year.

Nicholson decided to study three options, plus a baseline option, to modernize or replace the 120-bed nursing home currently on the Livermore campus with a

facility, which will provide nursing home care in a modern environment that supports rehabilitation and compassionate care to veterans. Business plans were developed on each option by a private contractor, PricewaterhouseCoopers, which has been working with the CARES process for the past two years.

Two of the business plans will look at keeping the nursing home on the Livermore campus. One plan will be to build a new structure on the Livermore campus and the other is to renovate the current nursing home.

Another option proposes increasing access to veterans and their relatives by co-locating the nursing home with an expanded community-based outpatient

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Two Rail Options Considered for Tri-Valley

A decision on the route high speed rail would take is due later this year. One of the proposed routes is over the Altamont and through the Tri-Valley.

As part of the discussion, the Bay Area has been putting together a regional rail plan. The Tri-Valley communities, along with representatives from San Joaquin County and Tracy, estab-

lished a working group tasked with developing a consensus plan to be incorporated into the regional plan.

On Monday, the Livermore City Council received a briefing on the status of the planning from consultant Bonnie Nelson of Nygaard-Nelson.

Nelson noted that the goal of the working group is to make

sure the needs and interests of the Tri-Valley are included in the regional rail plan. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. The plan will establish a 50 year blueprint for rail investments. If a project is not in the plan, it won't be funded unless something extraordinary happens."

In its vision statement, the working group lists the follow-

ing: transportation should serve travel patterns to and from the Tri-Valley, it should provide intermodal connections; be consistent with existing and projected land uses; and be cost effective.

It is estimated that by the year 2020 there will be 255,800 daily trips originating in Livermore.

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Legislators Glad Governor Addressing Health Care

By Ron McNicoll

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposal for medical insurance reform has Valley Democratic legislators, Mary Hayashi and Ellen Corbett, feeling happy. The Valley's lone Republican, Assemblyman Guy Houston, is also glad the governor is tackling health care reform, and like the Democrats, wants to see the details.

A fourth legislator, Sen. Don Perata, whose district includes Dublin and Livermore, has his own health care proposal, which is not as sweeping as the governor's.

Schwarzenegger on Monday presented his wishes for a massive overhaul of the state's medical system. He is proposing to redirect state and private dollars spent on health care and insurance so that individuals, businesses and the health care industry all take more responsibility for coverage.

The main points are that all Californians would be required to have health insurance, doctors and hospitals would pay percentages of 2 and 4 percent respectively as fees to an insurance pool, and in return, they would receive a much higher level of

reimbursement from the state for Medi-Cal patients than they are now. In theory, that would help them pay those fees.

Small businesses would be required to pay into a pool that would enable their employees to purchase health care, something generally lacking at small businesses, since they don't have the resources that major employers have. Also in Schwarzenegger's vision, low-income families would be subsidized, if they could not afford the medical insurance costs.

The governor's plan is short on details, as all of the legislators interviewed pointed out. However, he was praised for at least addressing the issue.

State Sen. Ellen Corbett and Assemblymember Mary Hayashi, whose districts include much of Pleasanton, said they were glad to hear in Schwarzenegger's speech Monday that he wants to bring medical health insurance coverage to everyone in California.

Corbett told the Independent, "The good news is the governor is finally talking about universal health care. My colleagues and I have worked on this issue for

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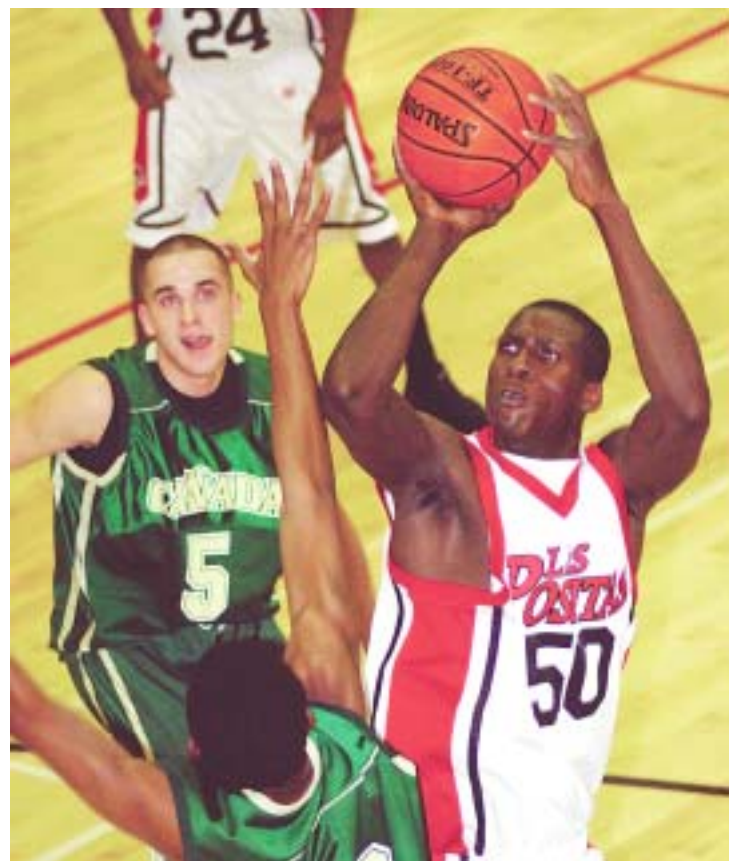


Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Las Positas College men's basketball team lost a close one, 59-56 to Canada in Coast Conference North Division action last week. In its first year of competition, the men's team has compiled a 14 win, 6 loss record to date. The Hawks are third in the conference standings. The next home game is January 13 at 7 p.m. against City College of San Francisco. Troy Lambert (50) goes up for a shot.

Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan

Barbara Senard Bunshah

1926 -2007

Five feet tall and exceptionally slender, Barbara Bunshah did not fit the popular notion of a Wagnerian mezzo-soprano. But her first career wish was to become an opera singer—and she was a fine mezzo-soprano.

She graduated from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, with her bachelor's degree in music, a double major in piano and voice. When she finally decided that she was not going to become a professional musician, she took a friend's advice and entered the graduate program in library science at the Carnegie Institute of Technology.

While studying there, she met an engineering student who played the violin. She and Rointan Bunshah were married and eventually moved to Livermore in 1960, when her husband accepted a position at the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory.

The day after they arrived in Livermore, Barbara was down at Carnegie Library trying to find a job. She was soon hired and six years later with the rest of the staff moved books and materials to a new city library at the Civic Center on South Livermore Avenue. Working there until her retirement in May 1980, she was instrumental in the effort to improve and expand the library's reference section.

For a while, she sang with the Livermore Civic Chorus and with a local madrigal group. She was also active in the Cask and Mask Players for a number of years. She claimed not to have much of a voice left recently because of her smoking habit.

After her retirement she volunteered four days a week at Carnegie

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One swim team used the event as a team bonding experience on the new year.

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Real estate advertisement for 1368 Capri Ct., Livermore, CA. Features a photo of the house and a photo of Jan Stevenson, RE/MAX Executive.

Real estate advertisement for Sandee Utterback, CRS. Features a photo of Sandee and a photo of a house at 6436 Forget Me Not Crm.

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A rainbow last week looked like a glass bubble over the fountain in downtown Livermore.

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Sports Focus of Museum Talk

Dr. B. George Baljevich, of TV 30's "Let's Talk Sports" will present a program the "Buzz on Sports" at 7 p.m., Thursday, January 18, at the Museum On Main, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton.

Baljevich's guest speaker will be Greg Kragen. The talk is one in the ongoing Ed Kinney Lecture Series.

Reservations are requested. Admission is \$5 for museum members and \$10 for non-members. Call (925) 462-2766. Memberships will be available for purchase that night.

Baljevich coached high school football, basketball and baseball for six years at St. Elizabeth's High School in Oakland where he won many awards and athletic titles with athletes such as Kevin Hardy, Steve Brye, Al Wood and Dave Stewart and Greg Kragen. He was an assistant basketball coach at Cal State East Hayward for two years and assistant coach at the University of San Francisco for three years with three NCAA appearances, three West Coast conference titles, one Sweet Sixteen and one Elite Eight appearance. The teams produced players such as Phil Smith of the Golden State Warriors, Erik Fernstein of the Celtics and Kevin Restani of the Sonics and Bucks.

In his seven years at St. Mary's College Baljevich collected one WCC title and produced players such as Peter Thibeaux of the Golden State Warriors, Dave Cook of the Kings and Brian Shaw of the Lakers. He was co-head coach at the College of Alameda for two years where his teams made the JC playoffs.

Greg Kragen attended Amador Valley High School and was an All Nor-Cal football star. In four years at Utah State he earned the MVP title. He played for 13 years in the NFL including four Super Bowls and three All-Pro games.



PET OF THE WEEK

Billy is a sweet and lovable one-year old Lab mix. He loves to play and is great with kids and other dogs. He is neutered, housetrained, loves to swim at the beach, and chase his tennis balls. He knows basic commands, but needs formal training and an owner that will be the "pack leader." He is a high-energy dog, and needs daily exercise. He would be a great addition to an active family. For more information on Billy, call Valley Humane Society at (925) 426-8656. Valley Humane Society holds mobile pet adoptions for dogs and cats at Pet Extreme in Livermore every Saturday 10 am to 2 pm.

SHORT NOTES

Citizens Police Academy

The Livermore Police Department is now accepting applications for its 11th Citizens Police Academy. The academy will run from February 21st through May 23rd 2007 with a graduation ceremony on May 25th. The academy sessions will be held every Wednesday evening from 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM at the Livermore Police Department. There will be one day long session held on a Saturday or Sunday during the academy. Applicants must be at least eighteen years of age, live or work in the City of Livermore, not have any prior felony convictions, and not have had any misdemeanor convictions within the last three years. There are no physical requirements, and no costs involved for the participants.

The Citizen Police Academy is a program designed to educate members of our community about the various roles of the Police Department, introduce them to the law enforcement community, and give them an inside look at how the department operates on a daily basis. Participants will be presented with a variety of topics including: patrol operations, communications, evidence collection, hiring and recruitment, traffic, animal control, laws of arrest, search and seizure, investigations, crime analysis, terrorism, and many others. Each session will be taught by a member of the Livermore Police Department with expertise in the field. The sessions are designed so that participants get involved asking questions and doing hands on activities. A tour of the Department is included in the first session.

In addition to the Wednesday evening sessions, participants will be able to go on a ride-a-long with a patrol officer spending several hours working the streets of Livermore. Participants will have an opportunity to spend several hours with a dispatcher listening in as emergency calls are received and dispatched. The Saturday or Sunday all day session will include time spent on the firing range where the participants will get to shoot a variety of weapons deployed by patrol and SWAT team members. The SWAT team and K-9 program will each put on extensive demonstrations, and the participants will be allowed to do role-playing with the SWAT team to see what a SWAT team member might experience during a critical incident.

Anyone interested in attending the spring Citizen Police Academy must

complete an application by January 20th 2007. Applications can be obtained from the kiosk at the Livermore Police Department, from the community section of the department's website www.livermorepolice.org, or by contacting Sergeant John Hurd at (925) 371-4843.

Each Citizen Police Academy is limited to 25 students. The department puts on two academies per year, spring and fall. The department also presents a Youth Police Academy for community members aged 14-17 years of age. The next Youth Police Academy will be held during the month of July 2007.

New Year Birds

New Year Birds is the topic of a Sun., Jan. 14 nature program at Sycamore Grove Park in Livermore.

Meet Ranger Pat Sotelo at 8 a.m. at the nature area entrance to the park. Don't forget your binoculars and field guides. They will be fee to lend. Beginning birders are encouraged to attend. This bird walk will last about two hours. Cancelled if raining.

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

Master Composter Training

The annual Master Composter Certification training is accepting applications for the 2007 class.

After receiving free training in compost science, soil health and natural gardening techniques, Master Composters design and implement community outreach projects.

In addition to a comprehensive class reader, participants will receive several in-depth compost how-to books, the brand new 'Bay-Friendly Gardening Guide - From your backyard to the Bay, and the EBMUD plant book, Plants and Landscapes for Summer Dry Climates," a Bay-Friendly gardening tee and tote bag.

Students can earn college credit. Teachers can meet continuing education requirements and are also eligible for a \$200 stipend toward continuing compost activities for classrooms and school gardens.

Classes will be held Tuesday nights in San Leandro and Oakland from Feb. 6-May 8. Apply at www.BayFriendly.org or call 510-444-

SOIL for more information. Deadline for applications is January 12, 2007.

Benefit Dinner

White Crane Winery is hosting a Crab Feed at Camp Arroyo Dining Hall, on Saturday January 27th. It will start around 6pm. Part of the proceeds from this event will go to support the Taylor Family Foundation.

The Taylor Family Foundation opened Camp Arroyo in 2001. The goal was to provide a camp where children with life-threatening illnesses could come and enjoy themselves. In their own words, "A place that offers a sanctuary for children to leave behind their worlds of secrecy and despair."

The menu for the dinner will include Crab, Caesar salad, and Pasta, accompanied by either one glass of wine or champagne.

The cost is \$38.00 including tax and gratuity. The Dining Hall is located within Arroyo Camp at 5535 Arroyo Road, Livermore. The dinner is limited to 130 people. Online reservations can be made by going to: <http://whitecranewinery.com/eventdetails.php?id=105>. RSVP's will not be accepted after January 24th.

Volunteers Needed

Tri-Valley Haven's direct service volunteer training begins January 30.

Tri-Valley Haven, a nonprofit organization established in 1977, provides services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and homelessness. Volunteers are needed to help with child care, answer the crisis line, respond to sexual assault calls and assist clients with restraining order paperwork.

Tri-Valley Haven will offer 65 hours of training beginning Jan. 30. Sessions will be Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Volunteers must be at least 21 years old to participate.

For more information, contact Melissa at melissa@trivalleyhaven.org or 449-5845 ext. 111.

Rummage Sale Space

The Annual Rummage Sale at The Barn, sponsored by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD)

is slated for Saturday, February 3 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The event takes place at The Barn, located at 3131 Pacific Avenue, a historic Livermore building that dates back to 1922 and originally served as part of the traditional rodeo grounds in the city.

Those interested in renting a 10-by-10 foot space complete with an 8-foot table to sell unwanted treasures are encouraged to call (925) 373-5700 for an application, or submit the form on page 25 of the LARPD Winter/Spring 2007 program guide. Prospective vendors can also download an application from the LARPD website at <http://www.larpd.dst.ca.us/>.

The space rental fee is \$35. Sale items cannot include food, candy, car parts, large furniture, cars, motorcycles, or any new or commercial items. All sale items must be of the garage sale variety, and in working condition. The deadline to apply for space at the rummage sale is Monday, January 29.

Artsfund Grants

The Alameda County Arts Commission has released the 2007 Alameda County Supervisors' Artsfund Grants Program guidelines and applications. Details are available at www.acgov.org/arts. Organizations may be eligible for grants of \$1000 each. Applications are due by Feb. 28, 2007.

The commission will host two free workshops to assist organizations in preparing grant applications. Groups who have never received funding may attend this optional workshop. Reservations are required. The workshops are scheduled for Wed., Jan. 24 at 3 p.m. in the Fremont Library, Fremont, and Wed., Jan. 31 at 5 p.m. at the Alameda County Lakeside Plaza Building in Oakland.

Cafe Operator

Vendor proposals are currently being solicited by the Robert Livermore Community Center in Livermore for a cafe operator. A fully equipped kitchen, dining area and storage area are located in the state-of-the-art center, which opened just over one year ago.

Those interested in touring the site and learning more are encouraged to contact Stacey Wyatt at (925) 373-

5706 or swyatt@larpd.dst.ca.us.

Grand Re-Opening

Sweet Dreamz Lingerie will hold its grand re-opening at their permanent place of business at 150 McLeod Street, corner of First and McLeod Street. Refreshments will be served from 4 to 6 p.m. The store will be offering 20% discount through January 14th. Just mention the Independent newspaper.

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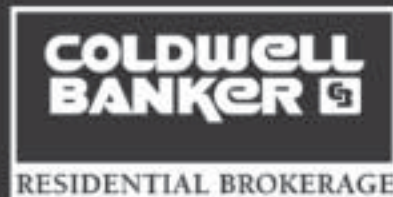
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