

# **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

### 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 atten-dance 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

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 Reifter 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 esca-late. The estimated cost is \$3,000 an acre foot, that is up \$1000 per acre foot since the subcommittee began its meetings last vear.

Å 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 infrastructure, 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 identi-fied 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

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

Reifter 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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# **Applications Coming** In For Pleasanton

**School Board Seat** 

Chris Grant and Jennifer Carolan have applied for the Pleasanton School Board va-cancy that will be created Feb. 2 when Steve Pulido resigns to be-

come 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 Sschool in Pleasanton.

She has a son at Lydiksen and another at Hart Middle School. Carolan's late great-grand-mother, 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 facility, which will provide nurs-

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.

(See TASK FORCE, page 4)



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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.

### Two Rail Options Considered for Tri-Valley

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 to-gether a regional rail plan. The Tri-Valley communities, along with representatives from San Joaquin County and Tracy, estab-

A decision on the route high lished a working group tasked with developing a consensus plan to be incorporated into the re-

gional 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 re-gional rail plan. "This is a oncein-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 following: transportation should serve travel patterns to and from the Tri-Valley, it should provide intermodal connections; be consistent with existing and pro-jected land uses; and be cost effective.

It is estimated that by the year 2020 there will be 255,800 daily trips originating in Livermore. (See RAIL, page 4) (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 stateof-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 ing home care in a modern environment that supports rehabilitation and compassionate care to veterans. Business plans were developed on each option by a pricontractor, vate 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 (See HEARING, page 4)

### 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 Šen. 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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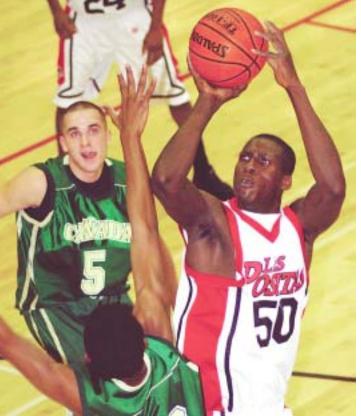
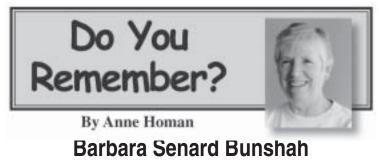


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Las Positas College men's basketball team lost a close one, 59-56 to Canada in Coast Conference North Division action last week. In its first year of competition, the men's team has compiled a 14 win, 6 loss record to date. The Hawks are third in the 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.



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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 mezzosoprano.

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 sec-

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

### **Open Enrollment Begins for** Livermore Charter School

Open enrollment is currently underway for the Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS) for the 2007/2008 school year. The open enrollment process for grades Kindergarten through 8th grades began January 2 and runs through February 28, 2007.

"We continue to see high demand for the exceptional education standards that we're striv-ing for at LVCS," said Tina Mor-ris, principal of the Livermore Valley Charter School. "Our expansion to 8th grade next year and our plans for future expansion to middle and high school campuses continue to garner a great deal of interest and anticipation. We invite all families within the community to explore our enrollment opportunities and contact our office for a tour of the campus.

LVCS is a public school open to any resident of Livermore and the state of California. There are no tests or fees involved in applying. Anyone interested in ap-plying for admission to LVCS can obtain an enrollment form by downloading it from www.lvcs.org or by contacting LVCS at 925-443-3862. An enrollment form must be completed for each child desiring to attend LVCS in the Fall of 2007. Once completed, the enrollment form (one per child) can be submitted by e-mail on-line or mailed to: Livermore Valley Charter School, 543 Sonoma Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550, Attention: Admissions.

All enrollment forms must be postmarked by February 28, 2007 to be considered for admission. Submitting a completed enrollment form will not automatically guarantee enrollment into LVCS. Currently there is a waiting list in all grades for the 2006/2007 school year. Please note, prospective students currently on the waiting list will need to reapply for the 2007/2008 school year in accordance with our charter petition.

If the number of applications exceeds the available space, a public random drawing will be held on March 14. Once admitted, each parent/guardian must complete a full registration packet. Students not allocated a space for admittance will be placed on a waiting list. Admissions and enrollment questions be directed may

lvcsadmission@lvcs.org. LVCS will host an open house, Thursday, January 11, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the LVCS multi-purpose room to discuss the school's curriculum, faculty, extra curricular activities, and facilities as well as to answer questions. In addition, LVCS is offering campus tours to interested families by appointment. The campus is located at 543 Sonoma Avenue in Livermore, and tours may be scheduled by calling 443-3862.

# Lawsuit Charges EPA with Violations Of the Endangered Species Act water Shrimp; and terrestrial habi-tat for the San Joaquin Kit Fox, Alameda Whipsnake, Valley El-derberry Longhorn Beetle and Bay Checkerspot Butterfly. Pes-ticides may adversely affect an additional 19 of the 51 Bay Area animal species listed under the Endangered Species Act

The Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) Tuesday filed notice of intent to sue the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for violations of the Endangered Species Act.

The notice says that the lawsuit is an attempt to protect 11 San Francisco Bay Area endangered and threatened species and their habitats that are jeopardized by pesticides.

CBD contends that based solely on reported use, more than 61 million pounds of pesti-cide active ingredients were applied in Bay Area counties from 1999 through 2005, more than 8 million pounds annually. Ac-cording to the CBD, under the Bush administration, the EPA has failed to consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) or adequately consider endangered species impacts when reg-istering and authorizing use of at least 60 toxic pesticides that may harm vulnerable Bay Area wildlife species.

"The EPA has failed to com-

### **Pleasanton Police Honor Three of Their Own**

The Pleasanton Police Department has announced award winners for the past year.

Joe Leonardo is the recipient of the 2006 Officer of the Year award. This honor is recognized as a distinction that few are privileged to receive. Officer Leonardo joins a short list of Pleasanton public servants who have similarly been honored. Joe has been a police officer with the Pleasanton Police Department for over 17 years and is well regarded among his peers and supervisors within the department. Since joining Pleasanton's force in August of 1989, Joe has had an exemplary career. Currently serving the Pleasanton community in his patrol assignment he boasts diverse career with experiences in S.W.A.T. Investigations, D.A.R.E., Field Training and other collateral assignments highlighting his service to the

community. Police Chief Tim Neal, "For anyone to be singled out among

### **Community Leaders to Remember** Life and Legacy of Martin Luther King

Community leaders and members from the Tri-Valley area will come together to celebrate the

Come together to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr on January 22. The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Fellowship Breakfast will be hosted by the Tri-Valley YMCA. This year's program will include a variety of inspirational speakers and artistic expressions related to the

theme, "Unity in Our Diversity." In conjunction with the Breakfast, the Tri-Valley YMCA is holding a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. essay and poster contest for 4th through 12th graders liv-ing and/or attending school in the Tri-Valley. Contest submis-sions will be on display at the

#### **Commemoration and March** Planned in Memory of Dr. King

A Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration and March is

planned for Monday, January 15. It will be held at the United Christian Church, 1886 College Ave., Livermore. Refreshments at 9:45 a.m. followed by the program at 10 p.m.

This year's event is dedicated to the memory of Coretta Scott King. The event will focus on Dr. King's legacy of activism and the unfinished work for peace, justice and nonviolence. Local au-thor and speaker Prabha Duneja, will trace connections between the non-violence philosophy of Dr. King and Mahatma Ghandi.

There will be a "passing of the torch" to the next generation of youth. The event will conclude with sign making and an anti-war

so many is an honor. One of 87 officers in this case, but it may as well be one of 1,000.'

Co-recipients were selected for the 2006 Non-Sworn Employee of the Year honor. They are Animal Services Officer Roy Ficken and the Police Departments most senior employee Community Services Officer Angie Calija.

Ficken is described as an "in-credible guy." He has worked for the Pleasanton Police Department since 1983. While his main area of responsibility is centered on Animal Services, Ficken has a strong reputation as a team player. As the first guy to assist with traffic control, at an accident scene, assist with the search for missing children, supporting special events, Ficken's assistance and advantage to the community is far greater reaching that his Animal Services role. Supporting this, it was during the very recent DUI checkpoint that Roy was committed to assisting

Breakfast and contest winners will be awarded prizes during the

program. The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Fellowship Breakfast will be held on Janu-

ary 22, 2007 from 7:30 am until

9:30 am at the Crowne Plaza Ho-

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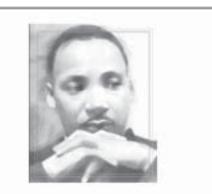
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personnel helping to count cars and keep statistics.

Calija, a native to Pleasanton, is described by her department as the face the community most identifies with, the person that no matter what her assignment was - will always be the face of Crime Prevention for the Police Department. She is the most senior member of the Pleasanton Police Department and is seen as the unofficial community ambassador of Pleasanton PD.

Neal said: "No one is respected more in this community, she is the face of the police department - a terrific ambassador for our organization"

With all of the years that she has served the Pleasanton Community, she has seen great change. Angie began her career with Pleasanton in 1973, as switchboard operator. Moving on to serve as a "meter maid" and many other assignments, it has been 33 years of tireless service. Most noted for her service in Crime Prevention, Angie was honored with the mark of respect and distinction of the State of California Crime Prevention Officer of the Year in 1997.



### Martin Luther King Jr., This Is Your Life!

A StoryArt Workshop For Children, ages 6 - 11 Sunday, January 14, 2007 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church, Livermore K Street, between 4th and 5th

All Art Materials Provided . \$5.00 per Child Rev. Jeff Kunkel and Hilda Robinson, leaders

Children will learn about the life of Martin Luther King Jr. through StoryArt, a process which allows children to freely respond to selected stories through drawing, painting, and singing. In addition, children will enjoy snacks, playground games and an art exhibition entitled, "Brother Martin."

Rev. Jeff Kunkel is the interim senior pastor of First Presbyterian Church, an artist, and children's book author.

Hilda Robinson is an exhibiting artist, singer, mother, and grandmother.

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ply with even the basic requirements of the Endangered Species Act in registering and approving uses of pesticides known to poi-son Bay Area endangered spe-cies," said Jeff Miller, Bay Area Wildlands Coordinator with the Center. "Given the known significant effects on wildlife and the EPA's own acknowledgments regarding pesticide use exceeding levels of concern for endangered species, pesticide restrictions to protect our most endangered species are long overdue.'

CBD stated that pesticides of concern have been documented in Bay and Delta aquatic habitat for the Delta Smelt and Tidewater Goby; tidal marshland habitat for the California Clapper Rail and Salt Marsh Harvest Mouse; freshwater and wetlands habitat for the California Tiger Salamander, San Francisco Garter Snake and California Fresh-

throughout California for three years, until the EPA completes consultations.

Endangered Species Act. The EPA is required under the Endangered Species Act to con-sult with the FWS over registra-

tion, re-registration and ap-proved uses of pesticides that may endanger listed species or adversely modify their desig-neted critical habitat

With the lawsuit, the Center

hopes to force interim pesticide

use restrictions for the 11 species similar to those it recently ob-tained to protect the California Red-legged Frog until assess-ments of pesticide impacts have been completed.

A settlement signed by the EPA and the pesticide industry

last October prohibits use of 66

pesticides in and adjacent to core Red-legged Frog habitats

nated critical habitat.

march to Lizzie Fountain in downtown Livermore, where there will be a brief vigil. Addi-

### **Series Planned on Jewish Food**

Aushak, samosas and pan pan chi - Jewish food? Jews have lived just about everywhere throughout the world. The Tri-Valley Cultural Jews is presenting a program on the various foods.

'You Call This Jewish Food?" is a series of five monthly dining-out events, each focusing on the Jews of a country or region. The series begins with the Jews of Central Asia with dinner at the Royal Afghan in Dublin on Sat-urday, January 13. Participants will have the opportunity to hear a short talk by Rabbi Judith Seid on the Jews of Central Asia while they wait for their food to be delivered. Rabbi Seid's rabbinic project was on Jews around the world and she has a particular

#### Paws for Claws Crab Feed **Benefits Animal Rescue Group**

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue will host Claws for Paws 2nd Annual Crab Feed on Sat., Jan. 27 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Pleasanton Senior Center.

All proceeds benefit Tri-Valley Animal Rescue (TVAR) programs for Homeless and Abandoned Animals

The menu includes Fresh Cracked Crab, Salad, Pasta, French Bread, Dessert and Coffee/Tea. There will be a no host bar, silent auction, raffle items and a 50/50 raffle.

Tickets are \$45 per person. Purchase Tickets at: www.tvar.org or send a check to TVAR, P. O. Box 11143, Pleasanton, CA 94588 For additional information, please e-mail events@tvar.org

The senior center is located at 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton.



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interest in Jewish diversity.

The series continues on the second Saturday of each of the succeeding four months with dinners at Indian and Chinese restaurants scheduled next. Jews had three different major communities in India, and two in China, one indigenous and one primarily an immigrant commu-

nity from Iraq. There is a \$20/series fee for materials. Reservations are required. For more information and reservations, please call (925) 461-1694 or e-mail CulturalJews@aol.com.

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## VALLEY ROUNDUP

#### **DUI Effort Deemed a Success**

During the holidays, the Livermore Police Department took part in the Alameda County wide "Avoid the 21" DUI enforcement campaign. From December 15 through January 1, the Livermore Police Department made 136 DUI arrests and served 24 arrest warrants for drivers previously arrested for DUI. During this campaign there were six non-injury DUI related collisions and zero DUI related injury collisions. During the entire month of December there was only one injury collision in the City of Livermore related to DUI.

Officer Wes Morgan worked throughout the campaign making 32 DUI arrests. "Having worked this campaign for the last seven years, I was very impressed with our community this year," Officer Morgan said. "I contacted an increased number of 'Designated Drivers' and saw many people using taxi and limo services when they were out drinking. I believe our education and enforcement efforts are paying dividends. The number of DUI arrests this year were significantly less than the last two years, and more importantly, nobody was injured in our City as a result of a DUI collision."

Police Chief Steve Krull is excited about the fact that nobody was injured this year as a result of drunk driving. "The Livermore Police Department is committed to eliminating impaired drivers in our City. To have completed the holiday season without a DUI-related injury collision is something to be extremely proud of," said Chief Krull. "It is obvious that the community is listening and the Department's education and enforcement message is being heard. While our officers were out in force patrolling for suspected impaired drivers, the number of arrests were down significantly from previous years. This is a measure of success for our department and hopefully a trend that will continue."

In 2005 during the "Avoid the 21" campaign the Livermore Police Department made 173 DUI arrests and responded to four injury DUI collisions. During the 2004 "Avoid the 21" campaign the department made 200 DUI arrests and responded to three injury DUI collisions.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Safety Administration.

#### **New Board Member**

Reverend Ronald Culmer, a resident of Dublin, has joined Open Heart Kitchen's Board of Directors. Culmer, Rector of St. Clare's Episcopal Church in Pleasanton since 2004, is also a board member of Axis Community Health Care, the Pleasanton Community Counseling Center, and the Pleasanton Community of Character Coalition. He is a Trustee at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, and a Member of the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of California.

Open Heart Kitchen, a 501(C) (3) non-profit

agency, is dedicated to providing nutritious prepared food to families and individuals in need in Livermore, Pleasanton, and Dublin. Through four free hot meal programs, a weekend box lunch program for school children, and dinner meal service to seniors in Pleasanton, Open Heart Kitchen is working to address hunger in our local community. A small staff and hundreds of generous volunteers prepare and serve over 2,500 meals every week. Open Heart Kitchen is actively seeking additional donations of time, talent, and money. To help, contact Executive Director Carol Beddome at 925-580-1616.

#### ValleyCare Honored

ValleyCare Health System has been recognized with a bronze award for performance excellence by the California Awards for Performance Excellence (CAPE). The California Council for Excellence administers CAPE.

The award program, which duplicates the Malcolm Baldridge National Quality Program, recognizes organizations that demonstrate superior performance and continuous improvement in seven key business areas including: leadership, strategic planning, customer and market focus, measurement/knowledge management, human resources, process management and business results.

"The criteria for the state and national awards is the same," said ValleyCare CEO Marcy Feit. "We are very proud to have won a CAPE award and it is our first step in pursuing the Malcolm Baldridge award." According to Denise Shields, Chair of the CAPE Award, "the criteria are rigorous and organizations that apply put themselves through the most respected and demanding filter in the country. To win this award on any level is worthy of tremendous respect."

ValleyCare submitted its application to CAPE in July 2006. In late October, ValleyCare was informed that examiners would visit both campuses by mid November.

The award will be presented at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and Awards Ceremony on April 6 in San Diego. Four categories are awarded: gold, silver, bronze and prospector, with twentytwo California organizations and businesses to be recognized.

#### Zone 7 Receives Award

The Livermore-Amador Valley's Zone 7 Water Agency is being honored for its "Directors Award of Recognition" from the Partnership for Safe Water, a national volunteer initiative developed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and five other safe-drinking-water organizations.

The award recognizes water suppliers striving to provide drinking-water quality that surpasses required federal standards.

Zone 7's Del Valle Water Treatment Plant was among just 83 plants nationwide recognized in 2006 for having maintained Directors Award status for five years.

## **Bid for Green Lab Rejected**

The U.S. Department of Energy National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) has eliminated a proposal from a group seeking to transform the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory into a "World-Class Center for Civilian Science," according to representatives of the rejected consortium.

Livermore Lab GREEN, LLC includes two nuclear watchdog organizations, the Livermorebased Tri-Valley CAREs and Nuclear Watch of New Mexico, as well as New College of California and WindMiller Energy.

The NNSA rejection letter stated, "GREEN LLC did not demonstrate an understanding of the requirements of the solicitation where it proposed '[a] change in the overall directions' at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory."

Specifically, the NNSA called the proposal for phasing out the Lab's nuclear weapons programs over time "inconsistent with DOE/NNSA strategic planning." The NNSA letter further charged that this transition would undermine the agency's "ability to comply with federal law."

"The NNSA rejected our bid because it proposes to bring Livermore Lab into compliance with the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and other key U.S. and international laws," said Marylia Kelley, Executive Director of the Livermore-based Tri-Valley CAREs and the LLC manager.

Kelley further pointed out, "Representative David Hobson, in his role as Chair of the Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee, has already criticized NNSA for its lackluster performance in attracting genuine competition to the Livermore contract bidding process. Now, NNSA is trying to summarily narrow the field by one-third. Both of the remaining bidders represent 'business as usual' for new nuclear weapons development."

Jay Coghlan, the Executive Director at Nuclear Watch of New Mexico, commented, "Our proposal was arbitrarily and improperly eliminated because NNSA rejects the principle that the U.S. should lead the world toward nuclear nonproliferation by demonstrating restraint in its own weapons programs."

The Livermore Lab GREEN,

### Lead NNSA Administrator Resigns

Secretary of Energy Samuel Bodman announced the resignation of Ambassador Linton Brooks, Administrator of the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA). The reason provided was that Brooks was not making progress in correcting security issues.

Bodman stated, "During my tenure at the Department, and even before, there have been a number of management issues involving the National Nuclear Security Administration, the most recent of which was a serious security breach several months ago at the Los Alamos National Laboratory. These management and security issues can have serious implications for the security of the United States. The Deputy Secretary and I repeatedly have stressed to NNSA and laboratory management the importance of these issues being addressed, rectified, and prevented in the future

"I repeatedly have told DOE and laboratory employees, and in particular senior managers, we must be accountable to the President and the American people not just for efforts, but for results. Therefore, and after careful con-

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LLC responded to the NNSA's letter by requesting a formal debriefing, a process wherein the NNSA is supposed to answer questions regarding its decision. The debriefing meeting was set by NNSA for December 20, 2006 by teleconference. When members of the GREEN, LLC phoned in, they were told by the NNSA contracting officer, Daniel Saiz, that he was canceling the meeting and that he would not reschedule, though the GREEN, LLC requested it.

The GREEN, LLC then submitted a series of 19 detailed questions and a letter again requesting a debriefing meeting by teleconference. The contracting officer has thus far refused to schedule one.

Instead, Saiz mailed a letter dated December 26 that accompanied a written "preaward debriefing" notice that was not responsive to and did not answer the green team's submitted questions.

Last week, the GREEN, LLC resubmitted its original 19 questions along with new queries about the NNSA's intentions in participating in the debriefing process.

sideration, I have decided that it is time for new leadership at the NNSA, and I have asked for the resignation of NNSA Administrator, Linton Brooks. An Acting Administrator will be designated soon."

Rep. Ellen Tauscher said of the resignation, "Ambassador Brooks has served the nuclear complexes and the nation admirably and I have been pleased and honored to work with him and his staff.

"As the Chairman-designate of the Strategic Forces Subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee, I will be calling Secretary Bodman to testify about how he plans to move forward from this personnel change to implement the important policy and structural changes within his agency that it will take to get the job done and deliver the best possible science and security for our country," added Tauscher.

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### HEALTH CARE (continued from page one)

years. We will need cooperation from all sides to get a plan that covers all Californians.

"There are many different proposals out there. What matters most to me is that the plan works. Our health care system is on the brink of disaster, and we need a comprehensive solution now,"

said Corbett. Hayashi, a freshman legislator pitals and employers a tax, not a fee. "I anticipate months of negotiations and discussions. I will commend the governor for bringing health care up as an issue. I wish he would just call a tax a tax," said Houston.

Schwarzenegger may have been avoiding the "tax" word, because that affects how many votes are needed in the Assembly and Senate to pass legislation. Tax matters require a twothirds approval in each house, fees do not. he negotiated welfare reform, agreed that children should not suffer for the behavior of their parents."

Hayashi said, "We (Democrats) won't balance the budget on the backs of children. We are not even thinking about those scenarios."

Corbett had no comment on the governor's welfare reform, because she wants more details. One advocate for the poor was quoted in a newspaper as saying it will result in a greater number of homeless children. Asked about that.

tration (NNSA). The reason p vided was that Brooks was Vasco Rd. Is a Double Fine Zone

Starting this week, crews have been out installing traffic signs designating Vasco Road between I-580 and the Contra Costa County line as a double fine zone.

Effective immediately, traffic fines will be doubled along a 19mile stretch between Livermore and Brentwood.

Alameda County, in partnership with Contra Costa County, successfully advocated for the designation of Vasco Road as a Safety Enhancement Double Fine Zone. Through Senator Tom Torlakson's bill, the California legislature voted for the designation.

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty supported Torlakson's efforts. "We have been extremely concerned about the number of serious accidents caused by heavy commuter traffic\, speeding, and reckless motorist behavior resulting in several fatalities and injuries along this roadway over the past few years," said Haggerty. The California Highway Patrol will be the primary enforcement agency patrolling the stretch of road.

who is the Democrats' assistant majority whip, stated, "It is encouraging that the governor is embracing the issues that Democrats have cared about for many years." Hayashi called the proposal "a good start," adding that "it's very hard to create just one legislation, and address 6.6 million uninsured Californians," so more work will be needed.

"However, there are some really great things in his proposal," she added. "I'm hopeful that my Republican colleagues join us in bringing comprehensive health care to all Californians."

#### CALLITATAX, SAYS HOUSTON

On the other side of the Assembly aisle, Houston said that Democrats and Republicans all want health care and other services for Californians. They differ on the way to pay for them. He wants to see more details from the governor's plan.

However, it's important that the governor start calling the fees he would impose on doctors, hosAn aide to Perata said that his bill would extend coverage to all working Californians, and leave all others to be covered by the existing safety net. The legislation is written so that it needs only a simple majority for passage.

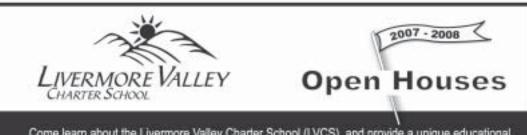
Perata was unavailable directly
on the phone.

#### WELFARE REFORM

However, at a press conference earlier in the week, Perata commented on what he said was an irony in the two separate plans for welfare and health coverage. The governor's plan to change welfare by cutting off families who are not working enough hours to get off welfare would eliminate money to support children in those families.

"It's ironic that the governor is proposing health care for poor kids, while taking away their breakfasts. Even Republican governor Pete Wilson, at the time Houston told the Independent, "It doesn't surprise me that they make it that bad. I don't think it will be that way.We (in California) are out of compliance with the federal government. We have not done a good job, at only 25 percent (of families leaving welfare) compared to 60 percent elsewhere. We need to have people not stay on those programs indefinitely."

As a result of California's low success rate on welfare-to-jobs, the state in the future could be fined up to \$465 million annually by the federal government for lagging behind on getting families to work sufficient hours. Houston added that the details of the governor's welfare reform plan will be important when it's discussed in the Legislature.



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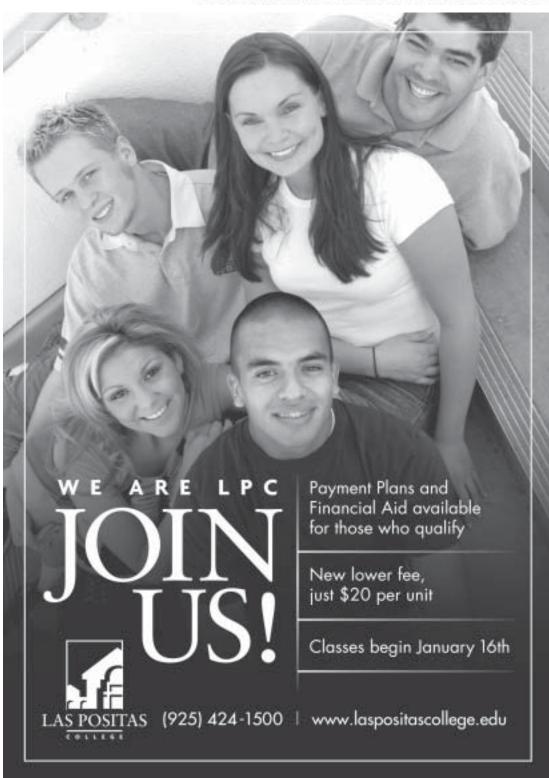
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# **EDITORIALS**

#### **Toward A Zero 'Footprint'**

Zone 7 is moving to lighten its "carbon footprint" to zero perhaps.

The carbon footprint is a measurement of the fossil fuel use by a business, public agency or home. Assembly Bill 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act, which took effect January 1, mandates a reduction of carbon footprints.

Though it's unclear what specific standards will be required, a few entities are already setting high goals on their own.

Zone 7 directors discussed the issue December 20. Dick Quigley pointed out to his board colleagues that water transmission in Northern California, with all of its pumps, pipes and offices, accounts for something like 20% of the region's power use. It's important for Zone 7 to help cut that, Quigley said.

Jill Duerig, Zone 7's new general manager, cited reduction of the Zone 7 footprint as her top priority in an interview after her appointment. "I'm excited," Duerig said, "by the opportunity ... to make us a reduced-carbon organization."

As a result of the December 20 discussion, the board has created a committee consisting of Directors Bill Stevens and Steve Kalthoff to investigate all possible forms of alternative energy — solar, wind, methane,

The Sonoma County Water District, whose goal is to reduce its carbon footprint to zero, will be one of their models.

### Barbara Bunshah

Barbara Bunshah, retired Livermore librarian who died one week ago at age 81, was known as The Ultimate Reference Librarian. It was said, "If you want to know anything about Livermore, ask Barbara.'

This softspoken woman spent 25 years reading and cataloging Livermore newspapers. The papers ran from 1874 to 2005. It was a monumental task. It leaves the community with a research tool that is simply priceless. The Livermore Library received a grant of nearly \$100,000 to make the index easily accessible by computer.

Goodbye, Barbara. You showed that a librarian's work can be mythic.

### WATER

(continued from page one) to land for ag, we can stop the battles over development in the area.

Tom O'Malley, former executive director of the Tri-Valley Business Council (TVBC) helped to shepherd a water task force aimed at providing water for agriculture in North Livermore. He said of the proposed bond measure, "I hope the city moves forward with the subcommittee's recommendation to see what we can do to grab these water entitlements.

"It is a matter of equity. The urban growth boundary estab"The studies found that if you can get water there, you can grow things. Crops were identified that would make money." Baltzer pointed out that all of the present landowners are developers. He asked how many of the original landowners in South Livermore are still there. "The people who would make this work aren't sitting up there (in North Livermore) right now."

Marchand stated that sixty percent of the current landowners weren't there when the South Livermore plan was envisioned. "This is a plan for the future. Reitter talked about crops. "People assume wine grapes. It is one of the most lucrative crops. However, studies identified other potential crops. I see this as a way to provide high quality produce to restaurants. There is a huge market nearby. Dietrich felt that moving ahead without a comprehensive plan for the area was backward. "In the absence of planning, we can't know what resources are needed. She also suggested that the city might want to invest in some directed surveys to determine support for the bond measure. Her contention is that there are other areas that are far better suited to agriculture. It would be better to spend the public's money on something else, such as the huge backlog of infrastructure work needed to be done in the city. Mayor Kamena agreed that a comprehensive plan is needed for the area. He quipped, "There is no more fluid investment than water." Marchand said, "Water is the most basic infrastructure. With water we can begin to plan. Buying water now would lock in the price so you can start to plan and not go after a moving target." Reitter added that the city would hold the water entitlements for a number of years. If there were no plan or no interest in agriculture, the city could sell the rights and retire the bond. He suggested there is money available for easements. Landowners could sell easements to obtain funds to pay for their shares of the water distribution system. Councilmember Marj Leider declared, "The council won't make the final decision on the purchase of water, the voters will. I would like to give them that chance.

#### SCHOOL BOARD (continued from page one)

like to help others. I like to make sure that the things I'm involved with run smoothly," she said. **BOARD MAJORITY WILL** 

#### **BEAPPOINTEES**

Pulido was elected in November 2003. He was serving as the board's president, before he announced his departure for the judgeship. His term expires in 2008. It's a five-year term, one time only, because the board aligned its election with the state and national general elections in even-numbered years.

After the board appoints Pulido's successor, its majority will be comprised of trustees who first were appointed. The district office has no record of whether trustee Juanita Haugen was appointed at first to the current consolidated school board, where she took office in 1988, or to the previous, separate high school district board, in 1979. She was not available for comment.

Trustee Pat Kernan was an appointee 10 years ago, then won re-election three times. Ott was appointed in May 2006, to replace trustee Fredette. She was elected to the board in November, 2001, after Deborah Kleffman decided not to run again. The regular election after Fredette's resignation was six months away, including two months of summer vacation. However, trustees said that their future agendas were too important not to have a full board.

Ott ran in the regular election of November 2006 as an appointed incumbent. Kernan's seat was also up then. No one filed to run against them.

Kernan and Ott expressed regrets that there was no campaign to talk about issues, and see what the community was thinking. They took it as a sign that the community is happy with the way the board has acted.

#### **APPOINTMENTS** SEEN AS A PATTERN

However, some residents apparently believe that the lack of an election last time was a sign that no one wants to have to work up the energy and money to run against an incumbent. Their argument has been that Ott or anyone else may be a good board

#### TASK FORCE (continued from page one)

"We want studies of what cities do now, of how police handle it, of how they are notified, and how they keep track (of offenders). Then we can see what tools we can provide to neighborhood watch groups," said Hildenbrand.

Other aspects of the program will be prevention, training, communication, and community awareness, said Pleasanton vice mayor Cindy McGovern, the city's representative to the task force. SAFE will also look at inmember, but by not going to an election, the district fails to create a level playing field where everyone would be running for a vacant seat.

better decisions through that," said Grant. He also thought that Long-time board observer Julie Testa said that the incumbents "are more comfortable choosing board members that they feel comfortable working with. That's not necessarily the candidate that is my representa-

tive." Testa said that she perceives a pattern of appointments in recent years that has taken the elections away from the ballot box and discouraged a level playing field. If the board went to an election, candidates could simply present themselves, with no worry about having to campaign against an incumbent, she said.

"It's a pattern. It's evident that it's intended to circumvent the electoral process," said Testa.

Asked about the money savings by not having a special elec-tion, Testa said that "the cost of an election shouldn't even be a consideration. It should be recognized as the cost of the electoral process, and cost of doing business for a school district when those positions are intended to be an elected position.'

Testa also pointed out that the Pleasanton City Council has important business, too, but has kept its vacant seats open for months, until the next election, a tradition started by former Mayor Ben Tarver.

THREE SAY APPOINTMENT **IS BETTER** 

The Independent asked applicant Grant what he thought about going for an appointment, as he is doing, compared to running in an election. He said he'd be perfectly willing to run against an incumbent in an election, and wouldn't let cost or other factors intimidate him.

He said that he didn't run in November against Kernan and Ott because "I felt it is a very good board. Kernan has experience. Ott seemed capable of doing a good job. With the departure of Pulido, I feel I could add tremendously to the board."

Appointment now is a good idea because, by keeping the

#### HEARING (continued from page one)

clinic (CBOC) in the Central Valley area that is more accessible to veterans.

board at full strength, "you wind up with more diverse thought and

ideas and debate, and hopefully

the community input offered by

the board's screening process about appointment candidates is

Kernan told the Independent

that appointing someone now "is

the most efficient way to pro-

ceed." He challenged the notion

that it's difficult to run against

an incumbent. Incumbent Chuck

Eddinger lost to Laura Basset (in

1997) and incumbent Clark

Gunson lost to Deborah Kleffman

volved the community as much

as possible. We've gone to the business community and at-

tracted great candidates," said

Kernan. He added that in his opin-

ion he is on "a great board. They

are open-minded, and willing to

disagree on many issues. There

"You've got to weigh the pros and cons," said Kernan. The pros are that "it's quick, efficient and

it saves money (on a special election), which we can use in the classroom." He said that the ar-

gument against appointment is

that "it's a public office." The board's important busi-

ness coming up includes a look

at a possible parcel tax and also

studies about academic excel-

lence, said Kernan. "We want to

keep moving. It would take some

time before (there would be) an

have mixed feelings about not

going to an election. It's hard to

justify the cost. It's enough to pay

a teacher's salary. If there were

no money involved, probably my

preference would be to go to the public. It's a question of cost ver-

"My hope is that people come to us and say what they

want in an appointee. I hope they don't sit back," said Weaver. She said that good candidates

stepped forward last time. There

was screening by a public panel. However, she said that after the

screening, when the final step was

for the board to deliberate and

Trustee Kris Weaver said, "I

election," he said.

sus benefit.

"We (the board) have in-

(in 1999), he said.

is no board slate.

good.

At the February 9 meeting, the public will hear more about the business planning options the VA contractor developed, before the options are sent to the Secretary for a final decision.

The all-day meeting, to be held in the Dining Room of the Nursing Home Care Unit, Building 90, will begin at 9:00 a.m. with an overview of the Capital Asset for Realignment for Enhanced Services process, more commonly known as CARES.

come to a decision, "no one from the public gave any comment at all. I hope this time around, they give comment."

The public panel when Ott was appointed was chosen by the district administration and the board. It chose the same structure that the board will be using to find Pulido's replacement. The committee includes parents, teachers and community mem-

bers. Weaver said that the public committee last time didn't say whom to choose, but did bring up questions, which she said helped her to form her question list. She also said that she was surprised that no one "stepped forward in the last election (to run against the two incumbents). What I'm reading from our community is that people are more likely to step forward, and put their name into a hat, than go through the process of an election.

### Application **Deadline Near**

Applications to fill a vacancy on the Pleasanton Unified School District's Governing Board must be received by the District no later than Friday, January 12, 2007, at 4:30 p.m. A provisional appointment will be made on January 30 or February 6, 2007.

Candidates must be registered voters residing within the boundaries of the Pleasanton Unified School District, 18 years of age or older, a citizen of the state, and not disqualified by the constitution or laws of the state from holding a civil office.

Anyone interested in applying may pick up a packet from the office of the Superintendent, 4665 Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or download the application at the district's website www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/ Downloads/AppBoard.pdf.

For further information, contact Carol Fernandez, administrative assistant to the Superintendent, at (925) 426-4333.

public meeting. All of the public's comments will be incorporated in the report provided to the VA Secretary of Veterans Affairs in next few weeks.

"Stakeholder input is critical to this process," said Al Perry, LAP Chairman and Director, of the VA Central California Health Care System. "We encourage veterans, employees, congressional offices and local community representatives to let us know what your concerns are and how we can best meet your needs.'

lem in a capable city, than to push it over into smaller towns in the Central Valley, for example. Such towns usually have a small police force, and can't monitor the individuals very

lishes a situation where a landowner on one side can sell land for development. On the other side, that can't happen. It's only fair to provide some kind of economic value to their property,' said O'Malley. He added there needs to be a plan in place so voters will understand what will happen out there. He mentioned easements, habitat areas and open space.

Phil Wente, who also served on the water task force and as head of the TVBC, stated, "I applaud the city's extraordinary vision in identifying ag as a resource and for looking at ways to enhance the resource. With its Mediterranean climate, the land has the opportunity to produce world class, high end niche products. To have water ready when landowners want to move forward is very farsighted.'

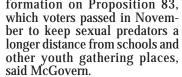
Not everyone was supportive of the idea.

John Stein said there are issues such as poor soils and steep slopes to deal with. There are salts in the soil that would be increased with the use of recycled water. He suggested that simply purchasing the property, rather than water rights would be a better way to proceed.

Stein suggested working with the park districts on parkland and habitat preservation plans.

Valerie Raymond too was critical. She noted that property owners in North Livermore have expressed no interest in agriculture. She said that property owners would be better off keeping their money in the bank rather than investing in agriculture. Raymond wondered whether ag water was the highest priority for residents. The \$30 million could go to such things as solving traffic issues, she argued.

On the other side, Bob Baltzer talked about the results of studies completed by the TVBC.



Another reason the cities want to come to grips with the problem now is that the anti-predator ordinances may be found unconstitutional by the courts, said Hildenbrand. Cities that rely on their ordinances could find themselves unprepared to deal with the consequences of a court decision that goes against them, she said.

Livermore Police Chief Steve Krull said that its better to have local control of the predator prob-

### RAIL

Half of those will be to other places in the Tri-Valley. "This pattern demonstrates a tremendous need to provide service in the Tri-Valley," commented Nelson.

In the same time period, there would be 95,200 trips coming over the Altamont with 41 percent heading to Livermore or other Tri-Valley destinations; 34 percent would end in Southern Alameda County or Santa Clara County, places not well served

Currently an analysis is un-

would concentrate on expanding BART service. The Regional Rail-centric would look at using lighter weight trains that travel at speeds up to 120 mph, not BART technology. Elements common to both concepts include eBART to Tracy, express bus connecting eBART in Brentwood to Livermore via Vasco Road, BART core capacity improvements in order to handle more passengers, and at least some concept of BART to Livermore.

The BART-centric option would extend the line to Greenville where a station would be built with intermodal connections. Existing technology, with some improvements, would be used

The regional rail option would extend BART to Stanley/Isabel are. It is part of the containment model. The offenders don't pose a

well, and that is a disservice for

Krull, who was appointed to a high-risk sex offender task force

by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger,

said, "We want them (offenders)

in areas where all know who they

everyone, said Krull.

threat if police can communicate well with the community about them, he said. "No one wants these folks, but they have to go someplace. We don't want them to re-offend. The recommended model is containment, with the use of polygraphs, and having them visible to the community. But saying that 'Joe Jones' is a predator living here is not meant to be a trigger for harassment," said Krull.

Livermore's representative on the SAFE task force is council member John Marchand and Danville's is Noel Aldrich.

where a regional rail hub would be built.

This fall, three plans will be prepared that incorporate those concepts. One would bring high speed rail to the Bay Area through Pacheco Pass, the second through the Altamont. The third would see no high speed rail coming into the area.

If high speed rail were to come over the Altamont, there are two options. One would construct the line on an elevated structure down the I-580 median, making it less likely that BART would be extended to Livermore, said Nelson. The high speed service would connect with BART at the Dublin-Pleasanton station. If high speed rail used the current rail line, it would connect with BART at the Isabel/Stanley location.

"The Tri-Valley communities have cautiously endorsed the high speed rail concept," said Nelson. The pros are that it would provide the largest amount of rail investment to the Tri-Valley; it would be an engine for economic growth; and would provide statewide transit access. The cons are the elevated structures; construction impacts; and economic growth that would change the nature of communities and impact the BART extension.

Nelson said that at the next meeting of the working group in March, it would be helpful to begin developing consensus as to whether the area supports high speed rail. "The more unanimity

Veterans and other key stakeholders will again be allowed to make formal statements about the options to be included in the public record. Oral statements will be limited to three minutes; however, anyone can submit a written statement on line at: www.va.gov/cares, or write to: Livermore Site Study, VA CARES Studies, PO Box 1427, Washington Grove, MD 20880-1427.

Comments on this portion of the process will be accepted for a two week period following the

the better," she commented.

The state has made no decision on high speed rail to the area. There will be no decision until the regional rail plan is completed.

#### **COUNCILACTIONS**

The council voted to reappoint Connie Post as the city's poet laureate for two more years. The city's Commission for the Arts was in unanimous support of the extension.

Post stated, "One of the reasons I am acceptign the extension is that the City of Livermore has been so supprotive. I've very much enjoyed the role."

#### **Haggerty New Board President**

In a unanimous vote by his fellow board members, Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty was elected to serve as president of the board.

Haggerty just completed a term as vice president of the board. He will hold the position of president for the next two years. Supervisor Alice Lai-Bitker was elected to serve as vice president.

"It is an honor to serve as president of the Board of Supervisors," said Haggerty. "We represent a vibrant and diverse population and serve a wide variety of needs here in the county.

#### Tauscher to Serve As Regional Whip

Rep. Ellen Tauscher was elected by her California colleagues to serve as Regional Whip in the House of Representatives. In this capacity, Rep. Tauscher will serve as the primary liaison between the House leadership, led by incoming Speaker Nancy Pelosi, and her fellow Northern Californians in Congress.

It is always an honor to be chosen by your colleagues, peers and friends to serve in a capacity such as this. The Democratic Caucus is united and ready to go to work for the American people, and I'm excited and honored to be playing a greater role in this effort. We have an incredibly energetic and dynamic leadership team in Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Majority Leader Steny Hoyer and Majority Whip Jim Clyburn, and I'm looking forward to working with them and all my colleagues," said Rep. Tauscher.

Rep. Tauscher and Rep. Lynn Woolsey will be the whip team for Northern California in the House. The Northern California Region, or Region 2, encompasses California Congressional districts 1-22 as well Hawaii, Alaska, Guam, and American Samoa.

#### HAYASHI OFFICE OPENS

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi (D-Hayward) will host a District Office Grand Opening on Friday, January 12th from 4:00 p.m. -6:30 p.m. at 22320 Foothill Boulevard, Suite 540 in Hayward. Members of the community will have an opportunity to meet Assemblymember Mary Hayashi, as well as members of her district and capitol office staff. Light refreshments will be served.

Hayashi serves the 18th Assembly District, which includes San Leandro, Hayward, Dublin, most of Castro Valley and Pleasanton, and a portion of Oakland, as well as the unincorporated areas of Ashland, Cherryland and San Lorenzo.



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by the current BART system.

derway of two different concepts. They differ in how regional rail service would be provided.

The BART-centric concept

## SPORTS NOTES

#### **Baseball Training Camp**

Tri-Valley School of Baseball will present a spring training day camp on Sun., Jan. 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The camp will be directed by MLB Scout Brian Kohndrow. Professional instruction will be varied by wrefereined playar

will be provided by professional players, college players and coaches. The camp is open to ages 5 to 13. The fundamentals of hitting, fielding, throwing and base running will be taught. The camp is a fund-raiser for the Liver-

more Valley Charter School. The cost is \$75, with registration limited to the first 100 campers. The camp will be held at the school, 543 Sonoma Ave., Livermore. For camp application, call 209-4697.

#### Narum & Seitz Awarded

Pleasanton Seahawks' swimmers Jenni-fer Narum and Andrew Seitz were recognized at the 2006 Pacific Swimming Awards Ban-quet held 1/6/07 in Napa. From among the 15,000 athletes in Pacific Swimming, only 3 from each age group are recognized each year, representing the top 99.6% of all swimmers.

Jen was recognized as Outstanding Age Group Swimmer for 17-18 Girls, while Andrew was awarded Outstanding Age Group Swimming for 11-12 Boys. In addition, Jen received Outstanding Senior Athlete of the Year based upon her points scored at the 2006 Spring and Summer Nationals. To put the magnitude of this award in perspective, Natalie Coughlin won the Post-Graduate Senior Athlete of the Year.

Andrew continues to set records for the Pleasanton Seahawks, while Jen is currently swimming for the University of Virginia.

#### Youth Soccer

Livermore Rampage U14 girls division 3 team advanced by winning their bracket on the first weekend of the 52 team Association Cup Tournament. The Rampage moved into the sweet 16 with two wins and a tie and are scheduled to take on league rival Mustang Earthquakes in Morgan Hill on Saturday

Earthquakes in Morgan Hill on Saturday. The Rampage began the weekend with a 1-1 tie against ARYSL Orangevale Vortex 1 Saturday morning. After a scoreless first half, Orangevale scored two minutes into the second half. Rampage answered back ten minutes later when Rebekah "Diddy" Didlake passed to Jennifer "Dash" Wakefield for the game tying goal. The Rampage woke up in the Saturday afternoon game and took their frustration out in a 6-0 win over the Diablo Valley SC White '92. Jennifer "Dash" Wakefield led the offensive explosion with a three goal hat trick. Olivia "Maniac" Mowry scored two goals and Audrey Christian added another. Rebekah Didlake recorded two assists in the win. Oakdale United faced off against the Rampage on Sunday afternoon and found themselves on the short end of a 3-0 score. Sissi Gonzalez celebrated her 14th birthday with a goal and two assists. Jennifer "Dash" Wakefield netted two goals in the victory. **The Livermore Roadrunners boys U12** soccer team took home the championship title and were only 2 goals away from a perfect record at the 2007 Castro Valley Winter Shootout on January 6th and 7th. Roadrunner Goalkeeper JT Addington, to-gether with the Roadrunner defensive team: Sergio Alvarez, Anthony Dubberly, Brandon Marantan, Hector Gomez, Derek McGovern and Allan Foster combined to shut out 3 teams in this teurment teams in this tournament. On Saturday, the Roadrunners defeated

the Central Marin Arsenal 4-0 in their first match. Juan Carlos Alfaro and Tanner Turner were an unstoppable team who worked to-gether to score all 4 of the Roadrunner goals. Alfaro scored the first 2 goals, one after receiving a cross by Turner and then heading the second goal in off of a corner kick made by Turner. Turner scored the final two Roaunner goals dribbling through the defense to make break-away runs on the Arsenal

Next, the Roadrunners beat the MVLA Earthquakes 4-2. The first Roadrunner goal was scored early in the game when Dubberly passed the ball forward to Patrick Taylor, who passed the ball to Turner for the finish. MVLA evened the score immediately when they scored off of a free kick from right outside the box. Ryan Gollott scored a second goal for the Roadrunners on a beautiful shot into the far corner. Gollott was aided by Alfaro and Taylor. After the half, Turner took the ball to the corner and passed it back to Paul Mayes for the shot, which was deflected by the MVLA keeper. Alfaro received the rebound and dribbled in a third goal for the Roadru nners. The Roadrunners fourth goal scoring opportunity came when Marco Arana Nolasco took a shot that clanked off the post to Ryan Flaylor for the finish, but the goal was called off side. MVLA scored one more against the Roadrunners, but Gollott fought back makno advantages of the second se Turner. The Roadrunners scored another goal when Gollott intercepted a pass in the box and made the shot. Turner took the ball to the net and scored the third goal off of a nice forward pass by Alvarez. They scored again when Damon Tregear headed a throw in by Alvarez Damon fregear neaded a lintow in by Alvarez over to Trevor Long, who made a perfectly placed cross to Gollott for the goal. Then Mayes headed in the fifth goal for the Roadrunners off of a well-placed corner kick taken by Tregear. The Roadrunners scored their final goal from a corner kick taken by Turner that resulted in a tangle in the box and finally he scored by Long The Roadrunners met the South Valley United B94 Black team from Visalia in the championship match, winning 2-0. It was a tough match with the Roadrunners dominat-ing the first half, but with the United team fighting hard and dominating in the second half. The Roadrunners scored one in the first half when Flayler made a pass to Turner who took the ball all the way up field to score. Alfaro scored again for the Roadrunners in the second half with assistance from Mayes and Turner. The Pleasanton Ballistic United Soc**cer Club (BUSC) U13 Black** competed in the Association Cup in Fremont this past weekend. In their first match, the home BUSC Black played the Elk Grove Extreme in a 1-1 tie. The BUSC Black goal came in the 29th minute by Bobby Sehrgosha with an creater form Law Poming Parmy Kim took 2 assist from Joey Pereira. Barron Kim took 3 shots on goal. Goaltender Lukas Moses had shots on goal. Goaltender Lukas Moses had 6 saves in the match. In their second match, the visiting BUSC Black played the North Valley Milpitas Stealth, losing 3 to 2. The BUSC Black first goal was scored 19th minute by Jason Chow with an assist from Karsten Jurkiewicz. Joey Pereira scored the coord doe to starthead directlick backing second goal on a textbook direct kick hooking over the goaltender's head and into the corner of the net. BUSC Black Goaltender Lukas Moses had an impressive 11 saves in the match The visiting BUSC Black played the Heritage Spartans in their third and final match of the tournament in a 3 to 0 shutout win. A total 18 shots on goal were made by the BUSC Black coming from Barron Kim, Joey Pereira, Jared Shohfi, Bobby Sehrgosha, Jack Lyons, and Jason Chow. Bobby Sehrgosha with an assist from Barron Kim for the first goal.. Jack Lyons drilled a shot into the net off an assist from Tyler Mende for goal two. The BUSC Black third and final goal of the match was a second direct kick goal made in the tournament by Joey Pereira from 20 yards. Goaltender Lukas Moses recorded 7

key saves in the match. All three matches were hard fought battles with support coming from Hunter Meurrens, Jack Richardson, Jake Lorentz, Eric Brooks, Randy Copeman, Manraj Mangat, Alex Hall, and Nick Bayley.

Manaj Mangat, Alex Hali, and Nick Bayley. **The Pleasanton Rage U14** Division 3 team took top points in their qualifying rounds of the Association Cup this past weekend, advancing on to the quarter finals next weekend in Morgan Hill. The team faced there highly motivated challengers, hereing three highly motivated challengers, besting each one by a goal to take the wins. Goalkeep-ers Alex Villanueva and Jessica Johns held the opponents scoreless in five out of six halves, allowing only one goal for the weekend.

In Game One of the tourney opening at Fremont Central Park, Rage faced the El Dorado Hill Express. Near-even shooting by both teams was capped by a goal each in the first half, one on a corner kick by Kristen Desprez, tapped into the net by Maggie Blasing, and the other on a penalty shot. The Biasing, and the other on a penalty shot. The second half found Chelsea Loewenstein scor-ing inside to win the game. Throughout the game, Kendall Ready and Niki Gotelli pressed the offense. Noelle Malindzak provided impressive defense at midfield. In game two, against the hard-charging

Sonoma Excel, Rage scored the only goal in a Chelsea Loewenstein runaway. Julia Price was a standout in midfield, and Emma Caswell played an assertive defense.

Game three found Rage in a duel with Heritage Crossfire. Relentless offense by Heritage Crosstire. Refentess offense by Ellie Kim, assisted by Cassandra Iniguez, resulted in the single winning goal by Kristen Desprez toward the end of the second half. Angelina Sangiacomo had several key

plays on the weekend, as did Meaghan Kirchner. Lindsay Fowler provided excellent offensive support. The Dublin Fighters Class I U12 team

won the JJ Minor Memorial Winter Warm Up Tournament in Stockton. The Fighters started off with back to back wins on Saturday over the LaMorinda Blue (2-0) and the Bay Oaks Blue (6-0). On Sunday the Fighters lost to the Placer United Prestige Gold when the United moved their entire team into the box and scored the lone goal of the game in the last 30 seconds of play. In a dramatic turn, this forced the Fighters into a PK shoot-out with Tracy United to determine who would ad-vance to the championship round. After tying Tracy, Dublin won the coin toss and advanced to the finals and another showdown with the Placer United, which the Fighters won in convincing (2-0) fashion to win first place.

Top Offensive Players: Leading scorers for the Fighters were Rebecca Beasley (5 for the Fighters were Repecta Beasley (5) Goals), Megan Zummo (2 goals), Adrianna Nugen (2 goals) and Mikaila Constable (1 goal). Amanda Garcia and Veronica "V" Bossio both had assists. Top Defensive Players: Keeper Heather Seeley played bril-liantly, allowing only 1 goal in the four games played.

#### CYO Basketball

In a battle of two teams tied for first place, Catholic Community of Pleasanton (CCOP) (81) edged St. Isidore (82) 46-43 in CYO basketball action. CCOP got off to a quick start, but St. Isidore battled back and led 33-29 after three periods. CCOP rallied in the 4th quarter with a strong defensive effort which led to several transition baskets. Stephen Ferrel made a key steal with less then a minute remaining and hit Carson Ewanich for a basket which gave CCOP a two point lead. Trevor Guerrieri hit two clutch free throws with 3 seconds remaining to secure the 3 point victory. Ewanich led CCOP with 18 points. Guerrieri added 10 points and pulled down a crame high 7 rehounds and Stephan Mohajar game high 7 rebounds and Stephan Mohajer added 8 points. David Elison played outstanding defense and had 2 points and 5 rebounds for CCOP. Top Offensive Players: Carson Ewanich (18 points, 2 rebounds), Trevor Guerrieri (10 points, 7 rebounds), Stephan Mohajer (8 points, 2 rebounds); Top Defensive Players: David Elison (5 rebounds , 2 points); Keaton Housman (7, points, 4 rebounds, 2 steals); Stephen Ferrel (3 rebounds, 2 steals).

St. Michael's/St. Charles (SM/SC) #819 8th grade boys won their third straight game as they beat St. Joan #813, 36-20. SM/SC and St. Joan played stellar defense in the first half which ended with SM/SC ahead 10-5 Kyle Zendarski then led the second half charge by scoring 18 points (two 3 pointers and 7 rebounds) as SM/SC pulled away for the win. Gary Chapetta 10 pts., 3 rbs.; John Murphy 5 steals, 2 assists; Anthony Ruiz 5 pts; Richie McWilliams 2 pts, 3 steals; Gurmeer Uppal solid play; John Kuchac 2

20 points, Dominic Palino with 10 points, Nikko Marcelo with 4 points, and Matt Lonsinger with 2 points. Top players for St. Raymond's were Chad B. with 7 points, Matt Y. with 6 points, and Robert F. with 3 points.

SM/SC (# 5013) defeated CCOP (# 5011) 24-13. SM/SC opened a 16-3 halftime lead. CCOP battled back with a strong second half effort, but their rally attempt fell short. Nicole Dees led the second half comeback with 6 points. Dees also had a game high 8 rebounds. Elysa Roman scored 4 points and Tara Ross added 3 points for CCOP. Paige College: Malery Medice Uding to Tara Ross added 3 points for CCOP, Paige Zollars, Malory Masjilo and Kaylee Udinski played well defensively for CCOP. Top Offensive Players: Nicole Dees (6 points, 8 rebounds), Elysa Roman (4 points, 3 re-bounds, 4 steals), Tara Ross (3 points, 4 rebounds, 4 steals); Top Defensive Players: Paige Zollars (4 rebounds, 3 steals), Malory Masjilo (2 rebounds, 4 steals), Kaylee Udinski (2 rebounds, 2 steals) (2 rebounds, 2 steals).

CCOP #7009 played a phenomenal game against SM/SC #7003 - with only 5 players in a 22 to 20 loss. They led the scoring the entire game, until the last 2 minutes, when exhaustion overcame the CCOP players, and they allowed SM/SC to score a 3 pointer - to tie the game, and then, follow with an additional basket to win. Each team member additional basket to win. Each team member put points on the board, with Jessica Woo-druff and Rachel Orpina leading the scoring with 7 points each. Keri Butler's flawless passing technique kept the ball from the opponent's reach. Stephanie Hogan led the team with 15 rebounds, while Jessica Rumsey leaded beafferstice game acquired as covering played her offensive game, as well as covering down low and snagging rebounds. The top offensive players for SM/SC were Mindy Morettini, Chelsea Thomas, Kenzie Holcomb, and Claudine Seriani. They were assisted in defensive by Brianna Goodno, Taylor Vasquez, Juliana Marciel, and Roxanna Utpadel.

In CYO fifth grade action, SM/SC Team 527 defeated CCOP Team 521 by a score of 28-26 in an exciting game that was decided in the final minute. CCOP led 4-0 at the end of the first quarter. SM/SC rallied to lead 14-11 at half time. The second half was hard fought as both teams played tough, physical basketball. The lead changed hand several times with CCOP outscoring SM/SC in the third quarter to seize the lead 20-18. SM/SC roared back with several steals and long shots to win 28-26 despite a last minute effort by CCOP. Grady Soccullo and Derek Zennier played aggressive defense for SM/SC. The game's top scorers were SM/SC's Hunter Ashby (8 points) and Mark Santos (6 points); and CCOP's Clint Stewart, Cory Fredrickson, and Danny O'Lenic (each with 6 points). SM/ SC's top rebounders were Tito Quihuis and Andrei Kasten with 4 points each.

SM/SC 4th grade boys (#411) vs St. Isidore (#413) lost 27 to 32. SM/SC played a strong offensive game led by Dustin Allen (8 pts 5 rebs 3 stls) and Michael Pierce (8 pts 6 rebs 3 stls). Ryan Holmes (6 pts 6 rebs 5 stls) and Michael Bohl (6 rebs 2 stls) played tough on defense to keep the St. Isidore team within reach.

St. Isidore's 4th grade girls CYO basket-ball team (#4005) won 26-18 against SM/SC (#4006). It was an exiting game, with SM/ SC overcoming a 6 point deficit to tie the game at 16-16, but St. Isidore pulled away at the end. Amanda Dailey led St. Isidore with 14 points, followed by Tiana Andrade and Katie Pasichuke both with 4, and Katie Rose Ballowe with 2. Kelly Borden scored 12 for SM/SC. followed by Nicole Alcrarz with 4 SM/SC, followed by Nicole Alcaraz with 4 and Karla Rosa with 2. Ava Fry for St. Isidore and Danielle Dufek and Kelsey Schnitter for SM/SC anchored the defenses for their teams.

St. Joan's 4th grade girls (4007) defeated. SM/SC (4009) won 15 to 8. St. Joan's roared out to an early 8-0 lead on great defensive and offensive execution. In the third quarter SM/ SC cut the lead to 11-8 by stepping up the defensive pressure. In the end St. Joan's came out victorious in a hard fought and exciting game played by both teams. Top Offensive players for SM/SC were Julie Maruskin, Megan Fuentes, Lainey Hibbard and Katie Walls. Top defenders for SM/SC were Paige Walker, Sarah Davidson, and Madalyn Geyer.

SM/SC (319) defeated St. Raymond's (322) by 12-10 by last second basket by Jacob Dayton. The Heat were led by Sean Stavert with 6 points and 11 rebounds and Benjamin Parker with 3 points and 5 rebounds. The Heat's defense was anchored by Reid Spears,

represent the city of Livermore in a four month long season. They practice and play in the house leagues at the Valley Roller Hockey rink in Livermore. The league Champion ships were held in Davis on January 7th. The Vipers came in with a 6-2-1 record.

The Vipers played their first game against Sonora. The Vipers took control of the game sonora. The vipers took control of the game with excellent teamwork and passing. All four power plays ended with goals and they won easily 10-0. Dustin Rose had a nice shutout and came up big all day when he needed to bail out the Vipers for any defensive breakdown. Come 2 was accented to an form breakdown. Game 2 was against a team from Jesuit High team of Sacramento. The Vipers came out a little bit over confident and played sluggishly in the first ten minutes. They were down 1-0 when they called a time-out. After down 1-0 when they caned a time-out. After time out the Vipers went on to win easily 8-2. The third game of the day was against a younger but very skilled Antioch team. It was a close game but the Vipers won 2-0 with another good performance by their goalie who made 16 saves.

In the championship game the Vipers had to play Antioch again. Antioch came out quick and took a 1-0 lead in the first couple of minutes. The Vipers picked up the pace and scored 4 quick goals by AJ Cummings. Dillon Alexander and Tommy Parker added one each. Antioch made a nice comeback scoring 4 more goals. However, Anthony Valenziano and Scott Targett added some insurance points for the win 8-5.

The team only received 6 penalties in 13 games. Goalie Duston Rose made 50 saves on 57 shots over the course of four games with 2 shutouts for a 1.75 GAA! This was a team effort and all the following players contrib uted in many facets of the game other than just scoring, Vipers Forwards: Jesse McManus, Scott Target, Dillon Alexander, Seamus Connors, Anthony Valenziano, Ryan Johnson, Vipers Defense: Eric Cabot, Tommy Parker, AJ Cummings, Brandon Class, Noah Kleidon, and Vipers goalie Duston Rose.

#### California Gymnastics

California Gymnastics Academy com-peted in International Cup Meet hosted by International Gymnastics Center in Sacra-mento on January 7, 2007. The Level 8 team

mento on January 7, 2007. The Level 8 team captured third place. RESULTS (by event): LEVEL 7: Age Group: 12-13 yrs old VAULT - Jenny Yang (8.6); Emma Rigl (8.45); Brianna Jessup (8.35) BARS - Jenny Yang - 2nd place (9.325); Emma Rigl - 3rd place (9.275); Brianna Jessup (7.95) BEAM - Emma Rigl (8.1); Brianna Jessup (7.725); Jenny Yang (6.75) FLOOR - ALL AROUND - Jenny Yang - 2nd place (9.325); Brianna Jessup - 8th place (9.05); Emma Rigl - 10th place (8.9). place (8.9).

place (8.9). Age Group: 14+ yrs old: VAULT -Megan Ouyang - 5th place (8.725); Erin Gray - 6th place (8.7); Briana Gray - 8th place (8.675) BARS - Megan Ouyang - 4th place (8.675) BARS - Megan Ouyang - 4th place (8.6); Erin Gray - 5th place (8.4); Briana Gray - 9th place (7.85) BEAM - Erin Gray - 5th place (8.375); Briana Gray - 6th place (8.0) FLOOR - Megan Ouyang - 6th place (8.85); Briana Gray - 8th place (8.6); Erin Gray - 10th place (8.25) ALL AROUND - Erin Gray - 9th place (8.40); Briana Gray - 9th place

place (8.323) ALL AROUND - Erin Gray -6th place (34.0); Briana Gray - 9th place (33.125). LEVEL 8: Age Group: 12 yr olds and under VAULT - Jordan Garza - 5th place (8.1); Stephanie Stamates (8.075) BARS -Stephanie Stamates (8.075) BARS -Stephanie Stamates - 1st place (9.3); Jordan Garza (8.375) BEAM - Jordan Garza - 3rd place (0.075); Stephanie Stamater, 4th place (9.0) FLOOR - Stephanie Stamates - 4th place (9.0) FLOOR - Stephanie Stamates - 5th place (8.925); Jordan Garza (8.55) ALL AROUND - Stephanie Stamates - 3rd place

AROUND - Stephanie Stamales - 3rd place (35.3); Jordan Garza (34.1). Age Group: 13-14 yr olds VAULT -Alexa Hernandez (8.075); Mandy Bakker (7.925) BARS - Alexa Hernandez - 4th place (9.0); Mandy Bakker - 10th place (8.35) DEAM - Alexa Hernandez (8.22) BEAM - Alexa Hernandez - 15th place (0.3); BEAM - Alexa Hernandez - 1st place (9.3); Mandy Bakker (7.575) FLOOR - Alexa Hernandez - 6th place (9.025); Mandy Bakker - 8th place (8.95) ALL AROUND - Alexa Hernandez - 1st place (35.5); Mandy Bakker (32.8).

#### Gymfinity Gymnastics

The level 7,8 and 9 teams from Gymfinity Gymnastics competed in the International Cup Invitational held in West Sacramento past weekend. The level 7 team placed 4th in the team competition.

Highlights for Gymfinity included Valentina Barbalinardo placing first on beam with the highest score of the meet, a 9.55, and second in the all-around and Sophie Libkind

Valley Tournament 300 game with twenty three out of twenty four strikes with a preceded eleven strike game of 279 for a 778 series. Collegiate bowler Jeremy Stuber, Family Affair League, blasted the pins for a

rainity Arlan League, blasted the phils for a big 792 series with games of 288-235-269. Ray Salas, Classic, opened with a eleven strike game of 279 to go with a 259 finale for a 767 set; Gene Bruihl, Gene's Pro Shop team, posted scores of 257-224-279 for a 760 series, The Eagle Renovation league watched Claris Hamilton, up bay 161 ucor with 202 Gloria Hamilton, up her 161 norm, with 203-180-223 and a 606 series; Joe Delise, ReMax league, started with a 259 and finished with 268 for his 743 total. Youth bowler Shawn Donahue, Family Affair, used ten strikes for a 278 game to with a 236 for his 691 set. Jeff Williams, 4 Seasons Heating and Air league, improved each game with 222-257-278 reaching the 757 mark; The ReMax Reality Cheyenne league

saw Junior Murphy make it to the 741 mark with 244-266-231 and Mushy Macado rolled games of 225-257-239 for his 721 set. The Modified Guys and Dolls followed Steve Choate's 726 series with highs of 277 and 244. David Bunch, Reno Gamblers increased his scores each game 227-236-259 and a 722 set; Gabe Donahue had a pair of 260 plus games - 268-269 for a series of 717. Jim French, Guys and Dolls, posted highs of 259-256 for a 717 series. In the Monday Mashers, Bill Deuell, came in with a 703 set with highs of 254-235. Bonnie Rodriguez bowled her first left handed 200 game with a 201.

#### Track and Field Signup

St. Michael's/St. Charles CYO Track St. MIChaels/St. Unaries CTO Track and Field Team is taking signups on Mon., Jan. 22 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the St. Michael's Church Parish Hall, corner of Maple and 3rd streets, Livermore. Questions, call Jim Stafford at 989-4795.

#### **Baseball Camp**

A three day camp will be conducted by Foothill High School varsity baseball coach, Brian Freitas, the coaching staff and varsity players. The 13th Annual Baseball Wintercamp is

set for the weekend of January 20 and 21 at the Foothill varsity baseball field in Pleasanton. The camp will be held between 9 a.m. and noon.

There will be instruction in the fundaincluding bunting, catching, throwing, all positions, base running and more. Campers will receive individual attention to the fundamentals and a camp t-shirt. Boys and girls are welcome. Registration forms available at All Star Sports at 3037 Hopyard or at www.pleasantonpony.com. The fee is \$100. For information, call 461-3791 ext. 45.

#### Jr. Football League

Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) and the football programs at Livermore and Granada High Schools are announcing the inaugural season of the Liv-ermore Junior Football League (LJFL) in 2007

LJFL is founded under the principle that every Livermore child who wants to play football should have the opportunity.

This inaugural year is open to all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade middle school students for the 2007/ 08 school year. All participants will learn the fundamentals of contact football in a safe and positive environment and play regardless of talent level or ability. All games will be played in Livermore or Pleasanton. For the inaugural season, games will be played at the high schools' gridirons or at Pleasanton's sports park. Thereafter, LJFL will play at the new lighted, turf gridiron to be built by LARPD and Shea Homes north of I-580. All practices will take place in Livermore.

LJFL's sign-ups will take place on Saturday, January 20, 2007, 9 a.m. to noon at Livermore High School, 458 Maple Street.

The cost is \$205 (checks only.) Players must be present for weigh-in. Please arrive early. Inaugural season registration will close when the league reaches 100 players. Players who are not able to register with LJFL will be given instructions to Pleasanton Junior Football League registration. LJFL intends to expand in the future to accept all Livermore children who wish to play contact football. For additional information, interested

parents should visit: www.livermorejuniorfootball.com. President and Vice-President of LJFL are Jay Frost and Jim Burke.

but we will also have fresh French bread, Caesar salad and pasta too! For more infor-mation please contact Robin Groth at (925) 447-3190.

#### Women's Soccer League

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) has a few spaces remaining for the Livermore Area Women's Soccer League's winter season. This recreational league is for women of all ages and skill levels. Our main goal is to have fun.

Games are played Tuesday evenings from January through March. Registration packets may be picked up at the LARPD office, 4444 East Ave., Livermore, or download the forms from LARPD's web site. Call (925) 417-2631 for more information.

#### 10K Run

The 6th Hats Off America Red T-Shirt 10K Run/5K Walk will be held beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 10, 2007 at Sycamore Valley Park, 2101 Holbrook Drive, Danville rain or shine

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. Run with Sparky George, the Bear Flag

Runner, to raise awareness and money for the Hats Off America (HOA) nonprofit organization. HOA 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 volun teer, contact Sparky George 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. Hats Off America fundraising events are held each year and include Casino Night in April 2007; The Muscle Car, Hot Rod & Art Fair in May 2007; and Red T-Shirt 10KRun/ KW Walks in Eabnurg, Santembar and No 5K Walks in February, September and No-vember 2007. There is also a blood drive on February 3.

#### **Girls Softball Registration**

2007 Registration for all Pleasanton Phantom divisions is now open. Phantom softball is open to girls in grades K-12 living in Pleasanton, Dublin and Sunol. Registration can be completed online or mail-in. Registration forms are available on line or you may request one by mailing to PGSL, P.O. Box 911, Pleasanton, CA 94566. Return the registration to the same address. See the PGSL web site for additional information www.pleasantonsoftball.org or con-tact Dalice Godwin at ponyperf@comcast.net or 462-5608.

#### Sharks Tickets

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) is selling a limited amount of tickets to two games in the upcoming National Hockey League season of the San Loca Sharke Jose Sharks. The public can purchase tickets for the

January 15, 2007 game against the Colorado Avalanche, which kicks off at 7:00 p.m. at the Shark Tank in San Jose. Also available are tickets for the Sunday, March 11, 2007 game against the Edmonton Oilers, starting at 5:00 p.m. The Oilers were ranked sixth in the NHL

in 2005 and made it to the Stanley Cup finals. Tickets for both games are Upper Re-served seats in sections 217, 218, 226, and 227. Tickets are \$43 each and can be purchased by calling (925) 373-5700. For more information, please contact Moe Kline at (925) 373-5717.



rbs, 3 steals. . . .

The SM/SC 8th grade boys team (BN-804) defeated the 8th grade St. Joan's boys team 38-29 this Sunday at the Granada High school main gym in Livermore. St. Johns played a pressing trap defense in the second half and climbed back into the game before SM/SC held on for a 9 point winning margin and their 5th consecutive victory. SM/SC was led by an all-around performance from Jacob Goodness who had 17 points, 6 assists, 3 rebounds, 3 steals and 3 blocks; Jacob Hohl added 10 points, 12 rebounds and 2 blocks, Ryan Rogers had 4 points, 3 assists and 2 steals; Justin Brauer also had 5 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist and a steal rebounds 1 assist and a steal.

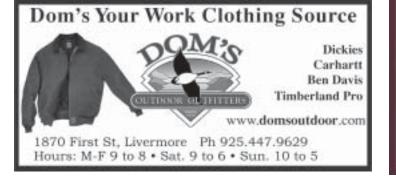
CCOP #6007 (007) played a fantastic game against CCOP #6001. Marlo Aghazarian had a great game with four baskets, and the most rebounds. The first half ended with CCOP #6007 ahead, 14-6. CCOP #6007 fought hard and had great team work. They passed well and everyone made at least one basket. They fought hard and ended the game with the win, 28-12. Top Offensive Players for CCOP #6007: Hayley Bradley, Sarah Loduha, Kris Dunsworth, Marlo Aghazarian; Top Defensive Players for CCOP #6007: Kylie Copenhagen, Sydney Hitesman, Aubry Wolff Wolff

SM/SC (#7007) defeated CCOP (#7001) 31-18 in a great game by both teams. SMSC was led offensively by Monica Acton, Larissa Lassit, and Jamie Elliot. The defense was led by Allysa Combs, Allie Parker and Cassidy Sherman.

Sherman. SM/SC 7th grade girls (#7010) defeated St. Joan's (#7004), 37 to 14. The SM/SC defense stole the game with Ashley Holmes (6 pts 5 rebs) and Brittany Campiotti (11 pts 6 rebs) combining for 15 steals. SM/SC received a season best offensive flurry from Mckarzie Hubert (8 ths 3 rabe 2 stels) and Dani Mckenzie Hubert (8 pts 3 rebs 2 stls) and Dani Arnold (4 pts 2 rebs). Navneet Kahlon played aggressive defense all game to help slow the St. Joan offensive plan. Erin Walthall drove

St. Joan oriensive pian. Erin waitmail drove hard to the hoop to add 4 pts. for SM/SC. In their most balanced game of the year, 9 players scored the SM/SC 7th grade boys (#706) 34-22 win over St. Isidore's (#706) 34-22. Chris Miller recorded his 2nd double. double with 10 points and 11 redouble-double with 10 points and 11 re-bounds and Danny Emerson scored 7, including a twisting reverse layup in the 2nd half. Damariay Drew was solid on both ends of the floor with 4 points, 8 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 block and 3 steals. Jacob Jones recorded 3 steals and Jake and Chris Holzschuh and Jeremy Smith each ripped down 5 rebounds. Hunter Lewis, Jacob Jones, Kevin Rogers and Turner Sblendorio anchored the defense that held St. Isidore's to 3 points in the first that held St. Isidore's to 3 points in the first quarter.

. . . The SM/SC 8th grade boys' American team defeated St. Raymond's, 39-22. Top players for SM/SC include Kevin Stein with



Kyree Rossell, and Conner Jones.

The SM/SC Shooting Stars (1st/2nd grade girls) faced off against the Warriors (1st and 2nd grade boys) on Sunday. Alexandra Lonsinger led the scoring for the Shooting Stars with 3 baskets. Lexi Carzoli) helped out by shutting down fast breaks and scoring. Jenny Gibson led the team in steals and also dropped in a bucket. Not to be outdone, the Warriors also houch a creat grame arging the Warriors also played a great game against the Shooting Stars. Ben Kerling was the Warrior's leading offensive player, with fast breaks and baskets, as well as defensive blocking. Alex Hattori played great defense for his team and Kavan Bagatelos scored for the Warriors.

The SM/SC 1st and 2nd grade Scorpions and the Vipers had an exciting game on Sunday. The Scorpions Lucas O'Brienstarted the scoring followed up by great rebounding by Tevor Hamilton with Nick Volponi bring-ing the ball into action. The Vipers' Luke Hathiger gave the team a great showing with tarrific scale. E-grow Smith had some great terrific steals, Eamon Smith had some great shots and Riley Van Trease helped his team with great ball handling skills.

#### Vipers Skate to Title

Livermore Valley Vipers captured the Sierra Inline Hockey League High School

The Vipers are inline hockey players from Granada and Livermore High Schools who

stop wishing

winning vault in level 7 competition. Nicole FItzgerald placed second on beam in level 8

LEVEL 7 - Age 11 & Under: VAULT -Valentina Barbalinardo, 5th, 8.9; Brianna Camacho, 8.55. BARS - Barbalinardo, 5th, Camacho, 8.55. BARS - Barbalinardo, 5th, 9.025; Camacho, 9th, 8.525. BEAM -Barbalinardo, 1st, 9.55; Camacho, 8.15. FLOOR - Barbalinardo, 9th, 9.225; Camacho, 8.5. ALL - AROUND - Barbalinardo, 2nd, 36.7; Camacho, 10th, 33.725. Age 12 & 13: VAULT - Ashley Eastman, 7th, 8.8; BARS - Eastman, 8.575; BEAM - Eastman, 8th, 8.55; FLOOR - Eastman, 8.65; ALL - AROUND - Fastman 11th 34.575. Are 14 AROUND - Eastman, 11th, 34.575. Age 14 & Up: VAULT - Sophie Libkind, 1st, 9.075; BARS - Libkind, 8.075; BEAM - Libkind, 7.45; FLOOR - Libkind, 3rd, 9.075; ALL-DOUND Libliad, 9th, 23.675

7.45; FLOOR - Libkind, 3rd, 9.075; ALL-AROUND - Libkind, 8th, 33.675. LEVEL 8 - Age 13 & 14: VAULT - Nicole Fitzgerald, 8.125; BARS - Fitzgerald, 8.325; BEAM - Fitzgerald, 2nd, 9.2; FLOOR - Fitzgerald, 8.825; ALL-AROUND - Fitzgerald, 8th, 34.475. Age 15 & UP: VAULT - Alexa Leporati, 7.825; BARS - Leporati, 7.8; BEAM - Leporati, 4th, 8.5. LEVEL 9 - VAULT - Kimberly Lisiak, 5th, 8.0; BARS - Lisiak, 6.6; BEAM - Lisiak, 6.35; FLOOR - Lisiak, 3rd, 8.3; ALL-AROUND - Lisiak, 7th, 29.25.

Bowling News

Mark McCreary and Jeremy Stuber were top pin-getters at Granada Bowl in Liver-more. McCreary rolled his second Livermore

#### Annual Crab Feed

The 2nd Annual Livermore Girls Softheld on Saturday, February 3 from 6:30-11 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore, Tickets are on sale at Groth Bros. Chevrolet, 59 South L Street, Livermore for \$30 each, and tables of eight can still be purchased. Not only will crab lovers get their fill on some of the best crab around (and all you can eat of it!),



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#### REMEMBER

(continued from page one) as a curator for the Livermore Heritage Guild, cheerfully guiding grade school students and adults alike to discover the past life of Livermore.

She would listen carefully to a request, her eyes behind the glint of glasses sharp on the questioner's face, then drop her gaze and quickly turn to delve into a file drawer, pull out a heavy three-ring binder, or disappear for a while into the notorious jam-packed southwest corner of the building, where only Barbara understood her organizational method. She rarely returned without the answer.

On slow Friday evenings in the 1970s when she was still a city librarian, she began reading recently acquired microfilm of local newspapers. "I'd find something I thought was interesting. I'd write it down. First thing you know, I had two or three pads full of all these notes." She began writing them on 3 by 5 cards.

This tentative beginning grew into a 28-volume subject index of 12,244 pages that covers almost 100 years of the Livermore Herald. Actually, it is much more than a subject index because she included a line of explanation with each entry. Some of the index has now been put on CD-ROM. Both the three-ring binders of the index and the CD-ROM are available at the new Livermore Public Library. She completed the index, including obituary listings, through 2002.

Julie Casamajor, the library's assistant director for public services, said of the index, "It's huge—it really is a life work." She noted that the binders are well-used by historians, genealogists, and school children.

Gary Drummond, Livermore's city historian, who has worked closely with Barbara through the Livermore Heritage Guild, said, "I can never give Barbara enough credit for the effort she's put in for the history of this community. It's unique—to my knowledge there are few cities in California that have the breadth of information that we have.

Meanwhile, at age 76 Barbara tackled a subject index for another newspaper, the Livermore Echo. The work always went slowly because she kept finding intriguing articles. It's not a surprise to learn that as a child she read so much that her family nickname was "Bookie." The completed *Echo* index is available at the Carnegie Building.

Barbara did most of this work by hand—she had an aversion to computers. Sometimes she worked on an old typewriter, not an electric one. After the Echo, she was working on still another old newspaper-the Southern Alameda County News. As far as I know, she did not complete that index.

She retired from her work as curator at Carnegie in 2005, continuing her indexing projects at home. The Livermore Heritage Guild named the southeast room at the old library the Barbara S. Bunshah Research Room in her honor.

She died at Eden Hospital on Thursday, Jan. 4, after lingering for several days from a stroke. A memorial for friends and family will be held at Ravenswood on Saturday, Jan. 13 at 2 p.m.

I am glad that I told Barbara that my upcoming book on the history of Livermore, Historic Livermore, California: A to Z, is dedicated to her. She was personally very helpful to me in searching out information and photographs. And, of course, anyone who has done research in old newspapers can understand that her subject index was invaluable to my project.

Thank you, Barbara.

(Readers can reach me at am3homan@yahoo.com.)

### **OBITUARIES**

#### Barbara Bunshah

Livermore historian Barbara Bunshah died January 4, 2007 at Eden Hospital. She was 81.

She had lived in Livermore for 47 years.

During that time she worked at the Livermore Library, first at the old Carnegie Building, then at the location at the civic center before retiring. She said during an interview in 2001, "I waited until the Heritage Guild was in the Carnegie Bldg. and then I retired from the library and went back down to the building I loved.

Barbara spent 25 years read-ing and cataloging the Livermore newspapers from 1874 to 2005 compiling over 10,000 3 x 5 cards. Barbara literally read every newspaper. Even in this day of modern technology it still will take someone reading every newspaper to create such an index, so it still remains a monumental task that may never be recreated by others. The index she created is considered to be a remarkable research tool for historians and people researching their ancestors or older homes they have purchased in town. The Livermore Library received a grant of nearly \$100,000 to have the typed index transferred into Adobe Acrobat so people can easily access and search the Index by computer using keywords. Because of this effort Barbara is known as the ultimate Reference Librarian, bar none on Livermore's and the Valley's History. The saying became, "If you want to know anything about Livermore's history, ask Barbara. She is survived by nieces, Terry Druga of Kentucky and Maureen Fink of Southern California, as well as several nieces and nephews in Pennsylvania. She is also survived by many close friends. She was preceded in death by her husband Rointan Bunshah.

peacefully on December 26, 2006 at Villa Čourt in San Ramon, a few days short of her 87th birthday. She had been ill for several months.

She was a resident of Danville, a lifelong registered nurse, devoted wife and mother who rebuilt herself many times over her 86 years.

She was born to Diego and Catherine Saldanha on Jan. 3, 1920 and was orphaned at an early age. She opted for a nursing vocation and practiced as a private nurse at St. Elizabeth's Nursing Home in Bombay, India. In 1956, she married Arthur Price. Her patients included ailing tourists who had described this country before she emigrated with her family in 1970. She was hired by Kaiser Permanente in San Francisco, obtained her registered nurse license and quickly rose to the position of nursing supervi-sor. She and her family lived in San Francisco before relocating to Pleasanton, then San Ramon and finally Danville. After retirement from Kaiser, she continued working as a nursing director for the night shift at Sunrise Nurses Registry until the age of 80 when diagnosis of lung cancer forced her to withdraw after over 60 years in the nursing profession.

She lost her only child, Michael in 1997, and her husband, Arthur, two years later. She is survived by her grandchildren. Her grandson, Andre Price graduates from UC Santa Barbara and is soon to join Microsoft. Granddaughter, Nicole Price, is a student at the University of Chicago. In addition to her grandchildren, she is survived by numerous grandnieces and great grandnieces and grandnephews in Aus-tralia, India and the Netherlands, and by her husband's nice Cherylanne De Souza, her husband Luiz, and their family in Danville.

Her passions not only focused on her grandchildren, but also on nurturing and mentoring many others whom she sponsored into the nursing profession. Her passion to be a super/mega lotto grand prize winner, however, was never accomplished.

Funeral services included a viewing and memorial at Graham-Hitch Funeral Home in Pleasanton on December 29 followed by a memorial mass at St. Elizabeth Seton's in Pleasanton on December 30.

#### Jane Onderko

Jane Onderko passed away of congestive heart failure on January  $\tilde{2}$ , 2007, one day after her 91st birthday.

A resident of Livermore sin 1996, Jane was born Gioconda Maria Amenta in Middleton, CT., the fourth of five children, to Sicilian immigrants Giovanni and Emanuelo Amenta. She studied opera and was a talented seamstress, sewing elaborate clothing for herself and others. She enlisted in the U.S. Army in Sept. 1944 and went through basic training at Ft. Oglethorpe, GA. As a member of the Women's Army Corps, Jane supported the Director of Military Intelligence at Oak Ridge, TN, during the Manhattan Project. She achieved the rank of tech Sergeant, receiving a Meritorious Unit Service Plaque, an American Service Medal, a WWII Victory Medal, and a Good Conduct Medal. After mustering out, Jane relocated with the Manhattan Project in Los Alamos, NM, where she supported Drs. Edward Teller and Frederic de Hoffman during the development of the first hydrogen bomb. There she met and married John Onderko, an Army Major stationed at Los Alamos. They later relocated to Nevada, where Jane worked for the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission (now the Department of Energy/ Nevada Operations Office) during the nuclear testing program. While with the Safety and Health Office, she went to Amchitka, Alaska, for the Cannikin event. She retired from the DOE/NVOO in March 1987. In retirement, Jane enjoyed art, needlepoint, travel and reading. She was a charter member of the Women in Military Service for American Memorial Foundation, Inc., the nonprofit organi-zation established to build the Women's Memorial in Washington, D.C. She is survived by a daughter, Jane Houston, and a granddaughter, Amanda Houston, both of

Livermore; a sister, Carmela (nee Amenta) Kelly of Portland, CT., a brother, Anthony Amenta of Las Vegas, NV, and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Women's Memorial Foundation, Dept. 560, Washington, CA 20042; www.womensmemorial.org/Donate/donate.html.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

#### Dean Paul Heckman

Dean Paul Heckman passed away with loved ones and friends by his side on December 27, 2006 after a courageous battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). He was 53.

Dean was born in Oakland and raised in Hayward. He lived in Livermore for over 30 years. He worked as a delivery person for DHL and his customers will miss him. He was a wonderful son, husband, father, brother, uncle and friend.

He is survived by his wife Donna Heckman, son, Casey Heckman, brother Dennis Heckman, sister, Linda Gaskill, best friend John Kopp, numerous nieces and nephews, and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Čecil and Iolanda Heckman.

The family wishes to express deepest gratitude to all those who prayed for and helped Dino to cope during his days of ALS.

Family and friends attended a rosary at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Livermore on January 6. A celebration of his life will follow at a later date.

The family prefers donations to Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd., Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568 or The Forbes Norris MDA/ALS Research Center, 2324 Sacramento St., #111, San Francisco, CA 94115.

Arrangements by Wilson Family Funeral Home.

#### Tyson Alan Nunes

Tyson Alan Nunes passed on January 1, 2007 in Livermore. He was 21.

He is survived by his loving parents, Alan and Ellen, his younger sister, Emily, Grandparents Francis and Lillian Nunes, Ann Cameron and Gerard Cameron and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins throughout the country.

The lifelong resident of Livermore was born November 3, 1986. He graduated from Livermore High School 2004. Tyson played in the school band through high school. He joined the Boy Scouts of America during his 1st grade year in 1992 and achieved Eagle Scout at the age of 18. Tyson loved skateboarding, music and being with his friends. He worked at Regal Cinema and most recently at TGI Fridays, while attending Las Positas Junior College. His future hopes and plans were to attend motorcycle mechanics school and open his own shop with friends. "While the Angels have you in their keeping, we will keep you in our hearts.

Teri Voorhes (John) of Pacifica, and Judi Crawford, (Erik) of Carmichael. A fourth sister, Maureen Varesio (Tony), of Livermore, passed away in 1996.

At Kevin's request, interment will be without ceremony at Memory Gardens in Livermore.

Contributions in Kevin's memory can be made to Hospice of San Joaquin, 3888 Pacific Avenue, Stockton, CA, 95204. They will long be remembered for their kindness during Kevin's final days.

#### Jackie McCurry

Jackie McCurry died January 3, 2007 at ValleyČare Medical Center in Pleasanton at the age

Born in Casper, Wyoming as Jacqueline Alma Boyles, she had lived in Livermore since 1951 where she was known as Jackie. She worked at Parks Air Force Base and at General Electric Vallecitos for over 37 years. She was a member of the Livermore Aerie 609.

She is survived by her daugh-ter Lana and her husband Gene Knuckey; grandchildren Kimberly and Kevin Knuckey; great grandchildren, Tyler, Cooper and Jolene, all of Phoenix, AZ. She is also survived by her stepchildren and their families, Leonard McCurry of Livermore and Linda Bernardo of Pleasanton.

Funeral services were held January 8 in Livermore. Burial was at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Livermore.

Contributions in her name may be made to the American Liver Association, Northern California Chapter, 870 Market St., Suite 1048, San Francisco, CA 94702 or to the Paralyzed Veterans of America, 7 Mill Brook Road. Wilton. WH 03086.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

#### Tito H. Gonzales

Tito H. Gonzales died January 2, 2007 in Pleasanton.

He was best known for touching so many people with his kindness, generosity and his flirtatious sense of humor. He had retired from the U.S. Postal Service in Oakland. His hobbies include painting, photography, jazz music and football. He enjoyed going to Yoshio's Jazz Club with his brother Victor.

He is survived by daughters Cheryl (Eric) Cunningham of Livermore and Diana (Kirk) Hadley of Salida; sisters Elsa Hallock of Alameda, Lois Wardley of Danville, and Kali Bonner of Fremont; grandchildren, Ashley, Alyssa and Brittney Cunningham of Livermore and Kyle and Logan Hadley of Salida. He was preceded in death by his wife Dorothy M. Gonzales, his son Marcus, brother Victor, and parents, Victor, Sr. and Maryann Gonzales.

Funeral services were held January 9 in Livermore. Burial was at St. Michael's Cemetery in Livermore. Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

#### Edward Lee McKelvey

Edward Lee McKelvey died January 4, 2007 in San Leandro.

He was born in Prescott, Arizona, and attended local high schools graduating from West Phoenix High Class of 1956. He graduated from the University of Arizona in Tuscon and the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. He worked for Sandia Laboratories in New Mexico then transferred to Livermore Sandia in 1963 and worked as an electronics engineer until retiring in 2001. His hobbies included playing golf, camping, square danc-ing and bowling. In his early college years, he owned and operated ACME Tree Trimming Service.

He is survived by his mother, Reba McKelvey of Ramona; children, Daniel Lee McKelvey of Brentwood, James Edward (Loraine) McKelvey of San Leandro, Sheri Sue Kollo of Oakley; brother Robert Dean McKelvey of Ramona; and five grandchildren and his former spouse, Saundra Sue Jones of Brentwood.

Visitation will be from noon to 5 p.m. Thurs., Jan. 11 at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore. Funeral services will be held at noon on Fri., Jan. 12 at the same location. Burial will be at Roselawn Cemetery. North Livermore Ave., Livermore.

#### Michael (Mikey) Thomson

Michael Thomson, a lifelong resident of Manteca, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, January 6, 2007. He was 26.

Known to friends and family as "Mikey T," he was a faithful member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church and a servant of the community, as he was a proud member of the Knights of Columbus. Mikey graduated from Sierra High School in 1999, where he participated in tennis, football, wrestling and was a 4 year member of the band. He worked at the Marketplace 10 Movie Theatre for 6 years and then in the IAP World Services at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, for the past 2 years. Mikey T was a huge sports fan.

He was a dedicated fan of the San Francisco Giants and 49ers. Mikey T enjoyed giving his time to the Sierra High School Athletic Department as well, where he was a scoreboard operator at the Baseball games in addition to the Public Address announcer at the freshman football games and women's basketball games. Mikey T was also involved in the University of the Pacific Baseball Program as an honorary member of the team one weekend, every season. Mikey T loved the movies, cosmic bowling, Disneyland, breakfast with Grandma, spending time with his many friends and family, but mostly he loved attending mass and praying. Everyone loved Mikey T, because Mikey T loved

Bettencourt, as well as many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held

January 5 in Livermore. Burial was private.

Memorials may be made to a charity of choice.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

#### Kyle Joseph O'Connor

Kyle Joseph O'Connor died in a traffic accident in Pleasanton on January 3, 2007.

He was born March 22, 1990 in Newton, MA. Kyle lived with his family in Pleasanton for the past 15 years. His life was ended suddenly, but his soul will be with those he loved forever. He was an incredible young many who enjoyed life and was loved by many. He attended Lydiksen Elementary School, Hart Middle School and was a junior at Foothill High School where he was on the high school varsity basketball team. His passions were weight lifting, being with friends, and his beloved dog, Pip. He also attended St. Augustine Catholic Church. He is survived by his parents Stephen J. and Cynthia O'Connor of Pleasanton, a brother, Sean P. O'Connor; his paternal grandparent Cynthia O'Connor of St. Petersburg Beach, FL; and maternal grandparents Mark and Laura Egebrecht of Norton, MA. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated January 6 at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Pleasanton. Burial was at St. Michael's Cemetery in Livermore In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Foothill High Athletic Boosters.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Jan. 13 at 2 p.m. at Ravenswood Historic Site, 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore.

The family suggests memorial gifts in her name to the Livermore Heritage Guild or to the Livermore Heritage Guild Museum Fund.

#### John M. Bettencourt

John M. Bettencourt died December 30, 2006 in Pleasanton. He was 83.

He was born in Alamo, raised in Danville and lived the past thirty years in Livermore. John spent many years driving trucks, hauling cattle. He loved to go to Alamo by Point Reyes and gather and work cattle. He spent about three years during World War II in England, France and Germany as a member of the 101st Airborne Division. He returned to receive honors for being at Bastone when the Germans surrounded the town. John was proud to belong to the retired group from the 101st Airborne.

He is survived by a sister, Alice Scheelar and a brother, Henry

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Alice "Sally" Ronan Alice "Sally" Ronan died January 1, 2007 in Pleasanton. She was 89.

The Illinois native had lived in Pleasanton for 6 years. Prior to that she had lived in Alameda for 11 years. She attended Northern Illinois University where she earned both bachelor's and master's degrees. She was an elementary principal in Illinois.

Her hobby was traveling. She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law Joseph and Colleen Ronan of Pleasanton, a brother Robert Heisey of St. Charles, IL., and grandchildren Katie and Patrick Ronan of Pleasanton. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph E. Ronan and sisters Lorraine Lammers and Edna Pell.

Mass was celebrated January 5 at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Pleasanton. Burial was at St. Augustine Cemetery in Pleasanton.

Donations may be made to The Catholic Community of Pleasanton, Capital Campaign for Pope John Paul, II Family Activity Center, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94588.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

#### Sally Price

Sally Price passed away

Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated January 18 at St. Michael's Catholic Church. Burial followed the service.

Donations can be made in Tyson's memory to Boy Scouts of America, www.scouting.org Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

#### Kevin Thomas Ryan

Following a lengthy battle with cancer, Kevin Thomas Ryan died peacefully in the early hours of New Year's Day at the Hospice House in Stockton. He was 50.

An enthusiastic fan of the Oakland Raiders, an avid fan of his beloved San Francisco Giants, he will be remembered by all as a generous and loving man whose aim in life was to nurture and take care of others.

Born in Montclair, NJ, Kevin moved to Livermore, in the early 70's, where he attended Mendenhall Middle School and Granada High School. He moved to Manteca in 1976, and was an active player in adult softball leagues up until his illness no longer permitted it. He was employed for 26 years as a Technician with Clark Pest Control.

Kevin is survived by his Life Partner, Rene Martin of Manteca, and her three children, as well as his parents, Jean and Bob Ryan of Livermore, sisters Kathleen Sorensen (Scott) of Livermore,

Paul Richard Joplin Paul Richard "Dick" Joplin died December 13, 2006, following a battle with cancer. He was 85

He was born April 4, 1921, the sixth of ten children of Ed and Lottie Joplin. He served with the Marine Raiders in World War II and saw action in several of the Pacific island campaigns. He worked for many years in the floor covering business before he was employed at the Holiday Bowl in Hayward where he was promoted to general manager before retiring and moving to Hawaii. He moved back to the mainland in 1977. He was an avid bowler and golfer for many years.

He is survived by six children, Robert (Kathy), Patricia Whitman, Richard, Ronald, Michael and David, grandchildren, Tina Choi, Daniel Joplin and Bridget Paquette, and four great grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thurs., Jan. 11 at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore. He will be interred at the San Joaquin National Cemetery on January 22, 2007

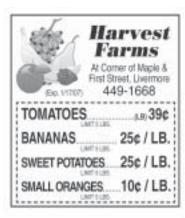
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the SPCA or American Cancer Society.

everyone. He was the son of Jack and Paula Thomson of Manteca.

He is survived by his grandmother Margaret (Marge\_ Thomson of Manteca. He is survived by siblings John (Heather) Thomson, Scott Thomson and Travis Thomson, all of Manteca, and a niece Rebecca Thomson, also of Manteca, as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Visitation is 2 to 6 p.m. with rosary at 3 p.m. on Fri., Jan. 12 at Fry and Son Funeral Home Mass will be celebrated 1:30 p.m. on Sat., Jan. 13 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Manteca. Burial will be Tues., Jan. 16 at 2:30 p.m. at St. John's Catholic Cemetery, Escalon, CA

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Mikey Thomson Memorial Scholarship Fund c/o Delta National Bank 611 N. Main Street, Manteca, CA 95336, or Knights of Columbus, St. Anthony's Council #10693, P.O. Box 807, Manteca, CA 95336.





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Robert Sholty appears as Sir Harry and Julie Dahms as Lady Larken in the Pleasanton Playhouse production of "Once Upon a Mattress.'

## Musical Comedy on Amador Stage

The Pleasanton Playhouse's 23rd season continues with the musical comedy, "Once Upon a Mattress," which runs January 12 through 28 at the Amador Theater.

A witty, comedic spin on Hans Christian Andersen's "The Princess and the Pea," this musical takes place in a medieval kingdom ruled by the manipulative Queen Aggravain (Cynthia Myers, recently seen as Mrs. Meers in DLOC's "Thoroughly Modern Millie"), an overbearing mother-type who wants to keep her son Prince Dauntless (Tomas Theriot, last seen at the Pleasanton Playhouse as Seymour in "Little Shop of Horrors") from marrying. However, the kingdom's Marriage Law states that no one in the kingdom can marry until Dauntless does, so the desperate subjects must find a princess, any princess. Sir Harry (Robert Sholty, a fan

favorite last seen at the Pleasanton Playhouse as Jud in "Oklahoma!") leaves the kingdom in search of a princess for Dauntless after he finds out his brideto-be Lady Larken (Julie Dahmes) is also a mother-to-be. He returns with Princess Winnifred (Suzanne Henry, last seen at the Pleasanton Playhouse as Sister Robert Anne in "Nunsense"), an unlikely bridal candidate who and \$20 for juniors 18 and takes the kingdom by surprise when she eagerly swims the moat and climbs the castle wall to meet her potential husband. An enamored Dauntless thinks he has found his match, though the Queen has met her match in keeping Dauntless all to herself.

Like the princesses before her, Winnifred must pass a royalty test to prove she is a real princess. Though the Queen and her accomplice the Wizard (Bill Hattenroth) plot to ensure she fails, Winnifred is determined to succeed. There to help her along are the Minstrel (Jesse Garcia), the Jester (Tom Reardon) and the silent-but-clever King Sextimus (Mark Hinds).

"Once Upon a Mattress" was written by Jay Thompson, Marshall Barer and Dean Fuller, with songs like "Shy," "Normandy," "Sensitivity," "Shy," "Happily Ever After" and others penned by Mary Rodgers and Marshall Barer.

"Once Upon a Mattress" is directed by Steve Shearer, who previously directed "Steel Magnolias," "Bye Bye Birdie," and "Into the Woods" for Pleasanton Playhouse. The production staff also includes vocal director Kim Hinkley, music director Dean Christman, choreographer Christina Lazo, assistant choreographer Justin Isla and costume designer Marianna Ford.

Shows are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays Jan. 12-28 at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$28 for seniors age 60 and older younger. They can be purchased 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Pleasanton Playhouse box office at 1048 Serpentine Lane #307 or by telephone at 925-462-2121 or 925-484-4486. Tickets can also purchased online at be www.pleasantonplayhouse.com.

### **Registration Starts for Poetry, Prose & Arts Festival**

Pulizer Prize winning novelist Michael Chabon (left) and

California Poet Laureate Al Young will be featured at the festival.

The Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council and City of Pleasanton Civic Arts is accepting early registration for the Sixth Annual Poetry, Prose & Arts Festival to be held on Saturday, March 31, 2007.

The Festival will be take place at the CarrAmerica Conference Center at 4400 Rosewood Drive in Pleasanton from 8:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The event will host two spe-cial guests. California Poet Laureate Al Young will present the keynote address. Pulitzer Prizewinning novelist Michael Chabon will present the afternoon session. Chabon will also appear the Amador Theater in Pleasanton at 8 p.m. Saturday evening in a program sponsored by City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Presents.

This year's event will feature workshops, poetry contests and celebrity appearances. In addition, participants may choose to attend a reception and book sign-ing, visit Literary Row to meet and mingle with local authors, and listen to music performed by classical guitarist Jim Steinke. Pleasanton Art League and other regional artists will present a fine arts show. The evening banquet will include the reading of prize winning poems and prose, presentation of cash awards and music by Flutes Con Moto.

Adult poetry workshops will be led by Armand Brint, Susan Browne, and Charles and Gail Entrekin, Lewis Buzbee will

conduct a prose workshop for adults and teens. Grace Marie Grafton will lead a youth poetry and art workshop and Elisa Kleven will present a workshop on writing and illustrating children's books for adults and teens.

Adult registration includes two workshops, plus sessions

with California Poet Laureate Al Young and author Michael Chabon, afternoon events that are open to the public and all meals, including the evening awards banquet. The adult fee is \$80 until March 3 and \$95 after that date.

Youth registration (ages 4-12 years) includes a morning poetry workshop and the public after-noon activities. Youth fee \$15 prior to March 3 and \$20 after.

Teen registration (ages 13-19 years) includes two workshops, the Al Young and Michael Chabon sessions, and the after-noon public activities. Early registration for teens is \$25; After March 3, the fee is \$35.

Adults, teens and youth who wish to enter the Festival's poetry contests must submit their entries with early registration.

Early registrations and payments must be postmarked on or before March 3, 2007. Registration forms and information may be obtained from the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council website at www.pleasantonarts.org or by contacting Michelle Russo at 931-5350 (925)or mrusso@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

## & ENTERTAINME

- Livermore Art Association Gallery Show, opening January 13: Human ity! Figurative, portraiture, people old and young. Gallery in Carnegie Bldg., 3rd Street between J and K Streets, Livermore. Open Wed.-Sun. 11:30 to 4 p.m. Information, 449-9927
- East Meets West, art exhibition at the Livermore Library Gallery, 1188 So. Livermore Ave., Jan. 2-31. Various media from nine artists representing the east and west. Reception Jan. 6, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Artists: Lily Xu, Betty Goosman, Amy Leung, Katie Caulk, Linda Ryan, Edmee Keele, Zhiping Zhang, Bao-Chun Li, and Xiao-Ming Fan.
- Auditions, Valley Concert Chorale, by appointment for experienced singers interested in singing with the chorus on Monday, January 15 and Monday, January 29 in Livermore. The Chorale is looking for singers who enjoy performing a wide range of music from classical to contemporary, from folk to jazz. If you have sight reading skills and enjoy singing exciting and challenging music, call 925-462-4205 to schedule an appointment. For more information, visit www.valleyconcertchorale.org. Livermore Art Association/Pleasanton Art League, meeting Mon., Jan. 15, 7:30 p.m. Cultural Arts Bldg., 4455 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Gloria K. Alford will present a slide show featuring a 40 year evolution of a mixed media artist. No admission charge

Contra Costa Children's Chorus holds placement interviews at the Dougherty Station Community Center in San Ramon on January 15 and 22. The chorus begins its 2nd satellite chorus through the Department of Parks and Community Services, with rehearsals to take place at the Dougherty Station Community Center. The Chorus has performed at such venerable institutions as Canter-

tour to China. Director Iris Lamanna will lead children ages 5-14 (grades 1-4 and grades 5-8) in two separate levels at the San Ramon site. Partici-pants in the San Ramon program will also have the opportunity to perform and eventually tour with the more advanced group in Walnut Creek. Placement interviews will be held on Monday 1/15/07 from 4-5:15, with additional interviews the 1/22/07 and 1/29/07. Please call 925 973-3368 to sign up for an audition time slot. Please come prepared to sing a short song. For more information check out the Contra Costa Children's Cho-rus Web site at www.childrenschorus.com.

Concerto Competition, Prometheus Symphony Orchestra for Bay Area string, wind and percussion players age 18 or younger. Competition is Tues., Jan. 30, 2007 at Zion Lutheran Church, Piedmont. The winner will perform with the orchestra on Sun., March 25, 2007 and will receive a S150 award. Application deadline is Jan. 20, 2007. Applications are avail-able by calling 447-3659 or on-line at www.prometheussymphony.org. Tommy T's (comedy) Pleasanton, 5104 Hopyard Rd. 227-1800 or

- www.tommyts.com. Art Collecting 101, Saturday January 20, 3-4pm. Free to the Public. Refreshments Served. Worthington Gallery West, 739 J. Main St., Pleasanton. Led by Claudia Hess who has spent the last 30 years studying art in the US, Europe and Japan. 485-1183.
- The Odd Couple, a Comedy by Neil Simon, Feb. 2-18, Thursday, Friday & Saturday at 8:00 pm & Sundays at 2:00 pm. The Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 North Third Street, Hayward. Tickets (510) 881-6777; information dmtonline.org.
- Folksinger John McCutcheon performs at St. James' Episcopal Church

including the hammer dulcimer. General admission tickets are on sale now for \$20, \$15 for children under age 12. Children under age 5 are admitted free of charge. A limited number of higher priced tickets may be available at the door. For ticket information, call the St. James' office at 510-797-1492 or visit www.saintj.com. St. James' Episco-pal Church: 37051 Cabrillo Terrace (at Thornton), Fremont.

Poet's Showcase, Hosted Pleasanton's Poet Laureate Cynthia L. Bryant on Thursday, January 25th 7:30pm Towne Center Books, 555 Main Street, Pleasanton in honor of Charlene Villella, Pleasanton's first poet laureate. No fee, light refreshments.

Aftershocker, plays at Blue Bar, 2293 First St., Livermore, January 18, at 10 p.m.

Once Upon a Mattress, Pleasanton Playhouse, January 12-28, 2007. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Curtain time on Fridays and Saturdays is 8 p.m. and Sundays 2 p.m. Tickets are \$30 for adults (18-60), \$28 for Seniors (60+), and \$20 for Juniors (under 18). There is a substantial discount for groups purchasing 20 or more tickets. For tickets or information, call 462-2121 or www.pleasantonplavhouse.com **Dublin Winter Concert Series,** Sat., Jan. 13, 7 p.m. Michael McNevin, accomplished folk music guitarist and storyteller whose songs read like short stories. Old St. Raymond's Church, 6600 Donlon Way, Dublin. Tickets at the door, \$10 adults, \$5 youth 12 and under. Light refreshments available. Information, call the City of Dublin, 833-6645.

Authors and Arts Program Series, Jan. 18, 7 p.m. author Chef, PBS star Joanne Weir, "Weir Cooking in the City." Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Free admission. Friends of the Livermore Library

**Incorruptible**, by Michael Hollinger, performances Jan. 19-Feb. 10. Role

Information, 373-5505.

Players Ensemble Theatre. Village Theatre, 233 Front St., Danville. For tickets and show times, call 314-3400.

Del Valle Fine Arts, January 27: Red Priest, named after the flame-haired priest, Antonio Vivaldi, this extraordinary English ensemble has redefined the art of baroque music per-formance, combining the fruits of extensive research with swashbuckling virtuosity, creative re-composition, heart-on-sleeve emotion and compelling stagecraft. 8 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church of Liver-more, Fourth and South L Streets. Tickets \$18 general admission, \$16 seniors over 62 and full-time students; free for children and students through high school. For ticket information phone: 925-447-2752 or 925-443-5470.

Happy Birthday, Jackson Pollock painting party. Jan. 28, 1 to 4 p.m. artists encourage to bring materials and imitate Pollock. Bothwell Arts Center, 8th and H Streets, Livermore. For more information, send an email

bothwell@livermoreperformingarts.org, or call the center at 447-ARTS.

**Killer Laughs Comedy Competition**, starting Tues., Jan. 30, Tommy T's Comedy and Steakhouse, 5104 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton; info 227-1800. Each show will feature a special guest comedian after the competition. Presented by Laugh-A-Lot Productions Presents. Dates for preliminary rounds: Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20. 27; March 6, 1; semi finals: March 20, 27; finals: April 3 featuring nine comics. All shows start 8 p.m.; doors open 6 p.m. \$7 cover plus two item minimum. For More Information Call (925) 264-4413 or send an e-mail john@laughalotproductions.com. Auditions - Grease: Pleasanton Play-

house production. Auditions Jan. 15 and 16 at 7:30 p.m. at 1048 Serpen-

### Foothill Hosting Winter Choral Concert

Foothill High School will hold its annual Winter Choral Concert on Wednesday, January 17th, at 7:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Road in Pleasanton. Choirs include: Concert Choir, Jazz Singers, Women's Choir, Men's Ensemble & the Chamber Singers.

Student soloists are James Breedlove, Ben Cortez, Anthony DeBenedetti, Jon DesPrez, Ian Irwin, Bohn Kerns, John Lee, Sarah Lewis, Alex Orenberg, Sarah Spiegel, Marissa Stevens, Andy Surrena, Brooke Wallace, Sarah Weinberg, Emily Works.

The concert will feature the Chamber Singers combining with the Amador Valley Chamber Singers and Orchestra to perform Mozart's Te Deum, under the direction of Mark Aubel.

The choirs are conducted by JoAnn Koobatian and accompanied by Jeannine Woolery.

Tickets are \$5 general and \$3 students/seniors. Contact JoAnn tickets: 461-6600 Koobatian for jkoobatian@pleasanton.k12.ca.us.

### Aftershocker Performs January 18th

Local band, Aftershocker, performs at The Blue Bar in downtown Livermore on January 18 at 10 p.m.

A story in last week's Independent incorrectly listed the date as January 13.

The band formed in Davis 3 years ago as a classic rock cover band. However, band members soon found that their own compositions were more entertaining than the covers. Originally the band was comprised of Dylan Haas (back up vocals, rhythm guitar), Matt Cooley (lead vocals), Josh Rau (accordion, harmonica, keyboard, sax), and Ralph Walter Patterson III (drums). Last year AfterShocker added Chris Choate (bass) and Dave Marchand (lead guitar).

Aftershocker has recorded a five song EP and has over 23 origi-nal songs in its repertoire. The group still performs standard rock-nroll tunes, as well. Aftershocker has performed in over 100 Northern California shows and will release their full length album: "Born to Rock," in February.

The performance begins at 10 p.m.



bury Cathedral, the Vatican and Carnegie Hall. The Chorus is currently preparing for a Summer 2007

on Monday, January 15, at 7:30 p.m. The all-ages performance will feature his unique approach folk music and mastery of many instruments,

### Pleasanton Poets to Present Reading

Borders will host a reading by Pleasanton Poet Laureate Cynthia Bryant and award-winning Pleasanton poet Deborah Grossman on Sun., Jan. 28.

Cynthia will read from her new book, No Time to Shoot the Poets. Deborah will read from Goldie and Me, a book about freedom, family and friendship. The public is invited to the free reading and discussion. After a break, with light refreshments, attendees are welcome to read a poem during an open mic session.

The event is from 3 to 5 p.m. at Borders, 4574 Rosewood Dr., Pleasanton.

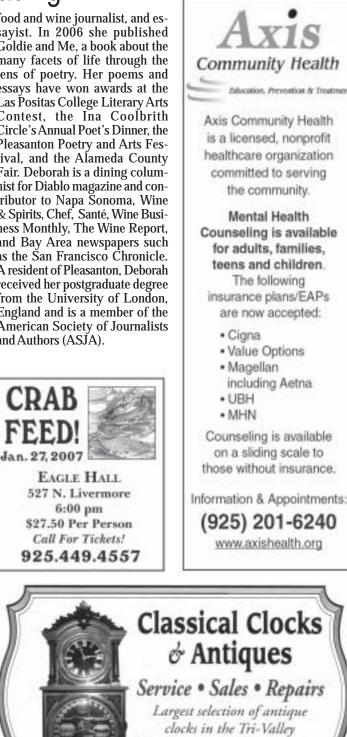
Cynthia Bryant is the current Poet Laureate for the city of Pleasanton. Cynthia's passion for poetry came late in her life. She says she began writing to save her life. What began as therapy and healing from the past has blossomed into a vital connection to the present. Cynthia has read her poetry throughout Northern California-not only in the customary venues of coffee houses and bookstores, but also the Federal Prison, continuation high schools, and battered women's shelters. She has published eight chapbooks and her most recent, No Time To Shoot the Poets. Local recognition for her poetry includes awards from Ina Coolbrith Circle, D.A.C.A. Poet's Society, The Poets Dinner, Alameda County Fair, and Las Positas College. As Poet Laureate, Cynthia helps make poetry accessible to the community by hosting the Pleasanton Century House Poetry series with well-known poets and offers other venues for open mic. She maintains an email venue and website ww.poetslane.com, as a clearinghouse for local writers

Deborah Grossman is a poet,



food and wine journalist, and essayist. In 2006 she published Goldie and Me, a book about the many facets of life through the lens of poetry. Her poems and essays have won awards at the Las Positas College Literary Arts Contest, the Ina Coolbrith Circle's Annual Poet's Dinner, the Pleasanton Poetry and Arts Festival, and the Alameda County Fair. Deborah is a dining columnist for Diablo magazine and contributor to Napa Sonoma, Wine & Spirits, Chef, Santé, Wine Business Monthly, The Wine Report, and Bay Area newspapers such as the San Francisco Chronicle. A resident of Pleasanton, Deborah received her postgraduate degree from the University of London, England and is a member of the American Society of Journalists and Authors (ASJA).

tine Lane, Suite 303. Grease opens April 20 at the Amador Theater. For additional information go to www.pleasantonplayhouse.com or call 462-2121.



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### LETIN 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.

**Baseball Training Camp**, featuring professional instruction directed by MLB scout Brian Kohndrow, Sun, Jan. 21, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. fundamentals of hitting, fielding, throwing and base running. Tri-Valley School of Baseball. Open to ages 5 to 13. Limited to 100. Fund-raising for the Livermore Valley Charter School. Camp held at the school, 543 Sonoma Ave., Livermore. Applications at 209-4697.

California Writers Club (www.trivalleywriters.com), Saturday, Janu-ary 20, from 11:30a.m. to 2:30p.m. author Maureen Biro's two hour intensive workshop, "DreamCrafting: A Writer's Guide to Understanding and Utilizing the Power of Dreams," Luncheon held at Girasole Grille, 3180 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. \$18 member/\$30 nonmember. Reservations nec-Contact Fred Norman essary Fnorman300@aol.com for more information.

Student news: Michelle Marie Carmichael received a BS in nursing from Linfield College during fall commencement exercises

Service news: Army Pvt. Benjamin C. Langham has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. Langham is the brother of William Langham Pleasanton.. He is a 2002 graduate of Amador Valley High School.

Livermore Amateur Radio Klub, (LARK) an ARRL affiliated radio club, holds monthly meetings on the third Saturday of each month, 9:30 a.m. city council chambers, 3575 Pacific Ave., Livermore. January 20 meeting - all interested persons of all ages invited, licensed or not. There is also an earlybird breakfast starting at 8:30 a.m. at Baker's Square, 1116 Stanley Blvd., Livermore. The club periodically runs license testing sessions, and also a one-day license preparation class that precedes a testing ses-sion. Also: swap meet/flea market once a month except Dec., Jan. and Feb. at Robertson Park, Livermore. For information go to www.livermoreark.org, or contact the club presdent, George Moorehead KG6WIU at kg6wiul@comcast.netorPublic information officer Chuck Harding K6CKT at k6ckt@arrl.net or 373-9976.

**East Bay FIT**, A new season of East Bay FIT (formerly Danville FIT) will begin on January 27, to train for a marathon or half marathon. The first meeting will be held at 8 a.m. at the Iron Horse Trail at the corner of Railroad & Prospect Avenues in Danville. The target race will again be the San Francisco Marathon & Half Marathon scheduled for July 29, 2007. East Bay FIT is part of a larger, national program called USA FIT, which was developed to prepare people of all fitness levels to run or walk a marathon or half marathon using a 6-month training plan. Mostly paved trails around the East Bay are used as part of our training. A few runs will take place on unpaved trails as well. Long group runs are on Saturday mornings. Week-day runs are left to individual members. For more information, please visit www.danvillefit.comorcall 1-866-333-9828.

California Retired Teachers Association Tri-Valley Division #85 will hold a luncheon meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 11:15AM, at The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union Hall (IBEW), 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Marylia Kelley, Executive Director of the Livermorebased Tri-Valley CAREs will be the speaker. The cost is \$11.00. Guests are welcome. For information call 925-373-8254.

New Junior Football League comes to Livermore. Sign-up: Sat. Jan 20, 2007, 9am
Noon at Livermore High School – The Livermore Junior Football League (LJFL) is a non-traveling contact football program similar to the Pleasanton Jr. Football League. All participants will learn the fundamentals of football in a safe and positive environment and, play regardless of talent level or ability. This inaugural year is open to Middle School students for the 2007/08 school year. Cost is \$205 (checks only), Players must be present for weigh-in. Arrive Early! Registration will close when the league reaches 100 players. Players that are not able to register with LJFL will be given instructions to PJFL registration. For additional information visit: www.livermorejuniorfootball.com Laughter Yoga at Dublin Senior Cen-

ter, ongoing Mondays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. 85 drop-in okay, seniors \$3. All ages welcome. Information, 390-4105.

Adventures in Wild California, a pro-gram for older adults, Thurs., Jan. 18, 1:30 p.m. Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza. Film covers California from the top of the Sierras to the bottom of the Pacific Ocean, narrated by Jimmy Smit. Refreshments provided. No reservations required. Information, 828-1315.

Sexual Assault Group, Tri-Valley Haven offers a sexual assault support group for adult survivors of incest/molestation and for adult survivors of incest/molestation and survivors of recent sexual assault. Meets Wednesdays 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Pleasanton. New members being accepted. Information, call Diane Ross at 449-5845 ext. 214.

The READ Project is currently seeking volunteer tutors to help motivated adults improve their basic reading and writing skills. A free tutor training workshop will be held at the Livermore Public Library on Wednesday, January 17th, from 7-9PM and on Saturday, January 20th, from 9AM-4PM. Please plan to attend both sessions. To register for the training, or for more informa-tion, call 373-5507. The READ Project is a service of the Livermore Public Library.

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/s/:Mary Elizabeth Binder This statement was filed with

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Armchair Travelers, Thurs., Jan. 11, Armenian Fravences, Finance, Filler Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Avenue. From 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Chuck Meier will give a slide show presentation based on his book, "Before the Nukes: the remarkable history of the area of the Nevada Test Site." Adults invited to this free pro-gram. For additional information, call 373-5500.

Tri Valley Conservancy Board of Directors Meeting, meets 7 p.m. Thurs., Jan. 11 at the Livermore Library, 1188 So. I ivermore Ave.

Pleasanton Reads, Adult volunteers are needed for the Pleasanton Public Library's adult literacy program called "Pleasanton Reads." The next training dates are Monday, January 22, from 7pm until 8:30pm in the Library's large meeting room, and Saturday, January 27, from 9:30 until 3:30. Training, materials and ongoing support are all free. Volunteers generally meet once per week to help another adult improve English language skills. Please call 931-3411 to sign up or ask questions; students are waiting

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring **Club**, Sat., Jan. 13, 40 miles from Dublin to Sunol and onto Calaveras and back, meet at the Shannon Center, Liz Marcoux, 895-Wed., Jan. 17, 38 miles Benecia to Rockville, meet 10 a.m. at Matthew Turner Park, Edith Norby, 707-748-1508. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring

Amador Valley Quilt Guild will meet on Saturday, January 13, at 1:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Avenue, Pleasanton. This Saturday our featured speaker will be Cathie Hoover, quilt artist and internationally recognized teacher. Cathie will share personal experiences and challenges that have expanded her comfort zone. Cathie will hold a workshop the following day. The guild is a non-profit educational association for quilters of all skill levels. Anyone interested in quilting may attend.

For further information about the guild or upcoming speakers, please visit our website,

http://amadorvalleyquilters.org. Entering the Entrepreneurial World, Attend TVC's Center for Commercialization & Entrepreneurial Training on Wednesday, January 17 from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm (registration/continental breakfast at 8 am). This session introduces the emerging or expanding entrepreneur to the services of Technology Ventures Corporation (TVC), commercializing a technology-based prod-uct, analyzing the business and financial potential of a product, and exploring the organization and legal alternatives. Technology Ventures Corporation (TVC) provides consulting and support services to technol-ogy start-ups. TVC's training sessions are free to attendees and will be held at the Carr America Conference Center, 4400 Rosewood Anterta contract contract events would be a set of the TVC.CA@techventures.org. ValleyCare Auxiliary, Volunteers

needed. Nine different areas of volunteer service available in both Pleasanton and Livermore. Floor service, information desks, office, the library, gift and thrift shops. For more information, please call 734-3368. **Pruning Classes:** Roses: pruning, spray-

ing and maintenance, classes Sat., Jan. 13 at 10 a.m. and Sun., Jan. 14 at 1 p.m. Japanese Maples: timing and technique show and tell with demonstrations, classes Sat., Jan. 27, 10 a.m. and Sun., Jan. 28 1 p.m. Western Garden Nursery, 2756 Vineyard Ave., Pleasanton, Free, Information 462-1760.

books and collectibles, Jan. 13 at the Sonoma Community Center, 276 East Napa Street. Preview noon to 1 p.m. Auction starts at 1 p.m. Admission is free. For more informa-tion call 707-996-2888 or email the Founda-

Jack London Foundation Auction,

tion at jlondon@vom.com. Inner and Outer Peace Meditation

**Program** at Pleasanton Library, Jan. 14 at 2 p.m. A free seminar with Marshall Zaslove, M.D., a Board certified psychiatrist, author and meditation practitioner for over 30 years. 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. The pro gram is free and open to all. No registration required. For more information, call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.

San Ramon Newcomers Club. lunch at Forbes Mill in Danville on Jan. 25; 11:30 a.m. social, lunch at noon. Open to residents of San Ramon, Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore. For information, call 735-3508 or go to http://newcomers.home.comcast.net.

Amador Valley Toastmasters meets every Thursday morning at 7 a.m. at Mimi's Cafe Restaurant, at the Hacienda Crossings Shopping Center, Dublin Blvd. and Haci enda Dr. in Dublin. Come improve your speaking and listening skills, and have a lot of fun while doing so! Contact Mark Triska for more info, mtriska@colliersparrish.com, or 925-227-6210.

RELIGION

Unitarian Universalist, 1893 N. Vasco the World Needs Now." 447-8747. Asbury United Methodist Church,

4743 East Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m Sun-day worship. Christmas Eve services at 7 and 11 p.m. Information 447-1950. Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 6656

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

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Livermore, has services at 10 a.m. every Sunday and at 7:30 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month. Sunday School for students (ages 3-20) is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday. The church and reading room are located at third

and N Streets. The Reading Room, which is open to the public, features books, CDs and magazines for sale. For information, call (925) 447-2946.

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

Tri-Valley Unity Church meets at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. Sunday service and children's school at 10 a.m. Ongoing classes and groups. All are welcome. Rev. Mary Anne Harris, minister. Call (925) 827-2733 or visit www.trivalleyunity.com

Faith Chapel Assembly of God, Pleas-anton, 6656 Alisal St. Sunday school for all ages 9:30 a.m., worship service 10:30 a.m. (nursery for both Sunday school and worship), children's church program, age 3-12, 11:15 a.m. Singles and young married home Bible study Monday 7:30 p.m. (call for address). Women's Bible study Wednesday 10 a.m. Information, 846-8650. Catholic Community of Pleasanton,

bereavement support ministry meetings on Jan. 11, 25; Feb. 8, 22; March 8, 22; and April 12 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton in the chapel, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. All are welcome. Questions? Please call Kim at

St. Charles' Ministry of Lifelong Learning Presents LIFÉ (Lessons in **Faith Experience)**, A program for Adults who are looking to deepen their relationship with God and to enhance their life of faith. "Surprised by Mercy," is the topic of the Tues., Jan. 16 program, 7:30 p.m. presented by Fr. Rusty Shaughnessy, O.F.M. There is a \$5.00 freewill donation requested to pay for the speaker. For more information contact Julie at upcatholic@aol.com or 447-4549 St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Livermore



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#### LEGAL NOTICE

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 388676-388677

The following person (s) doing business as 1)Kindred Spirits Healing 2)Paws on Healing, 1085 Carrara Way, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Gina K. Jacobs, 1085 Carrara Way, Livermore, CA 94550 This business is conducted by:an individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name of names listed above on October 25. 2006 Signature of Registrant: /s/:̈Gina Jacobs This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 4, 2006. Expires December 4, 2011. The Independent Legal No 2089. Publish December 21 28, 2006, January 4, 11, 2007

to transact business under the The following person (s) dofictitious business name or ing business as At Ease, 764-C Hayes Ave., Livermore, CA. names listed 94550 is hereby registered by Signature of Registrant: /s/: Doug Pearson This statement was filed with the following owner (s): Mary Elizabeth Binder, 764-C

the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 5, 2006 94550 Expires December 5, 2011. The Independent Legal No 2091. Publish December 28 2006, January 4, 11, 18, 2007. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

#### NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 389192 The following person (s) do-ing business as Cafe Paradiso,

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 389271 by:husband and wife The following person (s) do-

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on January 2, 2007. Expires January 2, 2012. The Independent Legal No 2098. Publish January 11, 18, Hayes Ave., Livermore, CA 25, February 1, 2007.

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Common, Livermore, CA 94550 This business is conducted by an individual

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Subadra Subramanian filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as fol-Present Name:

Subadra Subramanian Proposed Name: Subadra Nithyananda

Subramania 2. THE COURT ORDERS that

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a.Date: 2/13/07 Time: 2:00PM

b.The address of the court is:

5672 Stoneridge Drive, Pleas-

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Dept: 707

Present Name:

Kiran Sophia Asar

Proposed Name:

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Signature of Registrant: /s/:Nancy Tenuta

the County Clerk of Alameda County on

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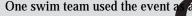
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## SHORT NOTES

#### Citizens Police Academy

The Livermore Police Department is now accepting applications for its 11<sup>th</sup> Citizens Police Academy. The academy will run from February 21st through May 23rd 2007 with a gradu-ation 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 convic-tions 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, intro-duce 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 includ-ing; patrol operations, communica-tions, 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 ques-tions 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 work-ing the streets of Livermore. Partici-pants 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 par-ticipants will be allowed to do role. ticipants 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

complete an application by January 20th 2007. Applications can be ob-tained from the kiosk at the Livermore Police Department, from the community section of the department's website www.livermorepolice.org, or by con-tacting 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 Sy-camore 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. Begin-ning 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 park-ing fee. A \$2 donation is requested to beln support the programs. Particihelp support the programs. Partici-pants may call (925) 960-2400 for more information.

#### Master Composter Training

The annual Master Composter Certification training is accepting applica-tions for the 2007 class.

After receiving free training applica-tions for the 2007 class. After receiving free training in com-post 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 Garden-ing Guide - From your backyard to the Bay, and the EBMUD plant book, Plants and Landscapes for Summer Dry Climates," a Bay-Friendly garden-ing tee and tote bag. Students can earn college credit. Teachers can meet continuing educa-

Teachers can earn conlege credit. Teachers can meet continuing educa-tion 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. ted in attending the 6-May 8. Apply at lice Academy must www.BayFriendly.org or call 510-444SOIL 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 in-clude 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 or-ganization 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 pa-

perwork. Tri-Valley Haven will offer 65 hours of training beginning Jan. 30. Sessions will be Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Volun-teers 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)



### 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 base-ball 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 Čook 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.

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 tradi-tional 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

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#### 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 workshops to assist organizations in preparing grant applications. Groups who have never received funding may attend this optional workshop. Reser-vations are required. The workshops are scheduled for Wed., Jan. 24 at 3 p.m. in the Fremont Library, Fremont, and Wod. Jan. 31 at 5 n m at the and Wed., Jan. 31 at 5 p.m. at the Alameda County Lakeside Plaza Build-ing in Oakland.

#### Cafe Operator

Vendor proposals are currently be-ing solicited by the Robert Livermore Community Center in Livermore for a café 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

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#### Grand Re-Opening

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