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Pleasanton Council Agrees to Iraq War Discussion

The Pleasanton City Council will hold a discussion at its Feb. 6 to determine what format would be used to hold a discussion of the Iraq war.

Resident Fred Norman regularly attends council meetings requesting the opportunity to hold such a discussion. He envisions some kind of consensus that would produce a council resolution for or against the war.

Previous attempts to discuss the war did not have a council majority. How-ever, the addition of Cheryl Cook-Kallio has resulted in a council majority in favor of the proposal. Councilmember Matt Sullivan brought the issue up under matters initiated.

Cook-Kallio commented, "I absolutely support some kind of community format.'

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, who has supported the idea all along, offered the view that change in national policy begins at the local level.

Councilmember Jerry Thorne said he would be willing to attend such a session. However, he wasn't sure a council

meeting was the appropriate setting.
Councilmember Cindy McGovern
was not in favor of holding a discussion that she felt would become partisan. 'When I was elected it was definitely to a nonpartisan position." McGovern pointed out that people and military

personnel are dying in other parts of the world. People are being murdered in our cities. She felt that discussing only Iraq would be too narrow given all of the problems in the world.

In addition, McGovern said she didn't think it would be possible to come out of such a session with a position that accurately reflects the opinion of the entire community. "If this issue is so important to the council, put it on a ballot," she stated.

Cook-Kallio said the discussion would not be partisan. "One of the things you want young people to be able to do is have discussions; to hear and understand what the other side has to say. I

don't know why you wouldn't offer adults the same opportunity.'

Sullivan commented that he is aware there are many problems. The council can't solve them all. "I am just asking for the opportunity for people to come out and speak on the issue of the Iraq War. We may or may not decide to do anything. It is one of the most critical issues. To refuse to talk about it is ludicrous.

"I don't want to pass a resolution," responded McGovern.

With the majority in favor of the discussion, the issue came down to the for-

Cook-Kallio favored a less formal

setting than a council meeting. She suggested asking the "We the People" teams from the local high schools to lead the discussion. "They are most affected by the decisions we are making.'

"I like it," declared Hosterman.

Other suggestions were to have a panel of experts lead the discussion and include a question and answer session; another to have the League of Women Voters moderate.

City Manager Nelson Fialho said he would come back with a couple of options for the council to consider. The public can offer input as to whether holding such a discussion is a good or bad idea at the same time.

Zone 7 Board To Look For **Harmony On Retreat**

By Ron McNicoll
The Zone 7 Water Agency board will set a landmark for itself when it holds its first retreat ever, tentatively scheduled for March or April.

Retreats by public agency boards and some private business groups have become fairly common. They are designed to put the participants in touch with the stated mission of their agency or business, and to create a unifying spirit, sometimes referred to as "team-building," in pursuit of those goals.

Some of the Zone 7 board members at their regular monthly meeting Jan. 17 said that a retreat, facilitated by a professional firm at a location other than Zone 7 headquarters, is definitely needed. However, some directors had to be coaxed by staff into taking part.

The retreat is linked to a board-culture clash that has been going on among directors during some meetings over the past year or more. In general, there has been sharp contrast between the long-time veterans on the board — John Greci, Steve Kalthoff and Bill Stevens — and the newer people — Jim Kohnen, Dick Quigley, and Sarah Palmer. The veterans have served anywhere from two to four terms. In contrast, Kohnen and Quigley came on the board in 2004, and Palmer was elected last summer.

The seventh member, chairman Jim Concannon, has served (See RETREAT, page 3)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Diane Fraser pins the police chief badge on her husband, Mike Fraser's uniform following his swearing in as new Pleasanton Police Chief.

Pleasanton Police Chief Comes from In-House

Pleasanton Police Captain Michael J. Fraser has been selected to serve as the City's new Chief of Police.

The appointment takes effect on January 22, 2007.

Fraser takes over from Chief Tim Neal, who will formally retire on January 31, 2007.

Pleasanton City Manager Nelson Fialho stated that the selection of Fraser followed an extensive national search to identify a replacement for Chief Nea.

More than 50 applicants sought the position. Captain Fraser was selected from among seven finalists. Three of the finalists were in-house applicants. The process included pre-screening by an executive recruitment firm, rounds of interviews, and indepth reference and background checks. The City also chose to include a variety of community representatives in its interviewing and hiring process.

Fialho noted. "We were seek-

ing a candidate who possesses leadership skills, a command presence, a high degree of pro-fessionalism, the respect of those with whom he works, and unquestioned honesty and integrity. Captain Fraser exemplifies all those qualities and brings a wealth of talent and a passion for Pleasanton. As our Police Chief, Fraser will continue our tradition of Community Oriented Polic-

(See CHIEF, page 5)

Livermore School District Considering Community Day School

By Patricia Koning
Serving all sectors of the student population is an important goal of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. To that end, the trustees have begun exploring the possibility of starting a Community Day School in the District.

Community Day Schools provide an alternative educational facility for students who have been expelled from traditional schools, are identified as at-risk, or referred by a School Attendance Review Board. The Liver-more School District is looking at a Community Day School to serve middle school students, grades 6-8.

"We've been bantering about this idea for some time, and this has been a disservice to these students," said trustee Tom McLaughlin. "The District would do well to provide such an education for those students.'

Students expelled from traditional middle schools have lim-

ited options. Livermore's Del Valle and Phoenix Continuation High Schools only serve students in grades 9-12, so expelled middle school students must continue their education through independent study, home/hospital study, or by transferring to the Alameda County Community Day School. Each of these paths has significant drawbacks.

Independent study students meet with an instructor one day a week, while students on a home/hospital instruction program meet with an instructor one hour a day. The closest Community Day School is in Hayward, 25 miles west of Livermore through commute traffic.

"At risk students need a structured setting, daily supervision and instruction, and access to directed counseling and academic services," said Bob See, Director of Student Services and Special Education. "The California Department of Education re-

(See DAY SCHOOL, page 5)

Pleasanton Objects to ABAG Housing Methodology

ology used to come up with the allocation of regional housing

The draft methodology in-

A letter sent to ABAG by the cludes an allocation formula as-City of Pleasanton takes issue with some of the draft method-based 50 percent on household growth, 20 percent on existing employment, 20 percent on employment growth, 10 percent on job growth near transit, and 10 percent on housing growth near transit. In the formula, transit is defined as an area with a half mile

> The methodology also includes rules for the assignment of housing units by income category (affordability), the voluntary transfer of housing units, and the determination of location responsibilities in spheres-of-influence. The new allocation recommendation would place a higher affordable housing burden on jurisdictions with higher household incomes. The new methodology would "significantly increase" Pleasanton's affordable housing requirement.

radius of a fixed alignment tran-

The 60-day comment period on the draft methodology ended on January 18, 2007.

Pleasanton voiced three points of concern. The city council felt that the methodology should discourage housing in areas adjacent to gridlocked freeway systems as the new units would most likely further impact traffic conditions.

Another issue raised by the letter relates to affordable housing. The letter suggests that consideration should be given to areas with unusually high housing costs. These areas should not have the same affordable housing burden as those with lower

(See ABAG, page 4)

Kevin Roberts to Retire As Economic Development Leader

The last day on the job for Kevin Roberts will be March 2,

Roberts, Livermore's Director of Economic Development, has been working for the city for five years. During that time, the downtown has been transformed, an economic development department established, and a cultural arts planning effort launched. Roberts mentioned during an interview that all of the staff in the economic department is new. His efforts to add in a cultural arts program occurred about the same time as the city council approved the Commission for the Arts. One of the projects the commission has undertaken is the creation of a Cultural Arts Master Plan for the city. Roberts came to Livermore after spending fifteen and a half years in Walnut Creek. He recalls that he did a lot there too with the downtown. "Some of the thinking in my coming to Liver-more was to help revitalize the downtown," he said.

Asked what was the most difficult task to accomplish, Roberts said, "One of the first obstacles was getting people to be-lieve the downtown could truly be a destination for fine dining, shopping and the cultural arts. It wasn't a pipe dream. It could happen. We had a vision."

Roberts said he also worked to build teams both inside and (See ROBERTS, page 3)

Development Raises Issue of Loss Of Heritage Trees and Older Homes

A ten-unit townhouse development within Livermore's downtown redevelopment area drew praise from the city council. It also raised several issues that the council would like to see addressed before similar projects are brought before it.

The vote to approve the development on the southeast corner of North L and Chestnut Street was unanimous.

Issues raised Councilmembers Tom Reitter and Marj Leider concerned the plans to remove old, large olive trees and to demolish a home rated as of local historic interest. The rating suggests that such structures may merit special planning consideration. There had been efforts to move the structure. The estimated cost was \$790,000.

Councilmember Leider commented, "It is a beautiful job designing the development. However, the trees are a concern. Olive trees live to an old age. If we had a heritage tree ordinance, we wouldn't be talking about removing all of the trees." She asked about the status of the heritage tree ordinance.

City staff said that it is expected to come to the council

Dietrich stated, "I think of olives as orchard trees, not street trees. They are messy. While these trees may be large, I have no problem with the original condition (that they be removed)."

Leider also talked about the home. "This is an interesting old house. I hate to see it go." Reitter said of the home, "I

general policy of how to deal with historic homes.

The council had to approve a certificate of appropriateness in

Snow in Livermore? The Voelker family acquired a home snow maker several years ago. Last week, when the mercury took a dive, they put the equipment to use. Bill Voelker states, "Due to an equipment malfunction, we couldn't make enough snow to stop traffic but there was plenty enough for kids to have a ball. We were probably the only household within 100-mile radius

sometime this spring.
Councilmember Lorraine

being built in areas where previously they would have been prohibited.

think this is an issue that can come up in many places." He asked that the city put together a

(See CONCERNS, page 3)

that had the white stuff in the front yard. Anyway, we can't wait until the next arctic blast, which probably won't happen for another two years.' **Concerns Raised on Oversight of Newer Septic Tanks** Alameda County's proposed new septic tank ordinance could result in large numbers of homes

With that in mind, the County Planning Commission urged the county's Environmental Health Department to include a monitoring program with "teeth." The commission reviewed the ordinance last week as an informational item. No vote was taken. The ordinance is currently scheduled to be heard by the Board of Supervisors at its Feb-

ruary 6 meeting. On Monday, the Livermore

City Council also expressed conabout oversight. Councilmember John Marchand, a former Zone 7 Water Board Director, said that one of the problems is that there is not sufficient funding to provide oversight. He urged the council to send a letter to the county outlining the con-cern for impacts of possible overflow or leaks into the groundwater basin. The letter should ask the county to outline a long term funding source for oversight, he added.

The septic tank ordinance has been in the works since 1998. The current code allows stan-

dard septic systems on large,

level lots with deep soil. The revised code, said environmental health spokesman Ron Torres, permits more options on "challenging" sites previously precluded from development. The new ordinance would al-

low development of properties with challenging site/soil conditions such as steep slopes, slow percolation rates or high groundwater by using advanced septic system technology.

In addition, the ordinance

clarifies if and when a home remodel or addition would require an upgrade to the septic system. In general, the need for an upgrade is based on the amount of

square footage added to an existing home.

Staff members told the planning commission that new systems have more bells and whistles and therefore need more monitoring. The new ordinance would require operational permits along with annual reports on the monitoring systems. A homeowner could fill out the reports or hire a professional to do so. The county,

the report, he declared. Commissioner Frank Imhoff, who lives in Happy Valley, was concerned about the level of monitoring required because of

on occasion, may go out to verify

(See OVERSIGHT, page 4)

Do You Remember?



William M. Mendenhall and His Springs

William M. Mendenhall was the founder of the City of Livermore. In 1865 Mendenhall acquired plot 18 of the Rancho el Valle de San José in Alameda County, most of which became the town he named "Livermore." Mendenhåll offered 32 acres of downtown property to Central Pacific to encourage the railroad to come through Livermore. He also donated land for a grammar school, a college, a flour mill, two churches and a cemetery.

Mendenhall platted the town site in 1869 and began to sell lots south of the railroad yards, where they ran from First to Fifth Street and Q to Lizzie Street (later South Livermore Avenue).

In 1866 Mendenhall hired architect Julius L. Weilbye to build his home near where today's small roads named Mendenhall and Old Tower are located to the west of South L Street. Although the house is gone, Old Tower Road is named for the Mendenhall estate's redwood water tower, which has been restored and made into a home. The water tank is now the garage to the east of the house at 1861 Old

Born in Greene County, Ohio, in 1823, Mendenhall traveled with his family to Michigan at age eight. In 1845 with 12 other adventurous young men, he came on a wagon train to California. They arrived at Sutter's Fort on Christmas Day. When war broke out with Mexico, Mendenhall joined the Bear Flag party and served under

Mendenhall was tall for his day, at six foot one. While stationed in Santa Clara, he met Mary Allen, who at age 16 had come crosscountry in a wagon train with her family from Missouri, her home state. San Jose Alcalde John Burton officiated at the marriage of William and Mary at Santa Clara on Apr. 10, 1847; some claim it was the first non-Catholic marriage in the Bay Area.

After a time in the gold fields, the couple moved back to Santa Clara. Later, they bought land in Sycamore Valley, where Mendenhall ran cattle and sheep from 1853 until he sold the land in 1859.

Mendenhall served as a Livermore trustee for four years, including one term as mayor. An unusual business he engaged in was the raising of cashmere goats; in 1884 he shipped 1,500 of them—13 car loads—to Shasta County.

A few years after the death of his wife in 1903, he moved to Oakland where he lived with his daughter Ella Langan until his death in 1911 at age 88. His funeral was held in Livermore; both he and Mary are buried at Roselawn cemetery. His house and surrounding property were bought by Dr. John W. Robertson to use as part of the Livermore Sanitarium.

Robertson sold it to a Bible college. In 1978 the college in turn sold 23 acres to a developer who tore down the Mendenhall mansion and integrated new homes in the area with the many old trees and created narrow roads for a somewhat rural effect for the Forest Glade

Another Mendenhall Road is located about 11 miles southeast of Livermore near Del Valle Regional Park. A one-lane gravel road, it intersects with Del Valle Road and leads to the old resort of Mendenhall Springs on the north side of Cedar Mountain.

As the road climbs the mountain, beautiful vistas of the Arroyo Mocho canyon to the north and Arroyo Del Valle canyon to the south are visible. At one point, the road lies on a narrow ridge with drop-offs on both sides—no shoulders, no guard rails.

The resort was originally called Agua de Vida Springs; William

M. Mendenhall gave it his name when he bought it in the 1880s. Under various owners, the resort remained in operation until the late

The springs, at an elevation of 1,700 feet, flowed from two prospect tunnels driven in search of gold. According to *Mineral Springs* and Health Resorts of California for 1892, the lower spring had lightly carbonated water; the upper, larger spring had mildly sulfurated water. Dr. Winslow Anderson analyzed the sulfur spring in 1889 and advised, "This mineral water is of service in dyspepsia, torpidity of the liver and bowels, rheumatism, glandular affections, renal troubles and skin diseases.

By 1892 a hotel and family housekeeping cottages were on the grounds. In 1909 rates were between \$8 and \$12 for a week's stay at the resort. "Being only three hours' ride from San Francisco by rail, and possessing in the highest degree delightful climactic advantages, this ought to become a favored resort for health as well as pleasure seekers." Customers came from Oakland to Livermore by frain on Tuesday or Saturday morning and then traveled by carriage

to the springs The *Herald* listed 25 visitors and told of lively entertainment in August 1909. "Masquerade balls, bonfires and dances have been the order at Mendenhall Springs for the last week. There is quite a gathering from all parts of the country and they are having a jolly time." William Mendenhall enjoyed the resort himself and spent much of his time there. One of my favorite photographs shows William and Mary seated on a bench at the springs; he is holding a violin, and she an accordion. Even after he moved to Oakland, he still came for a month every summer until his death.

The Mendenhall Springs property is now part of the Walker Ranch. (Readers can reach me at am3homan@yahoo.com.)

LARPD Offers Glimpse of Classes and Programs

The Livermore Recreation and Park District (LARPD) will feature a sample of some of its hundreds of classes and activities at the 2007 Showcase Event slated for Saturday, January 27

from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This free event will take place at the Robert Livermore Community Center, located at 4444 East Avenue in Livermore. The event also commemorates the 60th anniversary of the LARPD. Free birthday treats will be given to all visitors. Visitors will be able to register for classes offered in the Winter and Spring program guide on-site at the event.

Meet the instructors and watch demonstrations in belly dancing, sports activities, yoga, mad science, cooking, arts and crafts, and much more. There will be art in action and an opportunity to take mini-classes in a variety of topics. There will also be a bounce house and carnival games for the kids, as well as a clown and a balloon animal artist.

Upcoming classes for kids in-"Cooking—A Mixed

Each year, approximately 25

million Americans are victims of

consumer fraud. While most of

these crimes target seniors, people of all ages have been vic-

timized in their own homes and

2007, a free seminar entitled

"Scams: Don't Be a Victim" will

be offered by the Livermore Citi-

zens' Police Academy Alumni

Association (CPAAA) and the

Livermore Area Recreation and

Park District (LARPD) Senior

Services. It is scheduled to run

from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at

the Robert Livermore Commu-

nity Center located at 444 East

Avenue in Livermore. Additional

parking is available on the Loyola Street side of the park.

Mad Science

Performed on

Amador Stage

The Pleasanton Library will

host Mad Science of Mt. Diablo

at the Amador Theater, 1155

Santa Rita Rd. in Pleasanton on Wednesday evening, Jan. 31st at

amaze and entertain young au-

dience members as they present

Up, Up and Away! an event in-

troducing children to the principals of air and pressure. Among other experiments, the Mad Sci-

entist will make a hot air balloon,

create giant smokes rings and

1-6. The program is free and reg-

istration is not required. This program is offered in support of the PUSD Science Fun Fair.

library programs, please check the library's website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/ser-vices/library/programs-events-

child.html or call the Children's

Desk at (925) 931-3400 x 8.

For more information about

This 50-minute program is ap-

demonstrate a hovercraft!

Mad Science is designed to

On Wednesday, February 7,

suffered monumental losses.

Learn How Not to Be a Victim

Bag," where those ages eight and up will learn to make soups, Panini sandwiches and desserts. Kids 10-12 years of age can sign up for "Art and Art History," a new class geared toward making art projects with an emphasis on cultural art and art history. Participants will make African masks, Egyptian cartouches, and create a Leonardo Da Vinci invention. Other classes include Yoga for Kids, especially designed to increase strength, flexibility and concentration for kids in Kindergarten to 6th grade. LARPD is also one of the few park districts in the region that offers a weeklong youth horsemanship camp over spring break, in which students learn everything about horses and how to ride.

Adults (ages 15 and over) can take a stab at jewelry design with three new classes in which they make a "Multiple Strand Crystal Necklace," "Chandelier Crystal Earrings," and a "2-Strand Crys-tal Bracelet." "Reading Food Labels," a new course, teaches students how to shop for nutri-

The seminar will be con-

ducted by Sergeant John Hurd of

the Livermore Police Department

and explains how to avoid the

many different types of scams,

followed by a question and answer session. Sergeant Hurd will

also include examples of real-life

scams that have been done in this

region. Reservations to this free

event are requested by calling

(925) 373-5700 and asking to

register for program number

8032. For more information,

of presentations scheduled by

the Livermore Police Department

and sponsored by the CPAAA

and LARPD. Subsequent presen-

tations include a seminar on

Wednesday, March 21 at 7:00

p.m. on the topic of "Gangs in Livermore", and on Thursday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m. on "Traffic

The CPAAA is an organiza-

tion of members from the com-

munity who have graduated from the Citizens Police Acad-

emy. For information, please

visit www.livermorepolice.org or

Issues in Livermore.'

The seminar is one of a series

please call (925) 373-5760.

tious foods and learn what to look for in food labels. For those looking for a new exercise alternative, try "Salsa..Burn the Floor." Classes literally kick up on January 24 and continue in three sessions through May each Wednesday night. This class requires no partners.

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) is an independent special district that celebrates 60 years of serving the community with parks and recreation facilities and programs. The District oversees 245 square miles of parks and facili-ties that include 28 neighborhood parks, two community parks, four regional parks and 10 special use parks, and the stunning new 71,000 square foot Robert Livermore Community Center. It features a ballroom and special meeting rooms, a full-service senior center, a double gym, and a state of the art aquatics cen-

The District oversees the child care programs for pre-school through grade eight at all Livermore public schools, teen programs, fee classes, youth and adult sports, aquatics, environmental education, special events, senior services and an adult day support center. For more informaplease www.larpd.dst.ca.us.

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February is Heart Health Month

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Please join us for an open house in celebration of the opening of ValleyCare's Northern California Heart Center.

Open House

Saturday, February 10, 9am-2pm Lobby, ValleyCare Medical Center, 5555 W. Las Positas, Pleasanton

- Tours of Open Heart Operating Room
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- and Glucose Screenings "Ask the Pharmacist"
- · Heart Healthy Eating
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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Pleasanton General Plan

The Pleasanton City Council and Planning Commission will hold a joint workshop on issues related to the general plan update. The topic of the workshop will be the results of preliminary traffic modeling.

It will be held on Tues., Jan. 30 starting at 6:30 p.m. in the city council chambers.

Following the workshop, there will be a special meeting of the city council to provide direction regarding the preliminary traffic modeling. In addition, the council will consider the draft community character element.

The staff reports will be available after 5 p.m. on Fri., Jan. 26.

For information, contact Janice Stern, prinplanner, at 931-5606 jstern@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

Tauscher on Transportation Committee

The House Committee for Transportation and Infrastructure announced the Democratic membership for the 110th Congress. Rep. Ellen Tauscher will represent the 10th Congressional District, as well as the Bay Area as a whole. She remains Northern California's most senior Representative and go-to member for projects relating to transportation improvements, water, and infrastructure for Northern California.

Working in the same capacity during the previous Congress (109th) Rep. Tauscher was able to secure \$72.5 million to aide in the development and completion of various local projects that benefited the region.

Tauscher will serve on the Subcommittees on Highways and Transit, Aviation, and Water Resources & Environment.

Tauscher's role on the Highways & Transit Subcommittee will allow her to influence federal transportation funding for local transportation projects, including the widening of Highway 4, continued planning and construction of the I-680/I-80 Interchange, as well as highway improvements on the I-580 corridor. Additionally, she will continue to champion more and better access to public transportation and pursue initiatives that improve the efficiency of commerce in the Bay Area.

On the Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee, Rep. Tauscher continues her role in working with the Army Corps of Engineers on water quality and flood control projects

throughout the region. WOMAN TO WATCH

Rep. Ellen Tauscher was listed among the "Top Five Women to Watch," in the January 2007 edition of Campaigns and Elections Magazine Citad for health and the Citad for heal zine. Cited for her leadership of the New Democrat Coalition, the magazine said of her, 'Tauscher will not only lead one of the largest coalitions Democrats in the House, she will also be a leader of a group of moderate voices, which

will be decidedly important given the somewhat narrowly divided House and pledges from House leaders to work in a bi-partisan manner.

Conservation District Board Members

The Alameda County Resource Conservation District (RCD) added three new Directors to its Board and recognized the contributions of three retiring Directors.

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors unanimously appointed Brenda Vieux, Paul Banke and Tim Koopmann to the RCD Board of Directors with four-year terms. These appointees will assume the positions previously held by Dolores (Loree) Cornwell, Livermore, Virginia Coelho, Fremont, and Norman Marciel, Liver-

As required by California Public Resources Code, Directors must be landowners or representatives of landowners in the district. Director Vieux is from Fremont, where her family has a long ranching heritage, as do Directors Banke, Livermore and Koopmann, Sunol. Director Vieux's uncle, Robert Vieux and Director Banke's father, Pete Banke served on the RCD Board

many years ago.
Directors Coelho, Cornwell and Marciel each served the RCD for multiple terms. They received special commendation from Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty for their dedication to the resources and to public service. Their leadership, along with that of Directors Jocelyn Combs, Pleasanton, Rodney Tripp, Castro Valley and other previous Directors enabled conservation program expansion and innovation. They assisted in maintaining the Natural Resources Conservation Service office in the County after it was technically closed by the Federal agency. The commendations noted, "While their pragmatic approach to district business reflects their landowner perspective and agricultural stewardship experience, their decision to support the California Rangeland Conservation Coalition and the Alameda County Permit Coordination Program reflects their vision and commitment to natural resources conservation.'

Watershed Management Workshop

The Alameda County Water District, the Zone 7 Water Agency, and the Santa Clara Valley Water District (collectively known as the South Bay Aqueduct Contractors) are seeking interested stakeholders to paraticipate in the final Watershed Workgroup meeting to review the Watershed Management Program Plan for the South

Bay Aqueduct system.

The meeting will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 pm on Wednesday, February 7 at the Zone 7 Water Agency offices Room 150A-150B, 100 North Canyons Parkway, Livermore.

Interested parties are invited to attend and may also call 415-962-8466 for more information

ROBERTS

outside of city hall and to let the business community know they had an ally in city hall. "I established a solid relationship with the business community. I let businesses know how much we

appreciated those who had been in the city a long time and that the city would work to bring in more business, making Livermore a stronger economy.

He said he established the relationship with business by holding individual meetings with the 100 oldest businesses in town. He met annually with the top 25 to 50 to ask what the city could do to make their businesses more successful. Roberts also let them know what the city was doing to make Livermore a better place in order to attract more businesses. Incentive programs were established to attract businesses to the downtown.

To show the city's appreciation, flowers were sent and luncheons held.

The most fun accomplishment, said Roberts, was finally seeing things planned for the downtown become reality. He mentioned the First Street streetscape, the movie theater and parking garage. "The parking garage was very expensive. However, it was a way of demonstrating that the redevelopment agency was willing to put its money out there. Relocating the movie theater was a major move. It is now in a better location to act as an anchor for the downtown," stated Roberts. "Moving it from the 5-acre site on Rail road allowed the city to sell the property for \$5 million, rather than the \$800,000 originally planned," Roberts added.

"There is a good feeling when project comes out of the ground. However, I like the excitement of putting the deal to-gether," he declared.

Overall, during his time in Livermore, the city sales tax has increased and the redevelopment tax increment doubled. "These are funds that help provide the quality of life that residents enjoy and have come to expect,' stated Roberts.

Before he retires he hopes to complete the Cultural Arts Master Plan, and will continue to work with developers and people

interested in bringing businesses

to town. Roberts believes his biggest impact on the community has been the changes in downtown. There are services now that they don't have to leave town to find. There is also a certain amount of pride. People bring visitors and relatives to the downtown to show it off.

He plans to take a break from work after he retires. He did not rule out going back to work parttime some time in the future. He plans to play golf and tennis and get back to doing a little fishing. He's also considering helping his son coach the team his two granddaughters play on. "My wife and I enjoy traveling. We've already got a trip to Paris planned.

Roberts added, "I have enjoyed the community. Livermore residents have been some of the most friendly people I have worked with. It has been a pleasure working for the community and the city, as well as the city council and Mayor Kamena. The mayor is quite a character. He has put a smile on my face many

CONCERNS

(continued from page one) order to demolish the home. The council changed one condition related to the trees, asking the developer to work to try to save as many as possible.

Catherine Hagebusch, associate planner, told the council that the development would create a stable neighborhood in an area of abandoned properties and unmaintained sites. "It creates a

gateway entry to the downtown."
David Edgington, the builder, could have applied for higher density on the site. However, he told the council he wanted to provide some outdoor private space for each unit. "I tried to provide big porches where people can come out, relax and

talk to their neighbors."

As for the existing home, Edgington noted that the current tenant will remain on the property, taking one of the new units as part of the agreement with the previous owner of the land.

He had no problem with the condition that he try to save as many trees as possible. He told the council, "I haven't given up on the trees. We will save as many as we can.'

Hagebusch explained that the problem with the trees is that they have not been properly trimmed over the years. They have grown together. Some of them have to be removed to build driveways. The concern is that removing some would have a negative impact on the remaining trees. **DOWNTOWN PLAZA**

The council accepted an offer from the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPĂC) to donate funds to add back the porcelain tile for the fountains and brick veneer for the planter and seat walls to the Park Plaza

500-seat performing arts theater. LVPAC is donating \$153,602. Len Alexander, executive director of LVPAC, stated, "Because the city has given LVPAC naming opportunities on the plaza,

project. The plaza is opposite the

one donor who has underwritten a plaza amenity, wished to provide further enhancement. We're passing the dollars on to the city. We expect this to occur in other instances, as well."

Resident John Stein suggested that LVPAC receive formal recognition for the donation. He said that might encourage other donors to step forward.

Under matters initiated by council, Tom Reitter suggested a proclamation or letter of thanks for the funds, which "allow us to put the nice features on the plaza we took off for financial reasons.

The council agreed a proclamation would be appropriate.



RETREAT

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four terms, but appears to be open-minded about the issue. He is on record as saying that whatever the board majority decided about a retreat was fine with him. He left the Jan. 17 meeting before the retreat discussion, because of a personal schedule for

a business trip. Kohnen, Quigley and Palmer have wanted the board to take a more active lead on issues, for example, by activating dormant committees and creating new ones as subjects arose for examination. Greci, Kalthoff and Stevens prefer little committee activity, with staff doing its work and reporting back to the full board, which they felt was the right time for questions.

The board went along with Quigley's request for creation of an ad hoc committee to look into use of the former Zone 7 headquarters building in Pleasanton. Quigley said that there could be good community outreach activities at the building on Parkside Drive and Hopyard Road. The panel met once.

However, general manager Dale Myers came back with a report Jan. 17 recommending that the board reassign some water distribution staff to the site, which was approved unani-mously by the board. Although Quigley voted for the recommendation, he indicated that it was done without going through his ad hoc committee. Myers apologized for not doing so before presenting his report to the board.

RESISTANCE

Greci, Kalthoff and Stevens all showed signs of not wanting the one-day retreat when the topic came up. Greci said, "We don't need an off-site (retreat) to evaluate an employee. I don't want to attend. I've sat in on too many off-sites. They are a waste of

Greci continued, "We have issues we have to deal with. We need to talk about it. They have been shoved under the table. We need to sit down and put our cards on the table. There are personal agendas here. We need to talk about them." He felt the issues could be discussed during a regular meeting. Greci didn't say whom he had in mind about the personal agendas.

Kalthoff and Stevens expressed skepticism about the value of having a facilitated retreat. They said they've been to such meetings, and they tend to be a waste of time. Kohnen, Palmer and Quigley

backed the idea. Quigley said, "Some of our discussions this evening made it clear to me that a meeting on strategic planning would be good. Other agencies hold them, many once a year. I like the recommended group (for facilitation). With a new general manager coming in, it can help

her, too.' Kalthoff asked the new manager, Jill Duerig, if she wanted the retreat, which would focus on the board's strategy in implementing its mission, She replied, "Please." Then Kalthoff said, "That goes a long way, if you want it."

want it. Want It.

Kalthoff and Greci said they would go for it. Stevens did, too, but added that he won't do "any

stupid exercises where we bond."
Myers also lent his encouragement to the board, saying that even if he were staying on as general manager, he would recommend the retreat.

The retreat idea grew out of a special districts conference attended last year by Quigley and Kohnen. Quigley said that he doesn't think any board members have hidden agendas. He told the Independent that the professional association recommends board retreats because they "are visioning in nature.

They get the board to look at its role as policy makers, and really understand their role, as they work through the general manager. They should not be engaged in micromanaging staff at all." Having a retreat will be helpful to the newer board members, said Quigley. "Absent a board retreat, new board members are left to their own devices to come up to speed," he said.

Foothill Senior Awarded Congressional Medal

Foothill High School senior Tyler Cornfield was presented with the Congressional Award Bronze Medal Saturday in Fre-

Congressman Pete Stark presented the award at a Town Meeting at the Fremont Senior Center. To earn the award, Cornfield put in over 200 hours of public service and personal develop-ment. He is close to completing the requirements for his Silver and Gold Medals as well. His personal development training has led to the success of his twoman acoustic band "Posterboy" which features his brother and fellow Bronze Medal winner

Tyler plans to attend either the University of California at Santa Cruz or San Francisco State University in the fall where he will study to become a high school English teacher.



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EDITORIALS

Turf War Looms

Plans for a soccer complex in Robertson Park are moving forward under the aegis of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, but face conflict over the proposed construction of an all-weather synthetic field next to the Arroyo Mocho.

The Livermore Youth Soccer League wants to build the field with an accompanying goalie training area. However, the arroyo gives California Fish and Game a voice in the issue and that agency opposes the synthetic field. "Burrowing owls, salamanders and frogs do not do well in synthetic turf," the consultant observed in a presentation to the LARPD board two weeks ago.

In addition to the new field with the training area, two existing grass fields will be converted to artificial surfaces. Lighting will be added to one field. The project also includes a snack shack and paved parking.

Cost is estimated at \$5.2 million, with construction of the new field and conversion of the two existing fields taking up about \$4 million of that. Livermore Youth Soccer has pledged a donation of \$300,000. An anonymous benefactor has also stepped forth with a possible contribution of \$500,000 toward a field.

With those kind of pledges hovering in the background, the soccer complex should be a motherhoodand-pie type of issue. It would be sad if the project became embroiled in a turf war, as it were. However, a natural arroyo is simply the wrong place for the laying of a large swath of artificial turf. We hope the soccer league will heed Fish and Game and accept the grass.

National Champ

The Foothill High School marching band has hit a new pinnacle, capturing the national championship for parade bands at the Fiesta Bowl in Phoenix on January

An estimated 400,000 people watched the top bands from throughout the U.S. compete for the prize. The Pleasanton band scored first in every category: music, marching, showmanship and overall best band.

Directed by Bob Moorefield, Foothill has amassed some 3500 first place and sweepstakes awards over the past 32 years, but before this the band never won a national championship.

A great performance! Moorefield and the band's 250 members have done themselves and their community proud.

OVERSIGHT

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groundwater issues. He said there are groundwater issues in Happy Valley, in the Buena Vista area in Livermore, and along Kilkare Road and other areas of Sunol. He was skeptical of the county's ability to monitor the groundwater to ensure that the new septic systems are working correctly. 'Not once have I heard of the county testing wells in the Happy Valley area," he declared. "I have put thousands of dollars of filtering systems in just to be able to water my lawn.

Staff was insistent that the monitoring provided for in the ordinance would be adequate, pointing out that currently there is no way to require monitoring of the impacts of septic tank systems on groundwater.

Imhoff raised another concern, noting that the new systems require pumps, secondary treatment, and monitoring that all work on electricity. What happens if the power fails, he asked. Staff explained that a 24-hour

storage tank is required.

Imhoff noted that would not prevent use of the facilities. There could be an overflow if the system were down too long. "The monitoring component appears to be somewhat weak in my view," he stated. He felt there should be additional requirement in place for homeowners to demonstrate that the systems are being adequately monitored. He suggested, at least for some period, that the county require homeowners to hire a professional to monitor the systems.

Bob Feinbaum, director of Hydra Nova, an organization that works with homeowners on water and septic issues, said the group is supportive of the newer septic systems. He felt that the new ordinance required too much. He made the following points: The systems have monitoring built in. The operating permit is unnecessary and expen-He suggested that homeowners be trained to recognize problems with a system and that the county provide a list of professionals to deal with problems the homeowner can't.

In addition, the ordinance is too restrictive in the types of systems mention. "The technology changes almost daily," he noted.

Feinbaum pointed out that it can take months and years to receive permits for septic systems. He suggested that the process be streamlined.

The planning commission liked the idea of providing a resource list for homeowners. They felt the new ordinance would help speed up the permitting process. Part of the problem has been that the county has no regulations to deal with new septic systems, so they require a greater review period.

Commissioner Imhoff stated, "There will be a lot of homes built on marginal properties on speculation by developers. This ordinance won't work unless there is actual teeth in the monitoring. I think we will be pushing the envelope with some of these parcels.

Zone 7 Board Moves Forward with Implementation Of Stream Management Plan

By Ron McNicoll

Zone 7 Water Agency directors approved a \$2.5 million contract with consultant West Yost & Associates, which will join with Zone 7 staff in carrying out an implementation plan for the agency's Stream Management Master Plan (SMMP).

The implementation component will be called the Stream Management Implementation Plan (SMIP). The plan is expected to accomplish its goals in 14

The chief goals are obtaining public comment from cities, agencies and the public about which stream management projects should have priority, enlisting public partners for specific projects, identifying funding mechanisms, listing of specific projects that Zone 7 can design and construct as part of its five-year and 10-year capital improvement plans, and developing mitigation plans and CEQA documents for specific projects.

SMIP's \$2.5 million price tag includes a 30 percent contingency projection in case of cost overruns. That budget is small compared to the SMMP, which could cost as much as an estimated \$725 million. Zone 7's portion of that would be only the flood-control component, which is estimated to total \$425 million. The remainder would be borne by partnering agencies, cities, and grant funders interested in the recreational trail and habitat preservation aspects of the SMMP.

The \$425 million for flood control that Zone 7 would pay represents a savings from a cost estimate of \$600 million for flood control in 1988. Zone 7 then envisioned only the oldfashioned approach of concretelined trapezoidal channels carrying the storm water as quickly as possible through the Valley.

However, thanks to the county's conditions requiring gravel firms to turn over their mined-out quarries to Zone 7 currently and through the next 30 years or so, Zone 7 was able to devise a plan to hold the storm water in the reclaimed lakes to prevent flooding, and keep the stream banks in natural habitat.

Since the streams will look natural, the arroyos also will continue to be a magnet for hikers, runners and cyclists, and will bring the partnerships that will make the SMMP work as a total

At the directors' monthly meeting Jan. 17, the vote was 5-1 to approve the SMIP, with director Jim Kohnen voting "no," and director Sarah Palmer abstaining. Both had issues with the staff about not providing information about the proposal until the Saturday before the board's

Kohnen said, "We can't run into this on three days' notice, and make a \$2.5 million decision."

A diagram of the project showed the Zone 7 board at the top in terms of authority. However, it's not at the top if there is little consideration for informing the board and taking time to deliberate, said Kohnen. "The board was not involved in this \$2.5 million boondoggle," he

Palmer said that she understands the need for an implementation plan. However, spending \$624,000 on public outreach for the SMIP disturbed her, since there was much public outreach when the SMMP was drawn up, including organizations that were represented on the committee that helped draw the plan.

Jerry Nakano of West Yost & Associates said that the \$624,000 will enable Zone 7 staff to meet one-on-one with cities, public agencies, and habitat groups, and to set up meetings with the public to learn about its priorities in regard to the plan. There will also be an education component to let the public know about the advantages of the plan,

Palmer stated that the SMIP presentation was "a lot to digest. I don't think we were given a lot of time.'

Former director Margaret Tracy, a regular attendee at Zone 7 meetings, said, "It came as a shock to me. The public is against leaping ahead."

Nakano told the board that the money will be spent in increments over 14 months. The board will have opportunities along the way to examine and com-

General manager Dale Myers apologized to the board about the short notice. However, he added that it was very important to move quickly, in order to write grant applications as soon as possible, in anticipation of state funding that might become avail-

Other board members said they were comfortable with the short notice. Board president Jim Concannon, and directors John Greci, Steve Kalthoff and Bill Stevens voted for approval of the SMIP. Their range of tenure on the board is from eight to 16

Greci, who was elected in 1994, said, "It's a superb plan." He added that "we are on track. We don't need any delays to deter these efforts. We worked on this for a long time. This is a business plan, and we need it. I'm pleased with it."

The fifth director who voted for approval, Dick Quigley, has been on the board since 2004. However, he started working on the SMMP in 2002 in his capacity as a trails advocate. He said he received the SMIP data on Jan. 13, like the other directors, and called assistant general manager Jill Duerig to have his questions answered.

"I've been involved with the SMMP more than anyone. This carries it to the next step. SMIP will get us there faster and better than without it," said Quigley.

Palmer is the newest to the history of the plan. She was elected last summer. Kohnen came on board at the same time

St. Elizabeth Church Can Build Parish Center

St. Elizabeth Seton Church in Pleasanton will be able to proceed with construction of a 22,296 square foot parish center building with a gym. The issue was the location of the parish center, which was switched to a site designated for an elementary school.

The church already had permission to build the facilities as part of an earlier conditional use permit. The earlier approval also included an elementary school, which will be built at a later time. The location of the gym and meeting center was switched by the church with the elementary school placing it on the opposite side of the 12-acre parcel at the corner of Stoneridge Drive and Rheem Drive closer to existing homes. The gym would exceed the allowed height by four

teet. The Pleasanton City Council voted 4 to 1 to deny the appeal of the planning commission approval of the project. It was appealed by neighbors Rhit and Sonia Gupta and the Pleasanton Village Association. The council approval included a condition that the gym height be lowered by as much as possible.

Matt Sullivan was the dissenting vote. He wanted to hold additional discussions between the church and its neighbors with the hope of coming out with a project that was more acceptable to both

Neighbors were concerned

about traffic, parking, safety, and the size of the structure. They also asked that an environmental impact report be prepared for the project, noting that many birds use the area for nesting.

Staff concluded there would be little difference in impacts resulting from switching the uses. The parking area remains the same on site. The church has acquired additional parking off site for the one time during the week when there is the most activity at the church, Sunday evening. In addition, parking could be allowed along Stoneridge Dr. during that time period. Staff noted that none of the uses in the gym and the church would occur concurrently. Staff did not think there would be an increase in traffic since many of the uses are already

taking place on the site. The Guptas told the council they were not against the parish center or the gym. They just wanted them built in the original location, which they deemed more appropriate.

Father Dan Danielson said the parish has outgrown the facility on the site. He said that the Oakland Diocese has indicated that the site that had been designated for the elementary school is not large enough. It made sense to switch the two uses.

Staff told the council that the conditional use permit allows for the council to review the operations on the site if there were complaints in the future. The council could place additional conditions to mitigate those com-

Michael Gallagher, Chairman of the Parish Council, stated, "We have done our best to be good neighbors."

It was pointed out that the CYO basketball program, which would use the gym, is cosponsored by the city. About 50 percent of the players in the basketball league are non-Catholics. The entire city would benefit from construction of the gym, several people stated.

Ralph Hughes, who owns a commercial building across from the church, called the proposal a "monster building." The structure is surrounded by one and two story buildings. He raised the issue of an environmental impact report, reporting that he has photographed a blue heron that has been coming back to the property for the last 5 or 6 years. There are numerous redhawks in the

Todd Collier spoke for the Pleasanton Village Homeowners. "The issue is the petition to change the location and scope of a previously approved plan. We oppose the change. It's not about benefitting kids or about the church. It's not about defeating the project, but denying a change. It's about cultivating a safe community.

Councilmember Sullivan said his concern is how the project is being evaluated. He felt that the

city was bending over backwards to accommodate the church. "Today, if there were 12 acres near a residential area asking for development, I think we would require an environmental review, not necessarily a full EIR, but a checklist to see if there are issues that need further study such as traffic and noise.

Sullivan didn't think all of the issues raised by neighbors had been addressed adequately. "I think we have more work to do to get both sides closer to some common ground," he said.

Councilmember Jerry Thorne said he felt the church had done an outstanding job in responding to neighbors' concerns.

McGovern made the motion to deny the appeal. Her motion included setting up a liaison between the pastoral council and homeowners to keep the homeowners up to date on the project. She added, "If parking becomes a problem, the church would have to obtain additional off-site parking or build a gravel lot on site."

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman commented, "After hearing all of the testimony, I think the project will result in a good addition to the neighborhood. I know there are concerns that haven't been completely addressed. I like the idea of the liaison. The addition to an existing church campus has been in the works for a number of years. It is needed by the church and will be used by the entire community."

Slurry Pond Site Declared a Public Nuisance

where slurry ponds had been es-

tablished a public nuisance and

to require immediate abatement

The Alameda County Plan-

ning Commission voted unanimously last week to declare property on Collier Canyon Road

of the nuisance. The commission also is requiring testing of nearby wells and the drilling of borings to deways. She wanted that information included in the letter.

termine if materials have been adequately removed from where the slurry ponds were located. The planning commission said the Cheryl Cook-Kallio stated goal was to ensure that no long lasting environmental impacts exist resulting from the slurry ponds. The abatement condition in-

cludes the property owner Larry Gosselin, Caltrans (which had jurisdiction over who ran the slurry ponds), the contractor and various subcontractors.

A slurry pond is created to prepare finely ground concrete material from Caltrans projects for landfill disposal or limited reuse. A liquefied slurry of ground concrete and water is poured into textile lined settling and drying ponds. After the material has dried, the cakes of ground concrete material can be

removed. Residents of Collier Canyon Road were concerned that the materials from the slurry ponds had endangered their water.

Property owner Larry

Gosselin and the contractor American Civil had requested a continuance of the matter. However, the planning commission felt it was better to obtain information about potential contamination now, to establish a baseline in the event future contamination of wells was found.

The contractor has hired an environmental consultant to conduct an assessment of the area. A letter to the commission pointed out that the information was not yet available to the contractor, making it difficult to respond to the county's concerns.

Several residents addressed the commission, asking that their water be tested. Mark Bradford said, "I moved there because of the country atmosphere. I shouldn't have to live with the fear of toxic contamination."

Larry Gosselin said he appreciated the serious nature of the issue. "Certain things were represented to me. I am finding out some of the information was not correct. Once I became aware of the issues, I wanted the material off my property as quickly as possible." He said the material has all been removed.

When the issue arose, Gosselin contacted Assemblyman Guy Houston. Gosselin said that Houston is working with Caltrans to see how the problem occurred. The information may help develop protocols to handle this type of issue in the future, said Gosselin.

He didn't agree with the requirement to test wells. He argued that the issue of concern is with the soil at the site. If it shows no contamination, there should be no need for additional testing and remediation. In addition, other variables exist in Collier Canyon that are potential sources of contamination, such as road resurfacing activity and car wrecks.

Commissioner Allison Reddy pointed out that the issue of testing water in nearby wells would not have been raised were it not for the slurry ponds.

Other commissioners offered the view they didn't see anything that would be gained by further delay in making a decision. Frank Imhoff stated that not only should water be tested, but there should be some borings on sites where the ponds were located to determine if the sites were cleaned up properly.

The parties listed in the abatement requirement have ten days to appeal the decision to the Board of Supervisors.

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ABAG

"Pleasanton is concerned that based on a number of issues including the voter approved housing cap, the lack of available developable land, housing market forces and the high cost of developing housing affordable housing, it may be unable to meet the upcoming targets." The city would support housing alloca-

household incomes. The final point related to jobs/housing balance. Pleasanton believes ABAG should consider a new definition of jobs/ housing balance that identifies the goal of securing housing near employment centers a regional issue rather than a definition that views a jobs/housing balance as

tions based on average regional

The letter sent to ABAG notes, "It is more appropriate to allo-

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a local issue.

cate employment and employment growth on a subregional basis rather than a city-by-city basis." The responsibility for meeting the jobs/housing balance would fall not just with the home city, but with surrounding communities that benefit from the job growth.

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman sits on the committee. She said that a number of other agencies feel much as Pleasanton does. "We didn't get what we wanted. However, we created a record we can use if it becomes necessary in the future." She added later, "The city is not in the business of building homes.'

Several councilmembers offered input. Cindy McGovern felt that Pleasanton has some geographic issues other cities may not have, because it is located between two gridlocked free-

she found it difficult to rationalize not meeting affordabilty goals because of high property values. "We are going to have to address affordabilty. It is not rea-

> vide it," she declared Jerry Thorne said he had a hard time with an agency (ABAG) even existing that does massive planning without knowing the situation of the city. He felt that a jobs/housing balance should be considered as a regional issue, including Oakland and other He agreed

sonable to say we can never pro-

affordability is a serious issue. Matt Sullivan said that providing affordable housing and meeting regional numbers are separate issues. The council does need to have a discussion on how to have more affordable housing

The actual housing need number will be determined in Spring 2007. The initial draft allocations will be released before June 2007.

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Livermore Elementary School Teachers Spend a Day Learning

By Patricia KoningMonday was a day of role reversal for the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. The students had the day off while the elementary school teachers went to school.

For the second year in a row, the Livermore Education Association, the teachers' union, and the District worked together to put on the Certificated Elementary Professional Development

"This is a unique event in that it brings together all of the elementary school teachers from all of our school sites," said Kelly Bowers, Director of Curriculum

and Special Projects. "Teaching can be isolating. This conference allows for camaraderie on a larger

Keynote speaker Katherine Perez started off the morning with a speech on "Teaching to meet diverse needs: dynamic differentiated instruction." Perez is a professor in the reading and language arts program at the St. Mary's College School of Education.

For the rest of the day the teachers attended three sessions of their choosing. The topics covered a wide range, such as Elements of Art, Personality Power, Quick and Easy PE AcClassroom Teachers, and Stress Reduction. 'Being able to choose the

workshops that interest me is a real bonus," said Corinne Agurkis, a fifth grade teacher at Croce Elementary. "I learned a lot in the stress reduction class."

Tom Anderson, another fifth grade teacher from Croce, said he appreciated the different perspective of presenters from outside the District. He attended workshops on Vocabulary Strategies and Best Practices Using Data.

Among the presenters were outside professionals, such as Pediatrician Carol Gill and Tri-Val-

tivities, Science Activities for ley Monart owner Rhondi Classroom Teachers, and Stress Mertes. Jeff Keller, Principal of Marylin Avenue, spoke on developing essential standards and Smith Principal Denise Nathanson gave a presentation on Nuts and Bolts of Readers Workshop Using Comprehension Strategies.

Most of the speakers were teachers and specialists from within the District. Rancho teachers Debbie Lindemann and Donna Swenson shared tried and true dances for elementary students. Altamont Creek second grade teacher Cathy Newton presented a talk called More than Spaghetti against the Wall, about

reading comprehension. In the workshop led by Barbara Hamilton, an Altamont Creek resource teacher, participants learned what disabled students experience in their learning environments. The workshop was called, "See Learning through My Eyes.

One goal of the conference is for teachers to take what they learned back to their sites to share with their peers. Each workshop was limited to 20 participants, so each teacher came away with a unique experience. Alec Kenward, a technology

specialist at Arroyo Seco, taught teachers how to create a web page using FirstClass.
"We've had this tool for a

while, but there has been no formal instruction on how to use it," he explained. "My hope is that the 40 teachers who learned about this today will spread the word.

District Music Coordinator Randy Watson ran a session on Music Ace, a music software program he says can teach basic music concepts to anyone. The program is self-taught and self-

paced, so it doesn't require additional prep time on the part of teachers, but does provide a way to cover some of the state standards in music.

"If we should adopt this program as a District and the kids are exposed to all of the lessons, they'd have more knowledge about musical concepts than I had going into college," he said.

In planning this year's confer-

ence, the LEA Professional Development Committee and District staff first reviewed evaluations from the 2006 conference. They kept workshops that were well received, such as art, and added new ones, such as data analysis. Other changes were principals as pre-senters and middle school student volunteers to assist the present-

"We're very proud of this event," said LEA President Keith Pickering-Walters. "This is the best example of what can happen when Districts and Unions work together."

A Professional Development Conference for middle school teachers is scheduled for March.

I-580 Widening On New State Bond List

Widening projects for the Interstate 580 corridor survived the first screening for eligibility for the infrastructure state bond money that voters approved in

November. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) board last week sent three I-580 projects to the California Transportation Commission for further review. That panel will rule on applications for the money by the end of February, said MTČ

spokesman John Goodwin.
If the I-580 projects do secure the money, there would be fast payment to get the work started, said Goodwin. It's possible that work could begin as soon as September 2007 on one of the projects. That would be for construction of High Occupancy

Vehicle (HOV) lanes westbound from Greenville Road to Foothill Road, and eastbound from Hacienda Drive to Greenville Road.

That funding includes improvements for the projected interchange at Isabel Avenue, said Goodwin. Total allocation is \$294 million.

The HOV lanes are the furthest along among the successful and unsuccessful Valley proposals that were considered by the MTC, said Goodwin.

Two others projects on I-580 also made the list to the CTC. One is for \$100 million for a truck climbing lane eastbound in the Altamont. The other is a westbound truck lane from the interchange where Interstates 205 and 580 meet, also allocated at \$100 million. The recommended projects will compete against others in northern California for funding.

Statewide, there will be \$4.5 billion in the corridor mobility improvement account, which is a subset of a total of \$19 billion for transportation infrastructure from the statewide proposition. Only \$1.8 billion of the \$4.5 billion will be going to northern California projects.

MTC exceeded the northern California limit just with its own recommendations for 23 projects totaling \$2 billion. The MTC board plans to advocate for the most meritorious projects in competing against other areas in northern California.

MTC drew up its list, after paring down a much bigger list of 54 Bay Area projects valued at \$4 billion. Some of the projects, including several in the Valley that did not make the final list, could be eligible for other categories in the infrastructure bond, for example, a trade-corridors subsection of the bond. That category could fund projects that help ease congestion between the Port of Oakland and the Central Valley, via interstates 880, 238, and 580, said Goodwin.
One project that didn't make

the final list was \$276 million of improvements to the I-580/680 interchange. "It is a worthy project. However, it is not as far along as the freeway corridor widening. As a consequence, it can compete better for some of the other programs (later), since the bonds will be released in increments," said Goodwin.

CHIEF

(continued from page one) Chief Neal said of Fraser, "I could not be happier than to have Mike Fraser appointed to succeed me as Pleasanton's new Police Chief. Mike is an incredibly gifted leader, one who has been part of the Pleasanton Police Department and community for over 27 years"

Fraser was one of three inside applicants to apply for the job. As one of the department's two captains, he served in the number two position, directly under Chief Neal.

Captain Fraser began his law enforcement career with the Pleasanton Police Department in 1980. He was promoted from officer to sergeant in 1987, to lieutenant in 1992, and then to captain in 1995. During his twelve years as captain, Fraser was responsible for managing all asorganization. Captain Fraser is currently serving his second assignment as Operations Division commander; his responsibilities include the management of patrol, traffic, special events, the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team, canine, range, animal services, reserve officers, parking enforcement, vehicle abatement and the Field Training Officer program. Since 2003, Fraser has served as Pleasanton's Law Enforcement Liaison for the

Federal Bureau of Investigation.
"The City was extremely fortunate to have a number of highly qualified individuals seeking the police chief job. Captain Fraser's positive perspective, his depth of experience and sound judgment carried him to the top. He is enthusiastic about public service, approachable and willing and able to make tough decisions. I believe Captain Fraser will continue to build upon Pleasanton's reputation as an ideal City in which to live and work." added Fiahlo.

Fraser commented. "I am verv excited about moving into the police chief role. The City and the Police Department have many valuable programs and ini-tiatives already in place; I'll continue to support those while looking ahead to others that will establish Pleasanton as a model

Child Care Links to Host Preschool Fair

Child Care Links will host the 7th Annual Tri-Valley Preschool Fair. The fair provides an opportunity for parents to check out local preschool options in one location.

Child Care Links will also be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair at the same time.

This event will be held on February 3, 2007, from 11:00am to 2:00 pm at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

The Tri-Valley Preschool Fair is an opportunity for parents to speak with a wide variety of preschools and Family Child Care providers offering a preschool curriculum. Parents can meet with staff and learn about many different programs in order to find the right match their child and their family's needs.

Child Care Links will be hosting the fair. It is sponsored by the Cities of Dublin, Livermore, and Pleasanton.

community. As importantly, I'm looking forward to continuing to build on my relationships, both within the police department and with other community represen-

Neal indicated, "There was a lot of concern that the progressive programs we have initiated would lose support under a new chief. By selecting Mike Fraser as Chief of Police, City Manager Nelson Fialho has assured that Pleasanton PD will remain at the forefront of innovation and pro-

gressive policing."
"We had three in house appli-

cants who competed for the position of Chief of Police. All three emerged as top candidates. From a field that started with over fifty applicants, you have to be very proud with the abundance of riches we had in-house to fill

my position" Neal said. Neal concluded, "I did not envy the City Manager making this difficult decision. With three different, but incredibly gifted managers leading the pack – this must have come down to splitting hairs. He picked the senior member of the group, a logical and solid decision. I am retiring,

but plan to remain living in Pleasanton. As previously stated, I will continue to sleep comfortably, with Mike Fraser at the helm of the police department.'

Fraser, 53, holds a master's degree in Management from California State Polytechnic at Pomona and a bachelor's degree in Public Administration from the University of San Francisco. He is a graduate of the nationally recognized Senior Management Institute for Policing program at Harvard University. Fraser and his family live in Pleasanton.

DAY SCHOOL (continued from page one)

ally encourages Districts to implement alternative programs like a Community Day School."
Starting a CDS is fairly simple.

The District applies for a countydistrict-school code and submits an application. Then the school must be authorized by the Livermore School Board and approved by the California Department of

California Education Code rovides, in addition to funding from base revenue limit and other sources, supplemental apportionments for average daily attendance (ADA). For the current school year, this supplemental funding is \$5,247 per ADA, although Districts typically only collect about 80% due to absence. For supplemental funding, missing any part of the school day counts as an absence. The Livermore District receives \$5742 ADA for its regular school programs.

The extra funding goes to-

wards smaller class sizes, typically between 10 to 15 students per teacher, and additional services such as counselors, child welfare attendance specialists, and programs with local agencies. See estimates that currently there might be 20-40 middle school students in the District who could benefit from a CDS.

At 360 minutes, the minimum school day for CDS is slightly longer than for traditional schools. This time does not include breaks, recesses, or lunch, so a typical schedule might have school start at 8:30 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. with a 20 minute lunch and 10 minute break.

Another issue for a CDS is location. The school should be physically removed from other schools, as the intent by the legislature is that the school serves expelled students. See notes that there is quite a bit of funding for the construction of a CDS.

"This will give us an option

of where to put students that right now we are afraid to push out of the regular school system, for fear we might lose them altogether," said trustee Bill Morrison. "This

clude visiting other CDS facilities, establishing a committee of key stakeholders, identifying fa-cility needs, determining the optimal size in terms of student body, and establishing a

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does need to be a self-sustaining school. We can't take money away from our existing schools The trustees agreed that District staff should move forward in researching the possibility of a CDS in the Livermore School District. Such research might in-

timeline.



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SPORTS NOTES

Youth Soccer State Cup Results

The U-11 Girls Livermore Crew '95 swept the opening round of the State Cup with three victories over the weekend, and has advanced to the Sweet 16. These first round games took place at the soccer complex in Hanford, CA.

The Crew '95 made a statement early on with an 8-0 win against Fig Garden Bullard FC2 on Saturday morning. The offense used their passing game to great effect, possessing the ball for much of the game while the defenders successfully shut down the Fig

Garden attackers.
In the second Saturday game, Livermore nt the second Saturday game, Livermore played to a tough 1-0 win over Petaluma SCA 96G. As the top ranked teams in the group, both teams knew the winner of this game would likely be the team to advance, and the intensity showed on the field. The game was scoreless through the first half, but in the second half Livermore was able to break through a tough Petaluma defense, with Alexa Hubbs putting one in with less than ten minutes left in regulation.

Livermore won again on Sunday in their game against the Healdsburg Hurricanes. The Crew controlled the ball for much of the first half, but the Hurricanes bunkered down and the half ended 0-0. Livermore came out strong in the second half, using their passing game to beat four midfielders and five defenders leading to a Kylie Diaz goal thirty seconds in to the half. Livermore continued to dominate the game, with Brooke Rittman scoring three goals for a final of 4-0.

The Livermore Crew '95 will move on to the Sweet 16 rounds in Turlock on February 3rd. The Livermore Crew '95 are Haleigh Atkinson, Amanda Crabb, Kylie Diaz, Danica Egelston, Sarah Franklin, Hannah Gooby, Haylie Grant, Jenna Hatch, Baylie Hernandez, Jessica Hopkins, Alexa Hubbs, Rachel Leonard, Evan Murphy, Pooja Patel, Brielle Preece, Brooke Rittmann and Madyson Souza, with head coach Lauren Pennisi, and assistant coach Tony Crabb.

The Livermore Roadrunners boys U12 soccer team won 2 and lost 1 over the weekend, which kept them from moving forward to the next round of the State Cup

competition.
On Saturday, the Roadrunners triumphed over the Hanford Central Cal Attack team, 7 to 1. Ryan Gollott headed in the first goal for the Roadrunners after receiving a cross from Tanner Turner. Hanford tied up the score immediately. Then Turner made a run on goal to score again. He was assisted by Paul Mayes. Juan Carlos Alfaro and Patrick Taylor scored the next two goals for the Roadrun-ners, assisted on both by Turner. Ryan Flayler scored the fifth Roadrunner goal after receiving a rebound from a shot made by Damon Tregear. In the second half, the Roadrunners had their first opportunity to score off of a free kick taken by Turner right outside of the box. The Hanford goalkeeper deflected the ball, which was then tapped into

the net by Tregear to score. Turner scored the last goal for the Roadrunners unassisted.

The Roadrunners lost their next match to the Mission SC SF United Jrs. 2-0. They then went on to win their final match on Sunday against Elk Grove United 1-0. Mayes scored the lone goal for the Roadrunners with an assist from Flayler. Marco Arana-Nolasco made a fantastic save late in the game to keep Elk Grove from scoring.

The Pleasanton Rage Division 1 U12 traveled to Hanford for State Cup play in one of the toughest brackets assembled. They came away with one win, one loss, and a tie failing to advance from opening round play. The defense and goalie play of Payton Thomas and Brooke Quesinberry was spectacular throughout the weekend, giving up only two scores. The opening game was a rematch of last year's State Cup semifinal game with San Juan. The first half was very evenly played with Laura Klein and Jessica Chen playing extremely well in midfield. The defensive unit of Jessica Swinkels, Nicole Swinkels, and Laura Byron were tenacious in preventing the San Juan forwards from mounting any serious attacks. San Juan scored the only goal of the game early in the second half on a free kick that took an ugly bounce and found its way into the net. The balance of the game saw the Rage intensity level rise as the team tried to score the equalizer. Midfielders Alysse Ketner and Emmy Rodriguez, along with forwards Julia Rogers and Nicole Heller were relentless in attacking the San Juan defense. However, the tying goal never came and the Rage suffered a 1 to 0 loss.

Game two was against the home town game and had several scoring opportunities generated by strong midfield play from Haley Jackson and Laura Klein. The Rage broke out on top midway through the first half when Dani Roe took the ball into the corner and passed back to Jessica Chen. Jessica then centered the ball in front of the Hanford goal, where Nicole Heller ran onto the ball and rifled a one touch past the goalie. From there the defense took over and made the one goal lead stand up. Summer Shelton, Lauryn Hayashi, and Laura Byron consistently turned back any Hanford attacks as Rage triumphed

The final game was against Modesto, with both teams holding onto an opportunity to advance with a win. The game was extremely physical and saw several Rage players go down hard as the bigger Modesto team tried to take advantage of their size. Rage players did not shy away from the contact as Jessica Swinkels, Emmy Rodriguez, and Shannon Malindzak continually mixed it up and prevented Modesto from getting many offensive chances. Rage scored first, when Haley Jackson took advantage of a free kick orrensive chances. Rage scored first, when Haley Jackson took advantage of a free kick and hit a laser that sailed perfectly over the outstretched arms of the goalie. Modesto came back to tie the game with a goal shortly after intermission. The second half was hotly contested as each team desperately wanted to score the go ahead goal. Alaina Urban, Jessica Chen, and Laura Klein constantly battled for possession in the middle of the field. Nicole Heller, Alysse Ketner, and Dani Roe worked

hard to gain an advantage that would lead to a scoring opportunity but came up empty as the game ended in a 1 to 1 tie.

Top Offensive Players: Nicole Heller, Jessica Chen, Alysse Ketner, Haley Jackson; Top Defensive Players: Laura Byron, Laura Klein, Lescies Swinkles, Nicole, Swinkles Klein, Jessica Swinkels, Nicole Swinkels. **Dublin United Class I Soccer U12**

Fighters competed in State Cup play this weekend, advancing to the round of 16 by winning their flight with a (1-1) tie vs. the Davis Vortex, (2-1) win over the Benicia Arsenal, and (3-0) win over the Madera Red

Stars.

Top Offensive Players: Scoring for the Fighters were Rebecca Beasley (2 goals), Amanda Garcia (2 goals), Adrianna Nugen (1 goal), and Annie Jones (1 goal) with assists from Veronica Highsmith, and Megan Zummo. Supporting the offensive effort in midfield were Veronica Bossio, Mikaila Constable, Joanna Giron, Christine Laymon and Niki Mohabi. The defensive line of constable, Joanna Giron, Christine Laymon and Niki Mohebi. The defensive line of V.Highsmith, Annie Jones, and Hailey Zummo, anchored by Heather Seeley held firm, allowing only 1 goal over the weekend.

The Livermore Elite Explosion U12
Division 1 Girls soccer team finished second in the interpretable to the Areal Institute of the

in their bracket in the preliminary round of the CYSA State Cup Tournament this past weekend with a win, a tie and a loss.

Livermore tied the Castro Valley Ravens

Livermore tied the Castro Valley Ravens
1-1 in their first game; Alex Boucher Goal off
a Kassidy Peters assist. The Explosion's
second game against the Elk Grove United
Orange resulted in a 1-0 win; Holly Lamb
goal. In their third game the Explosion fell
2-1 to East Diablo United Kylee Southwell
goal off a Kaley Olean assist goal off a Kaley Olsen assist.

Great effort from the entire Explosion

team; Sierra Cassels, Cierra Comfort, Carli Floris, Jessica Floyd, Jennie Harmison, Danielle Lacombe, Karley Luce, Gabi Macias, Kerry Stein, and Rachel Tabarraci. Livermore keeper Audrey Walke took control of the field leading and directing her team and making many outstanding saves.

CYO Basketball

The Catholic Community of Pleasanton (CCOP) 7th grade girls (team 7005) struggled through a tough 1st period against St. Michael's/St. Charles (SM/SC) (7003) find-

ing themselves behind 5-10. Coach Mike and Dave had CCOP open the 2nd period with a man-to-man defense causing a 15-2 run. The streak continued in the 3rd with CCOP out scoring SM/SC 13-3. Offensively, Lauren MacDonnell was almost flawless making 4 out of 5 free throws and scoring a total of 8 points I wideay Codwin was too score with points. Lyndsay Godwin was top scorer with 12 points, one of those a three pointer. Michele Mann was impressive under the net Michele Mann was impressive under the net scoring 6 along with teammate Emily Alberts scoring 4. Outside shooting by Vivan Hare (2 points), Kelly Parsons (5 points) and Nicole Ponzini (3 points) all contributed to an exhilarating offensive game. Top defensive players were Godwin (17 rebounds, 2 steals, 2 blocks), Parsons (9 rebounds, 1 steal) and Alberts (8 rebounds, 1 block). CCOP scored a season high defeating SM/SC 40-21.

In an aggressive game, SM/SC 7th grade

SC 40-21.

In an aggressive game, SM/SC 7th grade girls (7003) lost to CCOP (7005) 25 to 39.

SM/SC had taken an early lead but injuries stopped their forward momentum. The top offensive scoring players for SM/SC were Mindy Morettini, Kenzie Holcomb, and Juliana Marciel. The top defensive players were Claudine Seriani, Taylor Vasquez, Kaylynn Richards, and Roxanna Utpadel. These SM/SC girls performed valiantly These SM/SC girls performed valiantly, despite numerous setbacks.

SM/SC #819 8th grade boys defeated CCOP #811 32-28 in a well played game. John Murphy led the tough SM/SC defense with 3 steals and 5 rbs. Kyle Zendarski scored 12 points (9 rbs), Gary Chapetta added 11 points (13 rbs), Antony Ruizscored 5 points, Richie Mcwilliams 1 point (3 rbs), Donald Furr 3 rbs and 2 steals, Michael Schley 1 steal, Gurmeer I Ipnal 1 steal and John Kurbac 7 rbs Gurmeer Uppal 1 steal, and John Kuchac 7 rbs (2 steals) all played complete games.

The SM/SC 8th grade boys (804) were defeated by the St. Joan's 30-28 in an overtime thriller at Granada High School's switching time at Granda Tigs Technol SM/SC to a 6-2 record while St. Joan's remained undefeated. St. Joan's played a pressing defense the entire game and clogged the middle effectively forcing SM/SC to score from the outside. SM/SC hit a three point what in the first second of resultation to send shot in the final seconds of regulation to send the game into overtime. SM/SC was unable to score in the overtime period and St. Joan's held on for a two point victory. Top offensive players for SM/SC were Jacob Goodness, Ryan Rogers and Justin Brauer. Jacob Hohl, Kyle Phillips, Steven Dubberly, Jeffrey Stanford and Mike Griffin all contributed defonsively. defensively.

Hunter Lewis scored the game-winning lay-up with 11 seconds left in the 4th quarter to give the SM/SC 7th grade boys (705) a come-from-behind 39-38 win over St. Isidore's (703). The basket capped a rally from 10 points down and 20-11 at the half. Chris Miller recorded his 4th double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds and Damariay Drew rinned down a season-high 15 hoards. with 15 points and 10 rebounds and Damarias Drew ripped down a season-high 15 boards. Lewis scored all 7 of his points in the 2nd half with 7 rebounds and Danny Emerson added 6 points. St. Isidore 's was led by Garrett Link with 18 points. SM/SC has won 2 of its last 3, scoring a season-high 28 points in the 2nd half

The match between the CCOP 7th grade girls teams started off slow, with the score at the half of 10-12. Team 7009 came out on top of 7001, 35-50. At the beginning of the 3rd quarter CCOP #7009 came alive, and fired off 14 points in the quarter, to increase their margin to 4 points. CCOP #7009 played their highest scoring game, to date. Packel Omina highest scoring game-to-date; Rachel Orpina was the highest scorer with 10 points, while Jessica Woodruff had 11 rebounds. The #7009 team had scoring even spread among most of their 8 players. Good defense from #7009 kept their opponents from taking the scoring lead. CCOP #7009 has 5 wins, 3 losses going into the game next weekend against the other CCOP team in their league.

SM/SC 7th grade girls (#7010) edged out St. Isidore (#7002), 22 to 20. Guard Ashley Holmes led the way for SM/SC with 10 points, 10 rebounds and 2 steals to help extend SM/SC record to 7 and 1. Also hot for SM/SC was Erin Walthall with 6 points, including both free throws made. Playing tough defense for SM/SC was Dani Arnold, Brittany Campiotti (4 pts 3 rebs. 8 stls) and Brittany Campiotti (4 pts, 3 rebs, 8 stls) and Katelyn Jones (5 rebs, 2 stls) with 2 block shots. Its was a thrilling finish with both teams working hard all game.

CCOP #6007 (007) battled hard against St. Isidore. The third quarter ended 6-14, with St. Isidore in the lead. CCOP put up a battle, but the game ended in a loss of 10-14. They displayed great team work. Top Offensive Players for CCOP#6007: Kylie Copenhagen, Sydney Hitesman, Aubry Wolff, Kris Dunworth; Top Defensive Players for CCOP #6007: Hayley Bradley, Sarah Loduha, Marlo Aghazarian, Bailey Downum.

SM/SC 6th grade girls (#6006) defeated SM/SC (#6005), 22 to 17. It was a very closely matched game. Top scorers for #6006 were Candy Valdez and Kaitlin Barney. Top defensive player was Katie Baron. Top scorers for #6005 were Jennifer Louie and Elyse Telford. Top defensive player was Kristy

SM/SC 4th grade girls American League team put together their best complete game of the season, with crisp passing and excellent team defense. They got out of the gate strong, mounting a 14-2 lead at the first quarter mark, which they then held for the remainder of the game, beating a good CCOP team 24-12. Shannon Rosemark stood out with eight snaintin Rosenark Stood out win eight points and strong rebounding and defense. Rachel Hernandez had six points and a pile of steals, Grace Naylor contributed four and played solid defense, and Delaney Gill-Sommerhauser played solidly at both ends, scoring four and seeming to assist on almost every other basket. every other basket.

SM/SC 4th grade boys (#411) topped. SM/SC (#412), 27 - 8. Ryan Holmes led the way for team 411 with 10 points, 7 rebounds and 5 steals. The offense for 411 stayed hot with Patrick Miron and Omar Naisan both scoring a bucket. Defense for team 411 was aggressive with Michael Bohl (2 pts, 7 rebs, 6 stls), Michael Pierce (4 pts, 4 rebs, 4 stls) and Dustin Allen (4 pts, 7 rebs, 3 stls) keeping team 412 off balance. A great effort by both teams.

SM/SC 1st and 2nd grade teams, The Scorpions verses The Bulldogs. Both teams played a hard game. The Scorpions top players were Robert Sutter, Bo Cole and Trevor Hamilton. The top players for the Bulldogswere Luke Morrisroe, Robert Lassila and John Elmore. These teams were led by Coach Tom Valponi for the Scorpions and Coach Greg Heffron for the Bulldogs.

The Vipers 1st and 2nd grade team continued its meteoric improvement with an outstanding effort this week. Nate Wilson poured in an impressive basket while Tyler Hanson was flying all around the court. Cory Hickerson had real nose for the hoop on the

Gymfinity Gymnastics

Fourteen members of the Gymfinity Gymnastics team recently traveled to Oahu, Hawaii to compete in the 31st annual Aloha Gymfest. Thirty-seven teams from Japan, Australia, Canada, Hawaii and the US main-

Gymfest. Thirty-seven teams from Japan, Australia, Canada, Hawaii and the US mainland were in attendance.

Highlights for Gymfinity included Ashley Eastman besting 25 girls in her level 7, 12 year old age group to win the all-around with a score of 37.475. Nicole Fitzgerald placed second on vault and beam on her way to placing second place all-around in the level 8, 13 year old age group. Angelica Leporati, level 5, won the beam title with a 9.1 on her way to finishing second in the all-around. And Mariel Chiong tied for first place on bars in level 4 competition with a 9.4.

LEVEL 4, AGE 8: VAULT - Mariel Chiong, 9th, 8.6. BARS - Chiong, T1st, 9.4. BEAM - Chiong, 8th, 8.4. FLOOR - Chiong, 5th, 9.0. ALL-AROUND - Chiong, 4th, 35.4. AGE 10+: VAULT - Chelsea Werner, 8.5. BARS - Werner, 8th, 9.2. BEAM - Werner, 7.25. FLOOR - Werner, 7.2. ALL-AROUND - Werner, 7.2. ALL-AROUND - Werner, 7.2. ALL-AROUND - Mariews, 7th, 8.3. BARS - Andrews, 5th, 33.725. AGE 9: VAULT - Sara Vukojevic, 7.75. BARS - Vukojevic, 7.4. BEAM - Vukojevic, 9th, 8.2. FLOOR - Vukojevic, 10th, 7.5. ALL-AROUND - Vukojevic, 10th, 30.85. AGE 10: VAULT - Angelica Leporati, 3rd, 9.1. BARS - Leporati, 5th, 8.7. BEAM - Leporati, 1st, 9.1. FLOOR

Leporati, 3rd, 8.825. ALL-AROUND -

Leporati, 2nd, 35.725. LEVEL 6, AGE 8-11: VAULT - Moira Andrews, 9th, 8.65; Gabriella Lemoine, 8.3. BARS - Lemoine, 7th, 8.25; Andrews, 7.1. BEAM - Lemoine, 5th, 8.85; Andrews, 8.4. FLOOR - Lemoine, 9th, 8.55; Andrews, 7.9. ALL-AROUND - Lemoine, 10th, 33.95;

FLOOR - Lemoine, 9th, 8.55; Andrews, 7.9. ALL-AROUND - Lemoine, 10th, 33.95; Andrews, 32.05.

LEVEL 7, AGE 10: VAULT - Brianna Camacho, 6th, 8.775. BARS - Camacho, 9th, 7.9. BEAM - Camacho, 6th, 9.15. FLOOR - Camacho, 6th, 9.15. FLOOR - Camacho, 6th, 35.15. AGE 12: VAULT - Ashley Eastman, 9th, 9.25. BARS - Eastman, 6th, 9.125. BEAM - Eastman, 2nd, 9.55. FLOOR - Eastman, 1st, 37.475.

LEVEL 8, AGE 13: VAULT - Nicole Fitzgerald, 2nd, 8.95; Jamie Haines, 9th, 4.45. BARS - Fitzgerald, 2nd, 8.95; Haines, 7.225. BEAM - Fitzgerald, 2nd, 8.95; Haines, 7.95. FLOOR - Fitzgerald and Haines, 7.10th, 8.65. BARS - Leporati, 2nd, 3.54; Haines, 32.325. AGE 15+: VAULT - Dana Felker, 5th, 8.675; Alexa Leporati, 7th, 8.65. BARS - Leporati, 10th, 7.8; Felker, 7.35. BEAM - Leporati, 10th, 7.8; Felker, 7.35. BEAM - Leporati and Felker, 78th, 8.35. FLOOR - Felker, 7th, 9.1; Leporati, 8.75. ALL-AROUND - Leporati, 8th, 33.55; Felker, 9th, 33.475.

LEVEL 9, AGE 15: VAULT - Kimmie Lisiak, 83. BARS - Lisiak, 7th, 8.5. BEAM - Lisiak, 4th, 9.175. ALL-AROUND - Lisiak, 9th, 34.325.

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California Gymnastics

California Gymnastics Academy competed over the weekend at Bridgette Clement Invitational Meet hosted by Gymtowne Gymnastics in San Bruno. They came home with first place finishes in all levels of the

Gymnastics in San Bruno. They came home with first place finishes in all levels of the competition.

RESULTS (by event):

LEVEL 7: Age Group: 12-13 yrs old: VAULT - Jenny Yang - Ist place (9.325): Emma Rigl (8.325) BARS - Emma Rigl - 1st place (8.975); Jenny Yang - 2nd place (8.925) BEAM - Emma Rigl 1st place (9.15): Jenny Yang - 2nd place (9.15): Jenny Yang - 2nd place (9.125) FLOOR - Jenny Yang - 1st place (8.975); Emma Rigl - 3rd place (8.6) ALL AROUND - Jenny Yang - 1st place (36.35); Emma Rigl - 2nd place (35.0); Age Group: 14+yrs old: VAULT - Erin Gray - 1st place (9.175); Megan Ouyang - 2nd place (9.15); Brianna Jessup (8.925) BARS - Briana Jessup - 5th place (7.375); Megan Ouyang (7.3); Erin Gray (7.1) BEAM - Erin Gray (7.825); Megan Ouyang (7.25) FLOOR - Briana Jessup - 1st place (9.0); Megan Ouyang - 2nd place (8.875); Erin Gray - 3rd place (8.825) ALL AROUND - Erin Gray - 3rd place (8.255); Megan Ouyang - 4th place (32.575; Briana Jessup - 7th place (31.7); LEVEL 8: Age Group: 9-13 yr olds: VAULT - Alexa Hernandez - 2nd place (8.725); Mandy Bakker - 3rd place (8.525) BARS - Stephanie Stamates - 1st place (8.75); Alexa Hernandez - 2nd place (8.85); Mandy Bakker (7.0) BEAM - Stephanie Stamates - 1st place (9.9); Alexa Hernandez and Stephanie Stamates - 1zt place (8.95); Alexa Hernandez - 1st place (9.2); Alexa Hernandez - 1st place (33.0); Mandy Bakker - 5th place (8.95) ALL AROUND - Alexa Hernandez - 3rd place (33.0); Mandy Bakker - 5th place (33.0); Mandy Bakker - 5th place (8.95) ALL AROUND - Alexa Hernandez - 1st place (9.15) ALL AROUND - Alexa Hernandez - 1st place (33.0); Mandy Bakker - 5th place (8.95) ALL AROUND - Alexa Hernandez - 1st place (33.0); Mandy Bakker - 5th place (8.95) ALL AROUND - Alexa Hernandez - 1st place (33.0); Mandy Bakker - 5th place (8.95) ALL AROUND - Alexa Hernandez - 1st place (33.0); Mandy Bakker - 5th place (8.95) ALL AROUND - Alexa Hernandez - 1st place (33.0); Mandy Bakker - 5th place (8.95) ALL AROUND - Alexa Hernandez - 1st place (33.0); Mandy Bakker - 5th place (8

Seahawks Hot

Although the temps were frigid last weekend, the Pleasanton Seahawks were red hot in the pool at the Cal Bears C/B/A meet. Trying to stay warm between events, they managed to jump right in with lots of best

Results: Analese Chinn, 8, new A (and best) 25 Back, Kayla Lindsay, 8, new best times 25 Back, 100 IM, and 50 Back, in which she also earned a new A time. Rishab Nair, 7, best times in all 5 of his events: 25 Fly, 50 Fly, 50 Free (new B time), 25 Back (new B time), and 50 Breast (new B time). Adrien Rooney, 7, new best times 50 Free (new A time), 50 Back (new A time), and 50

Maxime Rooney, 8, had an outstanding meet, swimming all new best times, including 4 new PRTs in the 50 Free, 25 Back, 50 Back, and 25 Fly. He also swam best times in the 25 Fly and 100 IM. Heather Chandler, 10, new best, and B, times 50 Free, 200 Free, 50 Back, 50 Breast, and 100 IM. Annalisa Parker, 9, new best times 200 Free, 50 Back (new BB time), 50 Breast, 50 Fly (new B time), and 100 IM.

Nisha Malhotra, 11, 4 new best times 50 McLaughlin, 11, 2 new best times 50 Free and 50 Back. Eva Chung, 9, new best times 50 Free, 200 Free, 50 Fly, and 100 IM. Robert Shi, 10, best times in all his events: 50 Back (new B time), 50 Breast, and 100 IM. Rachel Knowles, 10, swam an outstanding 500 Free to earn a new AAAA time and set a new Seahawks team record. She also swam to best times in the 50 Free, 200 Free, 50 Back, 50 Breast, and 100 Fly.

Benefit Golf Tourney

Livermore High Baseball will host its 1st annual Benefit Golf Tournament at Poppy Ridge Golf Course on Fri., March 16.
Scramble format is at 1 p.m. The \$150 fee includes golf with cart, lunch, range balls, winner, clubhouse credit and door prizes. For information, call Coach Dave Perotti at 586-2811

Junior Umpires Needed

Pleasanton Phantom Girls Softball League is looking for boys and girls in 7th grade or older to become Junior Umpires. This is a great way to be part of the exciting games, have fun, earn money and build confidence at

the same time. A mandatory training session will take place on Feb. 24 at the Pleasanton Tennis Complex. If you are interested, email your name, address, phone numbers (home & cell), age, grade and any previous experience to Garry Bardakos gbardakos@comcast.net or James Gilbreth james@bayseal.com. For more information, contact Garry Bardakos at 462-5830.

Freshmen Win Two

Amador Valley High School girls freshman basketball team posted two EBAL wins last week. Teamwork was once again in play as nine Amador players scored and the Lady Dons defeated the Wolves by a score of 38 to 25. The Dons' defense was very effective as Haley Douglas, Kelsey Martin and Brittany Randal controlled the boards and Emily Pease stepped up with some great blocked shots. Chelsea Luther, Pauline Rosa, Paula Krzesinka, Neeha Seelam and Courtney Wagner applied great pressure on the frontcourt of the Wolves and caused many turnovers. Jessica Infald led the Lady Dons in assists, including some beautiful passes to the low posts for short jumpers. Chelsea Luther was high scorer for Amador with 11 points, followed by Emily Pease and Kelsey Martin with six points each. Courtney Wagner added 4 points and Pauline Rosa chipped in 3. Neha Seelam, Jessica Infald and Brittany Randall each had a bucket apiece and Haley Douglas

added one point.

The Lady Dons beat the previously undefeated Granada Matadors to stay perfect in league play. Amador played tough and led throughout the game, extending their lead to 15 points at the half with a score of 21 to six. Granada came out ready to play the second half and whittled the Amador lead to six points. Then Courtney Wagner stepped up and hit a big shot to extend the Dons lead back to eight. The Dons were able to finish Granada off and win by a score of 42 to 31. Chelsea Luther was the high scorer for Amador with nine points, Jessica Infald adding eight, Emily Pease with seven and Pauline Rosa adding six points to the Dons offense. Kelsey Martin and Courtney Wagner each had five points apiece and Haley Douglas chipped in a basket. Emily Pease had a strong defensive game for Amador and was the leading

Middle School Basketball

Middle school basketball results from last week include the following:

East Avenue defeated Junction 38 to 6.
The East Avenue defense was quick to the ball with Jessica Beckwith (2 pts, 5 rebs, 3 steals), Shannon Sunnergren (4 pts, 7 rebs, 3 steals) and Alyse Kline (8 pts, 2 rebs, 3 steals) leading the way. East Avenue got off to a fast start with Sami Schiller (12 pts, 5 rebs, 4 steals) and Ashley Holmes (4 pts, 3 rebs, 5 steals) both scoring 4 points in the first quarter. Jamie Elliot (2 pts) and Erin Walthall (4 pts, 4 rebs, 3 steals) combined for 6 points to help East Avenue stretch their lead. Great transition defense by Julie Walsh (reb, steal), Katy Jones (2 pts, 4rebs, steal) and McKenzie Hubert (6 rebs) helped slow down the very fast Junction team.

East Avenue crashed the boards with Jessica Beckwith (5 rebs, steal), McKenzie Hubert (2 pts, 5 rebs, 3 steals) and Katy Jones (3 pts, 9 rebs, steal) combining for 19 rebounds. The defense for East Ave was swarming with Alyse Kline (12 pts, 2 rebs, 2 re Swaining with Alyse kine (12 pts, 2 rebs, 5 retal), Sami Schiller (8 pts, 6 rebs, 2 steals) and Ashley Holmes (4 pts, 3 rebs, 2 steals) causing several 5 second turnovers. Jamie Elliott (2 rebs), Julie Walsh (2 pts, 2 reb, steal) and Shannon Sunnergren (4 rebs, steal) played tough defense the entire game.

Tri-Valley Rugby

Tri-Valley Vikings Rugby Club is in its sixth season. Players come from Amador Valley, Dublin, Foothill, Granada and Livermore high schools. Beginners are welcome.

Must be 14 to 18 years old.
Practices are Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, Season runs from February through April, including tournaments. Coaches are licensed for coaching and refereeing through the USA Rugby Association.

Go to www.trivalleyrugby.com for in formation, send an email to trivalleyvikings@yahoogroups.com or call Rich Hennum, 833-8997.

Annual Crab Feed

Girls Softball Association Crab Feed fund-raiser will be held 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!), but we will also have fresh French bread, Caesar salad and pasta too! For more information please contact Robin Groth at (925) 447-3190.

Hoop Shoot

Sunday, January 21, six local students participated in the District level Hoop Shoot Contest sponsored by the Elks representing the Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge #2117. In the age group 8 to 9 Sarah Partridge took 3rd and Samuel Heaton tied for 4th. Age group 10 to 11 Kaylie Phillips took 4th and Nathan Hurtz took 1st and will be representing the Central District Elks on February 3rd in Carmichael Hurtz will be connetting in Carmichael. Hurtz will be competing against all of the California and Hawaii hoop shoot winners in his age division. In the age group 12 to 13 Kristen Stroud took 6th and Christopher Miller tied for 6th.

Football and Cheer

Youth Football & Cheer (LYF&C) is a full contact football league that has been established for more than 30 years. The league's motto is "children first, game second." The goal is teaching the fundamentals of both football and cheer. The league works together with the local High Schools to ensure participants are learning the funda-mentals needed for the high schools' competitive football and cheer programs. LYF&C emphasis is on proper technique and fundamentals, responsibility, accountability, and most importantly being a good person and

All coaches are CPR and First Aid certified as well as NYSCA certified. All coaches are required to attend coaching clinics each year to strengthen their knowledge of the

The football and cheer squads have been very successful in the highly competitive Diablo Valley Youth Football Conference (DVYFC). DVYFC is one of the strongest vouth football conferences in Northern CA. It consists of 16 "city" teams that attract the best football players and cheerleaders in the Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. In the past 5 years LYF&C has sent at least 2 teams to the playoffs each year, with one team reaching the championship 4 consecutive years. Cheer squads consistently place in regional as well as national cheer competitions. There are 5 levels to tryout for with ages 7 to 14 (football) 5 to 14 (cheerleading) Registration will be held March 15th from 6 8 pm @ Round Table Pizza 1024 East Stanley Blvd. "Information at web-site www.eteamz.com/lyfc or call 925-454-1421(evenings).

Golf Tourney Tickets

The Livermore Valley Wine Country Championship Tournament will be held at The Course at Wente Vineyards from March 29 - April 1.

This tournament showcases the PGA

Nationwide Tour featuring "up and coming" golf stars.

Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation (PPIE) and Pleasanton Schools Education Enrichment Foundation (PSEE) will be partnering with the school organizations to sell tickets to this tournament. The tickets are \$25.00 each and will allow the ticket holder to access the grounds for all 4 days of the tournament! This event will also feature food and wine, art and performances from the local community, and more!

Please contact Nancy Bronzini, PPIE ambassador nbronzini@pleasanton.k12.ca us.or(925)846. 3520, or contact the PPIE office at (925) 846-5620 or mail@ppie.org, to purchase your

Super Party

Lights, action, chips and dip—it's time for the Tri-Valley's biggest super football party on Sunday, February 4, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. Hosted by the Livermore Area Recre-ation and Park District (LARPD), the event will be held at the world-class Robert Liver-more Community Center at 4444 East Avenue, in the Cresta Blanca ballroom. There is no fee for those who make reservations in advance by calling (925) 373-5748. Those without reservations will be charged \$2 per person at the door.

There, participants can enjoy the big game on a 12-foot by 14-foot screen. There will be plenty of food and beverage items

will be plenty of food and beverage items available for purchase including tri-tip sand-wiches, burgers cooked to order, hot dogs, nachos, beer, wine and soft drinks.

The party is a benefit for the Livermore Junior Football, launching its first season this year for boys and girls interested in learning the fundamentals of football and good sportsmanship. The program is made possible through a \$1,000 start undoration possible through a \$10,000 start-up donation from the Madden Charities. Families are welcome. Children can enjoy basketball, badminton and table tennis in the adjoining gym, along with free entry to the game lounge to play foosball, pool and air hockey. Adults can also receive a free cab ride home from the

Livermore Cab Company with reservations Guests can bid for items in a silent auction that include such things as a 10,000 foot tandem skydive from the Adventure Skydive Center, a one-month family membership to the Livermore Valley Tennis Club, and golf for two at Poppy Ridge Golf Course.

Raffles for dinner at local restaurants and admission to entertainment venues will continue throughout the afternoon.

For more information, please visit www.larpd.dst.ca.us

Roller Hockey Signup

Valley Roller Hockey, located in Livermore behind Junction Ave. Middle School.will be having Winter League Signups at the rink on Feb 3rd from 10am-2pm. League fee on Feb 3rd is \$100; of \$135 in effect after Feb 3rd .

The league consists of the following age groups: Mites ages 4-6, Squirts ages 7-9, PeeWees ages 10-12, Bantams ages 12-14, Midgets 15-17 18 and over play in the Adult league. Each age group has 1 game and 1 practice a week except the Mites. All teams make the playoffs. All games and practices are held at the local rink. All players and skill levels welcome. There is equipment to loan out as long as participants have their own

For more details checkout our website at www.valleyrollerhockey.com or call (925)443-1500.

Girls AAU Basketball

The East Bay Panthers AAU Basketball Club for girls, winners of the 2006 AAU Pacific District Championship (U12 Blue Division), today announced the formation of new teams for the 2007 seasons. Teams formed in Berkeley, Walnut Creek, and Lafayette are expected to draw talented players from Alamo, Albany, Antioch, Bay Point, Benicia, Berkeley, Brentwood, Byron, Clayton, Concord, Crockett, Danville, Danville, Discovery Bay, Dublin, El Cerrito, Emeryville, Hercules, Knightsen, Lafayette, Livermore, Martinez, Moraga, Oakland, Oakley, Orinda, Piedmont, Pinole, Pittsburg, Pleasant Hill, Pleasanton, Richmond, San Pablo, San Ramon, Vallejo, Walnut Creek, and other cities east of the San Francisco

bay.
The 10U team in Berkeley will be coached by John Leaks, 8th Grade Girls Coach, MLK Jr. Middle School. The 10U team in Walnut Creek will be coached by Joe Niederberger, former Freshman Girls Coach Acalanes HS and CYO Coach. In the Lafayette, Walnut Creek and San Ramon area, Gary Beeler, an AAU and CYO league veteran, will coach the 11U team. The 12U team will be coached by Dave Johnson, JV Coach at Dublin High School. The 13U team will be coached by Dave Smith, JV Girls Coach at Piedmont High School.

Girls under 10 years of age on January 1 can tryout for teams that will be based in Walnut Creek or Berkeley. Girls under 11 and 12 on January 1 can tryout for teams based in Walnut Creek. Girls under 13 on January 1 can tryout for teams based in Lafayette.

Tryouts will take place for all teams as follows: 10U - Feb. 4 at Happy Valley School, Lafayette, 6:00 to 7:30 PM; 10U - Feb. 11 at Happy Valley School, Lafayette, 6:00 to 7:30 PM; 11U - Feb. 3 at Seven Hills School, Walnut Creek, 12:00 to 2:00 PM; 11U - Feb. 4 at Happy Valley School 11U - Feb. 4 at Happy Valley School, Lafayette, 7:30 to 9:00 PM; 12U - Feb. 11 at Happy Valley School, Lafayette, 7:30 to 9:00 PM; 12U - Feb. 25 at Happy Valley School, Lafayette, 6:00 to 7:30 PM; 13U - Feb. 25 at Happy Valley School, Lafayette, 7:30 to 9:00 PM.>

Training program begins in early March. Competitive tournament play begins in early April and concludes mid-June. Weekend tournaments are played throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. Regional championships are held in Reno, Nevada.

Information about the club and registra-

tion forms can be obtained at the club's website at www.eastbaypanthers.org or by contacting its Director, Dave Smith, at 415-298-7851.

Golf Tournament

The Dublin High School athletic programs will benefit form the Dublin High School Golf Tournament to be held April 20

at the Sunol Golf Course.

Tee time, shot gun scramble, is at 1 p.m., no host cocktails and silent auction 6 to 6:30, and dinner, live auction, raffle and awards

6:30 p.m.
The \$175 fee includes golf, cart, box lunch, buffet dinner, and contest package. For information, contact Sandy Yee at 833-3300 ext. 5217 changyeesandy@dublin.k12.ca.us.





SHORT NOTES

Author Talk on WWII

Robert Allen, author of "The Port Chicago Mutiny: The Story of the Largest Mass Mutiny Trial in U.S. Naval History," will present a program at the Pleasanton Public Library at 2 p.m. on Sun., Feb. 4.

During World War II, Port Chicago was a segregated naval munitions base on the outer shores of San Francisco Bay. Black seamen were required to load ammunition onto ships bound for the South Pacific under the watch of their white officers-an incredibly dangerous and difficult task.

On July 17, 1944, an explosion rocked the base, killing 320 men, most of whom were black ammunition loaders. White officers were given leave time and commended for heroic efforts: the surviving black enlistees were sent to load ammunition on another ship. When they refused, fifty men were singled out and charged-and con-

were singled out and charged-and convicted-of mutiny. It was the largest mutiny trial in U.S. naval history.

The Port Chicago Mutiny is a thorough and engrossing work of US history and civil rights literature. Robert L. Allen raises questions about the powers of the military, about the prosecution of civil disobedience, and about ecution of civil disobedience, and about the rights of the individual.

Robert L. Allen is a graduate of Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia. He holds a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of California, San Francisco. He is currently Senior Editor of The Black Scholar and teaches in the African American Studies and Ethnic Studies Departments of University of California, Berkeley.

All library programs are free and open to the public. No registration is

required.

Towne Center Books will sell The Port Chicago Mutiny at the program. For book pre-sale information, call 846-8826. For more information, call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.

Valentine Crafts

The Springtown Branch of the Livermore Library will host a drop-in Valentine's craft program on Fri., Feb. 9 from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Children will make valentines for friends and family.

There is no admission charge. No registration is required. The branch is located at 998 Bluebell Dr., Livermore, next to the duck pond. For more information, call 373-5517.

Bilingual Storytime

The Pleasanton Library will host a special series of bilingual storytimes during the school year. The Spanish-English series will be

offered the first Wednesday evening of each month. Dates for 2007 begin on Feb. 7th, continuing Mar. 7th and concluding April 4th.

The programs are free, lasting ap-roximately 30 minutes and will be held in the library meeting room. Registration is not required. Families with children of all ages are welcome to

attend and enjoy stories and song. For information on other family programs at the library, check the website www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library/programs-events-child.html or call the Children's Desk at (925) 931-

Author John Perkins

John Perkins, author, will present a program at the Livermore Library on Sun., Feb. 4 at 2 p.m. His novel, "A Day in the Life," poses the question "what if those 'Paul McCartney is dead' rumors about the Beatles were true?" This thriller weaves actual events and fiction - following journalist Daniel Ferro as he investigates the conspiracy.

Copies of the book will be available

for sale and signing.

This free event is sponsored by the Friends of the Livermore Library. For more information, contact Joyce Nevins at 373-5500 ext. 5577.

President of WCR

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Livermore Sales Associate Emily S. Hunter has been elected as the president of the Southern Alameda County Chapter of the Women's Chapter of cil of Realtors® (WCR) for the 2007

"We are extremely proud of Emily," said Mike Riley, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Livermore manager.
"She has worked very hard to achieve her success. Her passion to help others, knowledge of the industry and diligence sets her apart. She is an outstanding leader who will perform exceptionally well in this position."

The Southern Alameda County

Chapter of the Women's Council of Realtors is a network of successful Realtors empowering women to exer cise their potential as entrepreneurs and industry leaders. As part of the National Women's Council of Realtors, the chapter offers informational programs each month at business meetings and hosts classes and events all designed to help

their members succeed.

As the 2007 president, Hunter was mentored by Mary Anne Rozsa the 2006 Women's Council of Realtors president and fellow Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Livermore bro-

Among her new responsibilities,
Hunter will serve as a mentor to the
president-elect for 2008. Furthermore, she plans to provide programs to WCR members that will continue to enhance their professional skills.

A Realtor for four years, Hunter is a designated ePRO Specialist and represents buyers and sellers in the Tri-Valley, Contra Costa County and Central Valley regions.

College Financial Aid

The Financial Aid Office of Las Positas College has scheduled six free 'Cash for College' informational work-

shops in the Tri-Valley region designed to assist parents and high school seniors who plan to attend college, in applying for financial aid.

Financial aid can assist students to pay for college, and may be available for part-time or full-time enrollment. Fee waivers, grants, work-study, student loans and scholarships help cover school expenses such as tuition/fees, room/board, books/supplies, transportation and personal expenses. All high school seniors attending the workshops will qualify for a \$1,000 Cash for

College scholarship.
Participants will learn about the various types of aid which are available to students, common myths and beliefs surrounding financial aid, critical deadlines in the application process, qualifications for various types of aid, "in-dependent" versus "dependent" stu-dents, how to apply, resources for locating scholarships, and important hints about completing a Free Applica-tion for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

application.

The goal is to ensure that students meet the March 2, 2007 Cal Grant Entitlement deadline, and that each student is considered for the maximum amount of free federal and state grant money for college.

The first Cash for College Work-

shop is a Spanish presentation (en Espanol), slated for Sunday, January 28 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Church, 458 Maple Street, in Livermore.

The next workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, January 30, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at Granada High School, located

at 400 Wall Street in Livermore. On Thursday, February 1, 2007, a workshop will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Dublin High School, located at 8151 Village Parkway in Dublin. Parents and students are also invited to attend a 7:00 p.m. workshop on Wednesday, February 7, 2007 at Livermore High School, 600 Maple Street in Livermore.

A Cash for College financial aid informational workshop will be of-fered at 12:00 p.m. on February 11, 2007 at the Las Positas College campus in the Staff Lounge, Building 1600. A FAFSA Application Drop-in Lab

is also being offered from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on February 11, at the Las Positas College campus in Building 1000. Individual assistance will be provided by professional staff to help public complete and file their FAFSA application form. Assistance is available in English, Mandarin, Spanish, and Portuguese. Participants are asked to bring a pen, and their 2006 W-2 forms or federal tax return, and all other pertinent income and asset infor-

mation.
On Tuesday, February 13, a final financial aid workshop is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. at the Village High School multi-purpose room, located at 4645 Bernal Avenue in Pleasanton.

For additional information, please visit www.laspositascollege.edu/financial aid or email lpcfinaid@laspositascollege.edu or call (925) 424-1580.

'Chickens' at Library

Children's author/illustrator Jane Wattenberg will bring her unique art, humor and "Chickens," to the Pleasan-ton Library on Friday afternoon, Jan. 26th at 4 p.m. as part of the library's monthly Meet the Author series.

"Since I was seventeen, photogra-phy has been my main passion," writes Wattenberg. Her eye-popping, photo-collage style brilliantly illustrate her picture books retelling the story of Henny-Penny and Aesop's The Boy Who Cried Wolf with the alternative title Never Cry Wolf! A Dog-U-Drama.

Wattenberg lives in San Francisco with her husband, three sons, chickens Towne Center Books will be on hand with titles available for purchase.

For more information about library programs, please check the library's website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/ services/library/programs-events-child.html or call the Children's Desk at (925) 931-3400 x 8.

20th Birthday

Huntington Learning Center is celebrating 20 years in Pleasanton. They will host an open house and

anniversary party at the center on Sat., Feb. 3 from noon to 3 p.m. Activities include: Birthday cake and and iPod Shuffle drawing at 12:30 pm — must be present to win iPod; announcement of essay contest winners (Call for information about essay contest information or pick up a flyer at the center); art activities; storytime for little ones; homework tips; and more prize drawings.

The public is welcome. The center is located at 4855 Hopyard Rd. at Stoneridge Dr. in Pleasanton. Information, call 925-463-2334.

Immunization Clinics

Axis Community Health offers drop-in immunization clinics for lowincome and uninsured families. Winter clinics will be held from 9:00-11:30 a.m. on Saturdays, February 3, and March 3, 2007. All immunization clinics are held at Axis' Pleasanton location only, 4361 Railroad Avenue.

The clinics are open to all Tri-

Valley families who are low income or uninsured. Families enrolled in Medi-Cal and Medi-Cal Managed Care programs are also eligible. Parents are required to bring their children's immunization records and any information they may have about family income and medical insurance, including Medi-Cal. There is a charge for some immunizations.

Immunizations for children are also provided during regular weekday clinic hours at the Pleasanton and Livermore locations by appointment at (925) 462-

Molly Dancing

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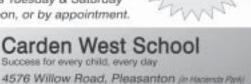
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tradition when Mad Molly and Mayfield Sword perform dance and movement at the Pleasanton Library on Saturday morning, Feb. 10th starting at

Molly Dancing comes from the eastern region of England. It is considered a form of ritual performance dance. The dances were based on the country dances of the 1800's. "Mollies" would dress in bright costumes, hats and often

in blackface.
Mayfield's English Longsword team will perform the intricate patterns of English Longsword with precision

Dance & Sing Around the World! is a free series of dance and music programs for children that celebrates Pleasanton's international heritage. This program is open to all ages. Registration is not required.

For more information about library programs, please check the library's website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library/programs-events-child.html or call the Children's Desk at (925) 931-3400 x 8.

Education Grants

The ACOE Educational Partnerships Foundation - the countywide education partnership spearheaded by the Alameda County Office of Educa-tion (ACOE) has disbursed \$100,000 in grants to support education programs throughout the region.

Over 5,000 teachers and more than

130,000 students participate annually in ANG's Newspapers in Education Program.
The ACOE Educational Partner-

ships Foundation is a countywide effort geared toward providing private sector support in response to critical needs of schools throughout Alameda County. The Livermore Valley Education

Foundation received \$2,605 and the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation \$2,755. For additional information, please contact Stephen Brooks, chief executive officer of ACOE's Educational Partnerships Foundation at sbrooks@acoe.org or (510) 760-6174.

Mud, Muck and More

Mud, Muck, and More is the topic of a program to be presented by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff on Sun., Jan. 28 at 1 p.m. Meet Ranger Patti Cole at the Nature Area entrance to Sycamore Grove Park.

Put on your old clothes, boots, coats, and gloves, and let's head outside. There is an amazing natural world that unfolds during the winter months. Check it out! Reservations required by calling (925)960-2400.

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

School Open House

Carden West School has scheduled two evening open houses during open enrollment for the 2007-2008 school year. The two events will take place on Tuesday, January 30, and Tuesday, February 20, 2007 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Carden West is located at 4576 Willow Road in Hacienda Park in Pleas-

'Open House a great time to talk to the people who know the most about Carden West School in a relaxed and casual atmosphere. "says Wade Bartolo, president of the Carden West Board of Directors. "Teachers, parent volun-teers and administrative staff will be on-hand to answer questions and discuss the academic programs offered. Most importantly, the students' work will be showcased."

In addition, parents of prospective students may tour the school any Tuesday or Saturday morning from 10 a.m.-12 noon. Advance notice is requested by calling the school at (925)

Carden West offers toddler-5th grade education as well as extended care and summer camps for all age groups. Detailed information is available at www.cardenwest.org.

Golf Passes

Passes for the four-day Livermore Valley Wine Country Championship at Wente Vineyards are available now at the Museum On Main, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton.

The tournament will be held from March 29 through April 1. Tournament passes are \$30 and can be used for all four days of the tournament. The event will include wine and food tasting and demonstrations, and a tech

Tickets purchased at the museum can be paid for with a check or credit card. The museum will receive onehalf of the ticket price for every ticket

According to the Wine Country Championship website, the tournament is the only PGA TOUR Nationwide Tour event in Northern California.

For tickets visit the museum on Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. or call (925) 462-2766 or valleymuseum@sbcglobal.net.

Expended Preschool

At this time next year, the Contra Costa Jewish Community Center expects a large growth in preschool en-rollment and increased programming to the Jewish communities of the Tri-Valley and the outlying edges of the Bay Area. With the help of three grants

from the Jewish Community Federation and Foundation of the Greater East Bay, the CCJCC will bring on a Pre-School Admissions Director, expand scholarships for Jewish interfaith families in the preschool, and grow their

family outreach programs.

The grants, funded jointly through the Foundation's Permanent Community Endowment and the Federation's Annual Campaign, were three of 38 funded in the joint Federation-Foundation's 2006-07 annual grants cycle. 66 proposals were received and reviewed by a committee comprising 25 volunteer community leaders representing the diverse East Bay Jewish community, as well as both the Jewish Community Federation and The Jew-

ish Community Foundation.
The Jewish Community Federation of the Greater East Bay nurtures the renaissance and renewal of local Jewish life, and provides life-sustaining sup-port for Jews in need—in the East Bay, in Israel and around the world. The Jewish Community Foundation, the endowment partner of the Jewish Community Federation of the Greater East Bay, awards grants from the Permanent Community Endowment, discretionary funds contributed by donors that allow for the most flexibility in responding to community needs.

For information about enrolling in the renowned CCJCC Preschool, please contact Barbara Chotiner at (925) 938-

Cooking and Cruising

A select new cruise combines the Alaskan wilderness with the internationally renowned cuisine of top restaurateur Gary Danko. It's only offered through AAA Travel.

There will be cooking exhibitions hosted by Gary Danko in the ms Noordam's state-of-the-art demonstration kitchen as well as cooking and wine-tasting classes. Danko's Restau-rant Gary Danko in San Francisco has won a Five-Diamond rating from AAA

four years in a row.

Meanwhile, view the glacial fjords and cascading waterfalls of the storied Inside Passage. Enjoy a free day ashore in Juneau, Alaska's picturesque capital. Cruise Puget Sound, Glacier Bay and Vancouver Island – home to orcas, humpback whales, seals, grizzlies, and the majestic Roosevelt elk.

'This exclusive culinary cruise to Alaska is the trip of a lifetime," said Sean Comey, spokesperson for AAA of Northern California. "It is typical of AAA Travel Sojourns vacations in that it is anything but typical. If you love amazing food and spectacular scenes of natural beauty, you don't want to miss this trip."
The trip departs Seattle on May 20,

2007. Prices begin at \$1,185 per per-

son.
For more information or to reserve this trip today, call AAA Travel in Livermore or Dublin.

Princess Project

Thanks to the San Francisco-based Princess Project, Bay Area girls now have a cost-free alternative for prom shopping. Since its inception in 2002, the all-volunteer run, nonprofit Princess Project has provided over 5,000 high school girls with free, gently used and sometimes brand new prom dresses and accessories, thanks to their annual dress drive.

In support of The Princess Project, the ABWA Express to Success Network will again be collecting new and nearly new prom gowns and fancy party dresses. The dresses must be in good condition, dry-cleaned, on hangers and appropriate for high school girls. Related accessories such as jewelry and handbags are also welcome (no shoes or make-up please). All donations are tax-deductible.

Donations can be dropped off February 10-23 at Pure Girls, during regular store hours. The store is located at 660 Main Street in downtown Pleasan-

ton; telephone is 925-485-4380.
This is the fourth year that Pleasanton will participate in this event with over 600 dresses collected to date. In March, the dresses and accessories will be distributed, free-of-charge,

to high school girls at locations in San Francisco and the South Bay. For further information on The Princess Project or how to receive a free prom dress, visit their website at www.PrincessProject.org. For more information regarding the Express to Success Network dress drive, contact Kim Pace info@expresstosuccess.org.

Horse and Carriage Rides

Something special is planned for downtown Livermore on Valentine's

Day, February 14.

Livermore Downtown Inc. is offering romantic horse drawn carriage rides through the downtown. Rides are \$60.00 per couple, which includes a private 20-minute ride, a box of See's chocolates, a red rose complements of Livermore Valley Florist, and a split of La Demoiselle Empernay Brut Grand Cuvee Rose Champagne. The champagne was chosen by Sommelier Nick Liang of Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard as the perfect compliment to your roman-

evening.
Rides will take place every half hour from 5pm-9pm. Make reservations at one of the restaurants in downtown along with reserving your carriage ride.

For more information or to reserve a ride, please contact Livermore Downtown Inc. at (925) 373-1795.

Student Loan Fund Guests are welcome at the annual

board meeting of the Student Educa-

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tion Loan Fund, which will be held on Tuesday, February 20, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Linda Nidever-Galles,

3640 Jerrold Road, Livermore.
The Student Education Loan Fund (SELF) was established in 1963 to provide interest free loans to graduates of Livermore high schools and Livermore residents to help them attend community colleges, trade schools, state colleges, or universities. During that time \$462,000 has been loaned to 417 students.

Funds for loans are obtained through donations by individuals, as well as grants by agencies and businesses. Donations are deductible as provided under Federal and California income tax codes. As loans are repaid, the money coming in is added to the pool from which new loans are made so contribution funds are used over and

The fund is managed by a volunteer board of thirty Livermore residents. These volunteers do all the necessary administrative and clerical work and contribute enough funds to cover SELF's yearly expenses. Therefore, all incoming donations go 100% into student loans. For more information about the

meeting or about SELF, please call Ruth Gasten at 443-7140.

Coldwell Banker

NRT Incorporated, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, announced today that it has named real estate veterans Larry Klapow and Rick Turley to head two newly formed Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage regions in the Bay Area.

Klapow, formerly senior vice president and regional manager for Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, was promoted to president of the company's new San Francisco Bay Area Region, covering the East Bay and North Bay. He will oversee 16 offices and more than 1,000 sales associates who serve customers in Alameda, Contra Costa,

Marin, and Sonoma counties.

Turley, who previously served as manager of the company's San Francisco Lakeside office, was promoted to president of the new San Francisco-Peninsula Region. He will oversee 13 offices and more than 850 sales associates serving customers from San Francisco to Palo Alto.

The executives will report to Greg Macres, senior vice president for the Western region of NRT Incorporated.

Community Spirit Award

The California Escrow Association (CEA) recently recognized the East Bay Escrow Association as the third place winner of the "Community Spirit Award." East Bay Escrow Association president, Antoinette Hardstone, accepted the award on the regional association's behalf at the California Escrow Association 51st Annual Con-

California Association's "Community Spirit Award" recognizes the regional association that has shown the most outstanding efforts reaching out to the community with a special project. The East Bay Escrow Association was presented the award for their fund-raising efforts sponsoring the "Salvation Army's Child Shopping Spree." This event offered local children \$100.00 to spend on back to school clothes. The East Bay Escrow Association raised enough money to sponsor more than 20 children. On the shopping day, children and East Bay Escrow Associa-

tion members went shopping together. The East Bay Escrow Association is regional organization of the California Escrow Association comprised of escrow professionals from East Bay counties including Solano, Contra Costa and Alameda.

HOPE Day

Pleasanton chiropractor David De Bonis will sponsor Valentine's H.O.P.E. Day on Feb. 14, a benefit for the Alameda County Community Food Bank. He will donate his services in exchange for donations of nonperish-

According to a recent study conducted by Mathematica Policy Research more than 1.2 million Californians frequently skip meals or eat too little. The Alameda County Community Food Bank reports that more than 40,000 county residents rely on their support each week.

In addition to being a socioeconomic problem, hunger and the resulting malnutrition is devastating to a

person's health. "Lack of nutritious food causes a wide range of problems including headaches and fatigue and leaves people predisposed to other illness," says De Bonis. In addition, research shows that irregular access to food and lower quality foods increases the risk of obesity, diabetes, and other

health complications.

Valentine's H.O.P.E. Day is cosponsored by the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and Zippes of Pleasan ton. Donations of nonperishable food including canned fruit, vegetables and meat, pasta and canned sauce, rice, beans, peanut butter, nutritious cereal, and powdered milk — can be made at Dr. De Bonis' office located at 4625 First Street, Suite 100 from February 12 through the 16. In exchange for the food, all chiropractic services, including consultations, exams, and adjustments, provided on February 14 will be at no charge. Both new and existing patients are welcome. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (925) 223-7143.

Garden Trends

Alden Lane Nursery will host a seminar on 2007 trends. It will be held Sat., Feb. 10 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Vendors will be on hand to offer a view of the future and show what's new for 2007. There are several short classes planned including fancy plants, streamline design, and creating escape gar-dens. At 11 a.m., the keynote speaker Carolyn Parker will speak. Parker, author and rose garden designer, will offer fresh, new ideas for incorporating roses into gardens. She will also share ideas for using them to decorate the home.

In the afternoon, square foot gardening, an easy vegetable gardening class, is offered. There will also be a stepping stone make and take activity.

There is no admission charge. For information, call the nursery at 447-0280 or go to www.aldenlane.com. The nursery is located at 981 Alden Lane in Livermore.

Helping the Community

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Northern California collected nearly 9,500 toys and 3,480 coats over the recent holiday season to benefit families in need throughout Northern California.

The Toys for Tots and Operation:

One Warm Coat campaigns marked the 20th consecutive year that Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage has supported these important holiday efforts in partnership with the United States
Marines Corps Reserve, Emergency
Housing Consortium and several nonprofit organizations throughout Northern California. As a sponsor of both programs, Coldwell Banker Residential Broker-

age served as an official collection center for Toys for Tots and Operation: One Warm Coat. Taiko Concert

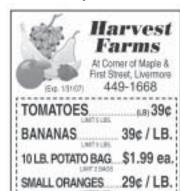
will present a Benefit Concert featuring San Jose Taiko with the SRVHS Instrumental Music Ensemble. The performance will be Sat., Feb. 10. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. with the show to being at 7 p.m. in the SRVHS Performing Arts Center, 40 Love Lane

The San Ramon Valley High School

in Danville. For over 28 years, San Jose Taiko has been mesmerizing audiences with the powerful, spellbinding sounds of the taiko drums. An ensemble from The San Ramon Valley High School instrumental music students will open the show. Proceeds to benefit the San Ramon Valley High School Instru-

mental Music programs.

Admission is \$35 adv/\$40 door, Gold Circle: \$45, SRVHS Students \$10 (1st 100 w/ ID). Information is available at 925-229-2710 or www.communityconcerts.com.



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Should also be included.

Costumed performers wanted: The

Museum On Main, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton, is looking for people who will attend the museum's events, walk around in costume and talk to visitors. To assist, the museum will provide training about the events and people of days gone by. Anyone who is interested can call Rebecca Bruner at (925) 577-8802. The museum, supported by the Amador-Livermore Valley Historical Society founded in 1963, is located at 603 Main Street Pleasanton

Main Street, Pleasanton.

Chinese cooking demonstration and wine-tasting benefit to support the Valley Dance Theatre. Sunday, March 18, 2007 from 4 to 7 p.m. Afternoon with lots of food and festivities in Ruby Hill featuring wine tasting and a demonstration of how to cook Chinese food at home. Reservations are \$50 per person (limited capacity). Informal attire requested. Adults only. Call 925-243-0927

ABWA Express to Success (E2S)
Network will be presenting Liz Pabon,
President and Principal Consultant of Head2Toe Consulting. The discussion will focus on creating a personal brand that gives business women greater control over the personal impact they have on others. This event will take place on Tuesday, February 20, 6-8:30 p.m. at Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, 5115 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. The cost is free for members and \$5 for nonmembers. Reservations are not required. Women in business who are interested in oining the networking group or want to know more about the meeting can e-mail info@expresstosuccess.org for more information, or go on-line at www.expresstosuccess.org. This event is sponsored in part by Striking Web and See

Livermore Amador Valley Garden
Club, meets 7 p.m. Tues., Feb. 6 at Alisal
School multipurpose room, 1454 Santa Rita
Rd., Pleasanton. The speaker will be Carol
Bornstein, Director of Living Collections and Nursery at the Santa Barbara Botanical Gardens. Her topic will be native plants for the garden. Visitors welcome. Information, call Bev at 485-7812.

Crab Feed and Silent Auction, Valley Christian Jr./Sr. High School Athletics fund-

raiser. Fri., Feb. 9 in the school gym. Auction includes trips, gift baskets, services and sports memorabilia. Funds raised will be used to purchase equipment and enhance facilities for sports teams. Tickets \$35 adults, \$20 student/child. Tickets can be purchased and contributions to the silent auction made by contacting Lisa Morris, 828-5457 or Barbara Harris at 560-6226, or by visiting

Retired Public Employees' Association, Tri-Valley Chapter 075. Meets 10:45 a.m. Thurs., Feb. 1 at Emil Villa's Hickory Pit, 3054 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Brunch change \$5. Speaker will be Alec Willis of Livermore. Topic: Polar Bears and their habitat in the Hudson Bay area. Information and reservations contact Bob at 846-6563 or

Twin Valley Mothers of Twins Club: Meets Tues, Feb. 13th at John Knox Presbyterian Church, 7421 Amarillo Road, Dublin. The club's goal is to provide support, information & friendship for Mothers of Multiples (Mom's). Roundtable discussion is open to new and prospective members (a Q&A forum that deals with parenting multiples, from pregnancy on up.) hosted by one of the Club's members. Round table discussion begins at 6:30 PM. The general meetings begin at 7:30 PM. Babies up to eight months and guests are welcome to the Roundtable discussions. At the general meetings, newborns and breastfeeding babies only, please. For more info visit www.tvmotc.com (under construction but still has information).

East Bay Women's Network, meets

Wed., Feb. 7, The Englander Restaurant, 101 Parrott Street, San Leandro, 11:30 - 1:30 pm. Guest Kathryn Amenta will speak on "The Taxman Cometh-And Imagine You're Prepared." Meeting cost is \$25 for Guests, \$15 for members Membership is only \$70 for twelve months. For more information call Pat Smith: (510) 848 7256; www.ebwn.org.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., Jan. 27, 27 miles, three canons - Bollinger, Norris and Crow, meet 10 a.m. at Central Park in San Ramon, Randy Huey, 679-0375. Sun., Jan. 28, 28 miles Heather Farm Park to Oak Hill Park meet 10 a.m. in Walnut Creek, Sue Hawco, 689-4251 or Bob Hislop, 890-6300. Wed., Jan. 31, 45 miles Central Park to Moraga Commons and Orinda, meet 10 a.m. at the park, Peter Rathmann, 833-2439. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where

to meet and what to bring. **Rummage Sale**, First Presbyterian Church annual event, Feb. 9 and 10, 9 a.m.

to 3:30 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, 451 K St., Livermore.

Armchair Travelers, Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave., Thurs., Feb. 8, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Video, "The West Country:

1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Video, "The West Country: A Guided Tour of Southwest England," will be presented. Adults are invited to this free program. Information, call 373-5500.

Computer Training Classes, free, Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Schedule: Introduction to the Internet, Sat., Feb. 3, 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. or Tues., Feb. 6, 6:15 to 8:15 p.m.; Searching the Internet, Sat., Feb. 3, 2 to 4 p.m. or Thurs., Feb. 13, 6:15 to 8:15 p.m.; Introduction to Word Processing, Sat., Feb. 10, 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. using Microsoft Word. Classes to 12:15 p.m. using Microsoft Word. Classes are hands on, first come, first served in the community meeting room B. Information at the Adult Information Services Desk or call

Volunteers needed: Do you enjoy kids? Volunteers needed: Do you enjoy kids? Like to read? Have a creative streak? Use your talents to help children love reading by becoming a Booklegger and presenting book programs to the schoolchildren of Pleasanprograms to the schoolchildren of Pleasanton. Volunteers are needed: if you are interested in bringing together books, children and libraries through community service, join the Pleasanton Bookleggers. Training classes are set to begin February 8 at 9:30am at the Pleasanton Library. The Booklegger Program is a literacy program supported by the City of Pleasanton and the Pleasanton Library. The Booklegger Program School District For program supported by the City of Pleasanton and the Pleasanton Library. Unified School District. For more informa-tion about the Booklegger Program please call Penny Johnson, Booklegger Director, at 925/931-3405.

Livermore Chamber of Commerce Installation Gala, "Dancing with the Stars," Sat., Feb. 10, Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Reception 6 p.m., dinner and program 7 p.m. Black tie optional. \$95 per person contribution. Reservations must be prepaid. For reserva-tions, call the Chamber at 447-1606.

Employment and disability rights for **people with cancer**, learn about legal rights conferred by various statues such as the Family Medical Leave Act, the California Family Rights Act, American with Disabilities Act, and the California Fair Employment ties Act, and the California Fair Employment Act. Facilitates by Elizabeth Kristen, staff attorney with the Legal Aid Society Employ-ment Law Center. Thurs., Feb. 15, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. ValleyCare Health Library, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite 270, Pleasanton. Free. Reservations required. Information, call the Wellness Community, 933-0107. Free tax preparation assistance, Feb.

1 to April 14 at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave., Thursdays and Fridays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Rincon Library on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Trained volunteers from AARP will be available to answer questions and help prepare state and federal tax forms. For more information, contact Rosemary Dukelow, 373-5500 ext. 5514.

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 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.

"Hearts and Minds," a chronicle of the Vietnam War, will be shown on Saturday, January 27th, 7 PM, at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Meet & greet starts at 6:30 PM. This event is open to the public, free or \$2.00 donation, wheelchair accessible, convenient parking, and snacks and beverages provided. For more information, call 925-462-3459.

Pruning Classes: 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. RELIGION

Unitarian Universalist, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. Topic for Jan. 28 is "Live Simply so Others May Simply Live," service includes celebration of new members. Information 447-8747.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Liv**ermore**, has services at 10 a.m. every Sunday and at 7:30 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month. Sunday School for students (ages 3-20) is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday. The church and reading room are located at third and N Streets. The Reading Room, which is open to the public, features books, CDs and magazines for sale. 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. Informacall 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) 829-2733 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, call the church office

Catholic Community of Pleasanton, bereavement support ministry meetings on Jan. 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 a

Effective Parenting In a Crazy World, Wednesday nights February 7-April 11, 6:45pm - 8:15pm at Discovery Church, 5860 Las Positas Rd., Livermore. Contact Debra Eberhart for more info 925-580-7004.

Pathway Community Church, 3470 Fostoria Way, Suite D, San Ramon, east of Costco and the Iron Horse Trail. Contemporary Sunday Worship Service meets at 10:30 am. Nursery and Programs for elementary, middle, and high school ages. Adult, Col-lege, Career and Small Groups. Brian Owyoung, Senior Pastor. Owyoung, Senior Pastor. www.pathwaycommunitychurch.com (925)830-4PCC (4722).

St. Michael's Catholic School will

have applications available for the 2007-2008 school year beginning the week of January 29th. A parent information night will be held on February 1, 2007 beginning at 7 PM in the on February 1, 2007 beginning at 7 PM in the kindergarten class. All interested parents for any grade level are invited. For further questions please contact the school at 447-1888. **St. Michael School's Open House** will be February 15th from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. For further questions please contact the school at 447-1888.

New Step One Recovery Groups start Tuesday, Jan. 30, 7-9pm at CrossWinds Church in Dublin. Find a group that offers help, hope, and healing (groups close after Feb. 6): Beyond Anger (12 weeks), Building a Successful Step Family, Changing Course, Divorce Care (14 weeks), Women in Recovery (women's group), Grief Share, & Hiding from Love. Each group runs 10 weeks (except as noted) and is \$40.00 per person, including curriculum. Childcare is available at additional cost. For more information, please contact Denise Croghan at (925) 560-3835 or dcroghan@crosswindschurch.org, or visit our webpage at www.crosswindschurch.org/ step_one for group descriptions and/or to

Tu B'Shyat Seder and talk on global warming and the simple steps we can take to help halt it. 10:30 a.m. Sunday, February 4, The Bothwell Center, 2466 Eighth Street at G in Livermore. Tu B'Shvat, the Jewish "New Year of the Trees" has evolved into a Jewish Earth Day, an environmental awareness holiday. Tri-Valley Cultural Jews' Tu B'Shvat celebration includes both the tradition fruits of the land of Israel and a presention tation by scientist Renee Tobias on the human impact on the global warming that affects our well-being and even our survival as a species. \$5/adult for non-members of TVCJ. Reservations required. Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, 1817 Sinclair Drive, Pleasanon,,(925) 485-1049 culturalJews@aol.com or

OBITUARIES

Evelyn Iversen Golden

Evelyn Iversen Golden passed away January 14, 2007 in Livermore at the age of 97.

The youngest of four children, Evelyn was born in 1909 to Danish parents on a farm in the Fresno area. She earned her B.A., degree from UC Berkeley and taught high school English in the Central valley for five years. She made her permanent home in Fresno where she married and reared a family of three daughters. Later she returned to college to pursue advanced studies in the psychology of religion. She was a published writer of poetry and philosophy. Her spiritual quest, delving into and understanding the meaning of life, was the passion of her later years. Much of the inspiration for her writing came from time spent in her cabin retreat near Yosemite. She was a long time member and supporter of the First Congregational Church in Fresno.

Evelyn spent her last 12 years living in the Bay Area, the last eight in Livermore. At her death. she was a resident of Hacienda Care Center. Her family is grateful for the loving care she received there.

She is survived by three daughters: Patricia Henderson of Castro Valley; Joyce Brown and her husband Paul of Livermore; and Linda Popovich of Fresno; five grandchildren: Katherine Henderson Toch, John Henderson, Juliana Brown Zolynas, Elisabeth Brown and Abigail Popovich; three great grandchildren" Joshua, Haley and Ian. She was the loving wife of the late Dr. John Golden of Fresno.

Private family services for the immediate family are being held. Interment will be at the Belmont Memorial Park Cemetery in

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the donor's charity of choice.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Kyle Joseph O'Connor March 22, 1990-January 3, 2007

Dear Pleasanton Community: Our family wanted to express our most sincere thank you and gratitude for all the love and kindness you have given us during this difficult time. The outpouring of support was incredible and we could feel the comfort and tremendous love that you had for Kyle and our family. We are so very grateful to all of you and we feel so blessed to live in such a

loving community. We want to thank the Pleasanton Police Department, Fire Department, EMT team, and the doctors and nurses at Eden Medical center for taking such gentle care of our son. To the Pleasanton Police Chaplain, St. Augustine Catholic Church clergy and staff, Graham Hitch Mortuary, and the staff at St. Michael's

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Cemetery, our sincere thanks for the kindness you showed us.

We also want to thank the administration, faculty, coaches, staff and students at Foothill High School for their outpouring of support and care for our family and most especially for their love for Kyle. Thank you also to Hart Middle School, Lvdiksen Elementary and Vintage Hills Elementary schools for giving Kyle such a wonderful childhood education and experience filled with so many fun times.

To all the friends and families of Pleasanton and the surrounding community for all the cards, calls, flowers, dinners and outpouring of love, we sincerely thank you. We also wanted to thank all of Kyle's coaches who gave of their time to make Kyle the player and the person he became. He truly loved playing sports and being a member of the

We especially want to thank all of Kyle's teenage friends who have had to go through a diffi-cult time and through their own grief and loss, unselfishly supported our family. We thank all vou and will forever be grate ful. We hope your memories of Kyle will make you smile and remember what he brought to all of us, his love of living everyday to its fullest, his funny grin, sweet sense of humor and kindness and his loyalty to his friends. We thank you for making him so

With our most grateful thanks, Steve, Linda and Sean O'Connor

Charles Hilton DeSelm

Charles Hilton DeSelm died January 5, 2007 in Stockton. He was 93.

Hilton, as he preferred to be known, was a former vice president at Sandia National Laboratories, Livermore.

He was born in August 1913 in Salt Lake City, Utah. His mother died when he was 5 years old and he was raised by grandparents in Chicago. He earned his B.S. degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Arizona. After graduation, he worked for two years for the Goodyear Aircraft Association in Arizona as section head in charge of engineering design changes for aircraft assembly. From 1944 to 1946 he serveď in the U.S. Navy in the Manhattan Engineering District in Oakridge, TN, and Los Alamos, NM.

After the war, he designed special weapons components and aircraft modifications. He worked for Sandia for 32 years, retiring in 1978. He received the first 30th anniversary award in 1976 from Sandia Livermore.

At Sandia he held positions as department manager, Director of Surveillance and Operations, Personnel Director and Staff Services Director. After retiring he moved to Stockton.

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While living in Livermore, he was a member of the Tri-Valley Exchange Club and served that club as secretary for several years.

He is survived by his wife Muriel DeSelm, two children by a former marriage, Judith DeSelm and Richard DeSelm, and grandchildren, Carl, Katie, Charles and Michael DeSelm.

A memorial service was held at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Stockton. His ashes were scattered in the Sierra Moun-

Tonette D. Gomez

Tonette D. Gomez died January 11, 2007 in San Ramon at the age of 47.

The Oakland native had lived in San Ramon for two years and prior to that in Pleasanton for 15 years. She was a member of Cornerstone Fellowship in Liver-more. Tonette's hobbies included

being outdoors and computers. She is survived by her mother Barbara Ruiz of Dublin, daughters Lindsey Gomez, Kristen Gomez and Megan Gomez, all of Pleasanton, a sister Robin Bishop of Dublin and nieces and nephews: Benicia, Scott, Joseph, Leslie, Chrisotopher, Jim, Alex, Selena, and Christian.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Sat., Jan. 27 at Cornerstone Fellowship, 348 No. Canyon Parkway, Livermore.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, in loving memory of Tonette Gomez. 7000 Village Parkway, Suite E, Dublin, CA 94568.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Vera Montgomery

Vera Eberstein Montgomery entered rest on January 18, 2007 in Tracy. She was 92.

Vera was born on March 26, 1914 in Chico. She resided in Pleasanton for over 25 years. During that time, she worked for the U.S. Postal Service for close to 20 years. She loved to play bridge and belonged to many bridge clubs over the years. In Vera's early years, she worked for the government during World War II at treasure Island, driving a laundry truck for the military. She was preceded in death by

her son, Gordon Griffith on Feb. 8, 2006. She is survived by her children and their spouses, Michael and Debra Eberstein of Livermore, Danny Eberstein of Livermore and Marianne Griffith of Tracy, along with 8 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

She was dearly loved by her family and will be deeply missed. Arrangements by Callaghan

Agnes Claire Stevens

Mortuary.

Agnes Claire Stevens died January 18, 2007. She was 90.

Claire, as she liked to be called, was born Feb. 5, 1916 in Machias, Maine. She was the youngest of five children born to James Hanscom and Lucy Hennsey Hanscom. Always a warm and caring person, Claire embarked on a career and calling as a registered nurse. She graduated from St. Rapael's College of Nursing in New Haven, Conn. She came to California for a visit while in her early 20s and never left. She started working at Highland Hospital, where she met an ambulance driver Horace James (Steve) Stevens. They were married for 45 years. Following the birth of her two children, she returned to work and finished her career at Providence Hospital in Oakland. She was a nurse for over 30 years. After she retired, she and Steve liked to drive and sight-see, especially along the coast of California.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law Maryanne Stevens Brester and Robert Brester, and son James Steven and daughter-in-law Debra. In addition, she is remembered by 16 grandchildren, four great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews and close family and best friend of over 50 years, Francis Davis. She was preceded in death by her brothers William, James and Thomas and her sister

Mary. A memorial service will be held Fri., Jan. 27 at Jess C. Spencer Mortuary, 21228 Redwood Rd., Castro Valley. A private burial will be held at a later date.

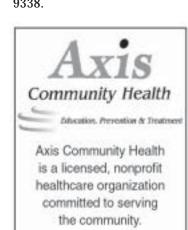
Journeyman Certificates Awarded

Twenty-two LLNL employees received journeyman certification during a celebration hosted by the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District. The workers have completed a fouryear training program that qualifies them for journey-level crafts or machinist positions in the Lab's Plant and Mechanical Engineering departments. They were selected for the program from 3,000 applicants.

Receiving certificates will be: Lyle Calley, Chris DePrater, Jesse Herrera, Anthony Pitman and Jarnett Searcy (air conditioning mechanics); Armando Ferraris, Dana Jacobs, Johnny Ramirez, and David Soria (carpenters); Helen Deaguero, Seth Dunham, Ron Jones, Eric Klopp, Angel Luna, Matthew Parker and Andrew Villa (electricians); Paul Alexander and Jason Carroll (machinists); Adolfo Carrasco and James Westbrook (plumbers/ pipefitters) and Steve Campbell and Justin Potts (sheet metal workers).

The program provides entrylevel apprentices with on-the-job training and Related Supplemental Instruction (RSI) leading to the experience needed to acquire the necessary skills to become a journeyman in a chosen occupation. Participants receive college credit RSI conducted at the Laboratory, local community college campuses and selected state col-The LLNL Apprenticeship

Program began as a machinist apprentice program in 1954, shortly after the Lab was founded. Soon after, the program joined the California Department of Apprenticeship Standards and expanded to include additional trade titles and crafts. Over the years, some 200 people have graduated from the program, including a number of the Lab's Plant and Mechanical Engineering superviThe current Apprentice Program is operated in partnership with the Laboratory's Unilateral Apprenticeship Committee, the California Department of Apprenticeship Standards and the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District. For more information about the program, contact Doug Murdock at (925) 422-



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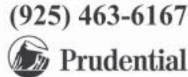
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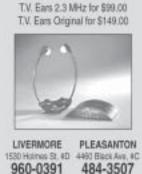


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James Choi (left) and Max Loh, winners of the Competitoin for Young Musicians, will perform with the symphony.

Some 'Wild' Music Included In Symphony Program

The Livermore-Amador Symphony will perform in concert on Saturday, February 3, starting at 8 p.m. at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton.

The program will include Daugherty's Hell's Angels for bassoon quartet and orchestra, with soloists Amy Duxbury, Gail Selburn, Sarah Smith, and Jennifer Wolfeld. Just as Marlon Brando and his gang of "wild ones" roared into the quiet little town of Hollister and took over, a notorious band of four hot-rodding musicians will rumble in and take over the concert hall in pop culture maven Michael Daugherty's musical tale in which bassoons become Harley-

Ironic companion works include a heavenly scene from Humperdinck's fairly-tale opera and visits to the mythological Pluto's Underworld and Wotan's Valhalla. In addition, winners of the Symphony's annual Competition for Young Musicians will perform on violin and piano.

The remainder of the program will be Humperdinck's "Evening Prayer and Dream Pantomime" from Hansel and Gretel: Offenbach's Overture to Orpheus in the Underworld' Wagner's "Entrance of the Gods into Valhalla" from Das Rheingold; Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto in E Minor (1st movement), with soloist James Choi; and Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 3 (3rd movement), with soloist

James Choi, violin, and Max Loh, piano, are winners of the Symphony's 2006-2007 Competition for Young Musicians. Choi is a student at California High School in San Ramon. Loh is a student at Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$13 for seniors. Students high school age and younger are admitted free of charge. For tickets, call

For additional information, see www.livamsymph.org, or phone (925) 373-6824.

Special events are starting to fill the calendar at the Bothwell Arts Center. There are several scheduled in the coming weeks ranging from Fourth Street Storytellers' writers and actors resurrecting a Livermore theatrical tradition called "Unusual Evenings," to a Jackson Pollock Painting Party for artists, and the first performance of a band too

All have found a home at the Bothwell Arts Center, recently opened at the old Senior Center on 8th Street in old town Liver-

"The day our doors were opened in September, the Livermore Valley Opera was in rehearsal," says Linda Ryan, the Manager of the Bothwell Arts Center. "The activity at the center keeps growing." Referring to the Center's calendar, which is peppered with bookings for re-

'Up Close and Far Away' Is Theme of Show

Up Close and Far Away," is the theme of a new show opening at Worthington Gallery West on January 27. The show includes landscapes and still lifes featuirng regional and international artists.Participating artists are Uwe Bangert, Seamus Berkeley, Klaus Fussman, Tricia Leonard, Marc Velten, and more.

Worthington Gallery West offers an opportunity to collect international and American fine

Worthington Gallery West International Fine Art is located at 739 J. Main St., downtown Pleasanton. For information, call (925) 485-1183 or go to www.worthingtongallerywest.com. Hours are Tues. - Sat. 10:30-5:30 Other times by appointhearsals, classes and events, Ryan says, "It's getting busy. The hardest part of my job is going to be making sure I don't book a group violin practice next door

to an Irish Dance rehearsal."
Ryan explains, "One night there were two artists working alongside me in the Art Gym, the Opera was rehearsing in the next room, a violin class was practicing down at the other end of the building, and I received two calls to schedule appointments for cultural dance groups. They are an international touring group that wants to set up Flamenco classes here, and an Irish Dance class that is interested in Tuesday nights. That's when I realized that it's really happening."

Busy is the word for the next few months. Aside from performances and parties, a dance featuring salsa instruction and a fundraiser auction is set for Saturday, Feb. 10. It is organized by It's All About Dancing, a local dance studio. The event will raise funds for The Independent Way, which provides jobs for special needs adults.

A Decorative Arts Expo is in the works for early Spring; a **Shakespeare Summer Camp for** children through teens is coming to the Center, along with an accompanying internship program. The Center's first fullfledged play will be held in March. The play is called, appropriately, ART.

And the community is lending a hand. To help create the small performance space, the room was painted by a group of volunteers from the Cedar Grove Community Church. The Cedar Grove group even managed to donate the paint, an important help considering the Bothwell Art Center's tight budget, notes Ryan. This is the most recent of many donations and volunteers that have helped the Center since it opened its doors.

In both plays the modern jabs at our own society are unmistakable and deft. They are both great hoots with thoughtful insights into timeless human nature and relationships. "Underpants" runs through Feb 10, with tickets Prices are a bargain, and 2 PM Sunday matinees include a 12:15 Brunch (Jan 28) or an English tea (Feb 4). Evening shows offer complimentary desserts and drinks. The small theater is located above a great coffee shop in Fremont's Irvington district, at

Busy Times at Bothwell Arts Center

Regular occurrences at the Center include violin classes, Opera rehearsals, aYoga/Art/Writing studio class, four studio art classes from youths to adults, a figure workshop and a visual arts critique group that starts next

> The Bothwell Arts Center grew out of a desire to create lowcost space that would act as an arts incubator for the cultural arts in the area. It is a part of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center family, which includes the 500-seat Community Theater that is currently under construction, and the proposed 1800-seat Regional Theater.

Now that the small perfor-

mance space is ready for bookings, Ryan looks forward to an even busier spring. The area seats 70. The first performance, which is sold out, is this Satur-E-mail Ryan at lryan@livermoreperformingarts.org for more information.

Public Events Coming Soon at the Bothwell Arts Center: Jan. 27 and Feb. 7, A Unique Unusual Evening, 50-Year Cask & Mask Reunion; Jan. 28, Jackson Pollock Painting Party, 1-4; Feb. 10, Valentine's Ďance Party – contact It's All About Dancing at 925-449-9292; and March 23-April 1. Start of ART, a Play, and concurrent Abstract Art Exhibit.

& ENTERTAINMEN

Literary event at Library, Persis Karim will present her anthology, "Let Me Tell you where I've Been: New Writ-ing by Women of the Iranian Diaspora," at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleas-anton on Sun., Jan. 28 at 2 p.m. She will be joined by authors Tara Fatemi, Esther Kamkar, and Sanaz Nikaein All library programs are free and open to all. Contact Penny Johnson at 925/931-3405 for more informa-

Heroes and Villains: A Classic Film **Series**, 7 p.m. Thurs., Feb. 1, "Stalag 17," starring William Holden. Pleasanton Library Meeting Room, 400 Old Bernal Avenue. Las Positas College and Pleasanton Public Lipresent this classic film series with Candy Klaschus, film historian and Coordinator of the Humanities Program at Las Positas College. A film will be shown every first Thursday of the month.

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

ments.

Once Upon a Mattress, Pleasanton Playhouse, January 12-28, 2007. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Curtain time on Friday. days 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.pleasantonplayhouse.com. **Del Valle Fine Arts**, January 27: Red

Priest, named after the flame-haired priest, Antonio Vivaldi, this extraor-dinary English ensemble has redefined the art of baroque music performance, 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 Livermore, 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 ebothwell@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:

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concert Sun., Jan. 28, 3 p.m. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 114 Montecito Ave., Oakland. Eric Hansen, director. Music by Strauss, Kodaly and Tchaikovsky; guest performer Zenus
Hsu, violin. Admission free; donations accepted. Information
www.prometheussymphony.org.

Middle school drama festival, pre-

sented by Amador Valley High School Drama Department, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on January 29 on Amador's Second Stage in the multipurpose room. Please see Amador Drama's web page for more informa-tion and registration at www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/ a v h s w e b / h a r t m a n / MiddleSchoolDramaFestival/ 2007%20flyer.htm, or contact Kelsey Hartman, Drama Director, at **Authors and Arts Program Series,** Feb. 1, 7 p.m. "Friends: A Play," two character play about establishing new relationships in later life. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. more Library. Information, 373-5505.

Livermore-Amador Symphony, Sat. Feb. 3, 8 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Solos by winners of Competition for young musicians. Program includes Offenbach: Overture to Orpheus in the Underworld; Humperdinck: Evening Prayer and Dream Panto-mime from Hansel and Gretel; Daugherty: Hell's Angels for bassoon quartet and orchestra; Liszt: Mephisto Waltz No. 1; and Wagner: Entrance of the Gods into Valhalla from Das Rheingold. Ticket information, 447-4924.

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Irresistible Comedies - Not to Be Missed

By Sue Steinberg

For your entertainment pleasure, two knock-your-socks-off comedies are playing just outside the Valley, and are well worth the short drive.

Danville's Role-Player's Theater is reducing audiences to tears of laughter with "Incorruptible." It's a farce about medieval monks fallen on hard times because their sacred relics haven't worked a miracle in 13 years. A neighboring Abbey has acquired a new "holy skeleton," bringing in pilgrims, rich donations, and even the Pope. The smug Abbess is quick to rub her "success" in the face of her brother, the impoverished Abbott. Desperate to save his Order (and prestige), he learns that the new relic is actu-

ally a grave-robbed pig farmer, and soon his Abbey is in the holy relic business - big time! (Think five heads of John the Baptist.) Conscience, greed, corruption, lust, true love, and vows of poverty and chastity collide hysterically, with obvious references to modern government/corporate/ religious scandals.

The top-notch cast includes such award-winning actors as Jerry Motta, Randy Anger, Ben Ortega and Ron Meier. A great audience favorite was Paula Wujek, remembered for brilliant roles in Livermore theater, leadership of the Pleasanton Children's Theater Workshop, and long-running stint in "Wigged Out." Catch this hit through Feb 10 at the Danville

Village Theater by calling (925) 820-1278 or 314-3400 or vtboxoffice@danville.ca.us.

Fremont's Broadway West Theatre Company is presenting another don't- miss comedy, "The Underpants," a 1910 Ger-man satire, rewritten by Steve Martin, who could make a rock

giggle.
The fun of seeing a stuffy male chauvinist bureaucrat spout dated ideas about a "housewife's role" while his wife slyly goes about attracting a wild variety of suitors, from compulsive hypochondriac to over-the-top flamboyant poet is delicious. Complications include the husband discreetly seducing a repressed neighbor, while declaring that "only married MEN can handle an affair - it's too much for a WIFE.

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Amador to Host Annual Winterguard Show Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton will host its annual

Winterguard Show on Saturday, February 3. Over 20 Winterguard Units from high schools in Northern California that are part of the California Color Guard Circuit are expected to attend.

Units perform dynamic, choreographed routines done to music that combines precision dance movements and the twirling of flags,

Under the leadership of guard captains Kate Dowdy and Taylor Terhune, the Amador Winterguard has spent the last few months putting in long hours of practice to perfect their routines. The Harvest Park Middle School Guard is also a part of the Amador Valley guard family and will be performing as well.

The Winterguard Show will take place in the Large Gym at Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. The competition starts at 5:30p.m. Tickets are available at the door. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students and seniors with children under 5 admitted free.

Baked goods and refreshments will be available at the concession stand sponsored by the Amador Friends of Music. Proceeds from the event will go to help send the Amador Winterguard to nationals in Dayton, Ohio in April.

For further information, please contact Ginnelle Dowdy (462-0793) or Jon Grantham, Band and Color Guard Director (461-6196).

"Napa Valley" by Hal Booth.

Oils and Watercolors by Hal Booth in Studio 7 Fine Arts Exhibit

Studio 7 Fine Arts will be exhibiting over 30 original watercolors, as well as a few never-before-seen oil paintings, by the late artist Hal Booth. Exhibit dates are January 27th through February 18th.

The gallery also will host an opening reception on Saturday, January 27th, from 6 p.m. to 8.pm. The reception and exhibition are free to the public. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of Booth's artwork will benefit the Firehouse Arts Center.

Booth had a lifelong fascination with the effects of light and shade on the natural environment. This is reflected in the brilliant luminescence that is the hallmark of his work. Booth believed that a painting should be more than a photograph, which primarily reports and records. Since a painting reflects the artist's observation and perception of the image being painted, he put extra emphasis on detail, color and contrast, which prompts the viewer to focus on a particular area of the painting.

A resident of Fremont from 1961 until his death in 2003, many of his paintings depict local scenes in the Tri-Valley, Napa Valley and other areas in Northern California. His work has been included in major exhibits in New York, Seattle, Boston and other cities. Booth also was an art teacher and gave workshops throughout California and in France, Italy and Mexico.

Studio 7 Fine Arts is located in downtown Pleasanton. For more information about the exhibit, please call 925-846-4322.





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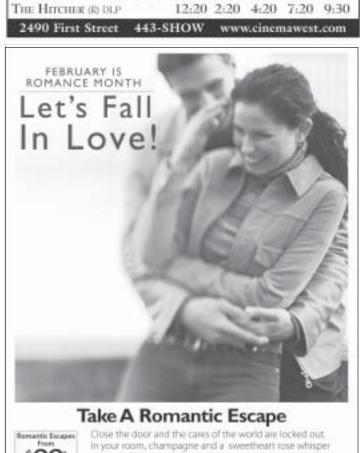
The City of Livermore is accepting applications for Tourism and Special Event Grant Funds. Grants are awarded to promote tourism and special events held April 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008 in the City of Livermore. Grants cannot exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the event expenses. Organizations interested in being considered must submit a "Request for Tourism and Special Event Fund Grant" application form, along with

Clarice Douglas, Special Events Grant Coordinator, 1052 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550, no later than February 19, 2007, by 5:00 p.m.

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ENTERTAINMENT

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Pacific Chamber Symphony, "Garden of Delights," theme, Livermore concert on Fri., Feb. 9, 8 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, 4th and L Streets. Program: Beethoven, "Lenore Overture No. 3;" Prokofiev, "Piano Concerto #3," Ilya Petrov, piano soloist; Rachmaninoff, "Rhapsody on the Theme of Paganini," Dinara Nadzhafova, piano soloist; Brahms, Variations on a Theme of Haydn. 931-3444

www.civicartstickets.org.

Campana Jazz Festival, Sat., Feb. 10. Competition all day, awards in the afternoon, evening concert featuring award winners. Performances start at 7:30 a.m. 461-6196 or

www.amadorband.org.

Benefit Concert, Sun., Feb. 11, 2 p.m.
Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Amador Theater, 1135 Santa Kita Rd., Pleasanton. Presented by Amador Valley High School and Vietnam Youth Projects. Proceeds support children in need in Vietnam. Chi and Truc Nguyen and other Bay Area professional musicians will perform. Tickets and information at www.vnyouthprojects.net or 275-

The Pleasanton Chamber Players and Friends, Sun., Feb. 11, 3 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton. Featuring cello quar tets, other instrumental and vocal pairings. \$15 advance, \$18 at the door, group/senior discounts available, children free. 600-1331.

Jazz, California State University, East

Bay 8th Annual Night of Jazz Fund raiser directed by Dave Eshelman with special guests Shelly Berg and Gregg Field Monday, Feb. 26, 8 and 10 p.m.; Yoshi's-Jack London Square (Oakland) seats priced at \$25 for 8 p.m. show, \$15 for 10 p.m. show; 6:30 p.m. reception and 8 p.m. show VIP tickets \$75 Information at 510-885-4089 or www.yoshis.com.

The Witness, a one-woman, one-act play by Martha Boesing, at Lynnewood Methodist Church on Sat., Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. It is a fund-raiser for Tri-Valley Haven. Tickets

are \$20, which includes the play, refreshments and child care. Discounts are available for seniors, youth and groups of ten or more. To purchase tickets in advance, contact the church office at 846-0221. The church is located at 4444 Black Ave.,

Pleasanton. Spyro Gyra - Jazz for the Ages Friday, February 16, 8 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road on the Amador Valley High School campus in Pleasanton. City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Presents will host. Spyro Gyra's show will include music from the past three decades as well as selections from four new albums, including last spring's Wrapped in a Dream. Advance tickets are \$20, \$30 & \$35. Tickets may be purchased on-line at www.civicartstickets.org up to three hours prior to the performance, by phone at (925) 931-3444. Auditions, To Kill a Mockingbird,

Feb. 10 and 11, 11 a.m.; callbacks Feb. 17, 2 p.m. The cast features 2 African-American actors (ages 25 to 50), 8 actors (ages 25 to 60+), 2 African-American actresses (ages 25 to 50), 5 actresses (ages 18 to 60+) 2 Boys (ages 10 to 13), and 1 Girl (age 8 to 11). All roles are open - All roles are unpaid. Auditioners will be performing cold readings from the script. Scripts will be provided at the audition. The Douglas Morrisson Theatre 22311 North Third Street Hayward. For additional information about the Douglas Morrisson Theatre and this production please visit our website at www.dmtonline.org. Auditions, Valley Concert Chorale,

by appointment for experienced singers interested in singing with the chorus on 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. Information, www.valleyconcertchorale.org. Students Qualify for Arts Recognition

The Peralta District PTA, representing Alameda County, announced the winners of the District level Reflections Arts Recognition program. Students in Peralta District PTA schools submitted a total of 2,039 entries in this year's contest. Of the 22 entries that Peralta District will send to the California State PTA for state level judging, 6 were submitted by Pleasanton students.

Pleasanton students and entries are: Primary Film, Vincent

Performance Of 'Friends Play' at Livermore Library

"Friends: A Play by Peter Levy" will be presented at the Livermore Library on Thurs., Feb. 1 at 7 p.m.

The play asks can a lonesome widow find happiness with a cantankerous homeless man she meets on a Central Park bench? This 2-character play about establishing new relationships in later life explores the themes of loneliness. Appearing in the production are John Hutchinson and Marilyn Kamelgarn.

There is no admission charge. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Livermore Library.

The library is located at 1188 So. Livermore Avenue. For more information, contact Joyce Nevins at 373-5500 ext. 5577.

Tantra, Mohr Elementary; Primary Musical Composition, Jenilee Chen, Vintage Hills Elementary; Intermediate Visual Arts, Anuja Joshi, Mohr Elementary; Intermediate Musical Composition, Christine Xu, Mohr Elementary; Middle/Junior Literature, Maria McCoy-Thompson, Harvest Park Middle School; Middle/Junior Visual Arts, Amanda Wu, Harvest Park; and Senior Musical Composition, Max Loh, Amador Valley High.

State winners will be announced at the California State PTA Convention to be held May 3-6 in Sacramento.

The Reflections Program, sponsored by the National PTA, is an arts recognition and achievement program for students. It provides opportunities for students to express themselves creatively and to receive positive recognition for original works of art inspired by pre-selected theme, while increasing community awareness on the importance of the arts in education. Kindergarten through 12th grade students are invited to submit entries in visual arts, photography, literature, musical composition film and dance choreography. This year's theme was "My Favorite Place?'

For more information, contact Jamie HIntzke, President at (925) 876.2380 or Diane Van Wagner, Reflections Chairperson at (925)

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FILE NO. 389710

The following person (s) doing business as A+ Carpet

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hereby registered by the fol-

lowing owner (s): Michael Ramsey 1365 Whis-

pering Oak Way, Pleasanton, CA 94566

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County on January 4, 2007.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

Expires January 4, 2012.

February 1, 8, 2007.

Signature of Registrant:

/s/:Michael J. Ramsey

by:an individual

names listed.

Entries Due Soon for Livermore Teen Art Expo

Planning is underway for the 2007 Livermore Lives! Teen Art

The Livermore Library's exposition provides a unique opportunity for teens to share their artistic talent with local artists and the general Livermore community.

Livermore residents in the sixth through twelfth grades are invited to submit a piece of original art visually expressing a distinct perspective of their lives. Media including painting, sculpture, photography, textiles and collage are eligible for this exhibit.

Way Up Art and Frame and the Friends of the Livermore Library are sponsoring this event. The first forty entrants will receive a gift certificate to Way Up Art & Frame. Entries will be accepted Mon., March 5 through Sun., March 25 at the Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Avenue. Artwork will be shown as space allows.

Teen Expo Artwork will be on display from April 2-29 in the Civic Center art gallery during regular library hours.

For more information and to access applications, visit the library's website at www.livermore.lib.ca.us or contact Mary Sue Nocar at 373-5500 ext. 5583.

2nd Performance by Cask & Mask Set

The Jan. 27 performance by Fourth Street Storytellers that pays tribute to Cask and Mask is sold out.

A repeat performance of "A Unique Unusual Evening in Our Town" will be held at at 7:30 p.m. on February 7 at the Bothwell Arts Center, located at 2466 Eighth Street in Livermore.

The evening, which features members of Cask and Mask in some of their favorite roles, celebrates the 50th anniversary of their founding. Cask and Mask was a community theater that reflected the character of Livermore during a unique era in its history—when the quiet ranching community became home to two national labs. They produced serious dramas, such as "Night of the Iguana" and "The Exiles," as well as musicals such as "The Mikado" and "Threepenny

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 389362

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Satgur Interprises LLC, 1092 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore, CA 94550

This business is conducted by:limited liability company Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.

Signature of Registrant: /s/:Guruinder Singh
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 22

2006. Expires December 22, The Independent Legal No. 2095. Publish January 4, 11,

18, 25, 2007 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 388944

The following person (s) doing business as At Ease, 764-C Hayes Ave., Livermore, CA. the following owner (s): Mary Elizabeth Binder, 764-C Hayes Ave., Livermore, CA 94550

This business is conducted by:an individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the

fictitious business name or names listed above on July 26, 1995. Signature of Registrant: /s/:Mary Elizabeth Binder

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 12, 2006. Expires December 12, The Independent Legal No.

2096. Publish January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS FILE NO. 389271

The following person (s) do ing business as American Industrial Equipment, LLC 4749-G Bennett Drive, Liver more, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):

American Industrial Equip ment, LLC, 3346 Rockingham Court, Livermore, CA 94550 This business is conducted by:limited liability company The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Decem

ber 4, 2001 Signature of Registrant: /s/:Michael J. Branco This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 20 2006. Expires December 20

The Independent Legal No 25, February 1, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 389623

The following person (s) doing business as Mikes Livermore Transmission, 3521 First Street, Livermore, CA 9455 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Kenneth Leake 3836

MacGregor, Livermore, CA 94551 This business is conducted by:an individual

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 2, 2007

/s/:Kenneth Leake Expires January 2, 2012. 2098. Publish January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

The following person (s) do-94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Common, Livermore, CA

by:an individual fictitious business name or

names listed. Signature of Registrant: /s/:Nancy Tenuta

NAME STATEMENT

The following person (s) doing business as J-2 Document Signing, 4623 Nicol Common #109. Livermore. CA 94550 is hereby registered by the fol-

lowing owner (s): Janet Mariea Gregory McCarroll, 4623 Nicol Com-94550

This business is conducted by:an individual Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or

Signature of Registrant:

The Independent Legal No.

The Independent Legal No. 2099. Publish January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 2007.

McCarroll This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 15, 2006. Expires December 14,

2100. Publish January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 389990

The following person (s) doing business as 34th Street Gifts, 1745 Linden Street, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):

Renee Needens, 1745 Linden Street, Livermore, CA 94550 This business is conducted

by:an individual Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed

Signature of Registrant: /s/:Renee Needens This statement was filed with

the County Clerk of Alameda County on January 9, 2007. Expires January 9, 2012. The Independent Legal No 2102. Publish January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 389902

The following person (s) doing business as Valley Perks, 2326 Alsace Court, Livermore. CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Maria Mancini, 2326 Alsace

Court, Livermore, CA 94550 This business is conducted by:an individual Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the

fictitious business name or names listed. Signature of Registrant: /s/:Maria Mancini This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda

County on January 8, 2007.

The Independent Legal

No.2103. Publish January 18,

Expires January 8, 2012.

25, February 1, 8, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Gerrilyn Way #111, Liver-more, CA 94550 This business is conducted

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed.

/s/:Bryan W. Jensen Expires January 11, 2012 2104. Publish January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 389784 The following person (s) doing business as Fast Response, 7898 Medinah Ct., Pleasanton, CA 94577 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): ı Bayley, 78 Medinah Ct., Pleasanton, CA

94588 This business is conducted by:an individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 19, 2001.

Signature of Registrant: /s/:Alan Bayley This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on January 9, 2007. Expires January 9, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2107. Publish January 18, 25,

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 389692

February 1, 8, 2007.

The following person (s) doing business as JAN MOR SVS, 5747 N. Vasco Road, Livermore, Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Janet Šue Moorehead, 5747

N. Vasco Road, Livermore, CA 94551 This business is conducted

by:an individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 9, 2006.

Signature of Registrant: /s/:Janet Sue Moorehead This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on January 4, 2007. Expires January 4, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2108. Publish January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 390033

The following person (s) doing business as Loristuff, 790 Sunny Brook Way, Pleasanton, Ca 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Lauren Millslagle, 790 Sunny Brook Way, Pleasanton, CA This business is conducted

Registrant has not yet begun

by:an individual

to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed. Signature of Registrant: /s/:Lauren Millslagle This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on January 10, 2006. Expires January 10, 2012. The Independent Legal No.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 389947

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ruary 1, 8, 15, 2007.

The following person (s) doing business as Afghan Food Mark, 865 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore, Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following

94550

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Signature of Registrant: This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on January 2, 2007. The Independent Legal No.

NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 389765

ing business as Les Chenes Estate Vineyards, 5562 Victoria Lane, Livermore, CA Tenuta Vineyards, 633 Kalthoff

This business is conducted Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

FILE NO. 389140

mon #109, Livermore, CA

names listed. /s/:Janet Mariea Gregory-

FILE NO. 390114

The following person (s) dong business as Mediaspex 4621 Gerrilyn Way #111, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following

owner (s): Bryan W. Jensen, 4621

by:an individual

Signature of Registrant: This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on January 11, 2007 The Independent Legal No

FILE NO. 389662-389663

The following person (s) doing business as (1) Voltz Home Repair, (2) Accessability Solutions, 849 E. Stanley Blvd. #436, Livemore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the fol-David Voltz, 973 Coronado

Way, Livermore, CA 94550 Gregory Voltz, 973 Coronado Way, Livermore, CA 94550 This business is conducted by:a general partnership Registrant has not vet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed. Signature of Registrant:

Voltz This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on January 3, 2007. Expires January 3, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2105. Publish January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 2007

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Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed. Signature of Registrant:

/s/:Nader Nafey and Najia Nafey This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on January 8, 2007.

Expires January 8, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2110. Publish January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 2007.

ORDERTO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. VG06303888 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ALAMEDA 5672 Stoneridge Drive Pleasanton, CA 94588

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

TO ALL INTERESTED

Present Name: Subadra Subramanian Proposed Name: Subadra Nithyananda Meera Subramania

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any why the petition for change o NOTICE OF HEARING a.Date: 2/13/07 Time: 2:00PM

Dept: 707 b.The address of the court is: 5672 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton CA 94588

3a.A copy of this Order To Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of genera circulation, printed in the county: The Independent

Dated:December 27, 2006 /s/:Jacob Blea III Judge Of The Superior Court The Independent Legal No. 2093. Published January 18 25, February 1, 8, 2007

ORDERTO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

5672 Stoneridge Drive Pleasanton, CA 94588 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1.Petitioner: Donna Wing and

Syed Adnan Asar filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Kiran Sophia Asar Proposed Name:

Sophia Kiran Asa 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING

a.Date: 2/13/07 Time: 2:00PM Dept: 707 b.The address of the court is: 5672 Stoneridge Drive, Pleas-

anton CA 94588 3a.A copy of this Order To Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hear ing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the

county: The Independent Dated:December 28, 2006 /s/:Jacob Blea III

Judge Of The Superior Court The Independent Legal No. 2094. Published January 4, 11, 18, 25, 2007

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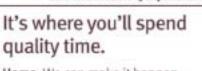
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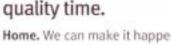












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Zin: A Hot, But Rare Commodity in the Livermore Valley

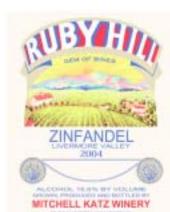
By Laura Ness

It's that time of year once again when all the diehard Zin fans head towards Fort Mason for the annual pilgrimage to the event that surpasses all others for zany Zin-ness: ZAP. This is a bac-chanalian party that verges on the edge of madness. As the unofficial grape of California, Zin is a brash and bold representation of the original spirit of the state itself: that old 49er aptitude for hard work, hard living and hard partying. Legislative initiatives failed to establish Zin as the official grape of California, but that doesn't deter the enthusiasm of hardcore Zin fanatics who worship the very head-trained vines from which the dark, lush wine flows. With its favorable Mediterranean style climate, you'd think there would be more Zin grown in Livermore. You'd be surprised. I certainly was.

Zinning in Livermore: Harder Than You Think

Livermore Valley has all the right stuff to make kick-ass Zin, and at least one winery makes Zin with ample references to this part of the human anatomy. What is it about Zin that encourages people to adorn it with labels featuring well-endowed cheeks?

Livermore Valley Cellars considers Zinfandel its signature wine, and has created a "Derriere Series," with names like "Sweet Cheeks," "Left Behind" and "Right Behind." These labels kick butt off the shelf faster than winemaker Tim Sauer can bottle the stuff. While Zin can make big-assed wines, the real problem in this appellation is there's simply not enough fruit to go around. Tim told me he decided to hang his hat on Zin because when they were looking around for grapes back in the late 90s, the only grape that was going



begging for buyers was Zin. So they decided to ride this dark horse and they've been wildly pleased with the results. Tim buys Zin from four sources: Sblendorio, Kestrel Ridge, DeMayo and Arroyo Farms. He's ardently hoping that more growers will get a clue and plant Zin –

or graft over, please!

Mitchell Katz likes Zins: the bigger the better. He's made Zin from the old Beyer Ranch, which he regrets was torn out (it was diseased), and from estate Ruby Hill fruit (his current releases are 04s). Last year, he decided not to buy any Zin from out of the appellation, and began seeking additional Valley sources. Being a fan of Kent Rosenblum's immensely diverse and successful Zinfandel program, Mitch was thrilled to discover a vineyard in Livermore managed by the Wente's for Rosenblum Cellars. He managed to secure a few tons and is enthusiastic about the results so far. A barrel sample of the 05 from the Ruby Hill estate I tasted last week is over the moon fabulous. Look for that sometime later this year. BTW, Mitch will be the only Livermore winery pouring at ZAP.

Nick Nardolillo of **White Crane Winery** thinks Livermore is an ideal place to grow Zin, His first Livermore Zin, a 2005 vintage called *SurfZin*, will be released in February, and he says it's jammy, rich and about 15% alcohol. The fruit comes from Rik Hansen's fairly new vineyard on Arroyo Road.

Vaughn-Bowen, winemaker at Crooked Vine and Stony Ridge wineries, thinks Livermore is a great place to grow Zin. "We get the fog in the mornings, and warm summer days, with rocky well drained soil. We have many microclimates which bring flavors from wild strawberry to blackberry. Some of my favorite flavors are cassis, licorice & chocolate. The variety of growing areas makes Livermore Valley Zins lively, elegant, complex, and adaptable at the table." Her 2003 Crooked Vine Livermore Valley Zinfandel really captures the essence of the Valley, with fruit from Ruby Hill, Sblendorio, and Blue Oak. At the California State Fair 2006 Wine Competition, it took Gold & Best of Class for Area Appellations, plus a Bronze in both the San Francisco International 2006 Wine Competition and the San Francisco Bay 2006 Wine Com-

Hal Liske of El Sol, who makes a tiny amount of Zin from his estate vineyard, says he doesn't know why there aren't more vineyards planted to Zin in the Valley. "Livermore Zins from the good vineyards compete favorably with Zins from notable regions like Amador, Lodi and Paso Robles. The climate of the Valley results in Zins that mature later, have good color, nice aromas and the pepper side is well integrated with the fruit."

Sblend Sblendorio grows

what is by all accounts, stellar Zin. He has 5 acres of Century Clone, plus some Gallo clone, planted in gravelly loam. Planted between 1996 and 1998, the vineyard is a 90% Zin, 10% Petite Širah field blend, a combination Sblend believes to be ideal. The notable characteristics of his fruit are a nice white pepper, balanced with ripe fruit flavors. He notes that the trend lately among winemakers is to demand riper and riper fruit, which results in higher alcohol wines that are in high-demand with consumers. He's not one of them. However, he's happy with the wines Livermore Valley Cellars, Tenuta, Fenestra and Bodegas Aguirre are making from his fruit.

Mike Eckert of **Eckert Estate** has two vintages of Zin in barrels from vines recently planted by Ric Hansen. At least someone is planting new acreage! The vines are very young, so it's a little early for judging, but he's quite pleased with the Mendocino and Hambrecht clone fruit. In what is surely a feat, they are all coming in below 13.5% alcohol, which Mike thinks will make very tablefriendly wines when they are released in a year or two.

Frank deMayo and his wife Heidi have a 15-acre vineyard, of which a lonely one is planted to Zin, and Petite Sirah, in a 85-15% field blend. They have been selling to Livermore Valley Cellars, and the wines have created quite a cult following. He is a bit bummed that he will not have any fruit to sell Tim this year, as he is now contracted to sell his fruit to The Wine Group, who want to use for their reserve Zin program. He hopes they do the fruit justice. "We love Zin: that's why we planted it. Tim has done a great job with our fruit and we

know people really love the big berries and chocolate flavors. It's not for the faint of heart. It's ac-

tually quite portly!"
Pat Lynch of **Kestrel Ridge** Vineyards planted her vineyard in 1999 and chose Zin and Cab, as she loves them both. Zin appealed because there was not a lot of it around. She says, "It's easy to ripen and easy to grow. It doesn't have a lot of issues! It's a big, earthy, stable and dependable grape. And people love Zin!" She sells mainly to Livermore Valley Cellars, and the 2004 vineyard designate Tim Sauer made sold out within a month of its release in November of 2006. He also sold some Zin in 2006 to Jim Frost of The Crush (Pleasanton), who reported very favorable results with his home winemakers who are arguably a very picky lot. Rhonda Wood of **Wood Fam**-

ily Vineyards is a big fan of Zin: so much so that she decided to take a beaten vineyard under her wing and try and restore it back to health, Originally planted in the early 20th century in very gravelly soil, the low-yielding, head-třained Raboli vineyard produces intense fruit: just not much of it. She got about a 1/4 ton per acre in 2006! And that was way up from last year. Her 2004 Old Vines Raboli Zin is a classic beauty. She's looking at other sources to increase her production, and has purchased fruit from Ric Hansen's vineyard, and will be bottling the first release this Spring. She also notes that Bent Creek has grafted over some Syrah to Zin using cuttings from the old Beyer Ranch, and that Wente is making a Zin from Smith Ranch, another Livermore vine-

Being a total Zin Goddess, Rhonda typifies the fervor of Zinfanatics: "I believe to grow and make Zinfandel you need to be passionate about Žin! I absolutely adore it! I am not sure everyone does. There are so many styles of Zinfandel to appreciate. The Old vines have their own unique characteristics (which are kind of impossible to plant and get now). So if you like this style you have to go out and find some old vines (we did) and make it worthwhile to the growers to allow them to stay. It is definitely about passion and not money. believe one reason you don't see a lot of Zin in Livermore is due to the lack of wineries for so many years and due to the fact that most Zinfandel in CA went into White Zin programs which did not command a high bottle

Although White Zin still remains number four on the hit parade of wines Americans consume most (behind Chardonnay, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon), consumption of the sweet white stuff is falling. At the same time, consumption of Zin, especially in the mid-price category, is in-

It appears that things are looking up for Zin in Livermore after

For tickets to ZAP, held Saturday, January 27 at Fort Mason in San Francisco, go to www.zinfandel.org/festival/

WINE EVENTS

Zintastic February

John Christopher Cellars presents a Zintastic February at its tasting room in downtown Livermore at Blacksmith

Each weekend in February the win-ery will feature one of four Zinfandels and paired with a food sample. The winery will also be releasing its newest Zin, the 2004 Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel on Sat 2/3/07. From the food friendly 2002 Zin to the 2004 Late Harvest Zin, there is a Zin for everyone. All wines at John Christopher Cellars are available each weekend to taste in addition to the Zin's for a nominal tasting fee. The fee is waived wine is

Tastings each weekend in February will be on Saturday, 12-5:30 p.m. and Sunday 12:30-5:30 p.m. John Chris-topher Cellars is located at 25 South Livermore Ave., Suite 103, Livermore; information (925) 456-WINE (9463). There is no charge for food and wine pairings. Regular Flight tasting fees are

Soup and Wine

Fenestra Winery will host its 15th annual Soup and Wine Weekend on Jan. 27 and 28 from noon to 5 p.m. both

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Fenestra is located at 83 Vallecitos Rd., Livermore.

Concannon Winemaker Dinner

"Rocks, Wines & Valentines," a four-course gourmet Concannon Wine-maker Dinner, will be held Mon., Feb. 12 at the Pleasanton Hotel.

The evening is a benefit for the Museum On Main's Pleasanton Exhibit Room. The evening begins with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. Included in the festive evening will be a "two-bit" auction and a talk by Jim Concannon on the history of the Concannon Winery and valley winemaking. The Pleasanton Hotel is located at

855 Main Street. Tickets are \$100 per

person or \$750 for a table for eight. The ruary 3.

The menu will include: reception

seafood cakes with lemon aioli, Stamp Makers White wine; first course - Chardonnay poached pears on mixed baby greens with spiced nuts, green apple, citrus vinaigrette and Concannon Char-donnay 2005; second course: grilled pepper-crusted filet mignon stuffed with wild mushrooms and Applewood smoked bacon with cassis cabernet demi-glace, roasted fingerling potatoes, grilled vegetables and Concannon Reserve Cabernet 2003; dessert chocolate and Gorgonzola cheesecake and Concannon Petite Syrah 1998 and

For reservations and information, contact the museum at (925) 462-2766, 603 Main St, Pleasanton.

February at Wente

Wente Vineyards will present Teen dinner and movie tradition, featuring a screening of the romantic comedy classic, My Big Fat Greek Wedding. Sunset suppers and the fun "Stump the Sommelier" challenge also continue in February.

Teen Etiquette: Lilian Steinle, manager for The Restaurant (and mother of three) will teach the fundamentals of fine dining behavior, tipping, silent service codes; Saturday, February 3, 10:00am The Restaurant at Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Road in Livermore. \$39 Per Person. For information and reservations call (925) 456-2400 on-line

www.ticketmaster.com.
Sunset Supper: Every Sunday, The
Restaurant at Wente Vineyards is offering a steal of a gourmet meal. Diners who come in between the hours of 4:30 pm to 5:30pm can enjoy a two-course dinner for just \$29 (plus tax and gratuity) per person. The Restaurant at Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Road in Livermore. For information and reservations call (925) 456-2450

Stump the Sommelier: Thursday night starting this January, during your dining experience at The Restaurant at Wente Vineyards, put Jorge Tinoco, The Restaurant's sommelier, to the test. Bring in any one bottle of wine, and Jorge will put his nose and taste buds to the test, proclaiming the varietal and appellation. If he fails to guess correctly, you get to take home a bottle of current release Vineyard Selection or Reserve Wente Vineyards wine. For information and reservations call (925) 456-2450.

Petite Sirah and Food

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Tickets are \$40 per person. It features Petite Sirah paired with food.
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Wilson Vineyards
There are only 500 tickets available for sale. Purchase tickets athttp:// r.vresp.com/?DiazCommunications/ or by calling 707 620 0788

Wine and Chocolate

Wine and chocolate will be the focus at the Stony Ridge Winery tasting room, 4948 Tesla Rd. in Livermore,

the weekend of Feb. 10 and 11.

The winery will pour four wines; the award-winning 2002 Ororosso and Sparkling Malvasia, a special Port made during Stony Ridge's 2005 grape stomp for wine club members, and a brand new 2004 Zinfandel that will be introduced that weekend. The wine and chocolate pairing will take place during normal tasting room hours, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 for the general public and free to Stony Ridge

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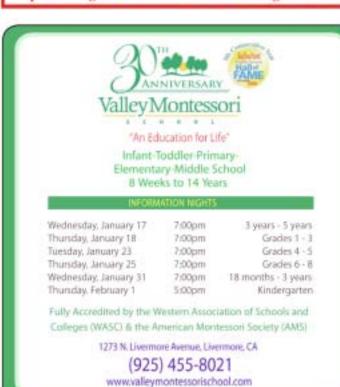
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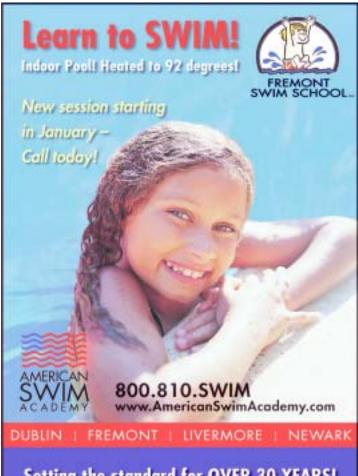
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