



## Ornaments for the Arts Fundraiser

Ornaments for the Arts, a special holiday fundraiser created by the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, supports the new Bankhead Theater in Downtown Livermore.

Since ticket sales only cover about 60% of the cost of operating the theater, remaining expenses are paid through charitable donations, memberships, sponsorships and other fundraising campaigns. Ornaments for the Arts provides donors with a new way to support the many activities at the Bankhead and help close the 40% funding gap.

For a \$20 dollar donation, (See ORNAMENTS, page 10)



Tom Daggett

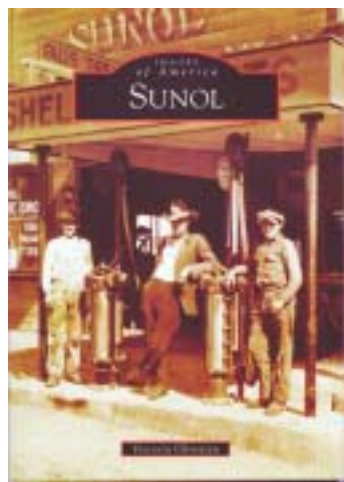
## Daggett to Lead LPC Foundation

Tom Daggett has been selected to serve as chairman of the Las Positas College Foundation.

Daggett knows first-hand the value community colleges bring to families and the regions they serve.

All four of the Pleasanton insurance executive's children have attended community colleges as part of their higher education. One went on to graduate from UCLA, while his other two boys pursued fire science certificates to become firefighters. His daughter graduated from Montana State with a business ad-

(See DAGGETT, page 9)



## Author to Sign New Sunol Book

Author Victoria Christian will be at the Elliston Mansion to sign her new book, "Sunol, Images of America."

The event will take place on Saturday December 15th from 12-6pm at the Mansion, 463 Kilkare Rd. in Sunol.

With the addition of the first Transcontinental Railroad straight into middle of town, Sunol's history began to form. From railroad depots and blacksmith shops to the water temple and summer vacation cabins, this unique community has an interesting history.

Author Victoria Christian takes readers on a nostalgic journey back in time. She said, "I hope to have captured the unique essence of Sunol and made my fellow Sunolians proud to call home."

The history begins with the arrival of the first settlers and ends with Sunol in the 21st Century.

The first settlers: Spanish nobleman and San Jose resident Don Antonio Maria Sunol acquired a 48,000 acre land grant on April 10, 1839 with Antonio Maria Pico and brothers-in-law Jose Agostin Bernal and Juan Pablo Bernal. They named the grant Rancho Valle de San Jose. Sunol's portion of the ranch was

(See SUNOL, page 10)

# Pleasanton Rejects 2nd Home Depot

The impact on small local businesses, increase in traffic, and large numbers of truck deliveries were all factors that led the Pleasanton City Council to reverse its stand on approval of a second Home Depot.

Last May, the council approved the big box retail use as part of the Gateway Center by a 4 to 1 vote. Matt Sullivan was opposed. When the issue came up for a second reading, city staff suggested that the council delay the final vote until staff could look into questions raised by members of the public.

Last Tuesday, none of the councilmembers on hand at the end of the public hearing were supportive of a second Home Depot. There was no vote taken. The council will vote on the issue at its Jan. 15, 2008 meeting.

In the meantime, the council asked staff and the developer, Regency Centers, to consider other ideas for the site at the intersection of Stanley Blvd., Bernal Ave., and Valley Ave. The intersection is the most congested in Pleasanton.

Emily Wagner, the city's fiscal officer, told the council at its

Tuesday meeting that the city could anticipate \$370,000 in total revenues including sales tax, property tax, and fees. In May that number was \$490,000. Regency Centers estimated the amount at \$825,000. The city then calculated the cost of providing services to the new center, and came up with a figure of between \$185,000 to \$260,000 as the total net revenue increase to the city if Home Depot were built.

The fiscal analysis found that the current Home Depot would be impacted when the new

Lowe's opens in Dublin. However, in building the second store in Pleasanton, Home Depot would realize a \$20 million increase in business. Local small home improvement stores would lose 16 percent of their business to the new Home Depot and Lowe's with no hope of recovering from the losses.

Councilmember Sullivan commented, "It's clear that this is a bailout plan for Home Depot. They are going to lose business to Lowe's. Instead of planning to bail out Home Depot, the city should be talking about poli-

tics to help small businesses improve their position. They will take a hit from Lowe's."

Sullivan noted that he believes it is an issue of sustainability and social equity. "I believe in a diverse local economy with a mix of large and small businesses. If we turn the town over to big box retailers, we will lose that diversity. That will make it harder to achieve sustainability."

Sullivan and others pointed out that revenues the city would realize from the development (See HOME DEPOT, page 4)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Grace Devnich prepares to celebrate her 100th birthday.

## Dr. Grace Turns 100

Grace Devnich moves very slowly as she stands to greet a visitor. "Guess I'm getting old," she quips.

Dr. Grace is about to turn 100. The date is Sunday, December 30. Her family, her friends and fellow Seventh Day Adventists all plan parties: the church this Saturday followed by Livermore Rotary on Tuesday and her family on January 19.

Dr. Grace still lives in the house on South K that she and her late husband, Dr. Henry Devnich, bought in 1952. People who know her speak of her alert-

ness. She was driving up until about a year ago. She goes to church regularly and remains active in the Antique Club and other groups.

"She is a completely delightful person. She is very perceptive, and down to earth," says Cynthia Bird, who has been giving the retired doctor rides to the Antique Club meetings.

A native of Colorado, Dr. Grace earned her MD at the University of Nebraska. After completing her internship in Santa Clara County, she came to Livermore, and stayed.

Dr. Grace pursued her medical studies during a time when women who aspired to careers in medicine received little encouragement.

"One of my teachers told me he was against me being in his class because I was taking a seat a male should have. He said I was depriving some man the opportunity to become a doctor," she recalls.

"Well, I showed that a woman could be a doctor, too. Oh, I had lots of fun practicing medicine," says Dr. Grace.

(See DR. GRACE, page 3)

## City Urged to Pick Up the Pace of Theater Approval

Move forward with all deliberate speed. That was the message delivered to the Livermore City Council at the conclusion of a presentation on the proposed regional theater in downtown.

Escalating costs were cited as the reason.

The projected cost of constructing the theater is increasing each year by an estimated \$5.4 million. While a conservative view of tax increment funds from the redevelopment agency is lower than previous estimates, it appears there would be adequate funds to pay off the bond debt with the increment money, private donations, and other sources, assuming construction begins in the near future.

The Livermore City Council on Monday heard the latest briefing on the proposed theater, as well as an update on the operation of the completed Bankhead Theater. Members of the public also weighed in with questions and opinions.

The city is in the process of conducting a peer review of information provided by the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC) with regard to financing, operation, and use plans for the regional theater. The results of the review are expected to be presented to the council at a meeting in February 2008.

Len Alexander, executive director of LVPAC, noted that the

clock keeps ticking in regard to construction of the regional theater. "Costs keep moving forward. Unless we move rapidly on the theater, there will be a time when we could not afford to build it."

He explained why the theater had gone from an estimated 1500 seats to close to 2000 in the most recent version. "The bigger you build, the more economically viable the theater is," stated Alexander. It makes it possible to pay bills and attract very expensive and highly sought out shows through guarantees and potential profit sharing.

As for the operation of the 500-seat Bankhead Theater, which opened Oct. 1, Alexander told the council that 180 events had been scheduled through the end of Aug. 2008, plus 35 rehearsal days. The goal is to hit 200 events. Alexander said he is already booking for the 2008-09 season.

The theater is operating at 65 percent of capacity. Alexander noted that his budget called for 60 to 65 percent. If the free tickets were taken out of the equation, it is at 75 percent capacity. LVPAC presentations are at 87 percent of capacity. "That tells us there is a very strong audience out there," declared Alexander.

Over 25,000 tickets have been sold at a value of \$561,000. (See THEATER, page 4)

## Oak Grove Referendum Sent to Registrar of Voters

Opponents of the Oak Grove development, "Save Pleasanton Hills," have submitted 5,266 signatures of registered voters to Pleasanton City Clerk Karen Diaz.

The petitions were turned in last Wednesday. Diaz confirmed there were enough signatures to force a vote on the referendum to overturn the development.

The Alameda County Registrar of Voters has thirty days to check the signatures for authenticity.

At the end of that period, if there are enough valid signatures the measure would go to the city council. The council could either decide to place the measure on the ballot or vote to rescind the approval of the Oak Grove project.

Former councilmember Kay Ayala, one of the leaders of the referendum, said she turned in petitions with 5,225 signatures. She said that as the effort to

(See OAK GROVE, page 4)

## Ballot On Feb. 5 Looks More Than Presidential

Decisions about presidential candidates won't be the only choice on the Valley's election ballot on Feb. 5.

Three state propositions have qualified for the ballot. Four others are pending. There will also be two countywide measures. Both ask for a parcel tax for construction of a new Children's Hospital, with the tax to be in effect for 30 or 35 years, depending on which wins more votes.

In the presidential primary, all parties qualified for the state's ballot will have candidates. They are the Democratic, Republican, Green, American Independent, Libertarian, and Peace and Freedom parties.

County measures A and B would authorize a parcel tax for 35 or 30 years, respectively, for construction of a new Children's Hospital. Measure B was qualified for the ballot by an initiative circulated by Children's Hospital. It was drawn up without consultation with the county.

When Measure B qualified for the ballot, county supervisors objected to the high cost to county government in implementing the parcel tax. They said that millions of dollars in staff time would be needed to create the various parcel tax categories and exceptions in Measure B. (See BALLOT, page 4)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Rabbi Raleigh Resnick of Chabad of the Tri-Valley lights the first candle on a 9-foot Menorah made completely of lego. The last candle was lit Wednesday. The menorah was at Stoneridge Mall in Pleasanton.

## 'Angels' Sought to Adopt Families for the Holidays

The Livermore Adopt-A-Family Program is looking for "angels" for this holiday season. There are too many needy families and not enough being adopted.

The Livermore Adopt-A-Family program is a member of a

multi-service community organization that serves families in need during the holiday season. An "Angel" is anyone interested in adopting a family(ies) for the holidays - an individual, families, businesses, work groups, organizations, churches, clubs, you

-anyone!

If you have the resources to adopt a family (buy specific gifts for each family member), please contact Fran Prickett at 443-9525, or call the "angel hotline" at 960-4595 and leave a name and phone number.

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### PET OF THE WEEK

Izzy is a 6 month old female kitten with tabby and white markings. She is shy and a bit lazy, preferring a nice long nap to playing. She would do best in a quiet household where she can get plenty of shut-eye! Valley Humane Society, located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton, is open Wed-

Sun from 11AM to 5PM. All of the animals are current on vaccinations, spayed and neutered, and micro-chipped. Available dogs can be seen on Saturdays at VHS from 11AM until 2PM. For more information, call VHS at 925-426-8656 or visit us on the web at www.valleyhumane.org.



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# VALLEY ROUNDUP

## MTC Survey

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is hosting a Web survey on a variety of issues related to transportation, the environment and land development in the Bay Area.

Every four years, MTC updates its regional transportation plan, the region's blueprint for spending federal, state and regional transportation dollars over the next 25 years. The current update, called Transportation 2035, is underway. Bay Area residents now have the opportunity to weigh in on-line and make their voices heard.

The online survey asks participants questions about greenhouse gas emissions and global warming, housing, improving traffic congestion, and planning and transportation funding priorities in the region. Participants also may compare their personal answers with the results of a telephone poll of 1,800 Bay Area residents conducted by MTC.

To participate in the MTC Web poll now through January 9, 2008, log on to [www.mtc.ca.gov/T2035](http://www.mtc.ca.gov/T2035). In addition to the English version, the online survey is available in Spanish and Chinese.

## Hayashi Holiday Party

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi (D-Hayward)

announced today that she is hosting her first annual district holiday party, entitled "Jingle Tails," at the Oakland Zoo this Friday, December 14th from 3:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m. at the Oakland Zoo's Marian Zimmer Auditorium located at 9777 Golf Links Road in Oakland. The event is free and open to the public.

Visitors will have the opportunity to converse with the Assemblymember and her district and capitol staff, and explore the zoo. The first 200 attendees who bring either a jar of peanut butter or can of tuna to donate to the Alameda County Food Bank, will receive either a free movie pass to the new Alvin and the Chipmunks movie opening in theatres on Friday or a free one-day admission ticket to the zoo. Light holiday refreshments will be served.

Reservations are required. To R.S.V.P., please call Assemblymember Hayashi's district office at (510) 583-8818. For more information about this event, please go online to [www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi](http://www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi).

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

# DR. GRACE

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She was a general practitioner. "I'm glad, though, that Mr. Gore won that Nobel Prize. Global warming really concerns me."

"She made house calls. She went out into the night," says a friend, Gail Shearer.

Grace Devnich retired about 25 years ago, shortly after the death of her husband, who was also a general practitioner. Since her retirement, she has become involved in local history matters. She has written a book about her late husband's family and has done extensive research in several subjects.

She also has traveled extensively: Turkey via the Orient Express, three trips to Egypt, Rome, Paris, Iceland, etc.

She is not happy with the world today. "Washington, it's crazy," she says.

"I'm glad, though, that Mr. Gore won that Nobel Prize. Global warming really concerns me."

She also isn't happy about some of the changes taking place in Livermore.

The downtown facelift: "I don't like it. The town used to have a homelike feeling, but that's not there any more. It's just not homelike."

Anna Siig once saw Dr. Grace help someone.

"It was a life changing situation," Siig recalls. "She stepped in, calling upon her knowledge of people and her medical knowledge. What I remember most was her kindness — she was so very, very kind, and she did it so very quietly. I have the feeling that over the course of her life and

career she has done this sort of thing for many others. She herself won't ever talk about it, but others remember."

"If you go with her to a movie or some other event in town," relates Gail Shearer, "you'll always see three or four people approach her. She is so well known and so beloved. That's because almost every family in the community, it seems, has had a positive experience with her. Someone in the family was treated and made better by her."

"Grace Devnich represents so much history of the town and it's wonderful that not only is she still living, but also she remains alert and is able to share her memories," says Shearer. "We are fortunate to have someone we can talk to from her generation."

# Pleasanton Students Team Up for Charity

More than 4,500 Pleasanton Unified School District students are rolling up their sleeves and rallying the community together by collecting toys, blankets, and clothing in a district-wide effort. Students at Hart, Harvest Park and Pleasanton middle schools and Hearst Elementary School have joined forces to spread the message of hope. The entire community is invited to join them through December 14.

Students have devised an elaborate, school and community-wide action plan. Each middle school's goal is to raise \$4,000 in donated money and goods.

Hart Middle School is leading the partnership with the Poway Unified School District

School Fire Relief fund to provide relief during the holidays to fire victims in southern California. They are also partnering with Foster a Dream, Toys for Tots, and the Tri-Valley Haven.

Harvest Park is providing Hope for the Holidays by partnering with Foster A Dream, Poway Unified School District, Tri-Valley Haven, Toys for Tots with the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department Local 1974, and Costco.

Pleasanton Middle School provides their Hope for the Holidays by partnering with the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department Local 1974, Toys for Tots, Tri Valley Haven, Poway Unified School District, and Costco.

Hearst Elementary School is teaming up with the middle schools to collect blankets and help with activities.

Each school is seeking local business support to provide donations, match funds and support the district effort.

For additional information, contact Harvest Park Vice Principal Ken Rocha, 925-426-4444. Hart Middle School is located at 4433 Willow Road, phone 925-426-3102. Harvest Park Middle School is located at 4900 Valley Avenue, phone 925-426-4444. Pleasanton Middle School is at 5001 Case Avenue, phone 925-426-4390. Hearst Elementary School is at 5301 Case Avenue, phone 925-426-3772.

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# EDITORIAL

## Special Birthday

When Dr. Grace Devnich celebrates her birthday this month, it won't be an ordinary birthday. It will be a community event.

Dr. Grace turns 100 on December 30. Her church, the Seventh Day Adventists, and Livermore Rotary are holding birthday parties for her this month. Her family will hold their party on January 19.

Grace Devnich had to overcome sex discrimination to become a doctor. She was an old-fashioned general practitioner. She made house calls — “she went out into the night,” in the words of a friend. To this day, a quarter century after her retirement, Livermore families talk about how someone in the family was made better by Dr. Grace. She was a healer in the highest sense of the word.

At 100, Dr. Grace remains active, particularly in matters pertaining to local history. She attends meetings on a regular basis. She is one of Livermore's great elders — a kind, wise and much beloved lady, a living legend.

## HOME DEPOT

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provide a very small benefit. The fiscal impacts reported to the council last Tuesday are very different from those in the first staff report last May, they noted.

Residents objected to a plan to allow the 18-wheel trucks going to Home Depot to use First Street to deliver goods. Staff estimated that 20 to 25 trucks a day on weekdays would be traveling to Home Depot. Between 60 to 70 percent of those would be semi-trailers.

Jerry Iserson, director of planning, said that previously it was thought that the trucks could be directed to use Highway 84 and Stanley Blvd. to reach Home Depot. “However, that is not enforceable or practical,” he stated. “The goal will be to keep the largest semi-trucks off of city streets.”

One of the proposed mitigations to ease traffic at the intersection was to extend Stoneridge Drive. Another way to build a third left turn lane at Santa Rita and Valley, a concept residents in the area adamantly oppose.

During the public hearing, the vast majority of speakers were opposed to a new Home Depot. Among them were many small home improvement business owners.

Mike Chaney, owner of Valley Plumbing, said that the projected loss to his business may not seem like much. “It could be the bread and butter needed for a business my size to succeed.”

One speaker, Eric Warm, said there are many Home Depots in the area where people can shop. His and other small businesses are in direct competition with the big box stores, and another one would have a very negative impact. Warm owns Quality Windows and Doors. He said he also spoke for Lights of Pleasanton, Floor Essence, Kitchen Design Center, and Stainless Glass Overlay.

Others noted that the problems with such things as traffic are immense, while the revenues are small. They wanted to retain Pleasanton's small town character. That includes retaining small, family owned businesses. “They add to the charm and character of the city.”

Heidi Massie, who lives in the area of the proposed Home De-

## OAK GROVE

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gather signatures, moved ahead, more and more volunteers stepped forward.

They needed to collect at least 3,672 valid signatures.

She said she and other volunteers could have collected many more signatures if they had not taken time off for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Oak Grove development includes 51 custom homes. The homes would range in size from 8,000 to 12,500 square feet.

The development would be built on 562 acres in southeast Pleasanton owned by the Lin family. The land has been the subject of controversy over the years. A project approved in 1993, which included a golf course, was successfully re-refered.

As part of the development, 496 acres of permanent open space would be given to the city. The developer would build trails and a staging area. The property is located in the southeastern hills.

The council majority envi-

pot, pointed out that the traffic on weekends would have a “substantial” impact. The neighborhood has to deal with traffic during weekdays. Weekends are the only time they can safely use the streets. That would change if the Home Depot were built, said Massie.

On the other side was Chris Beratlis, who said the project would be a good one for the city.

In weighing on the issues, councilmembers offered differing reasons for why they would likely vote against the project on Jan. 15.

Cheryl Cook-Kallio stated, “What tipped the balance for me are the trucks using First Street.” She said she would like to see some retail use on the site.

Cindy McGovern cited traffic in general.

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman declared, “I loved this project in the beginning. The numbers have changed. Home Depot will recapture dollars; the city will add revenues. It's clear that our current home improvement stores would lose 16 percent of their businesses annually without any opportunity to rebound. I don't think the council could tolerate that kind of hit to our small businesses.”

Jerry Thorne left the meeting early, because of illness.

The council suggested perhaps a small grocery store, such as “Fresh and Easy,” would be more appropriate. Fresh and Easy is a new chain, similar to Trader Joes. Other uses could be restaurants and neighborhood services.

City Manager Nelson Fialho said it was unlikely that an alternative plan could be ready for consideration by the Jan. 15 council meeting. He offered several options as to what action the council could take at that time. They include: deny the project with consideration of alternatives at the completion of the general plan update; deny the project and direct staff to incorporate the property into the upcoming eastside study; or deny with recognition and direct staff to look at other uses. The council could also approve a two phase project. The first would be small retail. Regency could then come back in the future with another large tenant.

sions Oak Grove as a model for other landowners in the southeast. They say there is the potential to establish a 2000 acre open space park in exchange for some development.

A group opposed to the referendum, “Keep Our Park,” urged voters not to sign the referendum during the petition drive. They placed members near where the petition collectors were set up to get their message across. Members include Becky Dennis, Sharrell Michelotti, Tom Pico, Jerry Thorne, Kathy Narum, Jerry Pentin, Joe Jones, Christine Steiner, Otis Nostrand, and Ron Hyde.

The Save Pleasanton Hills group is also circulating an initiative aimed at protecting scenic hills. The initiative would prohibit housing and structures and grading on slopes of 25 percent or greater or within 100 vertical feet of a ridgeline. It exempts housing developments of ten or fewer units on a single property that was a legal parcel as of January 1, 2007.

# Zone 7 Victorious In Suit On Delta Water Quality

Five state water contractors, including Zone 7 Water Agency, have been successful in a lawsuit to require a better EIR on treated wastewater that Sacramento will discharge into the Delta.

The decision by Sacramento Superior Court Judge Raymond Cadei on Dec. 4 declared that the EIR prepared by the Sacramento County Regional Sanitation District (SCRSD) was inadequate. SCRSD plans to double its plant capacity. The judge agreed with plaintiffs that it failed to adequately take into consideration the impact of the treated wastewater discharge.

The Delta is used as an open-water conduit to transport water for the state water project, so the potential to pollute drinking water south of the Delta was paramount in the suit. Potentially 25 million water customers in the state are affected by any impacts on that portion of the water delivery system.

Other plaintiffs in the suit are the Contra Costa Water District,

Santa Clara Valley Water District, Alameda County Water District, and Metropolitan Water District, the state's largest, which serves Los Angeles.

The SCRSD discharge is especially important because the facilities provide only secondary treatment to wastewater, not the tertiary treatment that has become the standard practice in California. Both Livermore and Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) wastewater plants use tertiary treatment systems.

Lacking tertiary treatment, the Sacramento plant releases more organic compounds into the Delta. These promote the growth of algae.

By the time the water reaches Zone 7's water treatment plant, there are two problems. One is the increased algae, which can foul up Zone 7 mechanisms. If algae growth increases from the Sacramento plant's increased volume of discharge, more money and time will be spent by Zone 7 to remove the incoming algae.

Any increase in the Sacra-

mento discharge would require Zone 7 to spend additional money on more chemicals to deal with potential adverse impacts. To do this, Zone 7 must add more chlorine. Adding chlorine can form more trihalomethanes (THM) in the water. THM has been linked in studies to breast cancer.

So far, Zone 7 water is well within the health levels for THM. However, “when you double the size of the plant, you worry about how high you can go (in adding chlorine),” said Zone 7 general manager Jill Duerig. She said she doesn't know whether SCRSD will appeal the suit. However, as the decision stands, the agency will have to do a new EIR. “What we are hoping is that they revisit what kind of impacts there are, and decide to clean up the waste water more,” said Duerig.

### ZONE 7 CLEARS ENERGY AUDIT

On another front, Zone 7 has been given a “Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval” type of award, said Duerig. An auditor

designated by the California Climate Registry has conducted an energy audit, and declared Zone 7 eligible for membership in the climate registry.

The climate registry is a hybrid of government and businesses that monitor energy efficiencies in the drive to cut greenhouse gas emissions. Such things as savings on electricity, use of hybrid cars in vehicle fleets, employment of solar energy are included in the profile that qualifies businesses and agencies for the registry and the use of its logo.

The Zone 7 board will discuss at its meeting Dec. 19 whether to adopt a staff-proposed policy about energy savings. Discussion at the board meeting last month showed support from all members about the goals. The only disagreement was whether it should be elevated to a policy level, or kept at a more informal level that of having Duerig set goals and objectives for the agency to meet each year, with approval from the board.

## THEATER

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creating a positive \$1.6 million economic impact in the area.

“Some of the restaurants are very happy with the pre-show business. There are not many open for post-show dining. We are working on that,” Alexander stated. “Tenants are delighted. Audiences are delighted. The staff is pleased with how the theater operates.”

Nick Liang, part owner of Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard, agreed with Alexander. Liang spoke during the public hearing, stating that one of the reasons he and his partners had decided to open a restaurant in Livermore was the Bankhead Theater. “It has turned out to be quite nice for us,” Liang added that the regional theater is a “great idea.”

The regional theater is proposed for construction at the southeast corner of First St. and South Livermore Ave. It would occupy the area where there is a small park, several commercial enterprises, and the Pacific Telephone Building.

Architect Steve MacCracken discussed the costs. Evaluated at the 50 percent schematic design level, the estimated cost of construction and design is \$75.6 million. MacCracken stated that the LVPAC owner's representative is confident that the costs would come down to the \$73 million originally projected when the schematic design is completed. The estimate is based on starting construction no later than Nov. 2008. “Delays will have a significant negative impact on the costs. Construction costs are increasing at 8 percent a year. The design process has gone well. As a result we have cost estimates that are very encouraging,” he said.

Alexander said that the response he received from people in the theater business in New York regarding the interior design of the theater were pretty strong. One commented, “It is one of the most magnificent interiors he had seen in a long time.”

He told the council that all of the consultants agree that there is a market for a 2000-seat theater. There are 975,000 people living within a 28 minute drive. Within that population, 10 percent have an interest in the arts on a regular basis. If Broadway shows or popular attractions were available, that interest increases to 15 to 20 percent of the population. Using those numbers, Alexander said the prediction is that 73 performances would be sold out in a 2000 seat theater.

Alexander said that the goal is to create packages including wineries, festival events, the golf courses and historic areas so that people spend a weekend in Livermore, rather than just an

evening.

Attracting shows is an issue. Venues often have geographic embargoes. The objective is to convince the other theaters that we and they are serving different audiences, that we can be complementary in attracting major shows, such as the New York Philharmonic and Broadway productions.

Part of attracting performers comes down to how you treat people. “I have heard from artists who appeared at the Bankhead that the acoustics are magnificent, the audience is informed and welcoming and the theater is second to none. The message is ‘I had a great experience in Livermore.’ Artists look for more than a hotel and show. They want an experience. A community that makes them feel welcome will beat out other venues,” said Alexander.

LVPAC financial consultant Bob Gamble commented on the use of tax increment funds. They are generated within the redevelopment area and must be spent there. LVPAC is asking the city to use the funds to help finance the construction of the regional theater. The city would not be responsible for the operating costs of the theaters. The bond debt would not appear on the city's balance sheet. No monies would come from the general fund.

Gamble said that the estimated amount of tax increment funds available has been reduced because of the change in the housing market. Not all of the increment would be used for the theaters. Nevertheless, the projection shows that in combination with private and other sources the redevelopment agency tax increment funds are sufficient.

Marc Roberts, the city's director of development, noted that the tax increment financing is based on development that will happen from now until the end of the agency's life in 2033. The pace of development is important. Since the last estimates, the residential market has deteriorated. Therefore the city has moved to a more conservative estimate that eliminates nearly \$50 million from the projection. He said that if the current housing market follows historic patterns, it will recover.

The estimates for needed parking, Roberts said, have been pretty accurate. The city will continue to evaluate parking and bring in new parking when it is needed. Current parallel parking would be changed to diagonal parking. New surface parking would be added near the current parking garage and eventually a second parking garage would be built.

## BALLOT

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sure B. They also had other objections.

Then the county huddled with Children's Hospital officials and created the compromise Measure A, which supervisors placed on the ballot.

If both measures are approved, the one with the highest vote count would win.

### COMMUNITY COLLEGE CHANGES PROPOSED

In the state ballot measures, Proposition 91 is directed at preventing use of state general fund money earmarked for transportation to be used for anything else. Any such money spent prior to

Traffic is another issue. Roberts said that the goal was to make the downtown pedestrian friendly. Traffic headed for downtown should be coming to it, not driving through. “A lot of cut-through traffic has moved to regional routes,” he stated. The city plans to create a new traffic model based on the movie theater having 13 screens rather than 10, and the regional theater increasing in size from 1500 seats to 2000 seats. He did not anticipate a significant impact, since the bulk of the traffic occurs during non-peak hours in the evenings and on weekends.

As part of a required supplement to the environmental impact report, the city must evaluate an alternative site. Roberts stated that a location being considered is at the eastern end of the downtown. The report is expected to be completed in mid-2008.

The audience then had its chance to comment.

Bill Gates, owner of TopGrade Construction, commented, “I think this is a fantastic idea for the city. TopGrade will make a pretty good donation of trading and preparing the pad. TopGrade is proud to be in a city and to donate some of the work that will be done on the regional theater.”

Nancy Bankhead declared, “One of the greatest things was the opening of the small theater. I can't wait for the celebration of the opening of the big theater. You can't stop now. You have to keep going.”

One member of the audience, business consultant Steve Massey, has written a white paper on the regional theater. He said he did so because he had heard rumors of skullduggery. During his research, he said that he found the process has been transparent and open. The city and LVPAC have been professional and reliable. The management and staff are about as good as you can get. His white paper is available at regionaltheater.mugwump.com.

Massey made some recommendations on how to proceed. In particular, he felt a firewall should be put in place separating the finances for the Bankhead Theater and the regional theater. Massey also stated that it is important to avoid a public vote because of the delay it would cause. “Costs escalation will be a major problem,” he explained.

Chamber of Commerce Chairman John Mahoney stated that he found the evening's presentation to be “outstanding.” He said that the thoroughness of the review should continue. “I think the theater will be quite an asset for the city.”

2007-08 on non-transportation uses would have to be repaid to the general fund by 2017.

Proposition 92 would create the funding for the state's community colleges separately from the state's K-12 public school system. Currently the two are lumped together in the budget calculations. It would also guarantee that 10 percent of Proposition 98 money would be directed annually to community colleges.

The backbone of current state education funding for more than a decade is Prop. 98, which provides for an ongoing guar-

anteed amount that the Legislature cannot use for other state budget purposes. It supports both K-12 and community colleges.

Prop. 92 would also lock in tuition at \$15 per credit, and limit future fee increases.

Proposition 93 would cap term limits for State Senators and Assemblymembers at 12 years. Currently, there is a cap of 8 years in the Senate and 6 years in the Assembly, which can be combined for a total of 14 years. The proposition would allow a legislator to serve the entire 12 years in either the Senate or Assembly, or a combination of both.

Propositions 94 through 97 would deal with various American Indian tribes' gaming. The proposals have enough signatures to qualify for the ballot, but are in a 20-day viewing period in which challengers can go to court and have lines stricken from the propositions' text.

The state will have a second primary election June 3, for state and participating local offices and any measures that qualify for that ballot.

Zone 7 Water Agency's election will be on the June ballot. Filing period for that election runs from Feb. 11 to March 7.



# MAILBOX

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## Correction on Oak Grove Janet Winter Pleasanton

There is a lot of misinformation being written about the Save Pleasanton's Hills initiative and the Oak Grove referendum. For instance, an article written by Becky Dennis states that reversing the Oak Grove development will "increase the number of units permitted from 51 to 98." This is not true; there is no vested entitlement to homes on this property. Any new development proposal would need to follow the normal process; and if the hillside initiative is passed by the voters, the developer would need to adhere to that ordinance and refrain from building within 100 feet of the ridgeline or grading any hillsides steeper than 25 percent slope. Period.

The 1996 General Plan states "Preserve scenic hillside and ridge views of the Pleasanton, Main and southeast hills ridges" by developing a ridgeline and hillside preservation ordinance; such an ordinance has never been put in place during the last eleven years by our City Council. If such an ordinance had been enacted, the Oak Grove development would not have been approved as proposed. This is our opportunity to create such an ordinance before the remaining hillsides in Pleasanton are developed. The "Save Pleasanton's Hills and Housing Cap" group merely wants to put this ordinance and referendum in front of the voters for their input. Please sign both the hillside initiative and the Oak Grove referendum so the voters of Pleasanton can decide.

## Housing Rich Buckley Livermore

Housing ownership remains a constant, positive, unifying national force. Schools may seem to fail us; enforceable immigration policies may always seem to escape us; communities may be segregated by default; inter-

national trade may be incomprehensible beyond yesterday's results; and foreign policy may always be used as a wedge issue keeping us at odds, but retaining people in housing ownership for the roof over their heads, unifies us as a country and enables us to build ourselves out of trouble, if we work it out thoughtfully.

Deep within our national psyche, resting in the still vivid memories of 70-year old dust bowl era hardships of our oldest generation, historic articles of faith are once again reviewed as the country faces uncertain housing market forces. The question is not as Wall Street posits over the sanctity-of-contract, but rather, as our oldest generation tempers us to remember: to what extent is it in the national interest for government to intervene to protect the roof over our head? We need not fear this question. Let's deal with it.

## Thank You R. Jo Molz Executive Director Blankets For Kids

As Director and head of Blankets For Kids, I want to thank all those who have contributed both time and money to our organization. There have been many groups and individuals (especially Ridgeview Commons) who have been involved and have made blankets. Our organization has distributed over 11,000 blankets to many local charities and organizations. The extras are shipped to "My Stuff Bags"™ in Westlake Village. (They distribute to groups all over the United States.)

These groups and individuals know that these blankets go to children who have been abused, neglected or are in stress.

I especially would like to thank this newspaper for their support.

## True Conservatives Albert J. Rothman Livermore

Giuliani and especially Romney are hypocritically flip-flopping from their previously stated positions and falling over each other to get the conservative Christian vote, and presumably the Republican nomination. Eisenhower and other true conservatives in the old-fashioned sense would be upset by this behavior.

Our Founding Fathers—

Jefferson, Madison, Adams, et al. must be turning over in their graves. If alive, they would be heartsick to see what this country has come to politically. It is sad that the Republican Party, once libertarian-conservative, now cowers to religious extreme views.

Although the majority of this country is Christian, this is not a Christian country, in the definition of our beloved Constitution. So extremist religiosity ones are unpatriotic, not in the narrowly defined flag-waving, sense, but in the deeper sense of loving our nation's legal and ethical basis.

## Fireplace Burning Dennis H. Vied Livermore

This is in response to Nancy Storch of Pleasanton about Fireplace Burning. She states that "times have changed." Indeed.

The reason people are burning wood in their fireplaces is because it was promoted by the powers that be back in the days when natural gas prices were skyrocketing, and alternatives were welcomed. Many people, particularly older folks, bought fireplace inserts and started burning wood in their fireplaces. I remember when there were stores in Livermore selling nothing but fireplace inserts!

Now things have come full circle. Ms. Storch advocates the return of natural gas burning in fireplaces, as we used to have when we could afford it, as well as in our pool heaters.

Now, Ms. Storch, how about advocating drilling for oil and natural gas in ANWAR, looking for new sources of natural gas offshore, etc.

As has always been the case, there ain't no such thing as a free lunch. (TANSTAAFL) If you really want to do away with wood burning fireplaces, advocate for cheap natural gas, which of course means more drilling and exploration. You can't have it both ways.

## Vine Cinema Thanked James Volponi Livermore

On behalf of St. Michael's School, I would like to thank the Vine Cinema manager Kenny Way and staff for hosting an 8th grade fund-raising movie, "Enchanted," on Tuesday, December 4, 2007.

All who attended were treated to an enjoyable evening at the

movies and a special raffle. The Vine Cinema is a wonderful theater to watch a movie, with comfortable seats, excellent sound system, and delicious popcorn.

The money raised will be applied to the 8th grade graduation next June. Thanks again to Kenny Way and the Vine Cinema for their kindness in hosting this fund-raising movie.

## Bicycle Nuisance Donald Turner Livermore

As a resident of South Eastern Alameda County, I travel Mines Road routinely and have experienced the impact of bicycle traffic first hand. I have encountered bicycles more often and in greater numbers over the past few years. My travel on Mines Road is often a "nerve wracking" trip because of the bicycles. They are often riding two, three or more abreast occupying more than half the road and refuse to move over in the presence of motor vehicle traffic. They exhibit this behavior even into blind turns! Their lack of common courtesy and worse yet, disregard for their own safety is appalling.

Mines, Del Puerto Canyon and Mount Hamilton Roads are rural roads capable of modest motor vehicle traffic. In long stretches these roads are very steep, too narrow for two lanes, have little or no shoulder and many blind turns. With light traffic and careful driving these roads are moderately safe for those that know them. Any reasonable person can see the hazards for those riding bicycles is extreme. Add masses of bicycles (at times), their obvious defiance and bravado in large numbers to the dangerous conditions of the road and injury/fatalities are almost guaranteed.

It is clear those who choose to ride a bicycle under these conditions are risking their life, but they are not the only ones at risk. When cars and bicycles collide, the quality of life for the motorist may be permanently ruined due to the resulting criminal and civil actions regardless of the innocence of the driver.

The situation described here is serious and there seems little is being done by County officials and law enforcement to curtail the problem. To make matters worse there is a bicycle race planned for February 20, 2008. The route of importance is up Del Puerto Canyon road and over Mt. Hamilton into San Jose. According to organizers, the route

will be changed to proceed down Mines Road to Livermore if conditions are poor on Mt. Hamilton. Organizers for this event are proposing the CHP provide a "rolling closure" in the vicinity of the race in addition to stopping any motor vehicles in the area preceding and following the race. This race would in affect close the entire road. Residents will be prevented from using the county road to and from their property. Organizers of this race are seeking permits from the affected counties and support from the CHP.

What sort of warped, upside down logic permits the closure of these roads to residents for the amusement of bicycle enthusiasts. Residents pay thousands of

dollars in county property taxes each year in addition to road taxes from fuel purchase. It is an outrage they will be prevented from using the county road! By granting permits, participating counties and law enforcement are condoning this dangerous use of public roads. Simply put, the counties and CHP should at least discourage the use of these roads by bicyclists and possibly prohibit the organized events. Prohibiting bicycle use on public roads where risks are extreme is done in other areas, why not here?

I am personally offended and angered that these obvious problems get so little attention and I am not alone. Many of my easy-going neighbors become enraged when this subject comes up.

**Public Comment Period Extended to December 28, 2007**

**Notice of Availability of Environmental Document for the Route 84 Expressway Widening Project**

**GENERAL PROJECT AREA**

**WHAT'S BEING PLANNED:** The Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) and the City of Livermore, in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), propose to widen and upgrade State Route 84/Label Avenue between Ruby Hill Drive and Jack London Blvd., a distance of approximately 4.8 miles, in the City of Livermore, Alameda County, California.

**WHY THIS NOTICE:** ACTIA, the City of Livermore, and Caltrans have decided to extend the public comment period for the Initial Study/Environmental Assessment (ISEA) 45 days to December 28, 2007.

**WHAT'S AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW:** Caltrans and ACTIA are seeking public comment on the ISEA for the Route 84 Expressway Widening Project. You can view or obtain a copy of the ISEA at the following locations:

- Caltrans District 4 Office, 111 Grand Avenue, Oakland, CA
- ACTIA Office, 1333 Broadway, Suite 300, Oakland, CA
- Livermore Main Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA
- Online at [www.actia2022.com](http://www.actia2022.com) or [www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/erndocs.htm](http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/erndocs.htm)

Should you wish to comment on the ISEA, please do so no later than 5:00 pm, December 28, 2007. Written comments should be submitted to: Caltrans District 4, Office of Environmental Analysis, Attn: Ed Pang, 111 Grand Avenue, Oakland, CA 94610.

For more information, call Brigetta Smith, Caltrans at (510) 286-5820 or Arthur L. Dao, ACTIA at (510) 893-3347 or visit [www.actia2022.com](http://www.actia2022.com).

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All comments submitted have been accepted and do not need to be re-submitted.

**Public Comment Period Extended to December 28, 2007**

# McNerney Pleased with Energy Bill

The House of Representatives approved the Energy Independence and Security Act last week. It will now be considered by the Senate, where it is expected to face tough scrutiny. President George Bush has indicated that if the measure made it to his desk, he would veto it.

The bill calls for an increase in fuel efficiency of vehicles to 35 miles per gallon by 2020, the first in a generation. It is supported by environmentalists and the automobile industry (CAFE).

The Renewable Electricity Standard would require that 15 percent of electricity come from renewable sources. There would be new energy efficiency standards for a wide range of products, appliances, lighting and buildings. There are additional tax incentives for solar, wind, and biomass, technologies to support cutting-edge energy research.

Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) said of the bill, "I spent more than two decades working in renewable energy. I know the great potential that new energy technology offers and how the steps we're taking will help improve the world for future generations."

"I'm very pleased that this bill includes tax incentives for renewable energy, higher fuel economy standards for vehicles, a 15% Renewable Electricity Standard, and my bill, which will encourage groundbreaking research in geothermal energy. States like California blazed the trail on these issues, and now everyone can follow."

On the other side was Ralph Hall (R-TX), ranking member of the Science and Technology Committee.

Hall stated, "The majority has once again wasted an opportunity to help the American people by bringing an energy bill before Congress that does nothing to help reduce the price of gasoline and heating fuel this winter. Instead, the Democratic energy bill substantially increases taxes on our domestic oil and gas producers and mandates an across the board increase in renewable electricity production, putting an unfair burden on States that are not rich in renewable energy resources."

"Republicans on the Science and Technology Committee have

attempted on numerous occasions to add coal-to-liquid technologies to energy legislation brought before the Committee. Unfortunately, this bill does nothing to harness the clean energy potential of coal, America's most abundant energy resource." Hall stated, "While I support renewable and alternative energy R&D, an energy bill that does not even attempt to reduce the price of fuel or increase our domestic supply is simply a wasted opportunity."

The measure includes McNerney's bill, H.R. 2304, originally introduced this summer and incorporated into this final package, to increase research and development funding for enhanced geothermal energy - cutting edge technology that will expand clean, 100 percent-domestic geothermal energy to much broader swaths of the United States.

It also incorporates a bill originally introduced by Rep. McNerney, in conjunction with Reps. Solis and Tierney, to conduct job training for workers to fill the millions of new "green" jobs that will be created over the next 10 years.

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# Marathon Dance Raises Over \$11,000 for School

Starting at midday on Saturday, December 8, forty-six members of the J&T dance Team from Pleasanton's Jazz n Taps Dance Studio danced their hearts out around the clock to raise \$11,398 for Project Roadrunner, which supports Marilyn Avenue School in Livermore.

Project Roadrunner is a combined effort of the Alameda County United Way, the staff of Marilyn Avenue School, and a growing number of agencies in-

terested in the health, education, and welfare of students and parents of the Livermore elementary school, which has a large percentage of students from families living below the poverty line. With the holidays just around the corner, funds raised during the Dance Marathon will be used to buy holiday gifts for students at the school.

The Dance Marathon was a 24-hour event. All 46 dancers, ages 8-18, were at the studio for

the entire event. They danced in shifts, so that each student danced a minimum of 12 hours.

Jazz n Taps owner Sherri Sweetnam commented, "Although we had our moments of wondering whether we were crazy to attempt this feat, the Dance Marathon was one of the most amazing experiences I have had with my dancers since I opened my studio 17 years ago. The girls danced like pros (even when they were hurting and

couldn't feel their legs and feet) to raise an amazing amount of money for a great cause."

Jazz n Taps Dance Studio is located at 1270 Quarry Lane, Suite A, in Pleasanton and has over 300 students learning tap, jazz, ballet, modern, and hip-hop dance at all levels. For information on the studio visit their website at [www.jazzntaps.com](http://www.jazzntaps.com). To learn about how to donate to Project Roadrunner, call 925-371-5613.

## SPORTS NOTES

### Aquacowboy Records

Five swimmers from the Livermore Aquacowboys traveled to the 14 and Under Junior Olympics Championships held in Pacifica on November 30 - December 2. The Cowboys put in an impressive effort as they registered new best times in the majority of their swims. Kyle Clark set new team records in each of her swims. Shelby Swanson set 2 new team records over the course of the weekend.

Results: Boys: 9-10: Alex Gonzalez - 50 backstroke, 37.82, new team record.

Girls: 9-10: Moriah Simonds 100 breaststroke, 1:33.35. 11-12: Kylie Clark 50 breaststroke, 37.73, new team record, 100 breaststroke, 1:20.48, new team record, 200 breaststroke, 2:53.60, new team record. Nina Hayes 50 freestyle, 28.70, 50 backstroke, 33.83, 50 butterfly, 30.60, Shelby Swanson 50 freestyle, 28.53, 100 freestyle, 1:03.20, 200 freestyle, 2:18.59, 50 backstroke, 33.14, new team record, 50 butterfly, 29.58, new team record.

### Seahawks Ranked 2nd

The Pacific Swimming Winter Junior Olympic Championship short-course swim meet was held in Pacifica, California from November 30 to December 2. The Pleasanton Seahawks were represented by twenty-three swimmers. The team ranked in 2nd place overall in team standing, the best result for the Seahawks for many years.

The Seahawks achieved this feat by winning a tight battle over the 3rd and 4th place teams - Mission San Jose Aquatics and De Anza Cupertino Aquatics - two swimming powers in Pacific Swimming.

Superstars of the meet for the Seahawks were: Rachel Knowles - 10 and Under Girls High Point Champion, Andrew Seitz - 13-14 Boys High Point Champion, and Nick Silverthorn - 11-12 Boys Pacific Swimming Record Breaker in the 200 Free

Breakthrough Performances were attained by the following swimmers:

Maxime Rooney, Katie Woods, Elise Cox, Bernadine Martin, Eva Chung, Brandon Chandler, Jonathan Ong (First Far Western Time), Lillian Sun (First Far Western Time), Alex Wang (First Far Western Time) and Tim McLaughlin (First Far Western Time). Additional Far Western Times were also attained by Kyle Lindsay, Roshni Nair, Maggie Woods, Natalie Wong and Chris Dourov. Danielle Sticker and Tory Houston also swam wonderfully, as Danielle got a New Far Westerns time and Tory Houston almost made a nationally ranked time in the 200 Breaststroke.

In addition, Iris Chang, Anthony Shen, Bernadine Martin, Elise Cox, Mary Woods, and Eva Chung all achieved excellent results.

### CYO Basketball

CYO Basketball results for last week: St. Michael's/St. Charles (SM/SC) team #8005 The "Pride" defeated Catholic Community of Pleasanton (CCOP) team #8001 34-29. Both teams got off to a slow start with CCOP leading 8-10 at the half. Both teams came out in the 3rd quarter playing much better basketball. Niki Lupo sank 2 freethrows in the 3rd to put the Pride in the lead, they never gave it back. Monica Atkins led the Pride scorers with 17pts and played tough under the basket. Niki Lupo scored a 3-pointer and 2 more free throws for a total of 7pts. Hayley Gamaza did a great job and finished with 5 points. Allie Labine contributed 3 points. She had to leave the game after re-injuring her shoulder. Cassidy Sherman led the team with 8 rebounds and also scored a basket. Jamie Elliott and Allie Parker each scored a basket. Lizzie McNaney, Kris Spalasso and Katie Cannon played great under the basket and combined for 17 rebounds.

The Catholic Community of Pleasanton (CCOP) 8th grade girls (team 8001) were defeated by SM/SC (team 8005) for their first league loss. CCOP had a 2 point lead at the half but were outscored 14-6 in the third quarter and could not generate enough offense to overcome a six point deficit. Both teams scored 13 points in the 4th with a final score of 29-35. The game was aggressively played by Jessica Woodruff commanding the boards with 16 rebounds and Ellen Freitas with 8. Nicole Torquato contributed defensively with the press. Kelly Parsons, Lauren MacDonnell and Jessica Morosoli all scored 6 points. Morosoli went 4 for 4 at the line. Adding to the score were Woodruff (4 points), Sydney Okumura (3 points), Nicole Ponzini and Lyndsay Godwin (2 points).

SM/SC 8th grade boys (808) battled St. Joan of Arc (#810). SM/SC ran its league record to 3-1 and took over sole possession of 2nd place with a 43-32 victory. Leading scorers for SM/SC were Michael Noble and Justis Olsen with 15 and 14 points respectively. Rebounding leaders for SM/SC were Spencer Mead with 7, Michael Noble with 6 along with Damaray Drew and Brandon Ganguet with 4 each.

SM/SC 8th Grade American girls team #80005 defeated St. Isidore's (#80001). 31-17. SM/SC led the entire game. All the girls put points on the board. Top offensive players were Alyse Kline (7pts, 1 Rebound & 2 steals), Kaila Williams (5 pts, 4 rebounds & 2 steals), Theresa Keaney (4 pts, 3 rebounds & 3 steals) and Sami Schiller (3 pts, 4 rebounds & 3 steals). Playing great defensive games were Camille Cautlin (2 pts, 5 rebounds & 4 steals), Ashley Holmes (2 pts, 5 rebounds & 2 steals), McKenna Daly (3 pt & 4 rebounds), Nicole McDougall (2 pts & 4 rebounds) and Jennifer Plantenga (2 pts, 5 rebounds & 1 steal).

Using an 8-0 run to start the third quarter, SM/SC (814) 8th grade boys cruised to a 41-28 win over fellow SM/SC (816). Luke Hamilton scored 14 points to lead all scorers and Danny Emerson made a pair of three pointers and expertly ran the offense. Nate Preece scored 6 points, making 4 of 6 free throws and Kevin Hunt pulled in a season-high 10 rebounds. Tyler Kissling and Hunter Lewis anchored the defense, shutting down the lane, not allowing inside shots and

combined for 12 rebounds. In the loss for SM/SC (816), Ryan Texeira scored 13 points with 7 rebounds and Chris and Jake Holzschuh both defended well and scrapped for loose balls. With the victory SM/SC (814), improves to 3-1.

SM/SC 7th grade girls defeated St. Isidore's 20 to 18 in a come from behind barn burner. Kande Valdez led the team with 7 points. Sierra Cassels, Kelsie Bowles and Erica Labrucherie added to the scoreboard total. Caitlin Barney led the team in rebounds. Top defensive plays were turned in by Elizabeth Allendorf, Shaudee Salari, Rachael Tabaracci, and Annie Williams.

In a game between 2 CCOP teams, team #7005 defeated #7009. 31-18. #7005 led through out the game leading 16-9 at the halftime. After a slow 3rd quarter in which #7009 pulled within 3 points #7005 pulled away in the 4th quarter to win. #7005 was led in scoring by Sydney Hitesman with 9 points including a huge 3 pointer in the 4th quarter. Alaina Urban had 8 points on some nice drives to the basket. Ashley Lindke had 6, with Arleen Firoozan, Aubry Wolff, Cassidy Lynch, Haley Chow, Kyle Copenhagen each scoring 2 points. Sarah Loduha and Olivia Ensler played outstanding game on defense.

St. Joan of Arc 6th grade (611) defeated SM/SC (610) 34-25. SM/SC jumped out to an 8-2 lead in the first quarter. St. Joan battled back to a one point halftime advantage. Still a close game through three quarters, St. Joan outscored SM/SC 10 to 4 down the stretch to seal the victory. Darin Anderson led SM/SC with 10 points and two assists. Kristian Bery collected nine rebounds, Calvin Rasbold with five points and an assist and Austen Gibbs added six points for SM/SC.

SM/SC 6th grade girls (#6009) vs St. Joan of Arc (#6013) played a great game with both teams rallying for every basket. At halftime, the score was tied at 8-8, with great offense by SM/SC player Sierra Hoggart and defense by Brianna Zarrinfar and Cassandra Dukes. Early in the second half, St. Joan moved ahead but SM/SC fought back with points made by Taylor Smith and Kasidee Rusniak. One second remained in regulation time when Christie Swinton made an impressive shot from 15 feet to tie the score at 20-20. SM/SC player Sarah McCallister scored in overtime and St. Joan gained three more baskets for a final score of 22-26.

St. Isidore's 1 (#602) 6th grade boys defeated SM/SC 1 (#607) 47 to 32. It was a fast moving game with numerous steals, and a great effort from both teams. The Grizzly Bears (SM/SC) got off to an early lead. St. Isidore's came back strong to take and retain the lead. Top players for St. Isidore's include Jake Frankel with 11 points, Jack Clayton with 7 points, and Sam Leibert with 6 points. The Grizzly Bears battled back, with great defense and team effort from all. Top players for The Grizzly Bears (SM/SC) include Hunter Ashley with 10 points, followed up by Dominex Kovacs and Mark Santos with 6 points each.

SM/SC 5th grade Warriors fell to St. Isidore's 27-32 in a hard fought battle. The score was tied several times during the game. Jordan Murdoch pulled down 20 rebounds for the Warriors and contributed 9 points. Jacob Mitchell chipped in 8 points, and Nick Arnold added 6, while Jacob Kerling played a tough defensive game.

SM/SC team 5013 defeated St. Isidore's 5009, 36 to 10 in 5th grade girls CYO basketball action. Kelly Borden with 16 and Dana Anex with 10 led the SM/SC scoring. Also scoring for SM/SC were Samantha Schwartz, Danielle Sun, Jessica Elfin, and Julie Maruskin.

SM/SC 5th grade girls American League team lost a hard fought game to St. Isidore's on Sunday. From a 4-0 halftime lead, St. Isidore's ran up a 13-3 lead in the third quarter. Switching to a pressing defense and capitalizing on the created chaos in transition, SM/SC rallied, fueled by 8 quick points from Rachel Hernandez to tie the game at 13 with three minutes to play. During that same period, Danielle Dufek got three steals and disrupted the opponent's offense, and Grace Naylor provided stifling defense and racked up 4 assists to spark the rally. St. Isidore's didn't panic, instead getting back on track, slowing the game back down, and pulling away to a final 20-13 victory.

The Dribblers, SM/SC 5th grade girls (5004), lost Sunday's game against St. Isidore's #3 (5008) with a final score of 25 to 11. Natalie from St. Isidore's was their leading scorer with 12 points and 6 rebounds. For the Dribblers, Nicole Alcaraz scored all 11 points! Madison McCoy and Evelyn Rivera helped the offense with great passing. Jaime Maita played tough defense and had some great shots that fell just a bit short.

SM/SC 3rd graders team #326 beat SM/SC team #325 14-10 Sunday. It was an evenly matched game, with the score tied at the end of the 1st and 2nd quarters. Jacob Murdoch led team #326 with 8 points and 6 rebounds. Ben Kerling was tough on the boards and

Joseph Collom played hard defensively. Top offensive players for team #325 were Jackson Wysock and Zachary Heinz, while the top defensive players were Jack Lutz and Jordan Buranis.

SM/SC 3rd grade boys (319-Fireballs) vs (#323) won 13-12. Both teams played well. Bryce Disbrow, Justin Allendean, Lucas O'Brien had clutch free throws, and great rebounding. Nate Redditt scored 4pts and had multiple rebounds. Kaine Montez had several great steals. Nathan Coasts, Brandon Julku, and Blake Donovan showed great hustle during the game.

SM/SC 3rd grade girls (#3011) defeated CCOP (#3008) in a defensive battle 10 to 5. Leading the defensive charge for SM/SC were Dani Kolling, Kerry Schnitter and Maggie Sneed. Missy Nunes connected on two jump shots and Adriana Sblendorio added another bucket to help SM/SC overcome a 5-4 third quarter deficit.

SM/SC 3rd grade boys (#318) took on St. Raymond's (#322) in an exciting and fast paced game! St. Raymond's won 16 to 13. Top players for SM/SC were Zach Patterson on offensive and a very strong defense as well. Omar Jesus and Aaron Lee also did an outstanding job on defense. Top scorer for St. Raymond's was Jack Nielson. Peyton Wisch and Brandon Greim did an amazing job on the defense.

St. Raymond's 1 (#3013) took on SM/SC 3rd grade girls (#3010) winning 18 to 3. The top offensive and defensive players for St. Raymond's: Maddie Taylor, Sammy McGuire & Addie Frost. St. Raymond's played a fantastic offensive game. They had shooters who seemed to never miss! St. Michael's played a tough game and really stuck it out. The top offensive and defensive players for St. Michael's: Annemarie Arnold, Shannon Meyer & Madison Jackson.

In a hard fought game, the SM/SC Wildcats were led defensively by Caitlin McCool, Kylie Karter, Jessica Keaney, Melanie Laronde and Kira Karter. The scoring leaders for the Wildcats were Madison Siewart and Regan Wiedenfeld while Madison Kahway contributed strong rebounding to the Wildcats effort.

SM/SC Farro Warriors vs. SM/SC Warriors. Outstanding playing by all players especially by: Farro Warrior players - Michael, Ryan, and Kamryn. Warrior players - Grant Blockey, Cameron Geyer, and Joseph Murphy.

The Jolly Ranchers (1st grade girls #262) took on the Warriors (1st grade boys #263) on Sunday in an exciting game. Jacqueline Arnold and Kennedy Griffith worked hard on defense, keeping the Warriors busy. Hanna Schormann and Kate Marcel both scored buckets for the Jolly Ranchers. The Warriors' top scorer was Brandon Williams. DeVonte Hawkins and Ryan Heise also scored and played great team defense. Both teams displayed good sportsmanship and good teamwork in abundance.

### Varsity Girls Win 3

Livermore High School women's basketball results saw the varsity record two big wins, while the junior varsity put together two victories.

LHS took on Overfeld High School of San Jose on Dec. 4 and won 69 to 29. The Livermore team traveled by bus and got off at the right spot. The Livermore squad came out fired up and played swarming defense the entire game. Playing tenaciously on defense for Livermore were Brooke Betts (4 pts), Erica Schell (3 pts) and Veronica Garza (3 pts). Shayla Raber (13 pts), Sammy Edwards (9 pts) Scoot Hoehne (13 pts) and Ryann Raber (8 pts) were hitting nothing but net all game. The three Towers took care of the boards with Margaret Donovan (6 pts), Sammy McConvey (4 pts) and Kayla Webber (3 pts) all contributing to a strong post game.

Junior varsity defeated Overfeld JV, 55 to 26. Leading the way offensively for Livermore was Kylie O'neal (9pts), Kathryn Rambo (6 pts) and Julie Blach (5 pts). Stephanie Quon (9pts) and Laura Linden (14 pts) provided little room for the Overfeld team in the paint. Julie Blach (5 pts), Carrie Melrose (2 pts), Brittani Silva (2 pts) and Kaitlynn Amaral (4 pts) made it tough on the perimeter shooters of Overfeld all game.

In another lopsided win, the LHS varsity topped James Lick High School, 72 to 36. On Dec. 6, Livermore hit the road for a game at James Lick High School, which was home to Heisman Trophy winner QB Jim Plunkett.

The Livermore High team dominated from start to finish. Guard Ryann Raber for Livermore was "a fuego" shooting 4 three pointers on her way to an 18 point game. Racking and attacking for Livermore were Scoot Hoehne (6 pts), Sammy Edwards (10 pts) and Shayla Raber (5 pts). Getting it done at the free throw line was Kayla Webber with 5 of her 7 point total. The strong play of Margaret Donovan (4 pts) and Sammy McConvey (4 pts) proved too much for the James Lick post players. Brooke Betts (7 pts), Erika Schell (5 pts) and Veronica Garza (3 pts) slowed the fast moving guards of the opposing team, never letting them feel comfortable in their offensive set.

The JV defeated James Lick, 54 to 25. The JV team was an engine firing on all cylinders. Guards Brittani Silva (10 pts), Gabby Barbalinardo (9pts), Kathryn Rambo and Kaitlynn Amaral (8pts) were slicing through the James Lick defense. Quick hands and snappy passes had Livermore's Kylie O'neal (5pts) leading the offense. Julie Blach (3 pts), Stephanie Quon (9 pts), Carrie Melrose (3pts) and Laura Linden (2 pts) were hustling all game and shut down the James Lick offensive scheme.

LHS varsity team put together another victory, this one 70 to 50 over Irvington before a packed house at Livermore High school gymnasium. Wowing the crowd from downtown was Veronica Garza (14 pts) hitting 4 from beyond the arc and Shayla Raber (11 pts) popping the net for 3 from the cheap seats. Livermore took a half time lead of 37 to 21 behind the scoring of Taylor Borba (10 pts), Ryann Raber (3 pts) and Sammy Edwards (11 pts) with 5 free throws. The Irvington team came out in the second half rested and on a quest to dethrone the Livermore team. With some tremendous effort the Irvington team knotted the score at 43 all at the end of the third quarter. The Livermore team would not go quietly into the dark and went on a 27 to 7 scoring assault to send the Irvington team home in defeat. The "Three Towers" Sammy McConvey (6 pts), Kayla Webber (2pts) and Margaret Donovan (2pts) shut down the talented post players of Irvington. Brooke Betts (4 pts) and Erika Schell (2 pts) played hard when it counted in the fourth quarter. Livermore Senior Scoot Hoehne finished with 5 points and 3 free throws in the fourth quarter to seal the victory.

The JV team defeated Irvington, 53 to 27. This was a team effort from start to finish for the Livermore team. The unselfish passing of the basketball kept the Irvington squad on their toes and unable to pressure just one Livermore offensive threat. Kylie O'Neal (5 pts), Julie Blach (7 pts) and Carrie Melrose (4 frees) kept the rock moving all night hitting the open players. Rebounding and blocking shots all night was Stephanie Quon (3 pts). Moving the ball with speed in transition was Gabby Barbalinardo (9 pts) and Brittani Silva (10 pts). Racking the ball with the jump hook was Kaitlynn Amaral (9 pts). Center Laura Linden worked hard for her points in the paint and finished with 7 points, three from the charity line.

### California Gymnastics

California Gymnastics Academy team members competed in the Judges Cup/Critique Meet hosted by NorCal/NAWGJ in San Jose on December 8-9, 2007.

RESULTS (by event):  
LEVEL 7: VAULT - Megan Ouyang, T1st place (9.775); Erin Gray, T4th place (9.625); Briana Gray (8.625); Emma Rigi (8.6) BARS - Rigi, T9th place (9.125); Ouyang (8.8); E. Gray (8.525); B. Gray (8.2) BEAM - E. Gray (9.025); Rigi (8.85); B. Gray (8.425); Ouyang (8.0) FLOOR - E. Gray (8.975); Rigi (8.85); Ouyang (8.825); B. Gray (8.25) ALL AROUND - E. Gray (36.15); Rigi (35.425); Ouyang (35.4); B. Gray (33.4).

LEVEL 8: BARS - Jordan Garza (8.55); Mandy Bakker (8.025) BEAM - Garza (9.025) FLOOR - Garza (8.85); Bakker (8.75).

California Gymnastics Academy also competed in the Season Opener Meet (hosted by Redwood Empire Gymnastics in Petaluma December 8, 2007)

RESULTS (by event):  
LEVEL 8: Age Group: 15-18 yrs old FLOOR - Nick Canaparo and Patrick Corona, T8th place (11.2) POMMEL - Corona, 6th place (9.2); Canaparo, 8th place (8.6) RINGS - Canaparo, 7th place (11.1); Corona, 9th place (10.5) VAULT - Canaparo, 6th place (12.65); Corona, 8th place (12.55) PARALLEL BARS - Canaparo, 6th place (11.0); Corona, 9th place (10.3).

LEVEL 10: Age Group: 14-15 yrs old FLOOR - Brandon Jessup, 2nd place (12.4) POMMEL - Jessup, 2nd place (9.1) RINGS - Jessup, 1st place (13.1) VAULT - Jessup,

1st place (14.4) PARALLEL BARS - Jessup, 1st place (12.9) HIGH BAR - Jessup, 2nd place (11.3) ALL AROUND - Jessup, 1st place (73.2). 16-18 yrs old FLOOR - Nick Crowfoot, 7th place (11.7) RINGS - Crowfoot, 6th place (11.7) VAULT - Crowfoot, 6th place (12.85) PARALLEL BARS - Crowfoot, 8th place (11.0)

### Gymfinity Gymnastics

Level 7 gymnasts Brianna Camacho, Ashley Eastman, Sophie Libkind and Valentina Barbalinardo represented Gymfinity Gymnastics at the Norcal Level 7 Judges Cup held at San Jose State on December 8th. They placed second as a team against some of the best teams in Northern California.

Eastman and Barbalinardo finished 3rd and 4th all-around out of 120 competitors. This qualified them to be members of the Norcal Level 7 State Team. They will travel to National Judges Cup to be held in San Diego in January to represent Northern California in competition against states from around the country.

### Baseball Winter Camp

Livermore High Varsity Baseball Coach David Perotti is hosting a three day winter baseball camp. Each camper will receive individual instruction from coaches and Livermore High players, a snack each day and a camp shirt. This 5-12 year old camp costs \$130 and runs from 9:00-12:00 everyday. The dates are December 26-28. For more info to sign up please contact David Perotti at (925) 443-2742 or lvbinfo@yahoo.com or check website [www.eteamz.com/lvb](http://www.eteamz.com/lvb).

### PGSL Registration

2008 Registration is open for all divisions in the Pleasanton Phantom Girls Softball League. All girls living in Pleasanton, Dublin and Sunol are eligible to play PGSL softball. Two ways to register: 1) On-line at [www.pleasantonsoftball.org](http://www.pleasantonsoftball.org); 2) Mail-in: PGSL, P.O. Box 911, Pleasanton, CA 94566 (download a registration form from our website). Registration deadline is January 1, 2008. For more information visit the PGSL website at [www.pleasantonsoftball.org](http://www.pleasantonsoftball.org).

### Tigers Baseball

The Tigers Baseball program is looking for a few players to participate in the 2008 spring/summer program. This year the Tigers program has six openings for players 13 or 14 years of age as of May 1, 2008. All practices and games will be local. Players interested in participating in this year's program should go to the website: <http://www.reamsite.com/baseball/tigersbaseball> download our spring/summer registration form, fill it out and fax

it to the program manager. Players will be contacted with further information and details.

### Track and Field

Track and Field Athenian Athletics Track Club invites athletes ages 7-18 to participate in our winter practice sessions to prepare for the 2008 track and field season. Practices will be held on a voluntary/drop-in basis Monday through Friday. Adults of all ages and ability are also encouraged to join the club to participate in the health and wellness night program. For membership, practice time and location, please visit [www.athenianathletics.com](http://www.athenianathletics.com) or call Coach Rik Richardson at 925-518-9356.

### Holiday Tennis Camps

Lifetime Tennis and the City of Pleasanton are offering youth tennis camps during the Christmas break. Camps are available for all levels from beginner to the more advanced player for ages 4 through age 18.

Sign up at the City of Pleasanton Tennis Park, 5801 Valley Ave. (corner of Valley and Hopyard). For more information, please call the Lifetime Tennis office at 931-3449.

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# SHORT NOTES

## Museum Gift Shop

The Museum on Main Street Gift Shop, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton, offers some ideas for holiday giving. The shop has a wide variety of traditional educational toys and books and gifts.

There are wooden toys and puzzles and tin kaleidoscopes. Other toys include classic painted tin tea set and a vintage-style sewing machine. The Western Frontier Play Set offers another option.

Books for kids include "One Eyed Charlie," "One Room School House," and "Morals and Manners."

The shop has added a line of historically-based recipe books that include directions to make old fashioned ice cream, pie and candy.

Jeweled purse pads in a variety of styles and colors are available.

There is a new line of historically-inspired canes, as well as books about the history of Pleasanton. The museum has the new "Historical Images of Pleasanton" book and has just published the 2008 Historical Images of Pleasanton Calendar.

The shop carries Gary Winters' new Pleasanton children's coloring book and Ann Homan's "Historic Livermore, California: A - Z."

Pleasanton DVD's are available and include the Pleasanton Ghost Walk, the Wonder Years of the 50's, and Pleasanton's Downtown Historic Story from 1850 to 2002.

Boxed sets of artist Nancy Eddinger's Christmas cards of the Main Street gas station, Veterans Memorial Building, Pleasanton Hotel, Kohn Hardware, the Museum on Main and the old church on Neal Street, provide something different to send to family and friends.

There are many other items.

All proceeds from the shop support the Museum on Main Street. Hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Contact (925) 462-2766 or valleymuseum@sbcglobal.net. Visit www.museumonmain.org.

capped on Dec. 16 at 4 p.m. with a drawing to win a Menus & Music "Chocolate Bliss" recipe and music collection valued at \$23. The prize includes a box of chocolate-based recipes and a CD of music that complements the creation of chocolate confections.

More information is available by calling the nursery at 925-447-0280 or visiting online at www.aldenlane.com.

## Muir Christmas

A Christmas celebration will be held at the John Muir National Historic Site in Martinez on Sat., Dec. 15. The home will be decorated for the holidays.

Entertainment will include piano music from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. in the home. Christmas tours of the house will be available at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Frank Helling, as Mr. Muir, will be on hand to tell some stories of his adventures from noon to 1 p.m. and again from 3 to 4 p.m.

Visitors will be able to create a holiday ornament in the park visitor center between 1 and 4 p.m.

Entrance fees are \$3 adults, children 15 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. The John Muir Site is located at 4202 Alhambra. For information, call 228-8860.

## Cowboy Roundup

The Livermore High School Boosters will host its annual fundraiser, "Cowboy Roundup," at the Robert Livermore Community Center on Friday, January 18th at 6:00 PM.

The Prime Rib dinner, dance, live and silent auctions will benefit LHS Sports Organizations and Clubs. Tickets are available for purchase in the LHS Activities Office at \$35 per person. Tables of eight can be reserved.

For more information, please contact Lisa Lagorio at lisalag2@comcast.net or visit the LHS Boosters Link at http://livermorehighonline.com/boosters/default.asp

## Champagne Thursdays

Champagne Thursdays continue with Champagne Taittinger and Domaine Cameros Dec. 13, 20 and 27 at Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard.

During his era in the early 20th century, Pierre Taittinger's philosophy, while audacious for its time, proved him to be a visionary well ahead of his time.

Domaine Cameros is owned by Taittinger in the Cameros district. The wines are made by Eileen Crane who does not believe in "formula" but in being attuned to the rhythm of the grapes, the pulse of the wine.

Uncle Yu's is located at 39 South Livermore Ave, Livermore, information 449-7000.

## Wine Tasting

Holiday wine tasting schedule at Livermore Safeway, 4495 First St. is as follows:

December 14th- Bob Benziger, Benziger Wines (4 p.m. to 8 p.m.)

December 15th- Rob McNeill, VP Wine Making, Mumm Cuvee (3 p.m. to 6 p.m.)

December 16th- Frederique Perrin, Wine Maker, Domaine Chandon (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

December 18th- Violet Grgich, Grgich Hills (2 p.m. to 5 p.m.)

December 19th- Sophie Williams, Estate Maitre'D, Chalk Hill Wines (5 p.m. to 8 p.m.).

## Nature Programs

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff will offer two programs this upcoming weekend.

"Mistletoe Magic" is the topic for Sat., Dec. 15. Meet Ranger Amy Wolitzer at 2 p.m. at the Wetmore Road entrance to Sycamore Grove Park.

Traditionally a sprig of mistletoe in a doorway leads to a kiss. In the park, instead of little sprigs, there are great bunches of mistletoe growing from the boughs of enormous oaks. This will be a four mile walk into the hills of Sycamore Grove Park to look for mistletoe. Along the way, information about the natural history of this strange parasitic plant as well as its role in folklore and legends will be provided.

"Dogs" will be the focus of a Sun., Dec. 16 program. Meet Ranger Dawn Soles at 10 a.m. at Veterans Park. This program will be a discussion of the many different canines on the continent - especially those that live in Sycamore Grove and Veterans Parks.

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.

## Home Design Awards

KTGY GROUP, INC., Architecture and Planning received seven Silver Awards and a Regional Award in The Nationals 2008 Awards competition. KTGY is also a finalist for three prestigious Best In American Living Awards (BALA).

KTGY-designed Arroyo Crossing in Livermore, won three Silver Awards in the categories of Best Single Family Detached Home Priced \$650,000 to \$1 Million, Best Single Family Detached Home Priced \$1 Million to \$2 Million for its Plan 1, and Detached Community of the Year over \$750,000 in The Nationals award competition. O'Brien Homes is the project's builder.

The Nationals' Silver Award winners are the top vote recipients in each category and are the finalists for the highly coveted Gold Award. The final Best In American Living Awards will be announced and presented February 12, 2008. The Nationals' Gold Awards will be announced and presented February 13, 2008. Both will take place during the International Builders' Show in Orlando, FL.

## Wine Tasting

Hidden Creek Wines will host a tasting event in the courtyard of Blacksmith Square in Livermore on Saturday, December 15, 2007, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Live entertainment will be by LiamOnAcoustics. Hidden Creek Wines winemaker and owner Jim Frost will pour his 2005 Hidden Creek Meritage as well as the 2004 Syrah produced by Red Skye Winery.

The event is free to the public and tastings of the Meritage and Syrah wines as well as a selection of food items are complimentary for this event. Other wines will be available to taste for a fee, as well as to purchase.

Blacksmith Square, located at 21 S. Livermore Avenue, at the corner of Railroad and South Livermore Avenues, is quickly becoming a favorite weekend destination for oenophiles

and their friends who enjoy visiting the centrally-located wine tasting rooms and boutiques tucked inside this quaint historic brick building.

The tasting room for Hidden Creek Wines and Red Skye is open year 'round Friday through Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Reach the tasting room at 925-989-1163.

## Rummage Sale

The annual Rummage Sale at The Barn, sponsored by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) is slated for Saturday, February 2 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The event takes place at The Barn, located at 1313 Pacific Avenue, a historic Livermore building that dates back to 1922 and originally served as part of the traditional rodeo grounds in the city.

Those interested in renting a 10-by-10 foot space complete with an 8-foot table to sell unwanted treasures are encouraged to call (925) 373-5700 for an application, or submit the form on page 26 of the LARPD Winter/Spring 2008 program guide.

The space rental fee is \$35 and sale items cannot include food, candy, cars, parts, large furniture, cars parts, motorcycles parts, or any new or commercial items. All sale items must be of the garage sale variety, and in working condition. The deadline to apply for space at the rummage sale is Monday, January 28.

## Lifeguard Training

The Livermore Recreation and Park District (LARPD) is offering Lifeguard Training and Water Safety Instructor classes for swimmers interested in summer employment at LARPD's pools at the Robert Livermore Community Center (RLCC) and May Nissen Swim Center. Classes will prepare participants to be employed as a Lifeguard or to teach American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim classes.

Water Safety Instructor course starts Wed. Jan 30 and continues on Feb. 9, 10, 16, 17 and 18. Class fee is \$175. Must be at least 16 years old.

Lifeguard Training begins Wed. Feb. 13 and continues on Feb. 23 & 24 and March 1 & 2. Class fee is \$150. Must be at least 15 years old.

Both courses located at RLCC, 4444 East Ave.

Sign up on-line at [www.larpd.dst.ca.us](http://www.larpd.dst.ca.us) or call the Aquatics office at (925) 373-5751, or register in person at RLCC. For more information, call RLCC Aquatics at (925) 373-5751 or visit [www.larpd.dst.ca.us](http://www.larpd.dst.ca.us).

## Night Out

Parents can do some shopping before the holiday or just enjoy an evening or afternoon out!

LARPD staff will provide a fun and safe environment for children in the Elbow Room at the Robert Livermore Community Center. Activities will include snacks, games, movies and arts & crafts. Ages 3-12 years accepted—must be potty trained.

Available dates include Saturday, Dec. 15, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM or Tuesday, Dec. 18, 5:00-9:00 PM. Fee is \$20 per child. Call LARPD at 373-5700 to register. Space is limited. Sorry, no drop-ins accepted.

## Toys for Tots

The United States Marine Corps will conduct Toys for Tots Toy Drive on Dec. 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pleasanton Post Office, 4300 Black Ave.

The Marines are collecting new unwrapped toys and monetary donations for local children in need.

## Walk to Wellness

Pedometer and stopwatch manufacturer ACCUSPLIT, Inc. of Pleasanton and www.WALKING10000.org, the international governing body of 10,000 Steps A Day, will sponsor the first World Walk to Wellness on Monday, December 31. The free event will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Pleasanton's Sports and Community Park, 5800 Parkside Drive at Hopyard Road, in Pleasanton.

The event is open to all ages. It will include a self-guided walk around the park about 5,000 steps (2.15 miles), a 20-minute, 2000-step walk led by Mr. Pedometer at 12 noon.

ACCUSPLIT's Alliance 3010 mechanical 10,000-step pedometers with colorful faceplates will be available for a donation. All donations will go to Pleasanton Partnerships in Education for the funding of Pleasanton schools' health and wellness committees through Wellness Education Project Grants.

The Sports and Community Park route is flat and safe with easy access to

sidewalks that cross the park for participants for whom 5,000 steps (or 2.15 miles) is too far to walk. The driveway alongside the park will be closed to automobiles the day of the event, mitigating traffic danger for participants.

Free parking is available on Parkside Drive in the lot closest to Hopyard Road and adjacent to the Sports Park Field House. Rain will not cancel this event and the wellness information tables will be located beneath tents.

## ESS Offices Moved

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) Extended Student Services/Kid's Zone (ESS/KZ) and Preschool administrative offices have moved to LARPD's Merritt Building, 71 Trevarno Road, effective December 3, 2007.

These departments have been operating out of the Robert Livermore Community Center since March 2005. All registration and business transactions for ESS/KZ and Preschool will now be handled at the Trevarno Road office. Business hours are Mon.-Fri., 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. New phone number is (925) 960-2480.

Administrative offices for the Police Activities League (PAL) program remain at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., (925) 373-5700.

## Livermore Library

Storyteller John Weaver will be at Rincon Branch Library on Saturday, December 15 at 11:00 AM for a fun and "not-too-ancient" storytime in English and Spanish: Pyramids/Pyramides. John claims they are just waiting to be climbed, photographed or eaten! The Rincon Branch Library is located at 725 Rincon Avenue in May Nissen Park and Swim Center.

The Mountain Mushers will be at Civic Center Library on Sunday, December 16 at 2 p.m. Three sled dogs (and their trainers) will share stories about dogs, sled dog racing and show a film on mushing.

All ages are welcome to these free library programs. Contact Youth Services at (925) 373-5504 for more information or pick up a Fall Storytime schedule at any one of the Livermore Public Libraries.

## Santa and Chocolate

Alden Lane Nursery at 981 Alden Lane in Livermore on Dec. 15 and 16 will host an Iced Chocolate Weekend.

Chocolatier Kim Faulkner will visit from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days and offer her gourmet chocolate marshmallows for sale. Guests can also sample mint chocolate body butter by Bonny Doon Botanicals. The weekend will be



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# BULLETIN BOARD

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**Arts, Crafts & Fashion**, Dec. 15 and 16, noon to 4 p.m. 1152 Crellin Road, Pleasanton. Pacific Coast Mestieri (formerly the Pleasanton Craft Mafia) second annual holiday trunk show. PCM is a local art group comprised of over 100 artisan members. Free admission; Free refreshments; Goodie bags; Door prizes; gift wrap services.

**New Year's Eve**, celebration at the Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur Dr., Livermore. Catered BBQ dinner, music

by Brad Kinney Productions. No host cocktails 7 p.m., dinner at 8 p.m. champagne at midnight \$30 per person. RSVP by Dec. 26, 455-8829. Tickets available at the Lodge.

**Friends of the Vineyards**, holiday party Dec. 16, Ravenswood Historic Site, 2647 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. 2 to 5 p.m. Music, food and wine. Keyboard music by Martha Peterson. Bring finger food and/or local wine to share. Open to all Friends of the Vineyards and Friends of Livermore members and guests. [www.fov.org](http://www.fov.org).

**Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club**, Sat., Dec. 15, 7 miles, mountain bike at Finley School, meet 10 a.m. on Finley Road, Jim Duncan, 209-1369. Sat., Dec. 15, 34 miles San Ramon to Walnut Creek, meet 10 a.m. at Central Park, Peter Rathmann,

828-1973. Sun., Dec. 16, 50 miles Livermore to Tracy and back, meet 8 a.m. at Livermore Cyclery, Bob Fusco, 899-4027. Wed., Dec. 19, 40 miles from Benicia to the Jelly Belly Factory in Fairfield, meet 10 a.m. at B&S parking lot, Barbara Wood, 707-745-6353. Fri., Dec. 21, 16 miles or 25 miles from Heather Farms to Alamo, meet 10 a.m., Dan Graham, 270-4725. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

**Saturday morning road ride**, every Saturday 8 a.m. no drop-ride for those new to cycling; 10 to 12 mph, 20 miles and no more than 2 hours. Bring water, spare tube and pump. Email rides@cyclepath.com if planning to attend. Ride depart from Cyclepath in Pleasanton. Information, 485-3218 or

[www.cyclepath.com](http://www.cyclepath.com). Free.

**M.O.P.S. - Mothers Of Pre Schoolers**, mothers of child/children from birth-6 years old invited to attend meetings. MOPS meets from 9-11 a.m. the second & fourth Tuesdays of the month through May 2008 at 7106 Johnson Dr. Pleasanton. Breakfast, crafts & speakers! \$60/semester. Call Silvia 560-1411. Childcare provided.

**American Business Women's Association Express to Success (ABWA E2S)** holds monthly meetings that focus on personal and professional development for women in business. The group meets on the third Tuesday of each month from 6:00 to 8:30 pm at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel at 5115 Hopyard Road in Pleasanton. Non-members are welcome to attend at a cost of

\$5 per meeting. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 18. There will be lots of holiday cheer, music, and as always our White Elephant Gift Exchange. For more information, email [info@expressstosuccess.org](mailto:info@expressstosuccess.org) or go to [www.expressstosuccess.org](http://www.expressstosuccess.org).

**2007 Holiday Food Drive**, Pleasanton CPA firm J.L. Consulting is coordinating a holiday food drive benefiting people in need served by the Alameda County Community Food Bank. Donations of nutritious and non-perishable foods can be dropped off at 1021 Serpentine Lane, Suite 105 in Pleasanton from 9-5 Monday through Friday until December 17. For more information call (925)846-1859.

**Blood Drive** - Friday, December 14, 2:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue in the Gym. There is a severe shortage of blood in the Bay Area, and only 3% of the eligible people give blood. Please help save a life by giving blood. The process takes 1-1/2 hours, and snacks and refreshments are served after you donate. You must be 17 years old, and have a form of identification with you. To sign up, go to [www.GiveLife.org](http://www.GiveLife.org), and use ASBURY as the sponsor code. For information contact Tom Petty at 925-980-8164 or e-mail [BloodDrive@asburylive.org](mailto:BloodDrive@asburylive.org).

**Day Trippers**, Dec. 13, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. holiday lights tour. Register at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. Cost is \$10 residents, \$13 non-residents. Information at 931-5365.

**Tri-Valley Holistic Moms Network**. Come share and discuss how you manage commercialism in your home. Meeting on Monday, December 17, at CrossWinds Church located at 6444 Sierra Court in Dublin at 7PM. Regular meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at the same time and location. Dads and children are welcome! For further information, please visit [www.holisticmoms.org](http://www.holisticmoms.org) or e-mail [Tri-ValleyHMN@hotmail.com](mailto:Tri-ValleyHMN@hotmail.com).

**RELIGION**  
**Family Shabbat and Pizza Night**, Friday, December 14, 6 p.m. in San Ramon. (It's a private home and we would prefer not to publish the address.) A Secular Humanistic get-together for families with young kids. Sing a couple of songs, light candles and order in pizza. The kids play, the adults schmooze, and everyone is home in time for bed. \$8/adult, kids free. For information,

reservations and directions, call (925) 485-1049 or e-mail [CulturalNews@aol.com](mailto:CulturalNews@aol.com).

**Advent Christmas Concert**, Fri., Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. Children's, adult and teen choirs, instrumentalist. All are welcome.

**The Spirituality of Sexuality** is the presentation on Tuesday, January 15, 2008 at 7:30 - 9:00 pm at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 1315 Lomitas Ave., in Livermore this is part of their 2007-2008 L.L.F.E. (Lessons in Faith Experiences) adult education series. Rachel Bundang, a professor in the Religious Education Department at Santa Clara University, will present an event that will focus on how we can come to a better understanding of how we can live as both a spiritual and a sexual being. Sexuality is part of our lives and as human beings we are sexual creatures and that urge is powerful. The entire Tri-Valley Community is invited. A \$5.00 free will donation is asked to offset speaker fees. For more information contact Julie at [upcatholic@aol.com](mailto:upcatholic@aol.com) or 447-4549.

**Pleasanton Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints** is sponsoring the following programs: On Sunday, December 16, 7PM, the youth of the Pleasanton Stake of the LDS Church will present the annual Youth Chorus and Bell Choir Concert. The location is the Pleasanton Stake Center, located at the corner of Valley Ave. and Paseo Santa Cruz in Pleasanton. A Live Nativity Production will take place Friday night, December 21, at 7:30 PM in the parking lot of the Pleasanton Stake Center on the corner of Valley Ave. and Paseo Santa Cruz. Live animals and actors will recreate the Nativity, accompanied by a musical narration.

**Tri-Valley Unity Church**, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7 p.m., Monday, Dec. 24, meeting at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. (925) 829-2733; [www.trivalleyunity.com](http://www.trivalleyunity.com). Tri-Valley Choir performing. Rev. Mary Anne Harris. All are welcome. Special Services, Sunday, Dec. 30. At 10 a.m. service, guest speaker Bob Hardy will give a message on "The Winds of Change," and communion celebrated. That evening at 7 p.m., the Burning Bowl Service, where participants release the past year and set intentions for the new year. (925) 829-2733; [www.trivalleyunity.com](http://www.trivalleyunity.com).

## OBITUARIES

### Lois Mulqueeney Walker

Lois Mulqueeney Walker, matriarch of a pioneer Livermore Valley ranching family, died Dec. 7, 2007, on the family's Mendenhall Springs Ranch. She was 86.

"She always said she wanted to come off the mountain feet-first and that's exactly what she did," said her son, Superior Court Judge Hugh Walker. She had returned to the ranch from the hospital the morning of the day she died.

Mrs. Walker loved that mountain-top ranch south of Livermore where she had lived since marrying her late husband, George Walker in 1944. He was a pro rodeo steer wrestler and roper who died in 1997. They were married 53 years.

She enjoyed an active and fulfilling life in the valley since being raised in Midway in the Altamont Hills. She attended St. Michael's Convent in Livermore, Livermore High School and the Wilson Business College in San Francisco.

The family has a rich history with the Livermore Rodeo and its Saturday parade. During her formative years, Lois and her three sisters would ride their horses 14 miles in town the week before the rodeo so the horses could get acclimated before they were ridden in the parade.

Mrs. Walker's father, Mike Mulqueeney, and her father-in-law, Hugh S. Walker, were both founding members of the Livermore Rodeo board. Her husband, George and son, Ward, also served on the board.

She was a Livermore Rodeo queen as were two of her daughters (Mary and Rita), her sister, Jerry Deck and Jerry's daughter Diane Dugan and niece Virginia Mulqueeney Streiff. Her granddaughter, Shannon Walker, served as queen of various rodeos.

Mrs. Walker also won Miss Alameda County crown in 1937 and defended that title a year later.

Mrs. Walker was a charter member of the Alameda County Cattlewomen along with her mother, Gladys Mulqueeney and her sister, Dolores Cornwell. She was treasurer of the state cattlewomen for 20 years.

She served as a 4-H leader in horsemanship and cooking and actively promoted the Junior Livestock Auction at the Alameda County Fair. In recognition of her support for the auction, she received the first "Carl Zwissig Award."

Prior to marrying George Walker, she was a cashier at the World's Fair on Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay; held the ribbon at the opening of the new Altamont Pass road (Highway 50) and participated in the opening ceremonies of the Bay Bridge.

A rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, at Callaghan's Mortuary, 3833 East Avenue, Livermore.

The funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 14, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 458 Maple Street, Livermore. Burial will be private.

She is survived by her sons, Hugh Walker of Livermore and his life partner, John Passama; Ward Walker of Livermore and his wife, Patricia; daughters Mary Walker Ericsson and her husband Gene Ericsson of Breckenridge, Texas, and Rita Walker Roeser and her husband Tim Roeser of Marsing, Idaho; her sister, Dolores Cornwell of Livermore; and her caregiver for four years, Shane Galino. She has 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

The family prefers donations in her memory to the California Cattle Women's Scholarship Fund, Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association's Justin Crisis Fund or the charity of your choice.

### Allan Thomas Bailey

Allan Thomas Bailey, 29 year resident of Livermore passed away unexpectedly on Monday, Dec 3, 2007 at his residence. He was 42.

Allan graduated from Livermore High School. He loved to play in his rock band in younger years. He was always happy soul, fondly renaming the Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich; "Allan B. Sandwich." Allan will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Marie in 2006. His is survived by his father, Henry Bailey of Livermore, daughter, Taylor Common of Clearlake, sisters, Karell Eckardt of Livermore, and Donna Siano of Saugus, and brother, Steven Bailey and his wife, Jamie of Tracy, 6 nephews, 2 nieces, and 1 great grandniece

Private services are planned. Final resting place will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Livermore.

### Louis Mederios

Louis Mederios, 86, passed away peacefully at Kaiser Permanente Hospital, Fremont, on December 4, 2007. He was born in Pleasanton and was a 40 years resident of Livermore.

He is survived by a sister, Rose and brother-in-law Louis Pastino, sons James and Ronald, six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mary and John Mederios, four brothers and one sister.

Louis was a 45 year employee of Kaiser Sand & Gravel in Pleasanton and worked as a Readymix Concrete Batch Plant operator. In his youth, he worked on local ranches, including the gold mines in Nevada.

Family and friends will celebrate his life at a memorial service at 1 p.m. on Fri., Dec. 14 at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore.

Memorial gifts may be made to the American Diabetes Association or to a charity of choice.

### Emily Dolores Lopez

Emily Dolores Lopez, 86, died November 30, 2007 of complications related to Alzheimer's Disease. She was a Pleasanton resident.

Mrs. Lopez was born in Lemoore, CA and attended Lemoore High School. During World War II, she worked as a laboratory technician in the processing of dairy products for shipment overseas. She moved to Pleasanton in 1946 and was a business woman until her retirement in 1992. She owned A&D Laundromat at 722 Main Street and in 1965 opened Payless Cleaners at Amador Center. In the mid-1970s, she moved her businesses, Purity Cleaners and Sounds of Sherry to Pleasanton Plaza.

She was active in the Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Druids and supported annually all of the activities at Amador Valley High School including the renovation of the high school auditorium by purchasing seats. She was a long time member of St. Augustine Catholic Church, which she attended when it was located downtown on Rose Avenue and supported the building campaign for the new church on Angela Street. She was very active in the Portuguese paternal organizations. She founded the Livermore Council, Star of the Valley and was elected to statewide office and served as grand president of the Brotherhood of St. Anthony, 1966-1967.

She is survived by her children Dolores Oxsen and son-in-law George Oxsen of Pleasanton, son George Michael Lopez of Pleasanton, and daughter Sherry Ann Lopez of Hayward; sisters Mary Lang of San Jose, Olivia Lage of Sacramento, and Cecilia Hughes of Pleasanton; six grand-

children and eight great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband George Lopez and a brother Joe Andrade.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

### Joseph John Ales

Joseph John Ales died at his home, surrounded by family members, on December 3, 2007, following a five month battle with cancer. He had celebrated his 80th birthday with 62 friends and relatives just six months earlier. Joe had devoted his entire 31-year career to teaching in local public schools.

Born on June 19, 1927 at the San Jose home of his parents Frank and Carmela Ales, Joe attended Sacred Heart Catholic School, Woodrow Wilson Junior High School, and San Jose High School from which he graduated in 1944. He majored in chemistry at San Jose State College, earning his Bachelor of Science degree in 1949 and a Master of Arts-Science Education in 1964.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1951-53, stationed with the veterinary corps in Sandusky, Ohio. He met a redhead, Beverly Schell. They became engaged in Dec. 1954 and married in Pacific Grove on June 5, 1955. Joe was hired by Tom Hart in 1955 to teach fifth grade, which he did for two years and then was assigned to 8th grade science, which he taught for 13 years. He moved to the new Dublin High School in 1970 and Amador Valley High School in 1975.

Joe's friend and colleague, Don Rathjen, was working at the San Francisco Exploratorium. Don would show Joe a sketch of a demonstration model and Joe would create a working model. One of the models, a "floating puck," was featured on the Dave Letterman Show.

For five years in the 1970s, Joe attended the National Science Foundation Summer Institute at UC Berkeley. He also was a teaching representative for the Industrial Initiative for Science and Mathematics Education. An active member of the local teachers' association, Joe was the recipient of We Honor Ours Award in 1987. He was lifetime member of both the National Educators Association and the California Teachers Association. One of the honors he most cherished was being presented a diploma as an adopted member of the Amador Valley High School class of 1987 during the commencement ceremony.

Joe is survived by his wife of 52 years, Beverly, daughter Nancy (also a teacher) and her husband Tom Dwyer of San Luis Obispo; son Peter and his wife Rowena of Livermore; daughter Ann and husband Brad Lee of Paso Robles, granddaughter Sarah Dwyer, brother John and sister-in-law Bernice Ales of San Martin, niece Rosemary Eilers of Bend, OR, and nephew Phillip Ales of El Dorado Hills.

Services will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Sat., Dec. 15 at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. A reception will follow. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers donations to the Thomas S. Hart Memorial Scholarship Fund, sent to Amador Valley Scholarships, Inc.; AVSI/Tom Hart Scholarship Fund, 4665 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton, CA 94566.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

### Joseph H. Myers

Joe said good-bye to his family and close friends on December 6, 2007. Joe was born in Anderson, California on December 12, 1920.

He was the son of Elsie and

Homer Myers, sister of Elaine Booth. He was the husband of Florence Myers for 63 years. They had three children, Sue Kenemore, Nancy Johnson, and the late Mark Myers. He is survived by his grandchildren Lisa and Scott Kenemore, Samantha and Christopher Johnson, two great-granddaughters, Taylor and Natalie Kenemore, sons-in-law Jim Kenemore and Michael Johnson, granddaughter-in-law, Kelly Kenemore, and nephew Brian Booth.

Joe served in World War II and flew 30 successful missions as a B-17 pilot in the Air Force in Europe. He retired from the Port of Oakland - Oakland Municipal Airport. He was a ValleyCare Medical Center volunteer for many years after retiring. He has had a long struggle with heart disease and cancer but never gave up. He was a brave and loving man who will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

A Celebration of Life Service was held Dec. 10 in Livermore. Burial was at Memory Gardens Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the ValleyCare Medical Center Emergency Room Expansion Fund or Hope Hospice.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

### Harry William Demmel

Harry William Demmel died December 6, 2007. He was 74.

He was born March 30, 1933 in Pittsburgh, PA and had lived in Dublin for 41 years. He graduated from Tulsa University, and served in the Coast Guard during the Korean Conflict. He retired as a house inspector after 35 years. He was a member of Valley Christian Center for many years.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Lorraine Demmel children Philip Demmel and Angela Demmel, all of Dublin, brothers Philip Demmel of Allison Park, PA and Raymond Demmel of Dublin. He also leaves behind grandchildren, Jacob Nagel of Dublin and Jadon Demmel of Rocklin, niece and nephew, Kathleen Nicklas and Raymond Demmel, both of PA.

There will be a celebration of Harry at a memorial service at 2 p.m. on Sun., Dec. 16 at Valley Christian Center, 7500 Inspiration Dr., Dublin.

Please make contributions to the Valley Christian Center Building Fund in Harry's name.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

### Jose Garcia

Jose Garcia, a resident of Livermore, passed away Monday, Dec. 10, 2007 in Walnut Creek.

Jose was born Jan. 20, 1932 in Zinaparo, Michoacan, Mexico, he was 75 years old.

Raised in Mexico, Jose moved to the United States in 1961. He worked at Pleasanton Garbage Co. for 35 years.

He is survived by his wife Guadalupe of 53 years, his children, Jose Garcia Jr. (Veronica) of Manteca, Armando Garcia (Guadalupe) of Lathrop, Maria (Trino) Gutierrez of Lathrop, Sylvia (Jose Luis) Villalobos of Lathrop, Carlos Garcia (Elizabeth) of Bothel, WA., Susana (Robert) Ray of Tracy, CA., his brother, Luis Sorlorio of Mexico, 12 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Thursday, Dec 13th at 11 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 458 Maple St., Livermore. Burial will follow at St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Livermore.

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Percussion Master Class was taught by Luis Valverde and Manuel Suárez as part of the focus on Cuba at Las Positas College last week. Manuel is shown demonstrating drumming.

## Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan

### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries

The year 1957 was a good one for me. I graduated from Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania one Saturday in June and married my husband the following Saturday in Baltimore. Meanwhile, on the West Coast, citizens of the Livermore-Amador Valley, concerned with much broader issues, decided that they needed to assure their water supply. The Zone 7 Water Agency, established in 1957 by popular vote, oversees all of eastern Alameda County, approximately 425 square miles, including the cities of Livermore, Dublin, and Pleasanton and the surrounding unincorporated lands.

Zone 7 is one of 10 areas under the umbrella of the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. It is the only one to be administered by a locally elected board. Since its inception, Zone 7 has had two main goals: to provide the region with reliable high quality water and to manage flood and storm water for public safety and protection of property. Zone 7's water supply comes from three sources—imported surface water, the Livermore-Amador groundwater basin, and Lake Del Valle.

Imported surface water forms about 75% of the treated water supplied to Zone 7's customers. In November 1961 Zone 7 entered into a 75-year agreement with the California Department of Water Resources and in the following year received its first delivery from the State Water Project. This water originates in the Feather River watershed, is captured in Lake Oroville, and flows via the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and the South Bay Aqueducts into Zone 7's treatment facilities. Allocation for Zone 7 varies from year to year, depending on rain and snowfall. The imported water is used to meet municipal, industrial, and agricultural demands as well as to recharge the groundwater basin.

Before the establishment of Zone 7, the sole source of water for the Tri-Valley was groundwater. The entire valley floor and portions of the upland areas on all sides of the valley overlaid groundwater-bearing materials. This basin contains good quality groundwater that meets all state and federal drinking water standards with only minimal treatment. Covering an area of more than 17,000 acres, the basin has a water storage capacity of 250,000 acre-feet—essentially, an underground reservoir. Unlike surface water, it is not subject to evaporation. The groundwater basin is critical to the area's ability to weather a drought; in years of plentiful rain with a large allocation from the State Water Project, Zone 7 recharges the basin. Zone 7 seeks to manage the underground water so that there will be enough to withstand a six-year drought without water rationing.

Another source of water is the Arroyo Del Valle watershed. Local rain run-off is captured by Del Valle Dam and stored in Lake Del Valle; Zone 7 cooperated in the lake's construction in 1967-68. The State Water Project delivers additional water to the lake in late winter and spring. Operating agreements between the California Department of Water Resources and Zone 7 make this water available.

Zone 7 built the Patterson Pass and Del Valle water treatment plants, in 1963 and 1973 respectively, to treat and purify the water. The 56 million gallons of water (MGD) treated daily must meet state health and safety standards. Another plant up in the Altamont area on Dyer Road is expected to be in operation by 2010 and will eventually make another 42 MGD of treated water available. The agency operates seven wells. It also is responsible for the pipelines to distribute potable water to the retail water supply agencies.

Flood control was the other critical component in the formation of Zone 7, and it remains important. Zone 7 owns and is responsible for maintaining about 40 miles of flood control channels, ranging from natural arroyos to concrete-lined conduits. Early efforts focused on constructing and maintaining channels that moved storm waters through the valley as quickly as possible. New knowledge about the nature of interrelationships of waterways has changed the approach to flood control. Zone 7 has begun to take a more holistic approach that includes restoring and managing wetlands and riparian areas and considers the wide variety of wildlife dependent on these habitats. In 2006 the agency adopted a new Steam Management Master Plan.

Zone 7 is governed by a board of seven directors elected at large by the residents of the Livermore-Amador Valley for four-year terms. A list of directors through the years includes many of the valley's prominent ranchers and farmers: members of the first board in 1957 were Leo R. Callaghan, Eldred Chance, Herman F. Koopmann, Victor L. Lund, Melvin Nielsen, Thornton K. Taylor, and Karl L. Wente; in 2007 the positions are held by William R. Stevens, James Concannon, John J. Greci Jr., Stephen A. Kalthoff, James Kohnen, Dick Quigley and Sarah Palmer. The agency leases a 28,000-square-foot administration building at 100 North Canyon Parkway in Livermore.

The California Department of Water Resources announced recently that the initial allocation for 2008 from the State Water Project to Zone 7 and other water contractors will be 25% of the total amount requested, significantly less than the 60% allotted last year. The problems with the declining population of smelt and last year's drought account for the decrease. State and federal agencies are working to find a water supply plan that can meet environmental concerns. In our valley, Zone 7 will plan carefully so as to maintain the groundwater basin at a reasonable level. Water customers will probably be asked to conserve their water usage by 10% voluntarily.

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

## DAGGETT

(continued from page one)

ministration degree and now is a successful artist and mother.

Daggett is executive vice-president of UnionBanc Insurance Services.

"There is significant value to ensuring that there is local access to high education," Daggett said. "All four of my children went through community colleges to successful careers. It means a lot of me."

The challenge for Daggett and his fellow foundation directors, as well as the leadership of the college, is to help the broader community understand what Las Positas offers.

"The Las Positas College Foundation has been fortunate throughout its history to have a series of community leaders who have been willing to chair our organization," said Ted Kaye, foundation CEO. "Tom continues that tradition and is committed to enhancing the programs for students here and to helping us get the word out about the college as a regional asset."

For students bound for a four-year university, under-graduate classes are designed so they seamlessly transfer to the University of California and the California State University systems as well as many private universities.

For students who want to pursue certificate programs in fire science, automotive mechanics or complete the classes necessary to enter the sheriff's department academy, Las Positas also is an excellent choice. The college offers more than 70 courses designed to train students to move efficiently into the work force.

Las Positas' program to match technical high school courses with entry-level college classes allows high school students to earn college credit simultaneously by attending high school. The win-win approach gives students a head start and save a full semester of college work.

"Las Positas is a treasure hidden in plain sight for many in the local community," Daggett said. "People respond well when they understand its value and its needs. They are then willing to help make it even better."

Daggett is particularly excited about two programs supported by the foundation.

The College-Bound Scholars program involves mentoring for a selected group of sixth-grade students who will be the first in their families to attend college. A community or college mentor is assigned to each student and routinely meets with the student to encourage them and guide them.

In addition, \$1,000 has been invested for each student and will be available when the students are ready to attend Las Positas.

Daggett also recognizes the challenges that face veterans, particularly those who have been in Iraq and Afghanistan. Las Positas has a team working to make veterans' transition as smooth as possible. Tom's son, Tom, is flying helicopters for the Marines and will be assigned to Iraq next March.

"When kids rotate back, they'll sure need some help. The 'Soldier to Scholar' program is a perfect bookend to the College-Bound Scholars," he said.

These programs, as well as a faculty and staff focused on putting students first, result in Las Positas "being a gem right in our backyard," Daggett said.

## Jon Nakamatsu, a Superb Virtuoso

By Nancy O'Connell

On Saturday night, December 8th, Jon Nakamatsu played on the new Steinway grand piano at the Bankhead Theater to a sold-out hall. As soon as his fingers touched the piano, the audience knew it was in the presence of a master. As his fingers flew over the keys, every note was clear. His melody line was transparent. There were no muddy passages or overuse of the pedal. The early themes in the first movement, the *Moderato*, of Haydn's Sonata #33 in C Minor were light and playful.

In the *Andante con moto* he brought a singing tone to the melodies. The movement was filled with subtlety. Dressed in formal tails, he didn't engage in head bobbing or swaying back and forth, as some contemporary groups seem to feel is necessary to "entertain" the public. His fingers had a grace to them, even as they flew off of the keys and into the air at the end of certain passages. He had no other mannerisms.

In the *Finale: Allegro* his left hand crossed over his right several times. There were delightful effervescent melodies with trills and other forms of ornamentation leading through a musical maze to a strong harmonic cadence as the sonata drew to a close.

Before the concert began, Len Alexander, the Executive Director of the Bankhead Theater, thanked Jean King and her late husband, Walter, who donated the funding for the new magnificent grand piano. Jean has given so much time to local community-centered groups and was formerly the President of Del Valle Fine Arts, the group which presented this concert. Now she is President of the Board of Directors for the Livermore-Amador Symphony.

Beethoven's Sonata #15 in D Major, Opus 28 followed. Nicknamed the "Pastoral" there were far more fireworks here than in the Haydn. The *Allegro* was marked with good contrasts between the forte and piano sections and very clean running 16ths in the left hand. The *Andante* was more romantic sounding than the Haydn and was written in the key of D Minor. Its message was a sadder one. The *Scherzo: Allegro Vivace* had strongly accented beats contrast-

ing with the Trio's strong, singing melody in the left hand. A return to the *Allegro Vivace's* original passages then ended with quiet chords. The *Rondo* was more technically difficult than any of the other movements. Broken octave passages in the right hand were followed by a lilting melody. Mr. Nakamatsu seemed to toss off the difficult passages with ease as a fiery passage led to a quiet reprieve, then a dramatic cadence.

Chopin's *Andante Spianato and Grand Polonaise* had a beautiful singing melody in the right hand while running arpeggios in the left hand accompanied the melody. The sounds in the right hand evoked a cascading waterfall beginning in the highest register of the piano. Contrasting sections of chords led into the *Grande Polonaise* where difficult octave passages and lightning fast running notes led to a return of the romantic melody line played very quietly. This built in a crescendo to a moment of dramatic intensity. The lilting melody returned, then more fireworks, which he tossed off as though they were effortless.

After the intermission the soloist performed Five Dances from *Dances Fantastiques*, Op.2 by Loris Tjeknavorian. I found these to be exciting and vibrant, with a blend of the cultures of the Middle East and Western musical heritage. Mr. Nakamatsu told the audience that the composer grew up in Iran when the Shah had opened up a conservatory for western music. One of the dances reminds one of Bela Bartok's music. Like Bartok, Loris Tjeknavorian studied and collected folk songs of his native homeland. The *Danse lyrique* was refreshing and exciting. Different harmonies were employed than we hear in strictly western music. Mournful melodies contrasted with liquid running 32nds. In the *Danse d'extase* flying arpeggios and rapid driving rhythms led to a grand climax.

Franz Liszt's *Impromptu* had enchanting romantic melodies and challenging pianissimo passages with rolling broken chords ending in a quiet whisper. In the *Valse Impromptu* in A-Flat Major, his fingers jumped from one octave to another and then a

waltz melody of twirling, whirling notes followed. His fingers literally danced on the keys. *Après une lecture du Dante* began with dark, menacing chords. Jon Nakamatsu made the pauses in this work an important part of his interpretation. He treated them like the grand pauses found in orchestral playing when all sound is arrested for a full measure. His playing, again, was precise, yet dramatic and filled with suspense. Later in this work he could make single notes sing as though he were playing a violin. A dramatic section followed which was technically fiendish to play. Very few pianist can conquer Liszt and play his music with such superb virtuosity. Not wanting to sound sexist, I have to admit that to perform Liszt as the composer intended calls for much bigger hands than most women have. His music is filled with tenths, not mere octaves, which calls for a big stretch and long fingers. One of the reasons that Robert Schumann ruined his career as a concert pianist was due to his trying to stretch his fingers to reach those fabled tenths, and he thus permanently injured his hands.

In talking to Jon Nakamatsu afterwards I was delighted to hear that he studied with Adolph Baller, who was head of the piano department at Stanford University. I also studied for four years with this remarkable musician. I thought I had detected Baller's magical touch in the playing of Mr. Nakamatsu. Baller had a way of making the tones of the piano sing almost like a string instrument, and described to me once how people had stormed on the stage after one of his concerts to ask him how he'd achieved that effect. Jon Nakamatsu plays with that same mastery. There is none of the harsh percussive quality to his playing that so many modern pianists seem to employ.

After a standing ovation and two curtain calls our soloist gifted us with an encore - the dazzling Mendelssohn's *Rondo Capriccioso*. From toiling as a high school German teacher in San Jose to winning the 10th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, his is almost a Cinderella story - he won the golden slipper - and is now known as a brilliant pianist all over the world.

## Bay Area Dance Company Presents a Sweet Nutcracker

By Patricia Koning

The classic Christmas story of the Nutcracker was brought to life last weekend by the Bay Area Dance (BAD) Company and Tiffany's Dance Academy (TDA) at Livermore's Bankhead Theatre. A total of 192 dancers, ranging in age from 5 to adult, completed the cast of the three shows.

This is a kinder, gentler version of the traditional Nutcracker tale. The soldiers and mice battle with wrapping paper rolls and candy canes. The Nutcracker defeats the Mouse Queen with his heart, not his hand.

In the midst of battle, the Nutcracker and Mouse Queen make eye contact and drop their weapons. They waltz briefly and then the Nutcracker swoons. The Mouse Queen, delighted at her prize, drags the Nutcracker off-stage by his feet.

The Nutcracker does not awake from his stupor until the end of the show. Having slept through much of the dreamland dances, Drosselmeyer (the magician who gave the Nutcracker to Clara at her home) awakens him for a final dance with Clara that is truly magical.

Dancers from the BAD Company, who also teach at Tiffany's Dance Academy, filled many of the principal roles. Polly Sutton performed the roles of Sugar Plum Fairy and Clara's mother;

Bruce Biada performed the role of Drosselmeyer; and Marissa Brown performed the Snow Queen and Arabesque Cookie Solo roles.

Tiffany Henderson, TDA owner and BAD Company artistic director, along with fellow BAD dancers Bonnie Fisk, Tori Allen, Polly Sutton, Rhonda Rooker, and Galadriel Burr performed the Arabian Dance. Henderson, Fisk, Brown, and Burr also led the Waltz of the Flowers.

Kyle Allen gave a fluid and strong performance as the Nutcracker and Julia Amos was an engaging and delightful Clara. Jessica Amos also played the role of Clara in other shows.

The other dances were performed by TDA students from studios in Livermore, Pleasanton, San Ramon, Walnut Creek, and South San Francisco. These dances were a stream of sweet treats—including ribbon candies, peppermints, fortune cookies, candy canes, and gingerbread. Clocking in at just under two hours, including intermission, the BAD/TDA Nutcracker was the perfect size and scope for young children. The intimacy of the Bankhead Theatre ensured that every performer got his or her share of the spotlight.

"This is the third year that BAD/TDA has performed the

Nutcracker. "It originally began as a small project," explains TDA General Manager Paul Henderson. "But the production has grown so much we had to find additional music to accommodate all the dancers."

Only about half of the cast of the Nutcracker comes from the TDA performing company. "This is a great opportunity for all of our students," says TDA Regional Director Robbie Teruya. "It's also a great holiday tradition."

The BAD Company was formed in 2005 as a professional dance company based out of TDA's Livermore location. Since 2000, TDA has provided ballet, tap, jazz, and hip-hop dance instruction for children as young as 2 years old, teens, and adults. Today TDA serves 1,800 students in nine locations across California.

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Will Durst

### Political Satirist Appearing at Bankhead Theater

Political satirist Will Durst and his comedic troupe will present *The Big Fat Year End Kiss Off Comedy Show XV* on Friday, December 28, 2007 at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

The annual comedy review will take place at 8:00 p.m. at the Livermore's new theater located at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore.

An expanded cast of comedians will join Durst in celebration of the show's fifteenth anniversary tour of theaters throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. The show will combine stand-up comedy, improvisation and "semi-written" sketches. Johnny Steele will return for the anniversary show and accompany stand-up headliners Jim Short and Steven Kravitz. Debi Durst and Mike Bossier will add their signature improvisations and up-and-coming comedian and actor Arthur Gaus will round out the cast.

Reigning as C-SPAN's favorite comic with eight appearances, Durst is a five-time Emmy nominee and recipient of seven consecutive nominations for the American Comedy Awards Stand Up of the Year. He is the first comic invited to perform at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and the first American to be nominated for the prestigious Perrier Award at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival for the show "Myth America." He has made more than 400 television appearances in 14 countries in his one man crusade to make people laugh at the world around them "on purpose and against their will." Durst also writes a nationally syndicated op-ed column, daily website jokes, and performs hundreds of comedy shows every year at clubs, corporate events, theaters and benefits.

"We're happy to be coming back to the Tri-Valley and look forward to entertaining our old friends as well as comedy-lovers who haven't experienced our show before," says comedienne Debi Durst. "We're pulling out all the stops for this fifteenth anniversary show that will include something to tickle every possible funny bone. As usual, we'll mock and scoff and taunt the past year's events with taste, but, as with all live comedy, some language may not be suitable for younger audiences."

Tickets to *The Big Fat Year End Kiss Off Comedy Show XV* are \$25, \$20 and \$15. They may be purchased online at [www.livermoreperformingarts.org](http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org)/tickets, by phone at (925) 373-6800, at the Bankhead Theater box office from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

### Saturday Salon Set for Dec. 15

4th Street studio today announced that 4th Street Studio's Saturday Salon takes place this Saturday, December 15th at 7:30 PM at 4th Street Studio, 2235 Fourth Street in Livermore.

"Fourth Street Studio is a place where something happens so something else can happen," says Salon founder Karen Hogan. "Everyone has up to 10 minutes to read. You're welcome to just come and listen, as well. Shy writers are particularly welcome."

Saturday Salons are held at Fourth Street Studio, 2235 Fourth Street in Livermore. Contact Karen Hogan at 456-3100 for questions.

## Theater Camp Planned for Camp Arroyo Over the Holidays

"Hairspray's" Bruce Vilanch, "Wicked's" Kristy Cates and "Women's Murder Club" Actor Shawn Ryan will be teaching at the Young Actors' Theatre Camp Winter Session.

The camp will be held Dec. 26 to Jan. 1 at Camp Arroyo in Livermore.

Funny Man Bruce Vilanch will teach "How to Get Your Laugh On! Comedy Writing for Kids" at the upcoming Young Actors' Theatre Camp Winter Session. The multi-talented actor, writer and celebrity joke scribe, who recently toured the country as Edna Turnblatt in the

musical "Hairspray," Vilanch is most recognizable for his numerous seasons on Whoopi Goldberg's "Hollywood Squares." Currently writing the Bette Midler "Vegas Extraganza" he's proving yet again why he is one of the most sought after comedy writers in Hollywood.

Program Director and Pleasanton native, Shawn Ryan, is joining ABC's hit series "Women's Murder Club" with a guest star role airing tonight, December 7, 2007 at 9:00 PM. Making his primetime network debut on a scripted drama, Ryan stated,

"I'm really excited for all of my family and friends, my high school teachers and especially our students and their parents to see my work."

The Young Actors' Theatre Camp (YATC) is a one week overnight theatre camp for kids ages 8-18, held twice a year at Camp Arroyo in Livermore. Ryan went on to say that YATC, which he founded 8 years ago in Berkeley, is committed to bringing professional actors, singers, dancers and casting directors to the Bay Area to teach their students.

"Students have daily classes in acting, voice, dance and on-

camera technique along with master classes from Industry Professionals. Imagine learning from Bruce Vilanch how to write comedy. Or learning how to sing and dance from Kristy Cates, who plays Elphaba in *Wicked*."

Ryan concluded, "Our Winter Session is the second week of the school Holiday Break. Kids get to go to a safe and nurturing environment to learn and explore the performing arts."

Register online at [www.YoungActorsTheatreCamp.org](http://www.YoungActorsTheatreCamp.org) or call 925-858-3548 for information. Registration is open until full.



### Reading, Book Signing Set

There will be a reading and book signing with Rachel Lavezzo Snedecor at the Firehouse Bistro & Books on Sat., Dec. 14.

Snedecor, executive director of Livermore Downtown Inc., is the author of "Bruce Spruce Tree." It is the story of downtown Livermore's Christmas Tree. Learn how Bruce came to downtown Livermore and experience his journey to becoming a holiday tree.

The reading and book signing will begin at 4 p.m. Firehouse Bistro & Books is located at 2369 First St. in downtown Livermore. There is no admission charge. For information, call 449-FIRE.

## ART & ENTERTAINMENT

**The Comedy of Errors**, presented by the Livermore High School Theatre Department; performances: December 13, 14, 15 at 8pm; tickets \$8; Reserved seating available, call (925) 606-4812 ext. 2446. Livermore High Theater, 600 Maple St., Livermore.

**Deer Ridge Vineyards**, California pastel artist, Victoria Ryan. The exhibit of Ryan's work, "Dreaming in Color," will be at Deer Ridge through January 23, 2008. Gallery hours are Thurs.-Sun. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Deer Ridge Vineyards, 1828 Wetmore Rd., Livermore. 1-866-561-0838.

**Contra Costa Wind Symphony**, Duane Carroll conducts. Includes audience sing-along of familiar carols. Featuring harpist Shannon Polley and actor Ken Baggott narrating "The Night Before Christmas." 7:30 p.m. Dec. 17. Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Dr., Lafayette. Free. [www.cwindsymphony.org](http://www.cwindsymphony.org).

**Art Fundraisers**, Sue Evans of Sue Evans Photography and Design is sponsoring a holiday fundraiser to support the Arts in Pleasanton and Livermore. She has created two different holiday cards for each community. The Pleasanton design includes the Pleasanton Arch, museum and Christmas tree, while the Liver-

more design features Ravenswood. Both cards are available in a colored photograph version and a black and white sketch with red highlights. A portion of her wholesale and retail sales will be donated to the Pleasanton Firehouse Project and the Livermore Performing Arts Center. Evans is a member of the Tri-Valley Visitor and Convention Bureau, the Livermore Chamber of Commerce and ABWA Express to Success. Sue can be reached at (925) 989-4113 or [SueEvansPhotography@comcast.net](mailto:SueEvansPhotography@comcast.net) for further details and to order cards.

**Diablo Symphony**, Contra Costa Children's Chorus joins Maestro Joyce Johnson Hamilton and the symphony in a concert of traditional and contemporary music of the holiday season, and three carols written by Hollywood composer John Williams for the film, "Home Alone." 7:30 p.m. Dec. 18, Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. \$12, \$18, and \$20. 943-7469.

**Las Positas College Vocal Jazz Concert**, Friday, December 14 at 8 pm, Las Positas College Theater and are \$10 general admission and \$7 for students and seniors. 3033 Collier Canyon Rd., Livermore. For further information call the Performing Arts

Events Line at 925-424-1100 or call Cindy Rosefield at 925-424-1119.

**'Twas the Night Before Christmas** performed at the Front Row Theater, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Road. There will be weekend performances from Dec. 14 through Dec. 23. Fri. and Sat. 7:30 p.m. and Sat. and Sun. at 2 p.m. \$10-\$15, 973-3350. The play, which includes music, is for the entire family. It is based on the inspiration for Clement Moore's poem about Santa Claus's annual ride.

**Las Positas College Instrumental Jazz Concert**, Saturday, December 15 at 2 pm, Las Positas College Theater and are \$10 general admission and \$7 for students and seniors. 3033 Collier Canyon Rd., Livermore. For further information call the Performing Arts Events Line at 925-424-1100 or call Cindy Rosefield at 925-424-1119.

**Bay Bells**, winter concert, Sat., Dec. 15, 7 p.m. Old St. Raymond's Church, 6600 Donlon Way, Dublin. Performing on over 100 bells and chimes and representing over 200 years of musical experience, Bay Bells is one of the nation's longest running community handbell ensembles. \$10 adults, \$5 youth - pay at the door, no advance ticket sales. Call (925) 556-

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**Las Positas College Choir Concert**, Saturday, December 15 at 8 pm. Location TBA. \$10 general admission and \$7 for students and seniors. For further information call the Performing Arts Events Line at 925-424-1100 or call Cindy Rosefield at 925-424-1119.

**Open mic**, Thurs., Dec. 13, 7 p.m. at Coffee Beans & Bistro, corner of Main St. and West Angela, downtown Pleasanton. Poetry/short stories. All are welcome.

**Pride and Prejudice**, Granada High School Drama Department, Dec. 14 and 15, and Jan 11 and 12 at 7 p.m. in the Little Theater on campus on Wall Street in Livermore. Tickets sold at the door and in advance.

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### Assemblyman Looking for Photos of 20th District

Local amateur and student photographers with an eye for capturing the most picturesque sights in this area are encouraged to participate in "Window to My Community," a digital photo contest held by state Assembly Member Alberto Torrico (D-Newark). Photos can be submitted anytime up to Jan. 31, 2008.

"With the San Francisco Bay, the hills and many wonderful parks, the 20th Assembly District has several natural and architectural sites and landmarks that I would like to highlight," Torrico said. "I know people have their

favorites, and some probably have hidden jewels that aren't as well known."

Any residents of the 20th Assembly District are welcome to enter the contest. It is comprised of eight city categories: Fremont, Milpitas, Newark, Union City, Castro Valley, Hayward, Pleasanton, and San Jose. There are two divisions, an open division for adults and a junior division for those 17 and younger.

Two winning photos from each city category will be featured on the 20th District website and all images will be credited.

Participants can enter up to three photos. Winners will receive a \$50 gift certificate and the photos will be displayed in Assembly Member Torrico's Capitol and district offices. Complete contest rules and guidelines for submitting photos can be found at [www.assembly.ca.gov/torrico](http://www.assembly.ca.gov/torrico) or by calling Torrico's district office at 510-440-9030.

Interested photographers, who are unsure if they live in the 20th District, can check by clicking on [www.assembly.ca.gov](http://www.assembly.ca.gov) and choosing "Find my District."

### SUNOL

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located near the current site of the Water Temple.

Other tidbits include the fact that the final link of the last segment of rail from Sacramento to Oakland ran straight through the middle of Sunol, transforming the town. There is information about the first Alameda County library and librarian, the Willis Polk Walter Temple, and much more.

There are many photographs, including one of Sunol's Mayor Bosco, a black Lab.

Christian describes Sunol as a "sleepy little town that is unique. It has managed to keep its small town charm and unique style." Her family has called Sunol home since her grandparents arrived in 1938. Her parents were married in the town in 1957 and purchased a home on Kilkare Road, where they still live. "Family memories are very important to my family. This book helps to keep those cherished memories alive for the pioneering families as well."

The book includes stories and historic pictures of Sunol. For more information about the event at the Elliston Mansion, please call 862-2377 or 862-9006. The history of the mansion, including a pictorial of its construction, is included in the book.

The book is published by Arcadia Publishing as part of its Images of America Series. The cost is \$19.99. For information, go to the website at [www.arcadiapublishing.com](http://www.arcadiapublishing.com). It will be available for purchase starting Dec. 10.

### 'Twelfth Night' Performance at Library

The San Francisco Shakespeare Festival will present "Twelfth Night," at the Pleasanton Library on Sun., Dec. 16 at 2 p.m.

This free presentation of Shakespeare's charming comedy of music, romance, and laughter is perfect for the whole family.

"If music be the food of love, play on." This fall, the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival's "Shakespeare On Tour" presents Twelfth Night at schools, libraries, and community centers all over California. It will feature Shakespeare's most memorable songs sung live by the talented ensemble. They will be accompanied by an original composition, scored and recorded for this show.

Rebecca Ennals returns for her fourth season directing the Festival's touring show, that will travel from Fort Bragg all the way to Encinitas and all points in between.

By the end of the tour there will have been over 200 performances of Twelfth Night staged by Shakespeare On Tour throughout California!

There will be a post-show Q and A with the cast at 3pm

The program is free and open to all. No registration required.

The Friends of the Pleasanton Library are sponsoring the program. For more information, call Penny Johnson, 931-3405. The library is located at 400 Old Bernal Ave.

### Sing It Yourself Messiah Slated

The Valley Concert Chorale will host its second annual Sing-It-Yourself Messiah, Friday, December 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the

First Presbyterian Church, 4th and L Streets, Livermore.

The community is invited to join in singing Part I of Handel's great choral masterpiece, also known as the Christmas portion of the Messiah, which will conclude with a powerful rendition of the Hallelujah Chorus.

"This is the second year we are hosting the event for the community which we hope will become an ongoing traditional for the region," says Valley Concert Chorale President Doris Slater. "Last year's event was a big success, drawing over 100 singers from around the Tri-Valley and beyond."

Singers are encouraged to bring their own copy of the Messiah, though extra copies will be available to borrow. The event is also open to those who wish to listen to the performance.

Tickets are \$10 in advance or at the door. Advance tickets may be ordered by calling (925) 866-4003, or by email to [info@valleyconcertchorale.org](mailto:info@valleyconcertchorale.org).

### ORNAMENT

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participants can adopt and personalize a holiday ornament. Ornaments are hung on one of the two evergreen trees located in the Bankhead Theater lobby for the holiday season. At the end of the year, the ornaments will be mailed back to their sponsors, along with a tax-deductible receipt for each donation.

To sponsor an ornament, please call 373-6100, stop by 2222 Second Street, Suite 18 or visit the Bankhead Theater Ticket Office at 2400 First Street in Downtown Livermore. To download the order form or to view the ornaments on-line, please visit [www.livermoreperformingarts.org](http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org) and click on the Ornaments for the Arts photo.

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 402762

The following person (s) doing business as: Energy Metrics, 23 Diamond Dr., Livermore CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Keith Rothenberg, 23 Diamond Dr., 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/Keith Rothenberg This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on October 26, 2007. Expires October 26, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2256. Publish November 22, 29, December 6, 13, 2007.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 403403

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 402684-402687

The following person (s) doing business as: 1)Bittmore Horses, 2)Bittmore, 3)Beachrides, 4)Horseparks, 1286 Geneve Ct., Livermore CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Bittmore Horse Services, LLC, 1286 Geneve Ct., Livermore CA 94551 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/Mark A. Giudici This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on October 24, 2007. Expires October 24, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2258. Publish November 22, 29, December 6, 13, 2007.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 403660

The following person (s) doing business as: Wild Smiles, 4200 East Ave. #100, Livermore CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Klifford T. Kapus, 1476 Maplewood Dr., Livermore CA 94551 Renee J. Kapus, 1476 Maplewood Dr., Livermore CA 94551 This business is conducted by husband and wife The Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or

names listed above on May 1, 2007. Signature of Registrant: /s/Klifford Kapus and Renee J. Kapus This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 19, 2007. Expires November 19, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2259. Publish November 22, 29, December 6, 13, 2007.

### STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. 346795

The following person (s) has (have) Abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name Reverse Mortgage Store, 144 South "K" Street, Livermore CA 94550 The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on April 13, 2004 in the County of Alameda. Seattle Mortgage Company, 190 Queen Anne Ave. N., Seattle WA 98109 This business was conducted by: a corporation /s/Les Redford This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 6, 2007. The Independent Legal No. 2260. Publish November 29, December 6, 13, 20, 2007.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 403190-403191

The following person (s) doing business as: 1)Seniors Reverse Mortgage Store, 2)Reverse Mortgage Store, 144 South "K" Street, Livermore CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Seniors Reverse Mortgage, Inc., 3478 Buskirk Ave. Ste. 343, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 This business is conducted by a corporation Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed. Signature of Registrant: /s/Christine Louie This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 6, 2007. Expires November 6, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2261. Publish November 29, December 6, 13, 20, 2007.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 402922

The following person (s) doing business as: Beads and Stuff, 1421 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following

owner (s): Barbara Santos, 1421 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton CA 94566 This business is conducted by an individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on October 2007. Signature of Registrant: /s/Barbara A. Santos This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on October 31, 2007. Expires October 31, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2262. Publish November 29, December 6, 13, 20, 2007.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 403676

The following person (s) doing business as: Pane in the Glass, 1815 Monterey Dr., Livermore CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Patrick Alderman, 1815 Monterey Dr., 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 November 1, 2007. Signature of Registrant: /s/Patrick J. Alderman This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 19, 2007. Expires November 19, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2263. Publish December 6, 13, 20, 27, 2007.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 403526

The following person (s) doing business as: Interior Recreations, 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 November 15, 2007. Expires November 15, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2264. Publish December 6, 13, 20, 27, 2007.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 403650

The following person (s) doing business as: JT Bookkeeping Service, 4084 Hillcrest Common, Livermore CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Joan H. Taylor, 4084 Hillcrest Common, 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 November 1, 2007. Signature of Registrant: /s/Joan H. Taylor

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 403932

The following person (s) doing business as: Livermore Saloon, 2223 First Street, Livermore CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Sid Brown, Inc., 2223 First Street, Livermore CA 94550 This business is conducted by a corporation The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on November 28, 2007. Signature of Registrant: /s/Shannon Brown This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 28, 2007. Expires November 28, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2265. Publish December 6, 13, 20, 27, 2007.

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 404281

The following person (s) doing business as: Lucky Hammer, 1964 Elm Street, Livermore CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Chneal V. Walling, 1964 Elm Street, Livermore CA 94551 Ross A. Bergman, 1964 Elm Street, Livermore CA 94551 This business is conducted by a general partnership Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed. Signature of Registrant: /s/Chneal Walling and Ross Bergman This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 6, 2007. Expires December 6, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2270. Publish December 13, 20, 27, 2007. January 3, 2008.

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 403982

The following person (s) doing business as: 1)Opal River, 2)Petroglyph Multimedia, 1308 Hillcrest Ave., Livermore CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): James D. Aikin, 1308 Hillcrest Ave., 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/James D. Aikin This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 29, 2007. Expires November 29, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2268. Publish December 6, 13, 20, 27, 2007.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 403991

The following person (s) doing business as: Livermore Real Estate Services, 2219 First Street Suite 3A, Livermore CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Paula Cavagnaro, 4087 Stanford Way, Livermore CA 94550 David James Cromie, 4087 Stanford Way, Livermore CA 94550 This business is conducted by co-partners The Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on November 1, 2007. Signature of Registrant: /s/Paula Cavagnaro This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 29, 2007. Expires November 29, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2269. Publish December 13, 20, 27, 2007. January 3, 2008

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# Scouts Taking Reservations to Recycle Christmas Trees

Youth groups representing the Livermore Boy Scouts of America Troops #903, # 924, #931 and #939 have announced plans for their 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas Tree Recycling event, scheduled to take place on Saturday, January 5, 2008.

For a small donation (\$5 for green trees or \$10 for flocked/oversized trees), scouts representing these four troops will pick up

your tree at the curbside of your home for disposal and recycling. Residents and/or businesses interested in this program can make a reservation online at [www.begreen.tv](http://www.begreen.tv) or by calling 925-373-7815. Reservations for pickup must be made on or before December 30, 2007.

"For the past thirty-two years, local scouts have demonstrated their commitment toward the en-



Recycling trees in 2005.

vironment by hosting this recycling program and by giving local residents and business a convenient, environmentally-safe

manner in which to dispose of their Christmas trees," said Jeff Hanson, Troop #924 Representative. "The event also reinforces the values of community service for scout members while raising money for future scouting activities and programs."

The 2007 event marks the 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of this recycling program. Funds raised through this event support local troop programs which teach valuable life lessons such as teambuilding skills, leadership skills, environmental and nature appreciation, time management skills and self-esteem. The fundraiser also supports numerous activities hosted by the local troops including camping, hiking and numerous community service projects.

## Eighth-graders To Treat Seniors For Lunch

Some 100 senior citizens from Ridgeview Commons are expected to dine at the annual luncheon given for them by eighth graders at Pleasanton Middle School on Dec. 14.

The seniors are looking forward to a menu of lasagna, salad and dessert, as prepared by the district's centralized food services, and served by 35 assigned eighth graders. The students will be seated among the seniors, which has brought conversational enjoyment to both age groups over the years.

The tradition started about 10 years ago, said history teacher Paul Rinetti, who coordinates the luncheon with his wife, Carolyn. She also teaches history at the school.

Many of the seniors were already living in Ridgeview Commons when the school was built. They've had a sort of possessive interest in the school since then, so the school has the annual luncheon to invite them on campus to see the school's progress, said Rinetti.

The custom was begun when Steve Maher was principal. It has continued under his successor, John Whitney. Besides the Rinettis, others who work on the luncheon are art teacher Cassie Langan, and office staff Karen Buchanan and Chris DeStasi.

The school's new band director, Jason Rabina, will bring the school's jazz band to perform. "One of the nice things about it is that these young people are talking to seniors, and hearing what their lives are like. In return, they talk about their expe-

riences at school. Over the years, we've always gotten 'thank you' cards. They are of a generation that wrote 'thank you' cards. They are always heart-felt and sincere," said Rinetti.

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LARPD took over operation of Valley Rock Climbing Gym, located in downtown Livermore at 2455 Railroad Avenue, last January and is operating it on a trial basis through June. A decision will be made by that time on whether to keep the facility open. Revenue and attendance for the past year will be key factors in the decision.

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