



Jeffrey Siegel

## Keyboard Conversations Set at Bankhead

Pianist Jeffrey Siegel's Keyboard Conversations, a concert-plus-commentary format in which Siegel talks with the audience about the music before performing each work, premieres at the Bankhead Theatre on January 11th at 8pm in the first of a series of two concerts this season.

The program will include "Für Elise" (who was she, and why did Beethoven compose this work for her?), the humorous Raga over a Lost Penny, the Moonlight Sonata (why is this a shocking, revolutionary masterpiece?) and the Sonata Opus 110, written after deafness engulfed the composer.

Siegel presents an informal, accessible and highly entertaining introduction to the vast piano repertoire and to classical music in general. Seasoned music-lovers have been enriched by

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The rope holding the flag in place on the downtown flagpole broke during high winds. Workers removed the flag until the problem can be fixed.

## LARPD to Showcase 2008 Programs

The Livermore Recreation and Park District (LARPD) will feature a sample of some of its hundreds of classes and activities at the 2008 Showcase Event slated for Saturday, January 12

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Rachel Waiters to sing.

## Program a Tribute to African-Americans

Music, history, and education are the ingredients of a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration to be held in Livermore. "The Art of Our Past: will recognize contributions African-Americans have made to the United States in the art of opera, composition of music, dance, and theater.

The event will take place beginning at 1 p.m. on January 21 at St. Matthews Baptist Church, 1239 N. Livermore Ave., Livermore.

Performing will be mezzo-soprano Rachel Waiters, pianist Kanako Nishi and saxophonist Emit Collins.

Black History exhibits will be provided by Grandmothers Who Help, Inc.

Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena will honor retired educators.

A dessert reception will follow the presentations. RSVP is requested, but not required at 606-7230.

# Hybrid School Might Ease Overcrowding

The financial gap would be too great for the Pleasanton school district to build a 500-student day-long magnet school. However, a less expensive hybrid school where students would attend two or three classes might be possible.

Board members discussed the possibility of a hybrid school as part of a special meeting Jan. 7 focused on high school classroom housing and demographers' predictions about future attendance.

There was no action by the board. However, trustees asked staff to think about the possibilities of a hybrid school.

Building a full 500-student

daylong magnet school on a full-fledged new campus would cost upward of \$37 million. There was \$12 million in funding identified. However, no probable funding source for the remaining \$25 million is on the horizon. However, a small "annex school," where high school students drove or took Wheels buses to it for a couple of classes per day in a special curriculum centered on a career could be much cheaper.

The district could possibly merge its corporation yard with the city's on Busch Road, freeing up the current yard for such an annex school. The site is lo-

cated next to the district headquarters and the Village continuation school. In such an arrangement, students would still feel part of the big school, and have their extracurricular activity opportunities.

In a small school, they could have closer relationships, and develop more friends. One impetus for looking into a magnet school has been complaints from parents that their children feel lost on a big campus. Relationships, especially with teachers, are important. Sometimes kids on big campuses get lost in the big milieu, parents have said.

This was confirmed by a tour

taken by a special district committee that looked into magnet schools in 2005. They found the small schools ideal for preventing kids from "getting lost" in an impersonal atmosphere. However, the tour also found that small schools that teach the core curriculum stretched teachers thin. They are required to teach a variety of classes in their subject, since faculty is smaller.

The committee learned that such an approach requires more preparation periods. The grind on the teachers eventually leads to low morale and high teacher turnover.

The hybrid compromise can

provide the best of both worlds, trustee Steve Brozovsky told the Independent. Students can still have their big-school identity with sports teams and their extracurricular activities. They can also be immersed in a more intimate atmosphere during part of the day, where the quieter kids might come out of their shells, and might receive more individual attention from teachers.

The board liked the idea, which was promoted at the meeting by parent Julie Testa. Trustees told superintendent John Casey to have his staff carry it further, to see how it might be

(See **SCHOOL**, page 4)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

One of the historic oak trees at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore was a victim of last week's storm. In Pleasanton storm damage kept a crew of 80 Public Works and Parks Department workers busy. Residents and businesses made use of the offer of free sandbags and took 18 pallets worth (about 50-70 sandbags per pallet). Because storm drains were overflowing throughout the City, several manhole covers (about 5 or 6) popped off and had to be retrieved and secured. The western portion of Callippe Preserve Golf Course trail is temporarily closed due to rain impacts. Depending on weather conditions this week, it may reopen on January 14.

## Raptor Death Plan Failing In Results

A plan worked out to reduce raptor deaths caused by power-generating wind turbines in the Altamont is apparently not working as envisioned. More measures should be taken soon to save birds, according to scientists studying the data.

Elizabeth Murdock, executive director of the Golden Gate Chapter of the Audubon Society, said that the ongoing review committee of five scientists that has looked at recent data found that partial shutdowns in winter there are not on track to achieve the death reductions.

Murdock stated that the scientists are recommending shutdown of 304 working turbines. If the companies fail to shutdown

for four months, the scientists then recommend that 102 active turbines be removed.

Sean Smallwood, a Davis consultant who is one of the five scientific committee members that advises the Alameda County Planning Department on implementation of the raptor plan, said he didn't recall the exact number of turbines recommended for shutdown. However, they definitely are in the hundreds.

Smallwood added that the scientific review committee is also developing some guidelines that would enable the wind power firms to move some of the turbines to locations where they

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## Advisory Group to Comment On Conservation Strategy

Volunteers are being sought to participate in the development of the East Alameda County Conservation Strategy (EACCS). They would take part in a Users Advisory Group

The goal of the EACCS would be to address conflicts between development, growth and infrastructure maintenance activities and the continued survival of endangered or threatened species by providing a blueprint for conservation in East Alameda County.

The advisory group would review and comment on EACCS material and, at critical stages in the process, make recommendations to a steering committee.

Alameda County; the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency; the Cities of Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin; Alameda County Re-

source Conservation District; Natural Resources Conservation Service; and Zone 7 Water Agency, along with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish and Game, and the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board are jointly preparing the EACCS and comprise the steering committee.

The estimated cost of the project is \$400,000. Funding is provided by the cities of Livermore, Dublin, Pleasanton, Zone 7, Alameda County; the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency; Alameda County Resource Conservation District; and Natural Resources Conservation Service. Some of the money is provided by grants.

The EACCS would also streamline the environmental

(See **CONSERVATION**, page 4)

## Theatre Camp Brings Hollywood to Livermore

By Patricia Koning

While many children and teens spent the days following Christmas sleeping late and playing with gifts, 54 youngsters from the Bay Area and beyond filled their days with singing, dancing, acting, and classes such as "Monologue Workshop" and "Scene Study."

It's all part of the Young Actor's Theatre Camp (YATC), an overnight theatre training intensive program run by two professional actors, John Ainsworth and Pleasanton native Shawn Ryan. YATC happens twice a year, in the winter at Livermore's Camp Arroyo

and in the Santa Cruz mountains in the summer.

Theatre camps are fairly common. What sets apart YATC is the industry professionals who serve as guest instructors. The winter camp featured casting director Josh Einsohn, who has worked on "The West Wing," "ER," and other TV dramas, Kristy Cates from Broadway's "Wicked," and comedy writer Bruce Vilanch, who is currently on tour with "Hairspray."

In his class on commercial auditions, Ainsworth shared with the students "sides" that he's received for upcoming auditions.

A side is 5-10 lines of copy that an actor will read during an audition. Sides sometimes make it into the final product and other times wind up on the cutting room floor.

"I told the kids to look for these lines on TV ads in the next month or so," he explains. "It's a fun way to pull the kids back in. We pride ourselves on offering real world experience."

For the most part, the professional teachers at the camp are volunteers. Some come because they have a connection to the Bay Area—Cates is from Pinole.

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## \$3 Million Available for Bus Rapid Transit Project

According to Congressman Jerry McNerney, \$3 million has been allocated for a bus rapid transit (BRT) connection between the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

The BRT service is slated to begin in January 2009. It is expected to improve bus travel times by up to 25 percent and increase ridership by over 30

percent. It is anticipated to increase service to BART to every ten minutes during the commute hours.

"The congestion on I-580 is all too familiar to anyone who is forced to sit in what often resembles a parking lot during the morning and evening rush hours. More than just an inconvenience, the traffic means lost productivity.

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## Financial Incentives Can Help Save Historic Buildings

People or firms that own a building of historical interest can obtain information and money from the government if they are interested in preserving their buildings.

Jeff Kaskey, president of the 300-member Livermore Heritage Guild, said that the state historical preservation office and the National Trust for Historic Preservation have established specific guidelines about how to handle restorations. It's available to building owners, and anyone else in the community who wants to help preserve a building.

One example of information is attention to replacement of decaying windows. If a person just orders vinyl windows, it breaks the authentic look of the building. The agencies have information about how to undertake fixes with such things as wood putties. That way the windows' original design is preserved.

Much of this sort of information is available from the Secretary of the Interior's office, and is available on-line, said Kaskey.

Available funding is also helpful in preservation. The state's Mills Act provides some prop-

(See **INCENTIVES**, page 4)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

**COLD NEW YEAR** - The annual polar bear plunge at the Robert Livermore Community Center pool dumped participants into 45 degree water.

## British Grant Helps Experimenter Watch Park's Grass Grow

A former ranger at Sycamore Grove Park is conducting plant research in the park that could lead to a significant reduction in Medusa Head, a pest grass that makes life hard for other plants and for grazing animals.

Lewis Reed, who grew up in Livermore and graduated from Granada High School, is a graduate student at the Southern Illinois University. He is working on a master's degree in plant biology by studying the tall grasses of the Midwestern plains.

Outside of his course work, Reed is conducting his own private study of Medusa Head at Sycamore Grove Park in south Livermore. Southern Illinois University helps Reed find grants for his masters' degree work. However, he has to find other funding sources to undertake his Medusa Head study. The expenses aren't tremendous — air fare back and forth, plus some shipping of plant samples to Illinois — but on a graduate student's budget, a stipend is necessary.

Reed received a one-time grant last year from the Illinois State Academy of Science. This

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### PET OF THE WEEK

Holly is a ten year old female cat with lustrous long red hair. Most orange/red cats are males, so an orange female is a rare beauty to find. Holly is a little older, so she likes to lay around on the sofa and have her silky hair brushed. She would do best with a mellow family, and would prefer to stay safe and warm indoors. Valley Humane Society cats can be seen Wed-Sun from 11AM to 5PM at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. For more information, call VHS at 925-426-8656 or visit our web site: www.valleyhumane.org.



## Grants Available to Nonprofit Human Services Agencies

The Hindu Community and Cultural Center, Inc., of Livermore has announced its annual grant program. Non-profit human services agencies in Livermore and the surrounding areas are invited to apply for grants.

It is anticipated that a total of \$25,000 will be awarded this year. Individual grants can vary from \$500 to \$3500, depending on the needs and suitability of the applicant. This grant pro-

gram, initiated in 1987, is one of several Human Services activities at the temple such as, free health screening, bone-marrow donor registration, supporting the Alameda county Can Food drive, and distributing articles and clothing at the Livermore Veterans Hospital and helping the needy through local shelters, etc.

Human Services agencies that

meet the needs of the elderly, abused women, and youth which are primarily funded by private donations, are encouraged to apply for these grants. Organizations should apply in their own format, providing details such as: a mission statement, sample projects, a specific project for which the grant will be utilized, and any other information in support of the application. Please

mail the application to reach us by the deadline of February 10th, 2008 to:

HCCC, Inc., Anand Gundu, Human Services, 1232, Arrowhead Avenue, Livermore, CA 94551-6963.

All applicants will be informed of the grant decisions. Representatives of the selected organizations will be invited to an Award Program at the temple.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

A New Year's Eve labyrinth was held at the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore. The walk is an opportunity to say good-bye to the old year and welcome the new year with peace and intention.

## KEYBOARD

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Siegel's erudition and delighted by his wit.

Siegel will present The Power and Passion of Beethoven, examining and playing many of Beethoven's most famous and familiar works for the piano on January 11.

Tickets range from \$26 to \$36. This event is part of LVPAC Presents, a series of nationally recognized artists and ensembles being brought to the Bankhead Theater by the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center.

Siegel's second program, An American Salute, including the music of Gershwin, including Rhapsody in Blue in Gershwin's own rarely heard solo piano ver-

sion, Aaron Copland, Scott Joplin, Edward MacDowell, and Leonard Bernstein, including the Livermore premiere of Bernstein's unpublished little gem "Meditation on a Wedding" will be presented at the Bankhead Theater on April 9th at 8 p.m.

The Bankhead Theater ticket office is located at 2400 First Street in Downtown Livermore. It is open Monday through Saturday from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. On performance days the ticket office remains open through Intermission. To purchase tickets call 925-373-6800, or visit the LVPAC website at [www.livermoreperformingarts.org](http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org).

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# VALLEY ROUNDUP

## Absentee Voting Begins

The absentee voting period for the February 5, 2008 Presidential Primary Election began on Monday, January 7th and will conclude on election day, February 5th at 8:00 p.m. Voters may request an absentee ballot by mail by completing the application on the back of their sample ballot or by sending a written request to the Registrar of Voters.

Written requests for an absentee ballot must include the voter's name, residence address, the address to which the ballot is to be mailed, and the voter's signature. All requests for absentee ballots must be in writing and include the voter's signature. Law precludes the Registrar of Voters from issuing a ballot based on a telephone request. Requests for absentee ballots may be faxed to 510-272-6982 or mailed to the Alameda County Registrar of Voters, 1225 Fallon Street, Room G-1, Oakland, CA 94612. The Registrar of Voters must receive all written requests for absentee ballots no later than January 29th. Completed ballots must be returned to the Registrar of Voters or any polling place in Alameda County no later than the close of polls on election day.

For more information, call the Registrar of Voters at 510-272-6973.

## MTC Survey

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), the agency responsible for transportation planning, coordinating and financing for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area, is updating its regional transportation plan and wants to hear from area residents.

MTC is interested in the public's expectations for the way in which people and goods should move within and through the Bay Area by the year 2035. The survey asks questions about greenhouse gas emissions and global warming, housing, improving traffic congestion, and planning and transportation funding priorities in the region. MTC is expected to adopt the updated plan in early 2009, providing opportunities for comment throughout 2008.

"As a gateway into the Bay Area, Alameda County is especially impacted by investment decisions in the region's transportation infrastructure," said Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty who serves as MTC vice chair. "We have communities in urban, suburban and rural settings all of which are affected in some manner by the traffic impacts from overcrowded roads and highways. I urge anyone who lives,

works or travels through the Bay Area to participate in this planning effort."

The on-line survey can be accessed until January 18 at [www.mtc.ca.gov/T2035](http://www.mtc.ca.gov/T2035). Comments can also be mailed to MTC at 101 Eighth Street, Oakland 94607 or call the Public Information desk at 510-817-5757.

## No Fatalities in Livermore

The Livermore Police Department concluded the 2007 holiday season with one DUI related injury collision. There were no fatalities.

The department took part in the Alameda County wide "Avoid the 21" (twenty-one law enforcement agencies) Holiday DUI campaign. During this year's campaign, which ran from December 14 through January 1, the Livermore Police Department made 154 DUI arrests, served 25 DUI warrants, and issued six "Zero Tolerance" citations to minors who had consumed an alcoholic beverage, but were under the legal limit.

Officer Wes Morgan, who has participated in the campaign for the last eight years, was impressed by the Livermore community saying, "I contacted an increased number of 'Designated Drivers' and saw many people using taxi and limousine services."

Only two months into his new position, Police Chief Steve Sweeney was pleased with the efforts made by everyone in the department and how those efforts helped reduce impaired driving in the City of Livermore. "The Livermore Police Department is committed to eliminating impaired drivers in our City. To have completed the holiday season with only one DUI-related injury collision is something to be extremely proud of," said Chief Sweeney. "It is obvious that the community is listening and the Department's education and enforcement message is being heard. We distributed anti-impaired driving flyers, hosted a DUI checkpoint, and placed a scrolling message board throughout the City educating the community on the dangers of impaired driving and our DUI enforcement campaign."

During similar "Avoid the 21" campaigns for the past three consecutive years, the department made 136, 173, and 200 DUI arrests respectively. While there were no DUI related collisions in 2006, there were 4 in 2005 and 3 in 2004.

The "Avoid the 21" program is funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Safety Administration.

# SHOWCASE

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from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This free event will take place at the Robert Livermore Community Center, located at 4444 East Avenue in Livermore. Visitors will be able to register for classes offered in the Winter/Spring program guide on-site at the event.

Residents will be able to meet the instructors and see demonstrations in belly dancing, sports activities, yoga, mad science, arts and crafts, and much more. There will be an opportunity to take part in art in action. Bounce houses and games for the kids will be available free in the gym.

Upcoming classes for kids include Mad Science Classes for ages 3.5-5 yrs; Beginning Sewing for Home School, 8 yrs. & up starts Thurs. 2/7-2/28 from 10:30 am-12:30 pm for \$52. LARPD is also one of the few park districts in the region that offers a weeklong youth horsemanship

camp over spring break, during which students learn everything about horses and how to ride.

Adults (ages 15 and over) can take a stab at jewelry design with three new classes in which they make a Multiple Strand Crystal Necklace, Chandelier Crystal Earrings, or a 2-Strand Crystal Bracelet. Those who are health conscious can look into Reading Food Labels, a new course

that teaches students how to shop for nutritious foods and learn what to look for in food labels. For those looking for a new exercise alternative, try Baby Boot Camp. Classes begins in February and continue through May on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 9:30-10:45 am.

For more information, call LARPD at (925) 373-5700 or visit [www.larpd.dst.ca.us](http://www.larpd.dst.ca.us).

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# Orchid Society Presents Annual Show

Alden Lane Nursery will co-host the 2nd annual Orchid Show with Diablo View Orchid Society on Jan 12-13 from 10am to 4pm. "Gems of the Jungle" will offer exhibits, workshops, orchid vendors and more.

This free event will feature participation from 10 California orchid vendors, highlighting specialty orchids from around the world. Alden Lane will showcase a huge exhibit of orchids in the heated greenhouse facility. Local novices are encouraged to participate by entering their own orchids for friendly competition in the greenhouse display.

There will be educational opportunities via free professional speakers forum and workshops, ongoing and informal repotting and cultural information, orchid related gift items and supplies, orchid raffles, and a special opportunity to win a greenhouse/shed combo valued at \$700.

Jacque Williams-Courtright, owner of Alden Lane Nursery, will lead a free docent garden tour of Alden Lane to include the Orchid Show as well as the highlights, history and heritage

of Livermore and Alden Lane on Jan. 12th and 13th at 2 pm. Please call and reserve a spot for this tour (925) 447-0280. Admission and parking are

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# EDITORIALS

## Election Reform in Pleasanton

On-line filing of campaign finance information will be required in Pleasanton's future municipal elections, the City Council has decided.

The data will appear on-line on the same schedule as that of the existing filing.

The council also enacted a voluntary campaign spending limit of \$1 per registered voter. Based on the current voter total in Pleasanton, those who volunteer to accept the limit will be limited to an expenditure of \$36,721.

The council was unanimous on both the on-line and spending limit matters. They were realistic. These changes by themselves aren't likely to end imbalances between candidates who spend lavishly and those whose funding is relatively modest. Through independent committees, campaigns can easily get around spending limits.

Nevertheless, the on-line filing requirement will greatly improve transparency and make for a more informed electorate. In the effort to reform campaign spending, Pleasanton has taken an important step.

## Saved

The year 2007 ended in Livermore on a cheery note with the news that the Dutro house will be saved from the wrecker's ball.

The Tudor-style house, located at L and Chestnut, was custom-built in 1926. It was the home of the Dutro family of local barbershop fame. Because of both its architecture and its human history, the house has a high rating on the City of Livermore's historic preservation list. However, it was to be demolished to make way for nine new condos.

The demolition was originally planned for mid December, but an outcry by members of the Livermore Heritage Guild caused the developer, Real Freedom LLC, to reschedule it. The developer was supportive as the Guild looked for someone to move the historic house. Livermore Valley Investors has now stepped forth. Tuesday, the Planning Commission will consider approving a permit for the move, which will be to a downtown site.

The issue has brought out the best in all those who've been involved in it. The community has simply refused to abandon one of its beloved old homes.

## RAPTORS

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would be less of a threat to the birds.

The committee already had recommended that there be a four-month shutdown of the turbines from Nov. 1 to the end of February. However, the county required only a November-December shutdown in the northern Altamont, then a shutdown in the southern Altamont in January and February.

However, that clearly is not enough to achieve the 50 percent reduction in bird kills at the end of a three-year period, said both Smallwood and Murdock.

The clock started running about one-and-one-half years ago on the goal of 50 percent reduction in bird deaths. Murdock said that the Audubon Society has requested mediation over the current restrictions on the power firms, contending there should be more turbines shut down, and the

four month winter period enforced throughout the Altamont.

Firms that shut down in November and December in the northern Altamont are holding off resumption of a start-up, pending the mediation, said Murdock.

A full shutdown for the four months would cut into the Altamont's power generation by only 16 percent, because power demand is low in the winter. On the other hand, the Altamont attracts more raptors in the winter, so it would have the best results for both sides of the equation, said Murdock.

A mediator has been chosen, and will meet with parties next week, said Murdock. The Audubon society sued the power producers over the bird deaths. The current restrictions are part of the settlement of that suit, which was also filed by another environmental organization.

## GRASS

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year, he turned to the British Ecological Society, and received a \$1600 grant. Reed said that it's definitely unusual for a British group to have a project in Livermore.

Medusa Head is a Mediterranean grass, and thrives in California's climate. Cold, wet England isn't friendly territory for Medusa Head. The grass hasn't presented a problem in Britain. However, the British Ecological Society likes to fund small projects that can have a meaningful impact on environment, said Reed.

He learned during the period of his first grant that mowing Medusa Head just before it blooms in late May reduced its reproduction by about 65 percent, a significant impact. As simple as it may sound to choose the right time to mow the weed, no one had been doing it, said Reed.

Medusa Head has been recognized as a problem for a long time. The two traditional methods of using fire or herbicides have been a losing battle, with the problem getting bigger than ever before, said Reed. Fire is the more effective of those two methods. However, neither is as effective as Reed's experiment. Further, fire can be a safety hazard. Herbicides can pose health threats, said Reed.

Reed thought up his mowing theory when he was working as a ranger at Sycamore Grove Park. He reasoned that if one were to

cut Medusa Head just before it blooms in late May, so it wouldn't scatter so many seeds, rival plants would have a better chance of crowding out Medusa head, because they have already spread their seeds by then.

Despite the 65 percent reduction in the first year after the timely mowing, it's too soon to tell whether the method is the improved solution it seems to be. Scientific experiments with perennial plants need a few years' study to make sure the first results are not flukes, said Reed. There will still be a need for another grant next year.

"I want to keep the study going as long as I can. Having long-term data sets are important. A pattern may not hold over four or five years," said Reed.

Reed credited Sycamore Grove park supervisor Mike Nicholson and open space technician Matt Gallagher for significant assistance with his experiment. Nicholson was helpful when Reed first set up the experiment, before he went away to graduate school.

Gallagher has helped with the hands-on work on the 15-foot-by-15-foot plots of grass. Reed said, "He has such a keen eye for subtle changes in the vegetation. It's great having someone like him here. He'll call me or send an e-mail about what is showing up in the plots. He has mowed and collected samples. It has been a cooperative thing."

## Pleasanton Launches Pilot Paratransit Program

A new pilot service known as the "Pleasanton Paratransit Service (PPS) Downtown Route" launches on Monday, January 14. It will feature the same-day fixed route transit service as the Pleasanton paratransit buses.

The service will connect senior housing complexes to the Main Street area, anchored by the Safeway and Raley's shopping centers. The new Downtown Route mini-bus is available to all registered Pleasanton Paratransit Service riders at one half of the cost of a typical PPS ride, or \$1.25 for service all day throughout downtown Pleasanton. The new service does not include Stoneridge Mall or Wal-Mart. However, it does feature a stop at the First and Neal Streets transfer point for WHEELS, where passengers ages 65-plus can travel

free between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. each Monday through Friday.

"The purpose of the Downtown Route is to provide seniors with another transportation alternative that does not require an advance reservation for a spontaneous trip downtown or to the grocery store," according to Pam Deaton, Pleasanton Senior Center supervisor. "Because a fixed route is more fiscally efficient, we are able to pass that savings on to the rider."

The new PPS route includes seven scheduled runs per day, along two routes which operate on alternate days of the week. The hours of service are Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with stops at the following senior housing complexes: Ridge View Commons

Kottinger Place, Deer Ridge Apartments Stanley Junction, Gardens at Ironwood Vineyard and Hacienda Mobile Home Parks, and Pleasanton Gardens.

The regular PPS is a Monday to Saturday, door-to-door shared ride transportation program for Pleasanton and Sunol residents 60 years of age, or older, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) eligible residents. PPS provides rides to any location

within Pleasanton city limits and adjacent unincorporated areas, with some medical destinations in surrounding cities. Advance reservations are required for this program and fees are charged for each one-way ride.

For more information, please call the Pleasanton Paratransit Service Office at (925) 931-5376, or visit [www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us](http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us) to download a PPS application.

## INCENTIVES

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erty tax relief when a homeowner agrees to maintain a building to standards according to a set of recommendations. "The owner agrees to fix windows or chimneys or whatever it happens to be. The discount goes toward your taxes. It can be thousands of dollars per year," said Kaskey.

The tax provision stays with the house for 10 years, as long as the contract is maintained. If the party decides to end the contract, there is a diminishing tax break each subsequent year. The tax break goes with the building, even if it were sold, provided the new owner maintains the contract. "It makes a great sales tool in communities where it is in effect," said Kaskey.

However, the Mills Act can't be used in Livermore, because the city has not authorized it. Kaskey said that the historical guild is "pushing for the Mills Act (implementation). There is no formal drive to convince the council to authorize it. However, one of the city staff members joined us at a Mills Act conference recently to obtain information."

Kaskey is confident that the

city will sign on by the end of this year. The property tax discount offered in the Mills Act has implications for the city. "The city loses its percentage of the property tax (that would have gone to taxing agencies)," said Kaskey. However, if the owner hires local labor, some of that money goes back to the city, he said.

Also, the assessed value of neighboring property around it goes up, so that's also a gain for the city. "In general, there is a reinvestment, and the quality of life is improved as well," said Kaskey.

Livermore appears to be a prime field for assistance in historical building preservation. The Bamberg Report, conducted by a consultant in 1988, listed an inventory of "around 100 buildings ore more" that have some historical significance to the city, said Kaskey.

"Obviously not every home over 50 years old is listed. However, there are some that are typical of certain architectural styles. If the city were to implement the Mills Act, probably that would bring (the Bamberg Report) into use," aid Kaskey.

## SCHOOL

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developed.

Parents spoke pro and con at the meeting about whether to build the separate magnet school with a core curriculum. Those in favor of creating it cited the desirability to have a more intimate social and scholastic atmosphere. Those opposed were afraid the overall high school program would suffer.

Testa, who requested the special meeting, told the Independent that the meeting's bottom line is that the board clearly is committed to not building a full magnet school, and won't be asking taxpayers for a parcel tax approval to build one or staff it. "As a parent, I'm disappointed they didn't want to look at options. As a taxpayer, I think it's great."

Testa disputed the administration's notion that some \$25 million of an estimated \$37 price tag would not be covered. Since a school hadn't been plotted out, there is no way a figure could be discussed yet, she said.

Regarding the demographer's report, Casey told the Independent that the district will be expecting "stable enrollments

through 2017, and a decline in enrollment 10 years from now (2018)."

Elementary school enrollment is predicted to drop from the current 6112 to 5936 by 2018. High school enrollment would decline from 5091 to 5066.

Brozosky told the Independent that the high school figures don't necessarily show a decline. They are within the statistical average of error. He added that the demographer pointed out that it's hard to predict anything beyond 10 years, because the kindergartners of that generation aren't born yet.

Testa said that she was glad to see that the meeting discredited the long-told notion that there was a "bubble" of high enrollment moving through the high schools. It was apparent from the demographers report that new kids are coming into the high schools at a steady enough pace so that there isn't a dramatic difference between the old enrollment and the new. The "bubble," at most, might be about 25 students, not several hundred as announced in the past, she said.

## CONSERVATION

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permitting process by providing guidance to project proponents on where and how to focus mitigation efforts to address potential adverse effects on focal species due to future development and infrastructure improvements. In addition, the EACCS will facilitate ongoing conservation programs by providing a coordinated approach supported by local stakeholders and regulatory agencies.

Documents to be developed include regional maps identifying land suitable for voluntary mitigation or conservation. The following would be established: mitigation ratios for various resources; standards for habitat restoration; best management and maintenance practices for conservation sites; and standards for monitoring.

The Users Advisory Group is to be comprised of civic and business interests and organizations, agricultural and industrial associations, environmental groups, resource-conservation and land-management groups, professional and trade organizations, and the general public.

The Tri-Valley Conservancy would likely be one of the members. The Conservancy is also in

the process of preparing a resource and habitat guide for North Livermore.

Mary Lim, who is helping to coordinate the EACCS, said that the two studies go hand-in-hand. "We are hoping not to duplicate efforts," said Lim.

Sharon Burnham, executive director of the conservancy, agreed the two groups would work together. "The Conservancy is a little further along in the process. We will provide information we have already gathered," she stated.

The Users Advisory Group is anticipated to meet monthly over the next 1 1/2 to 2 years. There will be an information meeting on plans for the advisory group. It is scheduled for Thursday, January 17, at 4 p.m. at the City of Dublin's City Council Chambers, 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin.

The process is anticipated to be completed in three phases. The first would be to develop baseline data and mapping, now through April. The second phase would be to prepare conservation goals and priorities, May through Sept. 2008. The final phase would be to draft a report for public review with final approval by June 2009.

## CAMPAIGN NEWS

Judy Lloyd, Republican candidate for the 15th Assembly seat, announced that former State Assemblyman Jim Cunneen has endorsed her candidacy. Prior to serving three terms in the State Assembly, Cunneen served as an executive for two Fortune 100 Companies in Silicon Valley and later served as the President and CEO of the San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce.

"As the owner of a local software company, Judy knows firsthand the demands of balancing a budget and meeting a payroll," said Former Assemblyman Cunneen, who co-created and later chaired the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Information Technology and Transportation.

Former Assemblyman

Cunneen joins former Republican State Senator Dick Rainey and Republican Assemblywomen Sharon Runner, Mimi Walters, Bonnie Garcia and Shirley Horton in endorsing Judy Lloyd for the 15th Assembly seat.

The 15th Assembly District seat is open due to term limits and takes in portions of Alameda, Contra Costa, Sacramento, and San Joaquin Counties. It includes the cities and towns of Livermore, Walnut Creek, San Ramon, Danville, Oakley, Brentwood, Elk Grove, Galt, Stockton, Pleasanton, and Isleton.

For information about the Judy Lloyd for Assembly campaign and to view Judy's extensive endorsement list of prominent state and local Republicans go to [www.JoinJudy2008.com](http://www.JoinJudy2008.com).

## MAILBOX

(Opinions voiced in letters published in Mailbox are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of The Independent. Letter Policy: The Independent will not publish anonymous letters, nor will it publish letters without names. Frequent letter writers may have publication of their letters delayed.)

### Citizen Cyclists Chris Rosendin Livermore

Bicycle Parasites? I prefer to think of myself as a "citizen cyclist." Jim Lenz's criticism of "arrogant" cyclists using roads that apparently belong only to him and his comrades fails in several ways. First, Mr. Lenz would have people believe that cyclists do not own cars or pay other types of taxes related to the upkeep of the roads. This is silly and untrue. Second, while the Critical Mass rides do, regrettably, take place in San Francisco, they do not take place here. This is a poor excuse for wishing to evict cyclists from roads they do, in fact, pay their fair share for. Lastly, Mr. Lenz says we cyclists ought to be grateful for our free ride. There's nothing free about a \$1000 bike and there's nothing pleasant about having some car buzz you at 60 miles an hour with horn blaring, as has happened to me on many occasions. What debt of gratitude do I owe the driver that does that to me, riding alone on the shoulder of some country road?

Cyclists own cars and houses and pay all the same taxes as their fellow citizens. Some cyclists will ride in ways that inconvenience motorists. Some motorists will drive in a way that puts cyclists at risk of injury or death, cars being much heavier than bikes. Most of each, however, are conscientious and not out to inconvenience or harm anyone. It's unfortunate that the fringe elements from both sides

seem to be the representatives.

### No Big Box Jennifer Rieble Pleasanton

No on Home Depot, No on Target, Too! Dear Editor, The December 13th Mayors' Report included an interview with Mayor Hosterman discussing the probable denial of the Regency/Home Depot proposal. She felt the issue was with Home Depot as the anchor store, because it would hurt local home-improvement businesses, although other council members were more concerned about traffic. Then Mayor Hosterman offered Target as a possibility for a new anchor store!

Over the past five months, the Council clearly heard public opinion against any big-box store at that location. It is still 3 miles from the freeway, and Target would generate more traffic than Home Depot. It certainly would hurt many local businesses that sell toys, books, gifts, clothing, bicycles, or items for the home and garden.

At the City Council meeting December 4th, Council members suggested several points to address before considering any future proposals for the Bernal/Valley/Stanley intersection.

Develop an East Side Specific Plan to include all properties on the East side. Understand and solve the traffic issues Keep big-box stores out of that area. Focus first on the vacant Vineyard/Bernal shopping center. Bring more local, small businesses to that location. Support Pleasanton's existing small business owners.

Our Council must not waste any taxpayers' money and time on a Target application for this property. It's not good for Pleasanton!

(Showtimes of Dec. 13th Mayor's Report: Channel 30, 5

p.m. M-F, weekends at 10 a.m.; Channel 29 noon and 6 p.m.)

### Bicycles Riders Lynn M. Martin Pleasanton

Mr. Turner wrote a letter to the editor a month ago with two complaints. 1) Bicycle riders on Mines Road do not seem to appreciate the danger of riding in the middle of a narrow, winding road with many limited visibility curves. Mr. Turner expressed concern for both the riders and the unfortunate car driver who hits them. And 2) Bicyclists want to close a public road in order to practice their hobby.

Rather than address those complaints, a few writers suggested Mr. Turner was neurotic, he should move out of the country, his comments are undemocratic and somehow offend the soldiers that defend our country. Bicycle riders pay taxes.

I think we can all agree that a few bad drivers in cars or on bikes make our lives miserable. Some people do think they own the road, whether they pay taxes or not. On a road like Mines Road, rude drivers can kill or be killed and that is and should be a public concern. One usually associates the attitude of being invincible with teenage drivers but the truth is the attitude is ageless.

A few have suggested the road closure is not a big deal as anyone who lives near Robertson Park, a school or other public facilities can attest. I live next to the Pleasanton Sports Park and I can assure you people parking in and blocking your driveway is a big deal when it happens the hundredth time although it might not be a big deal to the person who just did it...once. When you buy a home next to the public playgrounds, you expect some inconvenience. It is the rude people who think they are entitled who make it unpleas-

ant for everyone else. It is the opportunity to see happy kids that compensate for few rude ones.

I have a few friends who live on Mines Road. It is not just their home; it is also their place of business. To suggest it is no more inconvenient to close Mines Road as any other city street closure ignores the nature of the road and where people live. It is one thing to have to park your car a half a block away so you have a way to get to work in the morning if the city is paving your street or the county fair parade is marching your way. It is another world entirely when the nearest cross road from your home is 18 miles away. The bike riders may be asking people who have to be away from their homes the day of the closure to pay to spend the night somewhere just so they can get to work, grocery shop or other daily routines. Something those of us who live in town cannot imagine. I would not be willing to ask my neighbors to be inconvenienced like that and it makes me wonder about people who think nothing of the "small" inconvenience their hobby might cause other.

I have yet to see a bike capable of moving hay, cattle, pigs and horses around, but if as the bikers suggest, the residents of Mines Road give up their pickup trucks and ride bikes, it would certainly be a new way of ranching.

As to Mr. Turner's love of country, his right to be a citizen and practice free speech one has to remember democracy is not easy. You have to support a person's right to say whatever they want even if you disagree with what they are saying. Name calling and offering to help him move...with a pickup truck on a road for bikes only... does not demonstrate a high level of appreciation for our county or the

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Laura Gill of Livermore (front, center) takes part in a dance session.

## CAMP

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Others come because they've heard great stories from colleagues. Ainsworth says that typically if someone spends a day at the camp, they return the next year for the full week.

Actors Sarah Gabourhy and Matt Pittenger spent the whole week teaching Scene Study at YATC.

"We heard amazing things about this camp," explains Gabourhy, who recently appeared in a TIVO ad. "The bar is set very high. It was really a treat to see the nuts and bolts sink in over the course of the week. We plan to be back next year."

Pittenger adds that with the writer's strike ongoing in Hollywood, this was the perfect year to get away from it all.

Beyond the classes and the instructors, Ainsworth says YATC is also a place where kids can be whatever they want. "We tell them that they can do whatever they want, no one will judge them," he explains. "After a few days you see kids taking truly amazing risks."

The campers agree with this assessment. "This is a place where you can do whatever you want and people will just cheer you on," says Jessica Svendsgaard, a 15-year-old from Danville.

This was the fourth camp for Ashley Rodondi, a sophomore at Amador Valley High School. She recalls that the first year her mom did not expect her to make it through the week. "I didn't want to leave at the end," she says.

Most of the campers are repeat visitors. Many come after hearing their friends and family members rave about the experience.

Jessica Hoffman of San Mateo's was at the camp for the first time. She decided to attend the camp after hearing her brother describe it as the best experience of his life. "It's great to be surrounded by other musical theatre people, rather than back at school where I'm one of a few," she says. "This is the only place I've been where if you start singing everyone around you joins in."

This is the sixth year that Ainsworth and Ryan have held the YATC camp in Livermore. Previously Ryan taught children's theatre in Oakland. When he moved to Southern California to pursue his acting career, parents begged him to find a way to continue teaching their children.

Coincidentally, one of his par-

ents' neighbors was setting up bookings for Camp Arroyo. After touring the site, Ainsworth and Ryan were inspired to put together the first camp in just three months.

In addition to the summer and winter camps, the pair hold a Hollywood Experience Camp in Southern California. Over a long weekend Ainsworth and Ryan arrange meetings with agents and casting director, on-site visits to shows such as "Scrubs" and "Veronica Mars," and attendance at advance, cast-only movie screenings. At past camps participants have hung out with Zach Braff ("Scrubs"), Kristen Bell ("Veronica Mars" and "Heroes"), and Justin Suarez ("Ugly Betty").

Even as their acting careers are taking off, Ainsworth and Ryan are committed to YATC. "The kids really inspire us as actors and artists," Ainsworth explains. "They have no idea of limitations. It's truly refreshing." Besides, who wouldn't want to escape Hollywood for a week in Livermore?

For more information, visit [www.youngactorstheatre.org](http://www.youngactorstheatre.org). Registration is open for the summer session, which will feature Lucas Grabeel, better known as Ryan Evans of "High School Musical" as a guest instructor. The summer session is scheduled for June 22 through July 2 in Santa Cruz.

## BRT

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ity, increased vehicle emissions, and people spending more time in their cars and away from their families," McNerney said.

WHEELS, in cooperation with Livermore and Pleasanton, will be implementing a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line. The BRT line will combine reduced bus stops, automated fare collection, real-time transit arrival information, traffic signal prioritization, and exclusive bus lanes to improve service time and

## MAILBOX

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soldiers who defend it against those who would dictate their rights above all others.

Mr. Turner has demonstrated more concern for his neighbors than most of us will ever be asked to do. During the latest wild fires that approached the back of Mines Road, Mr. Turner opened his home, property and water supply for the use of the fire fighters battling the blazes. He was more than willing to be inconvenienced for the life and safety of others.

So next time you ride a bike down Mines Road and enjoy the scenery, thank Mr. Turner and his neighbors that the scenery is still there. Watch where you are going! Slower traffic keep right. Pick a state or regional park to have your race.

## Need for Food Patricia Ford Pleasanton

I wanted to draw to the attention of your readers to recent stories in the daily press on the continuing need for food on the part of many people in the Bay Area at this time of year. As many of us look back with warm memories at the comfortable holiday experiences we had, it is easy to forget that in the middle of winter there are food banks and pantries that are not receiving the donations they need to feed hungry people and families living close to us. Even though Christmas and New Year are over, it is not too late to think compassionately of them.

Residents of Alameda County can feed hungry people through the Alameda County Community Food Bank (website [www.accfb.org](http://www.accfb.org)) or telephone 510-635-3663. Those who want to help folks in Fremont, Newark, or Union City can donate to the emergency food services of TriCity Volunteers (website [www.tri-cityvolunteers.org](http://www.tri-cityvolunteers.org)). Those who live in the Livermore Valley but work on the peninsula

reliability in Livermore and Pleasanton.

A hybrid coach will be used.

The BRT line will run between the LLNL/Sandia Laboratories and the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station. It will include service to both downtown Livermore and Pleasanton with key stops along East Avenue, Maple Street, Railroad Avenue and Stanley Boulevard in Livermore.

The Bus Rapid Transit project has the support of the Tri-Valley Cities.

can route financial help to the Ecumenical Hunger Program in East Palo Alto ([www.ehpcare.org](http://www.ehpcare.org)). My daughter brought food and toys there last week and they urgently requested additional help for people who are still needy there.

One person's actions can make a difference, and I hope your readers will keep compassion in mind all through the winter that is upon us.

## Concannon Speeders Peggy Merrill Livermore

At 5:30 a.m. weekday mornings the traffic between S. Livermore Avenue and Arroyo is going a lot faster than the posted speed limit of 35 mph. A blinking sign that records speeds is needed so that drivers may be reminded of the speed limit.

In addition to the cars speeding along, there are also cement trucks, Waste Management trucks and various other vehicles weighing more than three tons, which is the posted limit for trucks. We need police presence during the morning rush hour.

## Carnegie SVRA Darin Bishop Livermore

The friends of "Tesla Park" should not get their way and interfere with expansion of Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA). The state of California has been collecting fees from Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) users for decades now with the promised expansion of

Carnegie SVRA being delayed for years. It is long past time for the state to open up the areas of land they purchased for specific OHV use.

For the friends of "Tesla Park" to suggest the area's coal mining remains have historical value and should take precedent over future OHV use is absurd. Coal mining in this country is well known for destroying the land, polluting the atmosphere and killing thousands of miners over the years. Coal mining enthusiasts, if there are any in the Bay Area, can go somewhere else like West Virginia if they want to see a coal mine. OHV enthusiasts here vastly outnumber them.


For the opponents of Carnegie to suggest that fish in Corral Hollow Creek will be harmed by expansion of the SVRA is absurd. The fish won't be harmed any more than they already are in the summer when the creek completely dries up.

To suggest that "Tesla Park" will form some sort of corridor linking Mt. Diablo with Mt. Hamilton and that endangered

species will travel from one area to another takes extreme imagination. Especially, when you consider the amount of pavement on 580 and the rest of Livermore, which just happens to be located between the two.


The state of California already manages the present Carnegie SVRA well, maintaining vegetation and wildlife by blocking off certain areas from OHV use at various times of the year as needed. They also restrict operation of OHV's per state smog and noise regulations. To suggest that expansion of the Carnegie SVRA will result in destruction of habitat and valuable land is nothing but fiction produced by those who don't want to see more people driving past their houses on their way to have fun on their dirt bikes and ATVs. It's too bad also that the Independent didn't do more research and interview some supporters of the state's planned expansion. There are hundreds of them at Carnegie every weekend.

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# SPORTS NOTES



The Pleasanton Rage U12 Premier Team captured first place.

## Alumni Soccer Game

Foothill High School and Amador High School alumni met for the 5th year this past Saturday at Foothill High School for the Ryan Gordon Alumni Game. Ryan was a 2003 graduate of Foothill killed in a Jet ski accident shortly after graduation. He had planned on attending Santa Barbara City College and to play soccer there.

The games featured men and women players from the 70's, 80's, 90's and 2000's. This year there were over 75 players participating in the 2 games. The most experienced player from Amador Valley was Chuck Gilliam (1979) and from Foothill, Dion (Butch) Hock (1978) 10 former teammates of Ryan's played. Monies raised are donated to the men's and women's soccer programs at the two high schools. The games raised over \$5000 this year bringing the total since 2003 to over \$30,000.

In the 1st game the Foothill women ended a 3 year Amador winning streak by winning 7-0. (some say the actual score was 10-0 but the scoreboard got stuck) Foothill was led by Erin Wylie (2005), Jillian Sweetnam (2006) and Kirstie Kuhns (2007). Sue Hart (1983) and Alicia Lemoine (1988) contributed valuable experience.

The men's game saw Amador winning 2-1. Amador dominated with Foothill scoring as the buzzer sounded. The Amador goals were scored by Dylan Curtis (2004) and Mike Cusenza (2002). Curtis' goal was assisted by Joel Crompton (2005). Rob Flores (2002) was outstanding in goal for the Dons. Chris Luxford (2003) was equally impressive in goal for the Falcons.

The halftime intermissions featured youth players from both the Pleasanton Rage and Ballistic United Soccer Club. Alumni Captains Tessie Wagner Pease (Amador 1982) and Sean Lemoine (Foothill 1988), also both youth club coaches, provided the teams. Parents and friends of the kids and alumni crowded the stands. Many friends of Ryan were also in attendance. Volunteers manned the snack bar, collected tickets, controlled the scoreboard and refereed the games. Special guest Harry Miller (legendary BUSC soccer coach) was the announcer.

The Hopyard Alehouse and All Star Sports both contributed to the cause.

Each winning team was provided with a trophy that travels back and forth to each year's winning high school. Next year's games will be at Amador as the venue changes from foothill to Amador and back each year.

## Rage Finishes First

The Pleasanton Rage U12 Premier Team went undefeated and brought home first-place medals in the Bullard Classic Soccer Tournament in Fresno on Saturday and Sunday, January 5-6.

In the first game of the tournament against the Xtreme Heat, Kira Ewanich fired a shot that hit off the post to Andi Boehm who put it in the net. For the second goal, Ewanich scored on a break-away. Tori Larsen netted the third goal off of Ewanich's cross. Cambi Kukar fired a free kick in the air to Larsen for a break-away and the fourth goal. In the second half, Haley Lukas dribbled down the field and fired a shot outside the box for the fifth goal. Ewanich made the last goal for the final score 6-0.

The second game against Bullard FC Blue was fast and physical. Strong support came from Evan Murphy and Lindsey Kail. Ewanich scored the only goal for a 1-0 victory. On Sunday, Rage had another physical battle against SVU 95 Black. Nicole Fetsch and Kirsten Jensen did a good job feeding the forwards with passes. Ewanich scored the first goal. In the second half, Brianna Nicholas flicked the ball backwards off a corner kick to Jessica Medina for the winning goal. Final score 2-1.

In the championship game against the Turlock Tornados, Ewanich had a break-away and shot a high, curving ball to the corner for the only goal, winning the game 1-0. Defenders Georgia Savage, Cambi Kukar, and Haley Lukas stayed tough throughout the tournament. Goalies Lexi Nicholas and Britany Gray only gave up 1 goal in 4 games.

## LHS Girls Basketball

The Livermore High School varsity girls basketball team lost a close game to Mission San Jose Fremont, 53 to 49 over the weekend. Down by 7 points Livermore played a great second half and took the lead with 45 seconds to play. However, a 3 pointer with 26 seconds left sealed the victory for the Mission squad.

It was a slashing Mission offense slowed by the three towers Sammy McConvey (4 pts), Margaret Donovan and Kayla Webber. Also playing solid on defense for Livermore were Erika Schell. Moving the ball well for Livermore was Shayla Raber (4 pts), Brooke Betts (7 pts), slamm' n Sami Edwards (4 pts) and Veronica Garza (pt). The second half saw key buckets by Scoot Hoehne (6 pts), rock n Ryann Raber (11 pts) and Taylor Borba (12 pts).

LHS JV girls basketball team defeated Mission, 48 to 31. Back from a holiday break the tandem of Brittany Silva and Stephanie Quon wasted no time pouring in the buckets for their 18 and 10 points respectively. The Livermore team kept on the offensive pressure all game with Julie Blach (5 pts), Gabby Barbalinardo (7 pts), Kylie O'Neal (6 pts) and Kaitlynn Amaral (2 pts). Kathryn Rambo, Laura Linden and Carrie Melrose made it difficult for the Mission team to feel comfortable in their offensive set.

## CYO Basketball

St. Michael's/St. Charles (SM/SC) 8th grade boys (#808) took on Catholic Community of Pleasanton (CCOP) (#807) in CYO basketball action. SM/SC used a tenacious full court press to jump out to a 12-0 lead and set the tone for the game in which they eventually won 49-35. SM/SC had a balanced attack on offense, led by Michael Noble, Damariay Drew, Chris Benavidez, Justis Olsen and Ricky Sarria. Defensively SM/SC was led by Spencer Mead, Nadeem Gross, Adam Sylvia and Brandon Ganguet.

Hunter Lewis banked in a 14-foot jumper with 4 seconds left to cap a furious second half rally as SM/SC (814) 8th grade boys rallied

for a pulsating 26-24 win over St. Joan's (813). SM/SC trailed 22-4 at the half before outscoring St. Joan's 14-0 in the third quarter to get within 22-18 heading into the 4th. Kevin Hunt drilled a three-pointer from the left wing, giving SM/SC its first lead at 23-22 with 2 minutes remaining. Tyler Kissling nearly recorded his 3rd double-double with 9 points and 10 rebounds. Lewis scored 7 points and Nate Preece controlled the boards with 9 rebounds. Luke Hamilton, Greg Anderson and Andy Logsdon provided suffocating defense to keep SM/SC within range. For St. Joan's, Matt Fisher scored 6 points and Antonio Wiley added 5.

After a two week break the Catholic Community of Pleasanton (CCOP) 8th grade girls (team 8001) came back to the court and faced CCOP team (8007). 8001 was up 19 to 13 at the half but were dismantled in the 3rd quarter scoring no points. The physical 2nd half resulted in only 5 points scored for 8001 and 3 for 8007 with a final score of 24-16. CCOP 8001 recorded its 5th win to post a 5-1 record. There were four top scorers all scoring 4 points each Nicole Ponzini, Jessica Woodruff, Kim Beaudin and Lyndsay Godwin. Contributing with 2 points each were Nicole Torquato, Kelly Parsons, Jessica Morselli and Sydney Okumura. Lauren MacDonnell and Britany Bicombom ran the floor helping on defense. The boards were controlled by Woodruff (9 rebounds), Beaudin and Godwin (7 rebounds each) and Ellen Freitas (6 rebounds).

SM/SC 8th grade girls (#8005) the Pride beat St. Joan (#8003), 46-11. A strong offense and determined defense led to the big win for the Pride. Leading the scoring was Allie Labine with 9 pts, 2 steals and a rebound. Monica Atkins led in the steals category with 6 steals, 8 pts and 5 rebounds. Cassidy Sherman topped all rebounders with 11 and also scored 6 pts. Hayley Gamazza (who got hurt in the first half) and Niki Lupo each scored 6 points. Allie Parker had a fantastic defensive game with 8 rebounds and 3 steals. Erin Walkhall had 5 points, 3 steals and a rebound. Lizzie McNamee, Kris Spalasso, and Jamie Elliot each scored a bucket had a steal and combined for 10 rebounds.

SM/SC 8th grade girls (8005) took on St. Isidore (8002), coming away with a 30 to 19 victory. The Livermore team scored in the paint with McKenna Daly (5 pts, 7 rbs), Nicole McDougall (6 pts, 8 rbs) and Jennifer Plantenga (5 pts, 4 rbs, 2 stls) fighting down low. Sharpshooters Camille Cauthen (6 pts, 3 rbs), Theresa Keaney (6 pts, 2 rbs) and Alyse Kline (2 pts, rb, 4 stls) helped the Livermore offense stay on track. Putting the brakes on the St. Isidore's offense were Sami Schiller (5 rbs, 4 stls), Kaila Williams (2 rbs, 2 stls) and Ashley Holmes (6 rbs, 3 stls).

SM/SC 7th grade girls "The Hippies" (#7003) took on CCOP I (#7005) and lost their first game of the season 24 to 25 (in part due to foul problems) in a game that could have gone either way. Despite the loss, it was a solid effort by the Hippies against a very good team. Top scoring players were Kristy Kearney and Kaila Silver each scoring 8 points. Great defense and offense played by Carolyn Fletcher, Kaylie Phillips, Rebecca Pilz, and Elyse Telford.

CCOP # 7005 continued its winning ways with a 25-24 victory over SM/SC # 7003. In the first half CCOP built up a 15-10 lead by Haley Chow with 5 points Sydney Hitesman with 4 points, Alaina Urban, Ashley Lindke and Cassidy Lynch with 2 points. The second half started with CCOP building up a 10 point lead, and then SMSC I started their comeback and pulled to within 1 point with just under 3 minutes to play. CCOP held off several last second shots to escape with the win. Sydney Hitesman finished with 11 points. Haley Chow 5 points, Cassidy Lynch 4 points, Alaina Urban and Ashley Lindke 2 points and Sarah Loduha 1 point. Aubrey Wolff, Kylie Copenhagen, Arleen Firoozan and Olivia Ensler played well on defense and had several steals.

The Grizzly Bears (SM/SC #607) boys basketball team defeated CCOP #601 16-15 in a close battle right to the end of the game. Great teamwork by Hunter Ashby and Josh Revay and great steals and defense by Mark Santos, Tanner Hughes, and Matt Santos in Q1. The competition heated up in Q2 with back and forth scoring and awesome team effort from both teams to end the quarter 8-3. The battle for the lead continued in Q3, with some great plays by Jaylin Valles and Tito Quihuis. The Grizzly Bears managed to hold off the determined CCOP team, with a final score of 16-15.

In their fifth game in five days, SM/SC (610) lost a squeaker to St. Isidore (609) 26-25. Falling behind by as many as 8 points in the third quarter, SM/SC staged a furious 4th quarter rally to close the gap to one point. SM/SC had the final possession with less than 10 seconds remaining in the game. However, their final two field goal attempts wouldn't fall. Six different players scored for SM/SC. Kristian Berry pulled down 9 rebounds, and Darin Anderson had 4 assists.

Playing four games in 3 days, SM/SC (610) took 4th place in the LARP Holiday Classic. After finishing second in their group, they dropped a semifinal game to St. Joan and lost a hard battle in the consolation game with rival SM/SC (607) team. Many players turned in season best performances in the tournament. Against St. Joan, Darin Anderson led SM/SC with 14 points and 7 assists. Matthew Adiao added six points and Kenny Williams two. Calvin Rasbold also dished three assists. Alec Sblendorio had 4 points and Kristian Berry 7 rebounds against SM/SC (620). In the consolation game, Marcus-Mark Clark grabbed 5 rebounds and 5 points and Austen Gibbs scored 6 points.

The Grizzly Bears (SM/SC Valles) 6th Grade Boys Basketball team took 3rd place in the Holiday Basketball Classic. Game 1 on Jan 2 was a tough competition against St. Joan (Ross). The Grizzly Bears put up a good fight but couldn't catch St. Joan. Final score



Pictured are the LARP Holiday Classic tournament champions front row, (left to right) Devin Ilharreguy, Jason Swiers, Jack Frevert, Vince Rizzo, Mateo Maciel, Alex Cupps. Middle row: Collin Stafford and Zack Kline. Coaches in the back row: Jim Stafford, Steve Kline and Troy Ilharreguy.

30-14 for St. Joan. The Grizzly Bears battled the 7th grade girls SM/SC (Bowles) team during Game 2 on Jan. 3. Tanner Hughes started the Grizzly's off and the boys continued to score with Josh Revay, Matt Santos, Sean Mahoney, and Dominex Kovacs working hard together. Great defensive plays and steals by Hunter Ashby. Final score 19-14 for the boys. Game 3 immediately followed with the Grizzly Bears up against St. Joan (Rodgers) boys team. Despite the loss, it was a solid effort against a very good team. Final score 32-8 for St. Joan. The Grizzly Bears played against SM/SC (Spendorio) 6th grade boys team during Game 4 on Jan. 4. It was a close battle between friends to make for an exciting game. An awesome steal and breakaway by Jaylin Valles, with 40 sec left in Q2 to tie up the quarter 12-12. The Grizzly Bears pulled ahead in Q3, with scoring from Mark Santos, Dominex Kovacs, and Vince Bartoni. Awesome team action in the 4th with great passing from Josh Revay, Hunter Ashby, Tito Quihuis, and Jonathan Futral. Final score 30-22 for the Grizzly Bears.

SM/SC 5th grade boys (#521), lost to CCOP (#523), 43 to 28. Racking and attacking for Livermore on offense were Ryan Holmes (16 pts, 8 rbs, 7 stls) and Jacob Will (10 pts, 4 rbs, 4 stls). The Livermore defense had their hands full stopping the CCOP scorers. Playing tough defense for the Livermore squad were William Johnson (3 rbs), Nathan Julku (6 rbs) and Brandon Cory (7 rbs). Livermore's Andrew Kettenhofen (2 pts, 4 rbs, 2 stls) had a good game. Livermore was short three players.

SM/SC 5th grade girls American League team put together another outstanding team effort, combining crisp passing on offense with relentless defense to beat St. Joan's 27-17. Rachel Hernandez had her best game of the season, blocking 4 or 5 shots and pulling in a slew of rebounds to go with her team-high 10 points. Samantha Trask ran the offense like a machine and played great transition defense, and Delaney Gill-Sommerhauser had a great game at both ends as well as in the middle, running the floor on offense and getting back quickly on D. Overall, a great team effort against a solid team led to a great result.

The SM/SC 5th Grade American Boys lost to a very strong and talented St. Raymond's team, 26-10. After falling behind by 19 points in the first half, the SM/SC team was able to decrease the gap and slow down the St. Raymond's team with a solid defensive effort from Cody King, Louis Arias with a steal, and Tyler Silva with 2 blocks and a steal. Kameron Johnson and Chris Moussa were able to create some moves from the inside, scoring 4 points each, while Adam Boehrer and Marcus Acton scored points off of free throws. In the end, it was not enough to penetrate the St. Raymond's zone with any consistency. Despite the loss, it was a solid effort against a very good, 2nd place-ranked St. Raymond's team.

The Dribblers, SMSC (5004) lost to SMSC (5006), 14-10. For SMSC (5006), it was a definite team effort with each player scoring points. Morgan Dillard led their 4th quarter surge with 4 points. For the Dribblers, the entire team fought hard and played aggressively on offense and defense. Sarah Partridge and Elisha Sands each scored 4 points and Madison McCoy scored 2 points.

SM/SC 5th grade girls team #5013 won both games they played at the CCOP Holiday Challenge. In the first game SM/SC won 28-14, defeating St. Catherine, and in the 2nd game SM/SC defeated Christ the King, 16-4. Leading scorers were Kelly Borden with 16, Dana Anex with 14, Alyssa Gonzalez and Danielle Sun with 6 each, and Julie Maruskin with 2. Kaitlyn Baucke and Ashley Breyer also played well for SM/SC.

SM/SC 5th grade girls team #5013 defeated CCOP team #5011 16-15 in a close battle right to the end of the game. Great teamwork by Hunter Ashby and Josh Revay and great steals and defense by Mark Santos, Tanner Hughes, and Matt Santos in Q1. The competition heated up in Q2 with back and forth scoring and awesome team effort from both teams to end the quarter 8-3. The battle for the lead continued in Q3, with some great plays by Jaylin Valles and Tito Quihuis. The Grizzly Bears managed to hold off the determined CCOP team, with a final score of 16-15.

The SM/SC 5th Grade Bulldogs pulled out a 29-25 overtime win against a fast paced, aggressive St. Joan of Arc squad. The Bulldogs came out strong the first quarter scoring 13 of their 29 points, but they hit a cold spell in the second and third quarters scoring only 6 points and turning over the ball several times. The score was tied 25-25 when the buzzer sounded. Xack Kline hit a 10 foot jumper about a minute into the 3 minute overtime period and Jack Frevert iced the win by sinking two of three free throw opportunities. Frevert led the Bulldogs with 9 points, Collin Stafford added 7, Kline had 6, Devin Ilharreguy scored 4 and Alex Cupps added 3.

SM/SC 4th Grade Boys (412) played St. Isidore (414). Final score was 2 to 22. Scoring was Spencer Herrera. There was great rebounding from Gregory Moreland and Erik Mork. Good defense was played by Curtis McDonnell and Jacob Hole.

SM/SC 3rd grade girls (#3011, the Warriors) defeated SM/SC (#3010, the Guardians) in a hard fought, low scoring game 6-0. The game was scoreless until the fourth quarter when Riley Heffron, Adriana Sblendorio and Missy Nunes connected on buckets for the Warriors. For the Guardians, Taylor Peterson kept up the pressure on offense and defense. Robyn Kammerer used

height to her advantage, pulling down many rebounds to keep the Guardians in the game. Kerry Schmitter and Dani Kolling led a strong team defensive effort for the Warriors, helping the squad remain undefeated for the season.

SM/SC 3rd grade Warriors (#3011) continued their undefeated season with an exciting game against SM/SC #3012, 28 to 7. Leading scorers for the Warriors were Savannah Vasquez with 9, Missy Nunes with 8, Adriana Sblendorio with 7, and Kerry Schmitter with 4. Top defensive players were Emily Hawkins and Mackenzie Farro.

SM/SC 1st and 2nd grade boys 2BN5 and 2BN7 played a very exciting game. Both Warriors were tough on offense as well as defense. Top defense players for 2BN7 were Logan Greenough and Grant. Top defense players were Derek Eijansantos and Cameron Gever. Top offense players for 2BN5 were Jack Katal and Logan Finch. Top defense players were Kevin Lee and Andrew Divita.

## Holiday Classic

Steve Kline's St. Michael's/St. Charles (SM/SC) 5th grade boys team, the Bulldogs, won the LARP Holiday Classic Tournament with a 4-0 record. The Bulldogs started the tournament with a hard fought 21-20 victory over the tough SM/SC squad coached by Jim Buranis. The game was close the entire game, with the lead trading hands three times in the 4th quarter until Zack Kline scored the final go-ahead basket and the Bulldogs defended held on tight for the last 30 seconds. Alex Cupps led Bulldog scorers with 7 points, Jack Frevert had 6, Devin Ilharreguy and Kline had 4 each. For the Buranis squad, Kevin Garcia scored 7, Jared Buranis scored 6 and Kamran Mofteh added 4.

The Bulldogs second game was another nail biter against the SM/SC Bagatelos team. The Bagatelos squad led for much of the game, but the Bulldogs had a 10 unanswered point run in the 4th quarter to win 33-23. Collin Stafford led all scorers with 13 points, Jack Frevert and Alex Cupps had six points each, Ilharreguy scored 4, Mateo Maciel and Kline added 2 apiece.

In game three, the Bulldogs again came from behind to beat an aggressive St. Raymond's team 30-25. The Bulldogs played outstanding defense. Vince Rizzo had several key rebounds in the third quarter that kept SM/SC in the game. Jack Frevert led all scorers with 12 points including four pressure packed, critical free-throws in the third and fourth quarters. Alex Cupps and Zack Kline had six points each. Collin Stafford added four and Devin Ilharreguy chipped in 2.

Game 4 was against St. Raymond's for the second time in the same night. It was St. Raymond's third game in less than four hours. The Bulldogs won by a score of 24-14 over St. Raymond's team that came out strong, scoring 7 quick unanswered points, but in the second half the shots just weren't falling for them. Jason Swiers played aggressive defense in the 4th position, instigating several jump ball possession changes. Devin Ilharreguy led all scorers with 10 points, Frevert added 6, Stafford had 4 and Cupps and Kline had 2 each.

All eight Bulldogs players contributed in every game with tenacious defense, and good movement with and without the ball. The fact that each game had a different high scorer is testament to the team oriented style of play the coaches have been so passionate about teaching these boys.

## California Gymnastics

California Gymnastics Academy team members competed in the National Judges Cup hosted by NAWGJ in San Diego over the weekend. The Level 7 team brought home the second place trophy.

RESULTS (by event):  
LEVEL 7: Age Group: 13-14 yrs VAULT - Emma Rigl, 9th place (8.2) BARS - Rigl, 1st place (9.45) BEAM - Rigl, 3rd place (8.75) FLOOR - Rigl, 1st place (9.55) ALL AROUND - Rigl, 2nd place (35.75); Age Group: 15- yrs VAULT - Megan Ouyang, 1st place (9.0); Erin Gray, 3rd place (8.825) BARS - Ouyang, 1st place (9.3); Gray, 2nd place (9.275) BEAM - Gray, 1st place (9.35); Ouyang, 4th place (8.05) FLOOR - Gray, 1st place (9.55); Ouyang, 3rd place (9.4) ALL AROUND - Gray, 1st place (37.0); Ouyang, 2nd place (35.75)

LEVEL 8: Age Group: 12-13 yrs VAULT - Jordan Garza (8.0) BARS - Garza, 8th place (8.925) BEAM - Garza, 7th place (9.1) FLOOR - Garza, 7th place (9.075) ALL AROUND - Garza, 9th place (30.51).

## LHS JV Basketball

The Livermore High School girls JV basketball team traveled to Irvington to participate in a Holiday tournament. The JV team played with only 6 players suited up due to illnesses and absences. The Livermore team fought hard with 6 guards Kaitlynn Amaral, Julie Blach, Kylie O'Neal, Gabby Barbalinardo, Kathryn Rambo and Carrie Melrose.

The first game found Livermore against Bishop O'Dowd. Livermore was undersized but tenacious in their effort losing 58 to 22. Finishing the game with 4 players on the floor and scoring against the O'Dowd team with Julie Blach, Kylie O'Neal, Gabby Barbalinardo and Kathryn Rambo. Kylie O'Neal led all Livermore scorers with 9 points.

Next up for Livermore was Lincoln (SF) with a deep bench and a physical game plan Lincoln won 42 to 31. Fouling and substi-

tuting kept Lincoln in the game. A great game by Gabby Barbalinardo (10 pts) and Carrie Melrose (4 points) kept the Livermore squad in striking distance all game.

The Livermore team's next opponent was Mercy (SF) and Mercy edged them out 53 to 50. The Livermore squad demonstrated composure again with Mercy having a deep bench fouling and aggressive defense were the soup de jour for the day. Livermore made them pay by shooting 15 of 18 from the free throw line. Hitting nothing but net from the foul line were Kathryn Rambo and Kaitlynn Amaral. Livermore racked and attacked with Gabby Barbalinardo (14 pts), Julie Blach (10 pts), Kylie O'Neal (10 pts) and Carrie Melrose (10 pts).

## Gymfinity Gymnastics

Gymfinity Gymnastics competed in the National Judges Cup held January 4th to 6th in San Diego. The level 6 and 7 teams each placed third in their sessions.

Brianna Camacho brought home the bar title in level 7 competition with a 9.5. Ashley Eastman and Valentina Barbalinardo competed in the Level 7 State team challenge against the best level 7 gymnasts from across the nation. They helped Northern California finish third in the team competition. Ashley dominated the competition in the 13 to 14 year old age group, placing first on bars with a 9.525 and first on beam with a 9.625 on her way to winning the all-around title with a 38.225. Valentina brought home two titles of her own, placing first on vault with a 9.35 and first on floor with a 9.7.

Level 4 - Vault: Jessica Biggs, 8.4; Kaylee Brist, 8.15; Paige Chew, 7.85. Bars: Brist, 8.125; Chew, 7.725; Biggs, 7.25. Beam: Chew, 8.35; Biggs, 7.475; Brist, 6.05. Floor: Biggs, 7.25; Chew, 7.15; Brist, 7.0. All-Around: Chew, 31.075; Biggs, 30.375; Brist, 29.325.

Level 5 - Vault: Mariel Chiong, 8.25; Rachel Pombo, 7.8. Bars: Pombo, 8.0; Chiong, 7.95. Beam: Chiong, 9.05; Pombo, 7.8. Floor: Chiong, 8.625; Pombo, 8.1. All-Around: Chiong, 33.875; Pombo, 31.7.

Level 6 - Vault: Rebecca Meister, 4th, 8.875; Isla Anderson, 8.15; Kaitlin Hausmann, 7.65. Bars: Meister, 5th, 8.15; Andrews, 8th, 8.025; Hausmann, 7.55. Beam: Meister, 8.575; Hausmann, 7.8; Andrews, 7.75. Floor: Meister, 5th, 8.575; Hausmann, 8.25; Andrews, 7.5. All-Around: Meister, 5th, 34.175; Andrews, 31.425; Hausmann, 31.25.

Level 7 - 7 to 10 yrs - Vault: Gabriella Lemoine, 8.45. Bars: Lemoine, 8.875. Beam: 6.9. Floor: 8.9. All-Around: 33.125. 11 yrs - Vault: Brianna Camacho, 4th, 9.25; Angelica Laporati, 7th, 9.075. Bars: Camacho, 1st, 9.5. Beam: Camacho, 2nd, 9.325; Laporati, 8th, 8.625. Floor: Camacho, 8th, 9.1; Laporati, 8.675. All-Around: Camacho, 2nd, 37.175. 12 yrs - Vault: Haley Brott, 2nd, 8.95; Moira Andrews, 8.3. Bars: Brott, 7.75; Andrews, 7.675. Beam: Brott, 8.1; Andrews, 7.55. Floor: Andrews and Brott, 8.3. All-Around: Brott, 33.1; Andrews, 31.7.

Level 9 - Vault: Kimberly Lisiak, 4th, 8.7; Alexa Laporati, 7.8. Bars: Lisiak, 6th, 7.4. Beam: Lisiak, 7.65. Floor: Lisiak, 4th, 8.975; Folker, 8.1; Laporati, 7.1. All-Around: Lisiak, 4th, 32.725.

Level 10 - State Team Challenge (representing Norcal) - 11 yrs - Vault: Valentina Barbalinardo, 1st, 9.35. Bars: Barbalinardo, 17th, 9.0. Beam: Barbalinardo, 7th, 9.5. Floor: Barbalinardo, 1st, 9.7. All-Around: Barbalinardo, 7th, 37.55. 13-14 yrs - Vault: Ashley Eastman, 2nd, 9.45. Bars: Eastman, 1st, 9.525. Beam: Eastman, 1st, 9.625. Floor: Eastman, 2nd, 9.625. All-Around: Eastman, 1st, 38.225.

## Youth Ice Hockey

In one of the most thrilling comebacks in recent memory the Tri-Valley Blue Devils Pee Wee A's scored twice inside the final minute and defeated the Santa Clara Blackhaws 3-2 in NORCAL regular season action at Dublin Ireland.

Matthew Bissell's unassisted goal with less than a second left in the game gave Tri-Valley a most improbable victory over one of their long time rivals. Michael Hahn scored with only 56 seconds left to force a tie and set the stage for Bissell's stunning game winner. Jacob Minton assisted on Hahn's goal.

The Blue Devils took the lead in the first period when Cole Merrick scored with assists going to Daniel Atwater and Aleksey Pelletier. But the Blackhaws stormed back with a pair of second period goals just a minute apart from Douglas Gutierrez and Mark McDowell and seemed to be cruising toward victory until the dramatic final minute.

Tri-Valley netminder Michael Sinicropi had a solid game in goal recording 14 saves. The Blue Devils outshot the visitors 24-16. Coaches John Young, John McGowan and Anthony Melville also received excellent performances from Gerin Flores, Michael Llamas, Justin McGowan, Patrick Melville, Quinn Moore, Jordan Smith and Connor Young.

With a record of 4-1-1, the Blue Devils now prepare to meet league powerhouse Oakland A1 (6-0) on Saturday.

## Pleasanton Seahawks

A record number of swimmers from the Pleasanton Seahawks swim team attended meets in the last swim week end of the year. A total of 102 swimmers entered in swimming events in two swim meets, the Oregon Senior meet, and the Tri (Pleasanton, Walnut Creek, and the SRVLA) meet.

Both meets produced some standout swimmers.

Tri meet: Many swimmers entered multiple events they had never raced before. Competitors are: Ketaki Abhyankar (7), Sanikap Kulkarni (8), Mary Tincher (8), Sidharth Kher (8), Tyler Rhoads (8), William Rose (7), Olivier Rooney (7), Rachel Anderson (9), Navneeth Maudgalya (9), Kyle Oslund (10), Parth Subramanian (10), Jae Williams (13), and Danny Lin (12).

The following swimmers reached 100% best time in the event they raced: Tiana Couture (8), and Xuanan Hu (8), Analeser Chinn (9), Regis Lachance (9), Jonathan Ong (10), Stephanie Anronson (11), Heather Chandler (11), Brianna Gallo (11), Lucinda Graham (12), Victor Todor (11), Alexander L. Wang (12), James Ding (14), Kevin Vicencio (14), Alicia Brown (15), Hannah Schmitz (15), and Krishnan Rajagopalan (16). Hannah Schmitz dropped jay in the 200 free and Brandon Chandler did the same in the 500 free. Krish Rajagopalan had good swims in the 200 free and 200 back, as did Josh Meints in the 200 back, and David Hsieh swam well in the 200 back and 200 breast.

Oregon: There were numerous team records set and top ten swims. Standout swimmers are: Katrina Anderson: 100/200 back, 50 & 1650 free; Catherine Breed: (1 m here) 100/200 back, 50/500/1000 free and 400 IM; Brandon Fischer: 100/200 breast (both new Pacific Swimming 17-18 records), 100/200/1000 free and 200/400 IM's; Chris Guido: 200 fly, 100 free, 400 IM; Tony Houston: 500/1650 free; Kyle Lindsay: 100/200 back and 200/500/1000 free; Lisa Narum: 200 back, 100 breast, 200/1000 free and 200/400 IM's; Brianna Neumaya: 200 back and 500 free; Neda Nguyen: 100 fly, 200 breast & 1000 free; Bethany Poon: 50/500/1000 free and 200 IM; Andrew Seitz: 100 breast, 100/200/500 free and 200 IM; Danielle Stickler: 100 free; Karen Wang: 50/1000 free and 200 IM; Natalie Wong: 200 breast and 500 free and Dave Grabarek: 100/200 breast and 50/100 free.

## Pony Baseball

Pony Baseball is now accepting registrations for the Spring 2008 season. Open to players ages 5-18. Three ways to register: online at [www.pleasantonpony.com](http://www.pleasantonpony.com); download a registration form from the website and mail in or fax to 435-603-7669; or register at All Star Sports on Hopyard Rd in Pleasanton. For more information, email [am10@comcast.net](mailto:am10@comcast.net).

## Track and Field

St. Michael's/St. Charles CYO track and field is taking sign-ups for the spring season. Registration will be Jan. 11 and Jan. 17 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Parish Hall, corner of Third Street and Maple Street, Livermore. Grades 3 to 8 are welcome. Information, Terri Herigstad, [marstad@aol.com](mailto:marstad@aol.com).

## Adventure Racing

On January 26, teams of two will gather to compete in Lake Chabot's first-ever adventure race, a multi-sport, off-road competition featuring running/trekking, kayaking and mountain biking. Pleasanton bike shop Cyclepath is putting together the "sprint distance" (which refers to a shorter distance) event especially for people with little or no adventure race experience.

Participants must run/trek 1.5 miles, kayak 1.5 miles and mountain



# Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan



## Fire Protection & John McGlinchey

At this time of year when the rains have finally come, wildland firefighters all over California breathe a sigh of relief. Over a hundred years ago, local ranchers took the first step for rural fire protection in the Tri-Valley. After a wildland fire in 1903 destroyed nearly a million acres of rangeland, local ranchers John McGlinchey, John Kelly, Patrick Connolly, Peter Moy, and J.J. Callaghan met to consider preventive measures. They formed the Stockmen's Protective Association, whose members cooperated to prevent and fight fires, control hunting, and address other mutual problems in the rural areas surrounding Livermore. McGlinchey was elected president and organized the fire crews. In 1907 he was appointed county fire warden and developed the Alameda County Fire Patrol.

In the beginning, the patrol raced to the fires with horses and wagons. They bought their first truck in 1914. E.J. Mulqueeny remembered the old two-wheel-drive Dodge trucks: "They didn't have tanks of water on them. They used to have big tubs and oh, milk cans and stuff full of wet sacks. And a few rakes and a few shovels and pick up whoever they could pick up down the road to come help fight the fire." If the men were on the line during mealtime, the Stockmen's Association would feed them, but no one was paid for the hard work. In 1916 the association established the Crane Ridge Lookout, which was manned during the fire season.

"In no small degree the success of the Stockmen's Protective Association, widely known and recognized, was due to two of McGlinchey's outstanding characteristics—an insistence on punctuality and getting things done," the *Herald* commented in his obituary. "Meetings have always started and ended on time, and the business was disposed of in a manner to assure results and action." The obituary praised John McGlinchey's tenure further: "It is impossible to even hazard a guess at the value of McGlinchey's interest in fire fighting to this community. ... He was progressive and kept ahead of changing conditions, his methods being studied by leaders in fire fighting organizations and widely copied." McGlinchey fought more than 2,000 fires in his lifetime. Shortly after his 64th birthday in October 1925, McGlinchey and eight Livermore firefighters, including three of his sons, responded to a call for help in fighting a fire on the slopes of Mount Diablo. When he retired in 1937, his son James followed in his footsteps as the county fire warden and served until his own retirement in 1965.

In 1882 John McGlinchey had emigrated from Donegal, Ireland, to Canada; then, at the urging of Peter Connolly, he immediately took a four-day cross-country train trip to the Livermore Valley. In a discussion with Maitland R. Henry in the *Livermore Herald* office in 1931, he recalled the exact day and time he arrived: 10:15 a.m. on June 9, 1882, 21 days after he had left Ireland. "He remembered that he had lost 20 pounds on the trip and his friends whom he met on arrival here were considerably worried about his health." He stayed to work for the Moy family on their sheep ranges and also tended sheep for John and Annie O'Brien. After a while, he bought land and raised his own sheep on the Corral Hollow range. He would move them down to the river islands and areas of lowland stubble in the winter, then in December move them up to the lambing ranges in Corral Hollow. In December 1906, he purchased 550 breeding ewes in Merced County and drove them across to Corral Hollow.

In 1892 at St. Michael's Church, he married Elizabeth Flynn, who had come to the Altamont hills with her family in the late 1860s when she was two years old. In 1907 John and Elizabeth bought the old Livermore Collegiate Institute building to have more room for their family of nine children and all the extra people they collected. They now had 28 rooms, including 15 bedrooms, and six acres of land. The local history *Celebrities at Your Doorstep* described the family: "Most people knew John McGlinchey for his leadership activities, and the McGlinchey sons as the nucleus of the nationally famous basketball team, 'The Livermore Cowboys.' But Elizabeth McGlinchey had a role of her own—mother to nine living children, five orphaned nieces and nephews, and at least a half-dozen children of no relationship. This was her credo: If someone was hungry you fed him. If he was tired you gave him a bed. And if he needed a home you invited him to move in."

Under McGlinchey's leadership, the Stockmen's Protective Association also took on the challenge in 1918 of sponsoring the Livermore Rodeo. The rodeo has continued under the association's auspices as an annual event, and some people call McGlinchey the "Father of the Livermore Rodeo." Cathryn McGlinchey Laughlin as a child wondered why a newspaper article called her grandfather John a "colorful" man. She knew him as a man of few words, and those were never curse words. She said that he never smoked, and he never drank except one glass of wine with friends to celebrate the end of Prohibition.

Alameda County built Fire Station #8 in the Spanish Colonial Revival style on Livermore's College Avenue near its intersection with P Street in 1950 and dedicated it to John McGlinchey. McGlinchey Street runs along one side of the station.

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

## Talk Set on Efforts to Preserve Area's Heritage

The Livermore Heritage Guild is celebrating its 35th Anniversary this year. Information about efforts to preserve the area's heritage will be provided in a talk on Wed., January 16 at the Livermore Library.

Many of the historical assets of the city are preserved and utilized through the cooperation of many parties. The power point presentation by Chris Davidson, City of Livermore, will give an overview of these unique part-

nerships. These partnerships in preservation appear to be the key in retaining Livermore's Historic assets for the future.

The goal of the Guild has been to preserve the unique heritage of Livermore through collections and donations from the community, documenting history, providing research material and collections of old photographs of the community, oral histories and books, lectures and exhibits. In

# SHORT NOTES

## Youth Advisory Group

The Alameda County Fair Association is inviting youth, ages 14 - 18 years of age as of January 1, 2008, to apply for a position on the Alameda County Fair Youth Advisory Group.

The purpose of this group is to provide input to fair management pertaining to programming, including large animal, small animal and horticulture departments, assist with pre-fair activities, including pre-weigh activities for large animals, as well as assist with fairtime activities such as the Livestock Awards Program and Junior Livestock Auction.

Interested individuals are encouraged to complete the Youth Advisory Group Application and submit the application by January 15, 2008 to Judy Carrico, Fair Operations Manager, Alameda County Fair, 4501 Pleasanton Ave., Pleasanton, CA 94566. The form is available online at [www.alamedacountyfair.com](http://www.alamedacountyfair.com).

## Winter Nature

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff is offering two programs this coming weekend.

"Winter Stars" is the topic of a Sat., Jan. 12 program. Meet Ranger Glen Florey at 6 p.m. at the Wetmore Road entrance to Sycamore Grove Park. The goal will be to observe the winter constellations on this dark night but, as always, nature will have a say about the show. If weather is good, participants will be hiking up the hills in the back of the park for an unobstructed view. Rain or shine, bring good hiking shoes. No flashlights or "hoot owl" groups, please.

"Winter Campfire" will be presented on Sun., Jan. 13. Meet Ranger Dawn Soles at 4:30 p.m. at the group picnic area at Veterans Park. Visitors will sip cocoa (provided) while learning a little about some of the nocturnal park residents. There may even be story or two. There are no seats in the campfire area, so please bring a chair or blanket to sit on. Feel free to bring a hot dog to cook over the fire. Please call (925) 960-2400 for reservations. Cancelled if raining.

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.

## Winterfest For All

CrossWinds Church in Dublin will host a Winterfest on Sat., Jan. 12 from 2 to 6 p.m.

There will be ice skating for the entire family plus a performance by The Ice Girls. Skate rentals are included in the ticket price. There will be an ice skating rink in the church parking lot where most of the activities are planned.

The Joe Carvalho Bird Show will be performing as well in the auditorium at 4:30 p.m. Also included in the admission price.

There will be games and crafts for kids.

Hot Dogs and Chili will be \$1.00 each. However, those attending can bring a pair of new socks that will go a local group for the homeless in exchange for a free hot dog. Amelia Pennwell from Livermore will be the recipient of the socks. She collects socks to be given to those who them as a community project.

Hot and cold beverages will available along with hot chocolate chip cookies.

A chili cook off will take place at the start of the afternoon. Prizes will be awarded in several categories. Pre-registration for chili entrance is required.

Tickets for the event are \$10 adults and \$5 for age 12 and under. They are available online at [www.crosswindschurch.org](http://www.crosswindschurch.org)

## Speakers Contest

The Lions Clubs of California is sponsoring the 71st Annual Lions Student Speakers Contest. The challenging topic for this year's contest is, "Immigration - My Solution." The contest is open to all students, grades 9-12.

The Livermore Lions Club has scheduled the local club contest for 7 p.m., Thursday evening, February 14, at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave in Community Room A. The club winner will receive a \$50 check and will advance to the Zone 9 contest (Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, and Danville). The Zone 9 contest is scheduled for Saturday, March 8 at

the Livermore Civic Center Library beginning at 1:45 p.m.

The winner at each level will advance from club, zone, region, district, and area to the final California contest scheduled for June 7, 2008 in Visalia. The total prize and scholarship funds to be awarded to the winners will exceed \$100,000.

The deadline for student registration for the local Livermore contest will be Wednesday, January 16. Students are to register with their high school principal.

While students are to write their own speech, the Livermore Toastmasters Club has agreed to provide assistance for students who desire coaching in the delivery of their speech.

Visit [www.LivermoreLions.org](http://www.LivermoreLions.org) for additional information or send an email to [LivermoreLionsClub@comcast.net](mailto:LivermoreLionsClub@comcast.net).

## Book Events

Towne Center Books, 555 Main Street, Pleasanton, is hosting the following events:

- Pop-up workshop with David Carter, Fri., Jan 11 at 4:00 - Reservations please: 925-846-8826. Paper engineer, David Carter, will present a pop-up workshop at Towne Center Books. The workshop works best for kids 3rd grade and older but siblings are welcome to listen and meet David. Materials will be provided.

- Laura Werlin's Cheese Essentials, Sat., Jan. 12 from 5-7. Laura Werlin is recognized as one of the country's foremost authorities on American cheese. Her awards include the James Beard award, the IACP Best American Cookbook Award and the World Gourmand award for best cheese book. Please call ahead to ensure enough samples are available: 925-846-8826.

- Read and Be Happy Hour with Beth Lisick, Mon., Jan. 14, 5:00-6:00. This will be a lively discussion, and happy hour food and beverage. Free with book purchase or \$5.00 without. Reservations are necessary. Call 925-846-8826 or reply to this email.

## Living with Arthritis

Livermore Area Recreation and Park District is offering an informational program on different types of arthritis, their diagnosis and treatment.

Dr. Melissa McNamara, a Bay Area Rheumatologist, recently finished her fellowship in Rheumatology at the University of California, Los Angeles. She will present this informative program on Tuesday, January 15, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore. There is no fee, but reservations are recommended. The program number is 8030. To register call (925) 373-5700. For information, call (925) 373-5760.

## Library Storytimes

Storyteller John Weaver will be sharing tales of beaches and sunshine during a Super Summer Storytime on Saturday, January 12, at 11:00 a.m. at the Springtown Branch. The Springtown Branch Library is located at 998 Bluebell Drive next to the duck pond in Springtown.

How does storytime say good night? Find out on Monday, January 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the Civic Center Library. John will have all the answers at this special event. Pajamas encouraged. The Civic Center Library is located at 1188 S. Livermore Avenue.

John says, "It's Disgusting and I

Ate It!" Find out more about John's idea for a tasty snack at the Rincon Branch Library on Saturday, January 19 at 11:00 a.m. He'll be telling stories about food, not demonstrating. The Rincon Branch Library is located at 725 Rincon Avenue in May Nissen Park and Swim Center.

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

## Open House

Lazarex Cancer Foundation will hold an open house on January 17 to

celebrate the opening of its new offices at 169 Front Street, Suite 203, Danville.

Lazarex Cancer Foundation is a volunteer-run nonprofit supporting cancer patients who have been failed by conventional medicine by providing financial assistance for, and access to, new and promising treatments. The open house will take place from 4-7 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Special guests, including the daughters of a Lazarex Cancer Foundation patient named Florence, who is currently being treated in Santa Monica with REXIN-G for breast cancer under the care of Dr. Sant Chawla, will be on hand.

For more information, contact Lazarex Cancer Foundation at (925) 820-4517 or visit [www.lazarexfoundation.org](http://www.lazarexfoundation.org).

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**Speaker** Ken Coburn  
Vice President-Investments

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# Dublin Center Community Education Programs

## Featured Lecture



Margaret Fry, M.D., FAAP  
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## Building Healthy Habits For Your Child Thursday, January 17, 2008, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Parents are the most important influence in helping a child establish healthy habits. This lecture will teach you how to prepare healthy meals and snacks for your child, and shop for foods that your child likes and can grow on, as well as encourage you to teach your child about healthy eating and lifestyle behaviors.

## Upcoming Lecture



John Smuay, M.D.  
Family Medicine

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# OBITUARIES

## Jack Martin Freeman

Jack Martin Freeman died December 27, 2007 in Livermore. He was 73. Jack was born Jan. 23, 1934 in Oakland, CA. He lived in Oakland for 57 years and Livermore for 16 years. He owned a business in the automotive industry. He was a member St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, St. Elizabeth's Church in Oakland and past president of The St. Elizabeth Elementary School's Parent's Club, active member in the California Blue Grass Association, past member of the East Bay Aquarium Society and Fish Judges of America. His hobbies included woodworking, fishing, photography, music, gourmet cooking, community theatre, "A true Renaissance man" and a great friend.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Ronelva (Ronni) Freeman, son Doug Freeman and his wife Chris, a brother Herb Freeman, a sister Jeannie Hanson, and grandchildren, Jason, Taylor, and Ashley. He was preceded in death by a won, Kevin Freeman.

A funeral memorial was held Jan. 3 at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Livermore.

Donations in his name are suggested to St. Elizabeth Elementary or High School, in Oakland, CA.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

## Roberta Martha Geer

Roberta Martha Geer died December 21, 2007. She was born Jan. 26, 1919.

The family celebrated her life on Friday, January 11, 2008, at Ridgeview Commons in Pleasanton.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

## Barbara Joan Escover

Barbara Joan Escover passed away peacefully on Dec 28, 2007 after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Barbara was born in Selma, California on April 28, 1932, to John and Louise Barthe.

Barbara was married to Manual P. Escover in 1950. They had three children Stan (Darlene McLean) Rick and Lori Erickson (Lorne).

Her joy of life was her husband Manual, her children and grandchildren. She loved to cook, enjoyed crafting and traveling. Mom loved great gatherings of friends and family, she enjoyed cooking for them and there was always a kind word for those in need. Barbara and Manual owned and operated Livermore Feed Store together for 20 years. Upon retirement, Barbara and Manual purchased a vacation home in Port Orford, Oregon where she enjoyed the ocean climate, many friends, visiting guests, and special friends Royce and Carolyn.

Their home was always open to their children's friends whether it was for food, visiting or in need of a place to stay. Barbara will be remembered by all for her kind, caring and affectionate ways.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Manual Escover, sons Stan Escover (Darlene McEllen), Rick Escover, both of Livermore, a daughter, Lori (Lorne) Erickson of Rimby, Alberta, Canada, six grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her mother and father, John and Louise Barthe and a brother, John Barthe.

The Family would like to thank the nursing staff at Valley Hospital in Livermore and Pleasanton for their dedication and providing comfort to Mom.

Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated January 4 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Livermore. Burial followed at Mass at St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Livermore.

Donations are asked to a charity of choice.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

## Ronald Thomas MacConnell

Ronald Thomas MacConnell died December 28, 2007. He was 56. Ron touched many lives with his adventurous spirit, loving heart and his wisdom. He loved the sea and all of its wonders and was an avid sailor. He also loved the game of golf and riding his Harley. Ron lived in California for most of his 56 years, he was born in Woodbury City, New Jersey November 16, 1951; the son of Robert and Beatrice MacConnell, both of Scottish descent.

As general manager of the Hilton Pleasanton at The Club in Pleasanton CA, he was afforded many successes and happy memories with his devoted staff of whom he was extremely proud. In the hotel and hospitality business for most of his adult life, Ron began his career after graduating from culinary school as a Certified Executive Chef. He was a member of the American Culinary Federation a society aimed at providing mutual assistance and education. Ron was also on the Board of Directors, as a founding member, of the Orange-Empire Chefs Association in Southern California. When Ron cooked for you, it was one of his many ways of saying "I love you."

He is survived by his wife, Lori MacConnell, his children Moria Lee, Sang Lee, Jene Shipman, Jeff Shipman and Aaron Unruh, siblings Bob MacConnell, Eddie MacConnell, Sean Wiggins and Matt Phillips, and grandchildren Lynsey, Phoenix and Colt; and son-in-law of Linda-Petteruti Wiggins, Gene Wiggins, and Marcelle Wiggins. Ron was incredible friend and confidant to a countless number of people, he will be missed terribly.

Friends and family took part in a "celebration of life" service for Ron at Hilton Pleasanton at The Club on Friday January 4 in Pleasanton.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

## Fred Baker

Fred Baker died December 28, 2007 in Pleasanton. He was 62.

Fred was born Oct. 6, 1945 in Glendale, CA. He attended Laney College and then served in the National Guard. He was a retired printer from the University of California. He

is a member of Friend of Bill W. His hobbies include golf and family trips.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Mary Ellen Baker, son Kenny (Kris) Baker; daughter, Michelle Baker, and a sister, Donna Smith of Livermore, as well as numerous nieces and nephews: Mike, John, Bob, Eddie, Barney, LeAnn, Paul, Jolene and Patrice. He was preceded in death by a sister, Jackie Barnhart and his parents, Don and Edith Baker.

A memorial service was held Jan. 4 in Pleasanton.

Donations in his name are suggested to Valley Medical Oncology Consultants, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite 100, Pleasanton, CA 94588; www.vmoc.com.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

## Rita Delores Goodwin

Rita Delores Goodwin passed away in Tulsa, OK on December 27, 2007. She was 86.

Rita was a longtime Livermore resident. She served as a Merchant Seaman Cook on a ship. She also worked in the Shipyards in Richmond, CA as a Rosie the Riveter. Her hobbies included sewing, crafting and gardening, especially her roses. She loved Hummingbirds and her Mynah bird.

Rita is survived by her children, sons, Lawrence Ewaldt of Afton, OK; Sam Strait of Joplin, MO; daughters, Jacqueline Malsom-Hyatt of Livingston, CA; Jo Ann Bennett of Washington; Lianne McKown of Flagstaff, AZ; Leslie Ann Wright of Modesto, CA; Jeri Lynn Simmons of Washington, as well as numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Rita was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Goodwin and sons Michael Ewaldt in 1972 and James Ewaldt in 2006.

Graveside services were held Jan. 5 at Memory Gardens Cemetery, Livermore.

Memorial Contributions may be to Clarehouse, 7324 East 49th Place #3, Tulsa, OK 74145, www.clarehouse.org, 918-665-7026.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

## Stella Marie Martinez

Stella Marie Martinez, 40-year resident of Livermore, died Saturday, December 29, 2007. She was 66.

Stella was born January 30, 1941, in Salida, CO, and moved to California in 1962. She worked at Intel Corp. for 10 years and numerous retail shops until retirement. She was known to many as "Stella Bella." She enjoyed making crafts, shopping, playing Bunco, watching sports and spending time with family and friends.

She lived life teaching those around her all the values that would later mold the lives she touched. Stella had a sweetness that will never be forgotten and she will live in our hearts forever.

Stella is survived by her husband of 45 years, Marshall J. Martinez Sr. of Livermore, her two sons, Marshall J. Martinez Jr. of Patterson and Vince Martinez of Livermore, daughter Angela (Doug) Hewey of Tracy and their two granddaughters, Ashleigh and Natalie. Stella was preceded in death by her brother Herman J. Ortiz and sister Dorothy Trujillo.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, January 10, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 458 Maple St., Livermore.

The family requests donations be sent to National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC), at www.ovarian.org or NOCC, 500 NE Spanish River Blvd., Suite 8, Boca Raton, FL 33431.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

## Stuart Smith

Stuart Smith, a popular swim coach for more than 20 years, died Dec. 28, unexpectedly at his Livermore home. He was 46.

Over the years, Stuart coached thousands of people both young and old, beginner and elite. He had a lasting influence on their lives. He was devoted husband and father.

Stuart was preceded in death by his mother Mary Jane Smith in 2004. He is survived by his wife Sheri Smith and son Hunter Smith, of Livermore, his father Larry Smith, of San Ramon, sister Valerie Smith of Norfolk, VA, sister Laurie Moyer and her husband Paul, of Spokane WA, niece Victoria Moyer and nephew Geoffrey Moyer, of Spokane WA, and numerous cousins.

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A celebration of Stuart's life was held Jan. 4 at Crosswinds Church in Dublin.

Donations in Stuart's name may be sent to the Exceptional Needs Network at www.ennetwork.org, or P.O. Box 3149, Livermore, CA 94551.

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## Don Charles Harris

At 81 years of age, Don died peacefully at home on December 20, 2007. He will be remembered forever as a kind and generous man with strong convictions and a keen wit.

Don was born February 6, 1926 and raised in Los Angeles (along with brother Ted) where he won many state and national tennis championships as a teenager and was an active member of the L.A. Tennis Club. Throughout the years he stayed in close contact and enjoyed his friendships with many of his original tennis buddies. During WWII Don joined the Air Force and was stationed in San Francisco. He was employed in the automobile business for his entire professional career; first with the Oldsmobile Division of General Motors and later with the Lucas Dealership Group in San Jose before retiring into retirement.

An important attribute of Don's life was his infectious love of music. Jazz was his musical passion. However, he did enjoy other styles as long as the music was "good." He had extensive knowledge of the musicians as well as their music and loved to attend live concerts and the symphony. He was an accomplished piano player himself and at the age of 81 allowed himself to admit that progressive rock such as James Taylor and Paul Simon had merit.

Don was also an avid golfer and in 1975 joined the Round Hill Country Club where he enjoyed the friendship of many fellow golfers.

Don is survived by his wife, Paul Awtry Harris his three children, Kimberly Harris, Kathy Welk and Chuck Harris and his four grandchildren, Micah, Connor, Joshua and Christian. And of course, his beloved dog, Penny.

No formal service will be held. On his birthday, February 6, at 2:00 p.m. family and close friends will celebrate his life at Round Hill with warm stories, laughter and jazz.

Don would like to say "Thank you for a wonderful life."

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## Idel Frizzell Wilcox

Idel Frizzell Wilcox died December 30, 2007 at Alhambra Convalescent Hospital in Martinez. She was 96.

Idel was born Jan. 2, 1911 in Maysville, OK. She loved Thorougbred horses. She trained to read and spend time with her family.

She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Joseph Martin Wilcox, a son, Grady T. Wilcox of Pleasanton, and daughters Mary Edwina Wiitala of Pleasanton and La Veta Jo Fagundes of Livermore. She is also survived by siblings, Preston Warren Frizzell, Donald Edward Frizzell, and Ana Opal Bates; grandchildren Carol Ann LaDon, Nancy Heredia, Debbie Potts, Richard Theodore and Lisa Wilcox, seven grandchildren and one great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents Richard Warren Frizzell and Ora Mae Colley, as well as ten brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were held January 7 in Pleasanton.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

## Nada Emma Waggoner

Nada Emma Waggoner passed away peacefully at home with her family by her side on December 28, 2007 after a heroic battle with cancer. She was 85.

Nada was born in Cleveland, Ohio on August 6, 1922 to Max and Barbara Slanovec immigrants of Slovenia. Nada was the oldest of four children. She has a brother Daniel Slanovec of Bayport New York, brother William Slanovec of San Jose California and sister Leona McCartney formerly of Hanford. She lived in Akron, Ohio until the age of 13 when she moved to New York City. There she graduated from Wadleigh High School in 1940 and then worked as a keypunch operator before joining the service.

Nada served as a Wave in the Navy during World War II. After the war she took advantage of the educational opportunities offered to veterans. After completing her schooling, she went to work for a model airplane magazine publisher in New York City until moving to California in 1955.

There she met her husband Miles Waggoner in 1956 on a blind date. They dated for six months before getting married on June 11 1956. Miles and Nada lived in Cupertino, CA until 1959 when they moved to Livermore, where they have resided for the last 48 years. After raising her

four daughters Nada went to work as a retail sales clerk for Mervyns Department Store in Dublin. She retired after 29 years of employment at the age of 82.

Nada is survived by her husband Miles and her four daughters Barby Waggoner of Stockton, CA, Donna Matthew of Tracy, CA and twin daughters Janine Pinks of Tracy, CA and Nanette Waggoner of Merced, CA; brothers Daniel Slanovec and William Slanovec; grandchildren Corinne Crosby, Nicole Hardgraves, Christopher Bryant, Anthony Hardgraves, Ariel Bryant, Molly Matthew, Lisa Pinks, great grandson Jordan Colbert, and many loving nieces. Her sister Leona McCartney and grandson Daniel Pinks preceded her in death.

Nada was a very energetic and outgoing woman. She enjoyed sewing, needlepoint, crossword puzzles, tending to her roses, and up until May of 2007 bowled regularly on the team leagues at Granada Bowl. She was a kind and loving wife, mother, aunt, grandmother and friend. She will be dearly missed by all.

Friends and family are invited to attend a memorial service to celebrate her life on Sunday, January 13 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Livermore Pleasanton Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur Drive in Livermore. It is located off of the First Street /Springtown Exit off of 580 near the golf course.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

## Kathryn Louise McDaniel

Kathryn Louise ("Kathy") McDaniel, 61, formerly of Livermore, died suddenly on December 6, 2007, at her home in Oakland.

Kathy was born on September 23, 1946, in Quincy, Illinois, the daughter of Roscoe Lewis ("Mac") and Margaret Jane (Symmonds) McDaniel.

She is survived by her son, Matthew Hamilton (Luma) Dahlbacka of San Francisco; three sisters, Mrs. Larry (Jane Ann) Boston of Livermore, Mrs. Walter (Barbara) Chapman of Edmonds, Washington, and Mrs. Timothy (Mary Elizabeth "Beth") Cockrel of Bremerton, Washington; four grandchildren, Danielle Dahlbacka of San Francisco, Jason Dahlbacka of Pleasant Hill, and Mithya and Zachary Dahlbacka, both of San Francisco; several beloved nieces and nephews; and her loving partner and companion of 12 years, Harry R. Payne Jr. of Oakland.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Nancy Ellen (McDaniel) Everitt; her grandparents, Paul and Bertha (Smith) Symmonds, and Ernest and Mary (Hyde) McDaniel; and twin granddaughters, Sabine and Simone Dahlbacka.

Kathy was raised and attended school in Carthage, Illinois. She graduated from Carthage Community High School in 1964, then attended Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois, and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign as a music major. She attended Methodist and Unitarian churches in various communities where she lived throughout her life.

Kathy was a gifted musician with a beautiful and unique voice. Music remained a constant, important part of her life. She performed for many years, and enjoyed listening to many styles of music, as well as encouraging the development of musical talent in others. At the time of her death, she was co-owner of Trip Toes Travel LLC in Oakland, where she had many opportunities to pursue another one of her passions - world travel.

Her other interests included photography, art, world affairs, charitable work, and most of all, her family. Kathy doted on her nieces and nephews as they were growing up, and her grandchildren were the "lights of her life." Her creative, inquisitive, artistic, adventurous, generous, and loving nature was a blessing to all who knew her, and her idealism and hope for "peace on earth" never faded. She touched many, many lives, and will be greatly missed.

A celebration of Kathy's life will be held on Sun., Jan. 20, from 1-6 in the afternoon, at 6159 Buena Vista Ave. in Oakland. Friends are invited to participate in a potluck luncheon beginning at 1:00, and in a formal time of remembrance which will begin at 3:00.

A memorial fund will benefit an organization whose work Kathy had come to admire deeply. Checks may be made payable to "The Vietnam Fund for Education, Music and Infrastructure," and either brought to the memorial service or mailed to Beth Cockrel, 3310 Classic Ave. NE, Bremerton, WA 98310.

Kathy's body has been cremated, and will later be interred at Moss Ridge Cemetery in her hometown of Carthage, Illinois, alongside her parents and sister, Nancy.

## Colleen A. Graff

Colleen A. Graff, a resident of Randle, Washington, passed away December 14, 2007. She is survived by her husband Bill; daughters, Michelle and Jennifer Moore; granddaughter, Rachelle Moore; brother,

Michael Carroll, and cousin, David Shortino.

Colleen was a former resident of Livermore, where she was known as Colleen Moore. She was a popular fitness instructor at the Livermore Valley Tennis Club, as well as an accomplished gourmet cook and hostess. She would have celebrated her 56th birthday on January 12.

A graveside service was held Saturday, December 22, 2007 at Mt. View Cemetery in Auburn, Washington. Friends are invited to sign the family's on-line guestbook at www.yahnandson.com.

## Roy Ciarfaglio

Roy Angelo Ciarfaglio passed away peacefully on January 6, 2008 after a long battle with a rare brain condition. He was 77.

Roy was born in San Francisco on Aug. 23, 1930, the younger of two sons of Italian immigrants Rocco and Anita Ciarfaglio. He graduated from Mission High School in San Francisco in 1948 and later worked as an apprentice carpenter in San Leandro. Roy served in the Korean War with the 25th Infantry Division. After coming home, he married the girl across the street, Genevieve Turner, in 1956, and she remained the love of his life. Roy and Genevieve moved to Livermore in 1966 and lived in the community for over 40 years. Roy was a contractor and built many homes in the Tri-Valley. He will always be remembered for the professional quality of his work and for his heart of gold. He was a member of the Buon Tempo Italian Social Club. His family and friends will miss him.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Genevieve Ciarfaglio, daughter and son-in-law, Cathy and Chuck Geerhart; son Ed Ciarfaglio and grandson Steven Ciarfaglio, brother Vito Ciarfaglio and sister-in-law Marlene Ciarfaglio and nephews Vita Ciarfaglio Jr. (Terry), and Michael Ciarfaglio. A Catholic Vigil will be held at 7 p.m. on Fri., Jan. 11 for family and friends at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore. Chapel Blessing Services will be held at the same location at 11 a.m. on Sat., Jan. 12.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Roy's name to the UCSF Foundation (Memory and Aging Center), c/o Eden Jacoby, Dept. of Neurology, 44 Montgomery St., Suite 2200, San Francisco, CA 94104 or to Hope Hospice of Dublin.

## Kathleen Bingham

Kathleen Bingham while in the loving presence of her children was released from the restraints of her physical pain and suffering on Jan. 6, 2008, to return home and enter into eternal rest with her beloved husband.

A void will be forever in the lives of her daughter Catherine Klena, son-in-law Tony Klena, sons Ronald Bingham and his partner Deanna Johnson, David Bingham and his partner Debbie Ewert, as well as her grandchildren Andrew, Kelsey, Ashley, Amanda, Anna, Allie, Brianna, Crystal, Jason and Nevaeh. She was preceded in death by a still-

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## Sunset Cabana Club Remembers Coach Stu



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Coach Stu's legacy will live on in the thousands of children he coached over the last 20 years, and he will be dearly missed. For anyone who would like to share stories and remember the life of a man that meant so much to so many, Sunset Cabana Club will be hosting a remembrance gathering January 18th from 5-7pm, for more information contact [sunset.cabana@yahoo.com](mailto:sunset.cabana@yahoo.com), or visit [www.sunsetcabana.com](http://www.sunsetcabana.com)





The musical "Honk" will be performed Fri., Jan. 11 to Sun., Jan. 27 at Ohlone College, Smith Center in the Jackson Theatre, 43600 Mission Blvd., Fremont. The play is loosely based on Hans Christian Andersen's "The Ugly Duckling." However, there is not an animal costume in sight. This musical comedy reminds viewers that being different isn't necessarily bad, although it isn't always easy. The play is presented by StarStruck Theatre with Lori A. Stokes directing; musical direction by Nancy Godfrey and choreography by Jeanne Batacan-Harper. The production will feature a 10-piece orchestra and a cast of over 52 Bay Area youth. Featured roles will be played by Jordan Aragon (Ugly), Natalie Hawkins from Livermore (Ida), James Jones (Cat), and Benjy Hall from Livermore (Drake). Performances are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Jan. 26 and Sundays. Tickets are \$22 adults, \$20 seniors/students, \$18/children 12 and under. They are available at 510-659-1319 or [www.starstrucktheatre.org](http://www.starstrucktheatre.org).

### 'Saddlecats' Bring Cowboy Swing Music to Pleasanton Library

"The Saddlecats," cowboy swing musicians will perform at the Pleasanton Library from 2 to 3 p.m. on Sun., Jan. 13.

The Saddlecats are a Western Swing pocket orchestra dedicated to performing the Western Swing tradition of Bob Wills, Milton Brown and Spade Cooley.

The group is founded on the suave, peerless steel guitar artistry of Bobby Black, whose membership in such bands as Asleep at the Wheel and Commander Cody and his Lost Planet Airmen was decisive in bringing the sound of Western Swing to a new generation of listeners. Bobby is joined by fiddler and vocalist Richard Chon, a member of Dan Hicks and the Hot Licks and the Sons of the San Joaquin.

The driving rhythm of guitarist Gordon Clegg and acoustic bassist Bing Nathan round out this cowboy outfit. The group's repertoire runs from rustic Texas breakdowns to the sophisticated



Richard Chon

swing concoctions of Benny Goodman and Count Basie, from the high-driving California swing of Bob Wills' Tiffany Transcriptions and Tex Williams to the Cats' own originals.

There is no admission charge for this program. It is open to all. No registration is required.

The event will be held in the Library Meeting Room, 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

The Friends of the Pleasanton Library are sponsoring the program. For more information, call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.



"Final Orders" by Alan Ryall.

### 'Surf and Turf' Theme of New Exhibit

Surf and Turf!, an exhibition of paintings by Livermore Marine artist Alan Ryall and Concord landscape artist Catherine Lindberg will be at the Pioneer Art Gallery in Danville.

The opening reception is 4 to 7 p.m. on Sat., Jan. 19. The gallery is located at 524 Hartz St., Danville.

Ryall's paintings depict a variety of marine subjects in settings that convey the feelings and moods of the sea - the exhilaration of sailing in a stiff breeze on San Francisco Bay, the tranquility of a misty Chesapeake dawn, the melancholy of a mothballed warship being towed out to sea for disposal, or the mood of anticipation aboard a British schooner hunting for

slavers on the African coast. His work has been shown in numerous museums and fine art galleries around the country, and is in private collections in the eastern and western US and in Europe.

Lindberg has been painting and selling her work from coast to coast for over 30 years. She gains most her inspiration from her local area in Northern California. She hikes all over Mt. Diablo sketching, photographing and painting small paintings. She uses this information in her studio to create the larger pieces. The mountain provides an endless inspiration with its ever changing color, light and mood. Yet she will never turn down an opportunity to paint National Parks or the coast.

## Pleasanton Playhouse Presents 'Wizard of Oz'

"The Wizard of Oz," the first Pleasanton Playhouse show at Bankhead Theater, runs January 18 through February 3.

Based on the original book by L. Frank Baum and the 1939 MGM classic film, the musical follows the magical journey of young Dorothy Gale (Rachel Wagner) and her dog Toto from their home in Kansas to the Emerald City of Oz. Along the way she encounters many characters including the Scarecrow (Anthony Olivares), the Tin Woodsman (James Koponen), the Cowardly Lion (Danny Cozart), the

Wicked Witch of the West (Nikki Grieci), Glinda the Good Witch of the North (Marisa Borowitz), and, of course, the wonderful Wizard of Oz (Mike Kasin).

Memorable songs include "Over the Rainbow," "Munchkinland (Ding Dong! The Witch Is Dead)," "If I Only Had A Brain," "If I Only Had A Heart," "If I Only Had The Nerve," "We're Off To See The Wizard (Follow The Yellow Brick Road)," and "The Merry Old Land of Oz."

The production also includes the famous "Jitterbug" musical

number. The show is produced by Kathleen Breedveld and directed by Carol Hovey, with musical direction by Jo Anne Fosselman, vocal direction by Jay Krohngold, and choreography by Shawnel Herbst and Victoria George.

Performances are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays (except Feb. 2) and 2 p.m. Sundays (Jan. 18 - Feb. 3, at the Bankhead Theater,

2400 First Street, Livermore. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$28 for seniors age 60 and older and \$20 for juniors 18 and younger. There is a substantial discount for groups. Tickets may be purchased at any time online [atwww.livermoreperformingarts.org/](http://atwww.livermoreperformingarts.org/) Tickets or by calling the Bankhead Theater Box Office at 925-373-6800.

### Poet to Read at Pleasanton Library

The Pleasanton Poet Laureate Martha Meltzer and the Pleasanton Library will host a reading by poet Clara Hsu on Jan. 20.

The event begins at 2 p.m. in the meeting room at the library, 400 Old Bernal Ave.

When she was a girl, Clara Hsu wanted to be a hermit living in the mountains of China. Life's mysterious path took her to the United States. In this reality, she practices the art of multi-dimensional being: mother, musician, philanthropist, activist, pur-

veyor of Clarion Music Center (a world music shop of exotic musical instruments), traveler, and poet.

Clara was a nominee for the Pushcart Prize in poetry (2001). She was the featured poet in the Haight Ashbury Literary Journal, 2006. Her first book of poetry, *Mystique*, was published in 2007 by Beatitude Press.

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

## ART & ENTERTAINMENT

**Winter Concert**, featuring Foothill High School choir, Wednesday, January 16, 7:30 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church 1225 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. \$5 general; \$3 students/seniors.

**Youth Music Festival auditions set**. City of Pleasanton Civic Arts will hold auditions for its Sixth Annual Youth Music Festival on Thursday, January 17, and Tuesday, January 22, between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. All auditions will take place at the Amador Theater, located on the Amador Valley High School campus at 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Audition appointments are required. Solo vocalists, instrumentalists, and vocal and instrumental ensembles ages 18 and under are welcome to audition. Rock bands are not included in the Festival. Interested youth may schedule the required audition appointment by calling (925) 931-5353.

**Pleasanton Art League, Livermore Art Association**, general meeting 7:30 p.m. Mon., Jan. 21, Cultural Arts Bldg., 4455 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Tricia Poulos Leonard will present a demonstration on acrylic painting. No admission charge.

**Valley Concert Choral auditions** for the March 8, 2008 performance of Carl Orff's choral masterpiece *Carmina Burana*. Auditions will be held by appointment on Mondays, January 14 and 21 at the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore. The church is located at the corner of 4th and L Streets. The Choral is seeking experienced singers with sight-reading skills who enjoy singing challenging music. To schedule an appointment, call (925) 462-4205. More information about the Valley Concert Choral is available at [www.valleyconcertchorale.org](http://www.valleyconcertchorale.org).

**Pride and Prejudice**, Granada High School Drama Department, 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.

**Keyboard Conversations with Jeffrey Siegal**, piano concert-plus-commentary, Jan. 11, 8 p.m. Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center Presents, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First

St., Livermore, go to [www.livermoreperformingarts.org](http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org). **Ed Kinney Lecture Series at the Museum On Main Street**, "Aerial Photography, Global Warming and the Longest-Burning Light Bulb in the World," a lecture by Dick Jones at 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 17 at the Museum On Main Street, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton. Lecture reservations are requested. Admission is \$5 for museum members and \$10 for non-members. Call (925) 462-2766. Memberships will be available for purchase that night.

**Friends of the Vineyards**, annual meeting 7 to 9 p.m. Wed., Jan. 23, Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. David Everett, Las Positas College, is the guest speaker. He will discuss the research vineyard and classes on food and wine pairing at the college. Information [www.fov.org](http://www.fov.org).

**George Winston**, Jan. 23, 8 p.m. Liting, lyrical and melodic folk-style piano. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. \$41, \$36, \$31, \$28. [www.livermoreperformingarts.org](http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org).

**Peter and the Wolf**, by Jim Gamble's Puppets, Sat., Jan. 26 at 11 a.m. Pleasanton Civic Arts Presents. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Jim Gamble's appealing puppets interpret Prokofiev's favorite classic about a boy who disobeys his grandfather and encounters a dangerous wolf. \$10, \$14 & \$18 for adults and \$6, \$10 & \$14 for children; (925) 931-3444 [www.civictickets.com](http://www.civictickets.com).

**Pulp Writer: Twenty Years in the American Grub Street**, Jan. 30, 7 p.m. Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Free admission. Arts & Authors series. 373-5505.

**Amador Valley High School Drama's 4th Annual Middle School Drama Festival** January 28, at Amador's Second Stage/multipurpose room. All middle school students are welcome, no matter what their drama experience. Fee of \$20. Information, contact Ms. Hartman, Amador Drama Director, information at [khartman@pleasanton.k12.ca.us](mailto:khartman@pleasanton.k12.ca.us).

**Bus Stop**, Role Players Ensemble The-

atre presents *Bus Stop* by William Inge. A classic American play in which bus passengers and locals stranded in a 1950s Topeka diner in a snowstorm grapple with the challenges of loneliness and connection, romance and reality. Directed by Dana Anderson. Jan. 18 thru Feb. 9, 8pm Thurs-Sat. 2pm Sundays at the Village Theatre, 233 Front St. Danville, CA 94526. Tickets \$15-25 from 925-314-3400 or [www.villagetheatreshows.com](http://www.villagetheatreshows.com). Further information at 925-820-1278 or [www.danvilletheatre.com](http://www.danvilletheatre.com).

**Rustler's Moon**, performs Fri., Jan. 25, 8 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. Band performs a mix of traditional styles and innovative sound. Tickets \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Order tickets at 447-1950 ext. 0.

**The Great American Trailer Park Musical**, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 24, 25, 26, at 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, January 27, at 2:00 p.m. The performance will take place at the Grand Theatre Center for the Arts, 715 Central Avenue, between Seventh and Eighth Streets, in downtown Tracy. Tickets are \$40, \$45, \$55, \$60 & \$65. They can be purchased online at [www.theatregrand.org](http://www.theatregrand.org), by phone at (209) 831-6TKT (6858) or in person at the Grand Theatre Center for Arts Box Office. Box office hours are Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and one hour prior to each performance.

**Del Valle Fine Arts Concert**, February 2, Albers Trio, Sisters Laura, Rebecca and Julie Albers (violin, viola, cello), each with notable solo, chamber and orchestral careers, have recently come together to form a unique family string trio, playing a wide-ranging repertoire from Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven to Kodaly, Martini and Schnittke. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. For ticket information phone: 925-447-2752 or 925-443-5470.

**One Nation Under Blog by The Second City** will appear at the Amador Theater on Saturday, February 2, at 8:00 p.m. The Second City has spawned such renowned comedians as Bill Murray, Dan Ackroyd, Gilda Radner and John Candy. The show is appropriate for Adult Audiences. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Presents. \$20, \$25 & \$30. [www.civictickets.com](http://www.civictickets.com) or 931-3444.

### Truffles and Tidbits Tickets Available

"Truffles, Tidbits and Wine Tasting...a food and wine experience," presented by the Pleasanton Downtown Association, will be held on Thursday, February 7, from 6 to 9 p.m. at participating downtown Pleasanton businesses.

The event kicks off at the Rose Hotel. Participants will receive a commemorative wine glass, and a map.

Wineries of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association will be pouring red and white wines, ports, dessert wines and champagnes. Each participating business will feature sweet treats and/or hors d'oeuvres to pair with the wine selections being poured.

Live jazz will be featured at this year's event in support of the annual Campana Jazz Festival. This event will kick off the Festival's "Weekend of Jazz." Several downtown businesses will host jazz musicians.

Tickets for the wine event may be purchased in advance at a discounted price of \$25 between January 7th and February 6th. Only eight hundred (800) tickets will be offered for this event. They will be available for purchase beginning January 7, at the following locations: The Rose Hotel, 807 Main Street; Clover Creek, 670 Main Street; Studio 7 Fine Arts, 77 West Angela Street and the Pleasanton Downtown Association office, 830-A Main Street.

If there are any remaining tickets available, they will be sold on the evening of the event at The Rose Hotel for \$30 beginning at 5:45 p.m. All tickets must be redeemed for glasses by 7:30 p.m.

For information, visit their website at [www.pleasantondowntown.net](http://www.pleasantondowntown.net) or call the Pleasanton Downtown Association at 925-484-2199, ext. 4#.

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**27th annual Crab Feed**, Foothill Band Boosters on Friday, February 1. No host bar and silent auction 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m., Sunol Valley Golf Club. Entertainment by Foothill Jazz Band. Tickets are \$40 per person and will be available until January 15, 2008. Contact morman@ixnet.com for ticket information. For more information on this event contact Foothill High School at 925-461-6600, or Becky Yeffa, 426-2347 or byefa@aol.com.

**The Eleanor Roosevelt Story**, a 1965 Academy award winning documentary, will be shown at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin on Sat., Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. Meet & greet begins at 6:30 PM. A short discussion follows the film. The event is free/\$3.00 donations accepted, refreshments are served, and the hall is wheelchair accessible. Eleanor was the conscience of a generation, working tirelessly to place humanity first in national and international policy making. For more information, call 925-462-3459.

**Tri-Valley Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA)** meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Valley Community Church at 4455 Del Valle Parkway, Pleasanton CA. The meetings are free and refreshments are served. On Jan. 17, the speaker will be Esther Snively. She will speak on the efforts of the San Jose Chapter to get public places to install induction loops so that hard of hearing people will understand spoken words. All interested people are welcome. For more information contact Hiram Van Blarigan at 925 455 6591 or Email at hvanblarigan@hotmail.com.

**Cowboy Roundup**. The Livermore High School Boosters invites you to their annual fundraiser, "Cowboy Roundup", to be held at the Robert Livermore Community Center on Friday, January 18 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 and are only \$35 each. Get a group of your friends together (tables of eight can be reserved) and come enjoy a night of good food, dancing, fun bidding, and great prizes. For more information, contact Lisa Lagorio at lalag2@comcast.net or visit the LHS Boosters Link at <http://livermorehighonline.com/boosters/default.aspx>

**Rustler's Moon, Bluegrass Concert** Friday, January 25 at 8:00 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. Rustler's Moon with Kathy Kallick and Bill Evans and special guest Megan Lynch offers an exciting mix of

traditional styles and innovative sound. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Order tickets by phone 925-447-1950 ext. 0 or by mail. Tickets also available in the church office. Call for more info or go to [www.AsburyLive.org](http://www.AsburyLive.org).

**Author and psychic Irma Slage** will be at the Elliston Mansion on Jan. 12 from 7:00pm-9pm answering questions and signing her book Phases Of Life After Death. Wine and cheese will be served upstairs in the Drawing Room. Seating is limited. Reservations are suggested. The price for this spiritual evening is \$20.00 per person. Elliston is at 463 Kilkare Rd, Sunol. For more information please call Kalie at 925.862.2347 or Sandi from Little Valley Winery at 925.862.9006.

**M.O.P.S. - Mothers Of Pre Schoolers**: open to mothers of child/children from birth-6 years old. MOPS meets from 9-11 a.m., 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7106 Johnson Dr., Pleasanton. Breakfast, crafts and speakers while children are in MOP-PETS! 560/sem. Jan-May. Information, contact Silvia Manoukian 925-560-1411 or silvia\_manoukian@hotmail.com.

**California Retired Teachers Association Tri-Valley Division #85** will hold a luncheon meeting on Tuesday, January 15, 11:15 AM, at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union Hall (IBEW), 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Len Alexander, the executive director of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center will be the speaker. The cost is \$11.00. Guests are welcome. For information call 925-373-8254.

**Women's health issues** will be the topic of the Livermore Valley Business and Professional Women on Thurs., Jan. 31. Dr. Namrata Sidhu from Kaiser Permanente will be discussing how to prevent, how to recognize symptoms and less invasive treatments for such issues as breast cancer, heart disease and colon cancer. The public is invited to attend the meeting in Pleasanton at the Nordstrom Cafe, Stoneridge Mall. Registration 5:45 p.m., dinner at 6:15, program 7 p.m. Cost is \$30. Call Mona at 829-3505 for reservations.

**How to Get Published**. The California Writers Club-Tri-Valley Branch offers writers of all genres and experience levels the opportunity to learn about their craft and share their work. The next meeting is on Saturday, January 19 from 11:30am to 2:30pm at Oasis Grille, 780 Main Street, Pleasanton. Four publishing professionals will participate in a panel discussion on "Publishing: Telling the Inside Story". The panelists, whose areas of expertise range from publication to promotion and submissions to sales, will share tips on how to submit, publish, promote, and sell a book. Each speaker will make a 15-minute presentation on a different aspect of the book business, followed by ample time for questions on how to succeed in the current market.

The meeting cost is \$20 for members and \$30 for nonmembers. Anyone curious about the group is invited to attend with no obligation to join. Reservations are required however. To make a reservation for January 19, contact Fred Norman at fnorman500@aol.com or 925-462-7495 by Wednesday, January 16. For more information on the California Writers Club-Tri-Valley Branch, contact Kathy Urban at 925-296-0447 or kurban@sbcbglobal.net or go to [www.trivalleywriters.com](http://www.trivalleywriters.com).

**Livermore Lunch Bunch Toastmasters International Club** meets every Monday at 12 pm. at the Robert Livermore Recreation Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore, in the Community Room next to the cafe. The Livermore Lunch Bunch Toastmasters Club is the only club in Livermore that is open to the public and guests are welcome to every meeting. Valerie Curcuro at (925) 606-6841.

**Pleasanton Ridge Ride**, every Tues. 6 p.m. Good for all levels of cyclists, no-drop mountain ride approx. 2 hours. Riders should be in good fitness, have a well adjusted, safe mountain bike and general knowledge of bike handling skills. Meet Cyclepath group at the Foothill staging area. Information at 485-3218 or [www.cyclepath.com](http://www.cyclepath.com). Free.

**Beginner Bicycle Ride**, Saturday morning 9 p.m. 10 to 12 mph, 20 miles, no more than two hours. E-mail rides@cyclepath if planning to attend.

**Valley Spokenmen Bicycle Touring Club**, Sat., Jan. 12, 20 miles Cinderella training ride from Lafayette BART to Moraga Commons, meet 9 a.m., Bekki Livingston, Sat., Jan. 12, 45 miles Montezuma Hills ride, meet 10 a.m. at foot of Rio Vista bridge, Mike Smith, 628-4333. Sun., Jan. 13, 34 miles San Ramon to Walnut Creek, meet 10 a.m. in Central Park, Peter Rathmann, 828-1973. Wed., Jan. 16, 32 miles canal trail, meet 10 a.m. at Heather Farms in Walnut Creek, Edith Norby, 707-748-1508. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

**Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group**, meets 10 a.m. Tues., Jan. 22 at Heritage Estates Retirement Community, second floor conference room, 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Guest speaker is Aurora Mathias, who will speak about acupuncture, and Jin Shin Jyu Tsu as treatment options. All are welcome. Contacts: Lorene Stack, 447-6158, or Ann Lave, 443-4098.

**Amador Valley Quilt Guild** will meet on Saturday, January 12, at 1:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Avenue, Pleasanton. Fiber artist and teacher Leora Raiken, who is noted for her knowledge of African folklore embroidery, will be the guest speaker. Leora will conduct a workshop on the following day. The guild is a non-profit educational association for quilters of all skill levels. Anyone interested in quilting may attend. For further information about the

guild or upcoming speakers, please visit our website, <http://amadervalleyquilters.org>.

**Free Yoga and Breath Workshop**, January 28, 7 p.m. Two hours of yoga, breathing and meditation. Open to all above the ages of 18. No prior experience required. Taught by an Art of Living teacher. The Art of Living Foundation is a non profit educational humanitarian organization in over 142 countries worldwide. Bring a yoga mat, a blanket for warmth in meditation, and dress in loose comfortable clothing. All library programs are free and open to the public. No registration is required. For more information, please call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.

**Free Tax Help**. Persons with 2007 household income was less than \$42,000, are eligible for free tax preparation from United Way's Earn It! Keep It! Save It! More than 100 free tax sites are open now through April 15 in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo and Solano Counties. To find a site nearby, call 211 or 800-358-8832. [www.EarnItKeepItSaveIt.org](http://www.EarnItKeepItSaveIt.org).

**Inner and Outer Peace Through Meditation**, free seminar with Marshall Zaslave, M.D. on Thursday, January 24, 7pm. Zaslave, a Board certified psychiatrist, author and meditation practitioner for over 30 years, will offer simple, effective techniques and will demonstrate the most practical methods of controlling and befriending the mind for better meditations and many other health benefits. Pleasanton Public Library Meeting Room, 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. The program is free and open to all. No registration required. For more information, call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.

**AAUW Scholarship available**, American Association of University Women. Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin branch will award 2 or more scholarships each between \$500 and \$1500 to women who live in Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin or Sunol, or graduated from a Livermore, Pleasanton or Dublin high school and are college undergraduates who will be juniors or seniors at the beginning of 2008 college fall term and plan to complete a full course of study at an accredited four-year college or university. Deadline to apply is 3/15/08. For application form and further information, contact Pamela Copeland/Joan Leighty, AAUW LPD Scholarship Coordinators, 4634 Almond Circle, Livermore, CA 94550. [Pamcoe@aol.com](mailto:Pamcoe@aol.com) or 443-6165.

**Tri-Valley Holistic Moms Network**, parent-child yoga classes under the guidance of yoga instructor Kim Love. Children of all ages are welcome. Meeting on Monday, January 21, 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. For further information, please visit [www.holisticmoms.org](http://www.holisticmoms.org) or e-mail [TrivalleyHMN@hotmail.com](mailto:TrivalleyHMN@hotmail.com).

**Day Trippers**, Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. Tour of

Livermore National Laboratory with lunch at Zephyr Grill & Bar, Thurs., Jan. 24, 8:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost \$53 residents, \$58 nonresidents. Deadline is Jan. 7, participants must complete a security release form up registration. 931-5365.

**Acupuncture**, its potentials, its possibilities with cancer, program Thurs., Jan. 31, 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Regional cancer Center at ValleyCare, Suites 240 A & B, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Pleasanton. Dr. Amy Matecki will discuss how combining acupuncture with conventional therapies may assist in reducing pain, lessening anxiety, alleviating the side effects of chemotherapy or other traditional treatments. For cancer patients, families and friends. Free. Reservations call 933-0107.

**3rd Annual Hats Off America and American Red Cross Blood Drive** will be held on Sunday, January 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at San Ramon Community Center, 12501 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon. Donor identification is required prior to donating blood. There are no fees to participate and the event is not a fundraiser for Hats Off America but is an event to help the community. For an appointment to donate blood, go to [www.blood.com](http://www.blood.com), click on "find a blood drive" and type in "HOA" or contact Sparky George at (925) 855-1950 or [thebearflagrunner@yahoo.com](mailto:thebearflagrunner@yahoo.com).

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## RELIGION

**The Spirituality of Sexuality** is the presentation on Tuesday, January 15, at 7:30-9:00 pm at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 1315 Lomas Ave., in Livermore this is part of their 2007-2008 L.I.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 evening 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. A \$5.00 free will donation is asked of offer speaker fees. Julie at [upatholic@aol.com](mailto:upatholic@aol.com) or 447-4549.

**St. Charles St. Michael's Bible Study Group**. Begins Monday evening January 14, at 7:30 pm. The focus will be on Letter of James. Meetings are for 8 weeks beginning January 14 in the Pope John XXIII room at St. Charles Catholic Church 1315 Lomas Ave. A donation of \$10/session is appreciated. Call to reserve a place and materials: Julie at [upatholic@aol.com](mailto:upatholic@aol.com) or 447-4549 ex 114.

**Grief recovery**. Grieving people need time and space to honor their grief. There will be gatherings on Thursdays, Jan. 10 and 24 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton Church in Pleasanton. Meetings are open to all, regardless of religious orientation.

**Our Savior Lutheran Ministries**, 1385 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. Sunday worship at 9 a.m.; Sunday School and Adult Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.; Sequel (Contemporary worship) at 10:30 a.m. For information, call 925-447-1246.

**Tri-Valley Unity Church** meets at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. Sunday service at 10 a.m. Ongoing classes and groups. All are welcome. Rev. Mary Anne Harris, minister. Call (925) 829-2733 or visit [www.trivalleyunity.com](http://www.trivalleyunity.com).

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The following person (s) doing business as: Attra Solutions, 2448 Lakeside Circle, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Marlene N. Badall, 878 Pepper Tree Lane, Santa Clara Ca 95051 Trudi R. Murphy, 2448 Lakeside Circle, Livermore Ca 94550

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/Trudi R. Murphy

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The following person (s) doing business as: Kennedy Supply, 588 Alameda Dr., Livermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):  
Jeremy Kennedy, 588 Alameda Dr., Livermore Ca 94551  
Deena Kennedy, 588 Alameda Dr., Livermore Ca 94551  
This business is conducted by husband and wife Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.  
Signature of Registrant: /s/ Jeremy Kennedy and Deena Kennedy  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 18, 2007. Expires December 18, 2012.

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 404746

The following person (s) doing business as: Creative Solutions, 3860 Appian Street, Pleasanton CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):  
Carol Purkis, 3860 Appian Street, Pleasanton CA 94588  
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/ Carol Purkis  
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## Tim Neal New Leader of Hope Hospice Board

Hope Hospice recently installed new officers. Retired Pleasanton Police Chief, Tim Neal, has been elected president of the board of directors. Neal, who joined the board in 2003, witnessed the benefits of hospice when he lost both of his parents a year apart to terminal illness. "That experience is certainly what brought me to volunteer for Hope Hospice," Neal states. He goes on to say, "I have never been affiliated with a more professional and caring group of people (than Hope Hospice). It's an absolute honor to be a part of the team."

Margie Perry, vice president and branch manager, Heritage Bank has been appointed Vice President of the board. Margie has been on the board for 3 years offering wonderful ideas for our fundraising efforts. Heritage Bank (formerly Diablo Valley Bank) hosted Lights of the Valley in Pleasanton for the past two years and, as a part of each event, sponsored an Adopt - A - Bear program with all proceeds going to Hope Hospice and all bears purchased being distributed to sick children. Charles Crohare, vice president, Relationship Manager for

Tri-Valley Bank, is the board's new Treasurer. Charles is a fifth generation resident of Livermore. He has been part of the local community as a Vice President of Tri-Valley Bank along with providing oversight of the family's olive oil business, Olivina, LLC. He lives amongst the family orchard with his wife, Patty, and their three children, Brandon, Fallon, and Cortney. Mary Prishtina, RN, OCN, is the new secretary on the board. Mary has many years of nursing experience and provides patients and their families with information and caring support at the

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## Pleasanton Police Chief Joins LPC Foundation Board

Pleasanton Police Chief Mike Fraser has joined the Las Positas College Foundation Board of Directors, board Chair Tom Daggett recently announced. Fraser who has served as Pleasanton's chief since January 2007, is the 19th member of the Foundation board of Directors.

Center, which partners with Las Positas College.

The Pleasanton Police department also has taken advantage of the additional training opportunities offered by Las Positas for its officers and reserve officers. Fraser has worked in the Pleas-

anton Police Department since 1980. He served 12 years as captain before being selected for the chief's position after a nationwide search.

Fraser lives in Pleasanton with his wife, Diane, and has two grown daughters, Valerie and Stacie.

Fraser said he didn't know about the Foundation until he learned about it while he was a member of the Leadership Pleasanton Class of 2006. After visiting with Foundation CEO Ted Kaye and two board members, Fraser was sold. "I learned that the mission of the Foundation was one that I could personally embrace," he said. "Having received my first college degree from Chabot College, I have always been thankful for the benefits I received through a low-cost, high-quality education from Chabot." (Las Positas' sister campus in Hayward)

"I have a true interest in helping the college and its students succeed in their endeavors. As a community college graduate, I bring an understanding of what is offered at Las Positas and will be a strong advocate of the College and the Foundation's mission," he added.

Las Positas offers a number of criminal justice classes that lead to the Sheriff's Academy and a career in law enforcement. In his tenure as chief, Fraser has emphasized sending Pleasanton recruits to the Alameda County Sheriff's Regional Training

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