



#### Arithmetickles at Marilyn Avenue

Arithmetickles, the interactive math show, will be at Marilyn Avenue School in Livermore on Jan. 30 for two perfor-

A national touring production performed during school assemblies and for parent/student evenings, Arithmetickles is based on

the concept of math plus fun. Presented by ArtsEcho, a New Jersey-based theatre and musical arts production company now in its 20th year, Arithmetickles uses theatre games, audience participation, interactive math, teams of kids onstage, and stand-up comedy to help teach mathematics to children in grades K through 8.

Arithmetickles lives up to its name. It was created by the team of Sandra and Ben Bendor, who are theatre artists and parents of three children. Concerned by their own kids' reluctance to learn math through traditional classroom methods, the Bendors decided to use their theatre and

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#### **Increase in Car Burglaries in Pleasanton**

Over the last four weeks, Pleasanton has experienced a dramatic surge in auto burglaries and thefts from vehicles throughout the city.

According to the Pleasanton Police Department, a large portion of these crimes have been committed in the areas of Santa Rita Rd. and Rosewood Drive, West Las Positas Blvd. and Hacienda Drive, and along Main Street in the downtown.

Since early December, officers have specifically investigated a total of 26 vehicle burglaries and thefts from vehicles in the parking lots of 24-Hour Fitness, Express Fitness, ValleyCare Medical Center and vehicles parked on or near Main Street. A total of 67 auto thefts occurred in December; 47 in January.

According to the police, these are largely crimes of opportunity as victims frequently left personal property in plain sight inside the vehicles. Generally items being targeted are laptop computers, purses, wallets, cell phones, and GPS units.

Investigators are asking residents and business patrons to contact police regarding anything that looks suspicious. For example, be alert for individuals who appear to be sitting in their vehicles looking around an area for extended periods of time or who are driving slowly in and (See CARS, page 2)

#### **Dutro House** Will Be Moved To P Street

The final piece in the effort to save a 1920's Livermore house from the wrecking ball fell into place when the Planning Commission granted a permit to move the house at its Jan. 15 meeting.

The house will be moved a few blocks from its current location at Chestnut and L streets to a vacant lot at Chestnut and P streets. The goal is to move the structure by the end of February, said Mike Orth, a Livermore contractor who will be in charge of moving the house.

Livermore Valley Investments, which owns the lot, will renovate the home, restore the exterior to its original architecture, and put the home up for sale as a residence.

Orth will hire a licensed house moving specialist to do the work. He said that as far as he knows, a home hasn't been moved in Livermore for at least 10 or 15 years.

The house has historic value. It was designed by Samuel Bothwell, who served on the city council in the era when the home was built. Bothwell also was the contractor in the 1950s on construction of the former

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## Catholic High School to Move Forward

Plans are back on track to build a Catholic high school in

The Catholic Diocese of Oakland announced Monday that the Most Reverend Allen Vigneron, Bishop for the Diocese, has granted formal approval to proceed with construction of Pope John Paul II Catholic High School in North Livermore. It will be the first Catholic high school to be built in the East Bay in more than 40 years.

Rick Kruska, Superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Oakland, said there is no date when the school might open. "We have to go back and look at the plans. There have been changes in the size of the school that ranged from 800 to 1600 students. We have settled at 1200.

"In addition, we're looking at adding green building. That will change the pricing and construction process," he continued. The green building will also create an opportunity for the actual building to become part of the teaching process.

Pre-construction work will continue in the first half of 2008, including finalizing the school's design, building an access road to Interstate 580, launching a capital campaign, and setting up the school's administration.

The Diocese is in the process of hiring a program manager who will assess where the school is at and what needs to be done to build the school. That information will be used to prepare a cost estimate and a timeline, said Kruska. He expects the information to be in place later this year.

A capital campaign firm will be hired to determine how long it may take to raise the money to build the school.

"From his establishment of World Youth Days to his commitment to higher education,

Pope John Paul II left a lasting impression on youth," said Bishop Allen Vigneron. "With the Cathedral Center of Christ the Light due to be completed this summer and dedicated on September 25, 2008, we can now turn our attention to building this new high school to continue the educational ministry of Pope John Paul II.'

The proposed new high school campus would encompass 32 acres of a 122-acre plot owned by the diocese and annexed by the city of Livermore. The remaining 90 acres, including segments of two arroyos, would re-

main permanent open space. The Catholic college preparatory high school will accommodate a coed student body. It will be open to non-Catholics. Kruska noted that some Catholic high schools have up to 40 percent non-Catholic populations. "There is real value in that. It provides an opportunity not just to work with gender and race diversity, but religious diversity, as well," said Kruska.

It has not yet been determined whether the school will open with all four grades or just freshmen and sophomores, he stated.

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Students at Valley View Elementary School celebrated the life and work of Martin Luther King, Jr. last Friday. The students sang Happy Birthday, Dr. King; presented a dramatization of "Freedom's Children;" recited the "I Have a Dream" speech; : and heard a MLK Rap by students. Special guest speaker was Sylvester Flowers, CEO of the Ramsell Corp and CEO of The Flowers Foundation. He talked about what it was like growing up in the segregated south. Special invited guests included Pleasanton Vice Mayor Jerry Thorne and John Casey, Superintendent of Pleasanton Unified. The celebration concluded with those present singing, "This Land Is Your Land." Tri-Valley YMCA will host a fellowship breakfast in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King. Assemblymember Guy Houston is also a host. This year's program includes inspirational speakers related to the theme, "Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve." Student essay and poster contest winners will be recognized. The Fellowship Breakfast will be held Monday, January 28 from 7:30 pm to 9:30 am at the Pleasanton Plaza Hotel formerly the Crowne Plaza Hotel). Tickets are \$40 each and sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, contact Marilyn Casper at 925-475-6108, or email mcasper@ymcaeastbay.org.

### Mayor Hosterman Can Keep Her Hawk

Hosterman will be able to keep her hawk in her backyard.

The city council voted 3 to 1 last Tuesday to issue a conditional use permit to the mayor. Cindy McGovern was opposed. McGovern wanted an ordinance in place that addressed all wild and exotic animals, where they could be kept and whether they could hunt or not hunt. McGovern argued, "I see this decision as setting a law. Birds of prey are different than fowl. They are hunting animals. We have no code to cover the idea of hunting in Pleasanton."

In response to McGovern's concerns, the council directed city staff to identify ways to prepare an ordinance to deal with

wild or exotic animals.

The planning commission had rejected Hosterman's request for a conditional use permit (CUP). She appealed the decision to the city council. Hosterman had captured the wounded bird after obtaining appropriate permits. She has permits from both the federal and state regulatory

(See HAWK, page 5)

### **Amador Theater to** Re-Open for 2008 Civic Arts Season

Leaders of Pleasanton Civic Arts showed off the renovated Amador Theater at a media luncheon held at the theater last Thursday.

The 600-seat theater, dark these past months while the renovations took place, will be all lit up anew this Saturday at 11 a.m. when the Jim Gamble Puppets will perform "Peter and the Wolf," opening Pleasanton Civic Arts Presents' 2008 season.

Civic Arts usually introduces its upcoming season at a media luncheon held at Century House, but this time the event was moved to the stage of Amador Theater. (Next year it will be back to Century House.) The Civic Arts people were especially proud of the theater's new lighting system. The system features state-of-theart technology and provides for

considerably greater flexibility than what existed previously. Andy Jorgensen, Civic Arts manager, remarked, "After a hiatus of several months while a new



'Peter and the Wolf' opens Season.

lighting system was being installed and the theater's decor upgraded, we're back in business with a season that's shorter in length, but long in outstanding entertainment. We know the audience experience will be enhanced by the improvements we've made.

Following the Jim Gamble (See AMADOR, page 5)

### **Tri-Valley Youth Court** Provides a Second Chance

**By Patricia Koning** 

County Superior Court House in Pleasanton met January 8 to argue the case of "K," who had stolen batteries from a local convenience store. It looked like any other trial, with one big difference, the advocates, jury, and defendant were all high school students.

The case of the stolen batteries was a mock trial. However, starting in February, real cases, presented and judged by teenagers, will be heard at the Tri-Valley Youth Court. On the first

Tuesday of each month, a total Advocates at the Alameda of 12 cases will be heard in three

courtrooms. Youth Court is a voluntary, alternative justice program for first time offenders. The purpose is to address the early stages of juve-nile delinquency by bringing teenage offenders of misdemean-

ors before a jury of their peers.
"This is about second chances. It's about making a mistake and learning what that means," said Diane Jeronimo, executive director of the Tri-Valley Youth Court. "I think this is

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### **County May Get Tougher On** Illegal Uses In Ag Country

Alameda County is looking into raising the cost of fines for illegal commercial uses, including agricultural zones.

The hope by county officials is that the current ordinance will be bolstered by a bigger fine, and discourage non-compliance. The fines now are \$94 per infraction.

However, that doesn't appear to be effective in the case of one Mines Road landowner, said Chris Gray, chief of staff for supervisor Scott Haggerty. County records show that the landowner has been fined 17 times. Inspections occur every two weeks. An inspection is scheduled for Jan. 24.

The Mines Road property has trucks coming and going, especially around 8 a.m., as part of an appliance installation business. Neighbors have complained about it. So has Friends of the Vineyards, which says the use violates the land use plan for South Livermore. The plan fosters land cultivation and encourages the ambiance for it.

Gray said that an increasing number of people are buying agricultural land that's cheaper than

urban land and are operating businesses illegally. "We have people running truck yards, landscaping businesses, and construction yards in the unincorporated area of Livermore. Neighbors ask why we let them get away with it," he said.

"As the representative of that area, we made it crystal clear (to the zoning enforcement department) that we don't support uses that have nothing to do with agriculture. We'd like that view enforced to the fullest extent. They are doing that, but there have been multiple complaints on this one (Mines Road). He is just accepting his fines," said

Gray said that Haggerty is "pushing to put an ordinance that has teeth. They can raise the fine. We can ask county counsel if we can tag non-conforming properties, and shut them down. We can see what can be done with multiple offenders."

Inevitably there are some property owners who are unaware of the rules about uses on (See ILLEGAL, page 4)

and poem.



Livermore Poet Laureate Connie Post stands by the newly installed plaque featuring her poem, "Water Over Stone." The poem was written to commemorate the dedication of the Livermore Valley Park Plaza and Amphitheater in June 2007. This plaque is adjacent to the Faulkner Quote that was previously installed at the fountain wall. There will be an official ceremony in the near future to celebrate the memorial plaque

### More Lay Offs Planned At the Lab

There was good and bad news for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory employees last

The bad news is that more layoffs are planned. The good news, raises will be enacted.

The Lab has submitted a workforce restructuring plan to National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA). Specific details won't be released until NNSA has reviewed and accepted the plan.

Director George Miller addressed Lab employees last week regarding future employment. He said that the Lab would need to reduce its overall size by an additional 10 percent.

He's proposing as many as 700 more layoffs this year. Miller said the reduction in the workforce during the year would begin with voluntary buy-outs. However, involuntary layoffs would probably also be necessary.

Earlier this month, the Lab announced it would lay off 500 (See LAB, page 4)

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PET OF THE WEEK

Coco is a 3-year-old, chocolate brown Miniature Pinscher. "Min-Pins" are known to be proud, outgoing, active, and independent dogs; a description which fits Coco to a T! She is very friendly, but also protective of her "person." She loves to play and go for walks. Due to space limitations, Valley Humane Society

dogs are kept in foster homes and shown every Saturday from 11AM to 2PM at VHS, 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. For more information, please call VHS at 925.426.8656 or visit our web site: www.valleyhumane.org. (There are also puppies. Visit our web site to see photos of all of our available animals.)

### **Poll Workers Can Donate Fee to Charity**

The Alameda County Registrar of Voters office is launching an innovative new program designed to help recruit and retain poll workers for upcoming elections while offering new incentives to community groups that have long been an important source of support for the Registrar's recruitment efforts. Starting with the Presidential Primary on February 5, poll workers in Alameda County will have the option of donating their Election Day earnings to a charitable organization of their choice.

The new program comes as Alameda County looks for ways to be more effective in recruiting the nearly 4,000 poll workers it needs to staff the 810 polling places that are set up for each countywide election. By allowing these workers to donate their earnings, county elections officials hope they can earn new levels of support from churches, community groups and other charitable organizations that may

### SCHOOL

(continued from page one) Students will come from all over the area. There is an application process and there will be an entrance exam. "I know the whole valley is excited about this happening," declared Kruska. "We

are definitely going forward with the school. We just want to make sure everything is in place." The school would include administrative offices, classrooms, a chapel, performing and visual arts facilities, a sports complex,

and about 800 parking spaces.
Asked whether the new high school would defeat de LaSalle in football, Kruska laughed. "We will have a football team. No one beats de LaSalle. It will be a good

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around a parking lot, or for people who are looking into car windows.

Citizens are reminded not to leave valuables in plain sight in vehicles. If absolutely necessary to leave them in the vehicle, place items out of view by stowing them under seats or locking them in trunks. Also, lock all doors and roll windows up tightly.

Anyone with information regarding thefts and burglaries should contact the police department at 931-5100.

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find they have more incentive to help with the recruitment effort.

Poll workers in Alameda County are paid \$95 to \$170 for their work on Election Day, depending on their assignments.

The new program is the result of a collaboration involving three Alameda County agencies - the Registrar of Voters and the offices of the Auditor-Controller and County Administrator. In addition to filling out an application to become a poll worker, all poll workers who wish to donate their Election Day earnings to a charitable organization must complete an authorization form. Both the application and the authorization form can be obtained on the Registrar's website, www.acgov.org/rov. The authorization form makes clear that all recipients of donated earnings must be recognized as a charitable organization under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3).

The Feb. 5 Primary is the first of three major Countywide elections the registrar's office will oversee this year, with a Primary in June and the November Presidential Election. Poll worker training classes are already under way throughout Alameda County, and will run most days through February 2.

For more information about becoming a poll worker in Alameda County, call the Registrar of Voters office at (510) 272-6971 or see the Registrar's website, www.acgov.org/rov.

### **DUTRO**

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city recreation center on 5th Street, which is now known as the Bothwell Center.

The Dutro family lived in the house. One of its members owned the Dutro barbershop on First Street for many years.

Orth said that many people were very instrumental in saving the house. Livermore Heritage Guild members provided their support at the planning commission meeting. City planning staff members were helpful in expediting the planning and paper-

work. "We had to complete a lot of paper work through the holidays. It was a lot of extra work to meet the Jan. 15 planning commission meeting. In that sense, it was very fulfilling that all the hard work and money didn't go to waste,' said Orth.

### Livermore Chamber Installation and Awards Gala Set

The Livermore Chamber of Commerce will award 10 Community Awards at its Installation Gala on February 2nd at the Robert Livermore Community Center. This year the Chamber is saluting businesses, organizations, and individuals who have not only worked hard to make business grow, but who have made a concerted effort to protect the environment.

The newly named "Environment Spirit Awards" will be presented to Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty for spear-heading efforts to be the first county in California to sign the US Cool Counties Stabilization Declaration. Supervisor Haggerty is being honored for his long time involvement in nationwide projects to implement programs to reduce emissions.

Sandia National Laboratories will be recognized for Sandia California's environmental management program including planning and ecology, monitoring hazardous materials, waste pollution and prevention and air

The Business Awards go to

Waste Management and US Foodservice. Waste Management helps qualified businesses comply with criteria to earn certification by the Bay Area Certified Green Business Program and their presence has helped Livermore achieve or exceed California mandates for waste reduction. US Foodservice will be honored for their effort in conserving energy and implementing recycling which have resulted in their being certified as a Bay Area Green Business in 2007.

The Taylor Family Foundation will receive the Outstanding Nonprofit Organization Award of the year in recognition of their green practices at Camp Arroyo. The entire camp was constructed with green and recycled materials.

The Livermore Valley Joint United School District will be honored for being the first school district in the nation to be designated as a "GO GREEN" district.

The Community Service of the Year Award goes to the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for its HOME campaign (Helping Others More Effectively). Through HOME laboratory employees pledged more than \$1.4 million to community and nonprofit agencies in the Tri-Valley, San Joaquin Valley and the Greater Bay Area. In addition, the Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC which manages the lab, announced it will donate \$1million in matching funds.

The Las Positas /Sandia College student of the year is Kayla Moreland. The award recognizes a local student who stands out among peers as a leader.

Livermore /Pleasanton Fire Captain Joe Rodondi will be awarded the annual Public Safety Award by Fire Chief Bill Cody and Aaron Muellerleile of UNCLE Credit Union will be named Ambassador of the Year. Aaron is being recognized, not only for his tireless involvement in Chamber events, but for being active in UNCLE's effort to help the environment.

"There are many other organizations and businesses in Livermore who have been proactive in protecting the environment,' said Chamber CEO Dale Kaye, "We wish we could recognize each and every one of them." She said the Chamber will work to qualify as a green business with board members Jeanie Haigh and Denise Slavitt. Slavitt recently made her catering business (Checkers Catering) a certified green business.

The Livermore Chamber of Commerce 82nd Gala "Fantasy Under the Sea" is open to the public. Featuring great food, Livermore Valley Wines and dazzling entertainment, the event starts on Feb 2 at 6 pm. For reservations, call (925) 447 -1606

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### VALLEY ROUNDUP

#### Wieskamp EBRPD Board President

Ayn Wieskamp of Livermore will serve as the East Bay Regional Park District Board President for 2008. First elected to the Board of Directors in 1998, Wieskamp was re-elected in 2002 and

Prior to her being elected to the Park District Board, she served on the Livermore City Council for 18 years. Wieskamp has also served on the boards for the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District and the Alameda County Recycling Board.

Wieskamp's goals for 2008 include encouraging families and individuals to use EBPRD parks to improve their fitness, while enjoying recreational programs and the beauty of the parks. She is also focusing on continuing to expand the "green" programs and initiatives throughout the district

Ayn Wieskamp represents: Brightside, Dublin, part of Fremont, Livermore, Newark, Pleasanton, Scott's Corner, and Sunol. Parks in her ward include: Ardenwood, Camp Ohlone, Coyote Hills, Del Valle, Mission Peak, Monument Peak, Ohlone, a portion of Pleasanton Ridge, Shadow Cliffs, Sunol, and Tassajara Creek.

College Weekend Hours Officials at Las Positas College will open several offices on Saturday, January 26 to assist students with registration, counseling and textbook

The Admissions and Records Office and the Counseling Office will be open from 9 a.m - 12 p.m. and the Bookstore will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Classes begin Tuesday, January 22nd but students can still register for open and late start classes. For information, contact the college at (925) 424-1000.

#### ValleyCare Director

The ValleyCare Health System Board of Directors has selected James A. Mayer to fill a vacant at-large seat on the board. He previously served on the ValleyCare Board from 1998-2004. Mayer is President of the Diablo Valley Bank-

ing Region for Heritage Bank of Commerce.
Mayer has been a banker in the East Bay since 1983. His previous positions include President and CEO of Lamorinda National Bank until its sale in 1996. He also served as President and CEO of Mount Diablo National Bank from 1996 until 2002 and founding President and CEO of Diablo Valley Bank until its sale to Heritage Bank of Commerce last year.

A native of San Francisco, Mayer attended the University of San Francisco and graduated from the Pacific Coast Banking School at University of Washington. He and his wife Carolyn live in Alamo.

#### Mine Sealed

Recent vandalism at a former coal mining site near Livermore promoted the California States Parks and the Department of Conservation to team up to protect public safety, and seal the entrance. An 8 foot by 8 foot bat gate, which keeps humans out while allowing birds and bats to come and go freely, has been installed.

The mine was located near the community of Tesla, located 12 miles southeast of Livermore in Corral Hollow Canyon. During its heyday there were 1500 residents.

### Hayashi Supported Cancer Legislation The American Cancer Society, California Di-

vision, released its 2007 Legislative Scorecard and recognized Assemblymember Mary Hayashi for having a perfect voting record for cancer-

ogy and science, the Bendors

and their non-profit organiza-

tion, ArtsEcho, created a show

that takes math out of the text-

book and vividly demonstrates

to kids that numbers, shapes and

problem-solving are a vital part

of our everyday lives. From 32 shows in its first year,

related legislation. The scorecard identified 19 bills and 2 resolutions important to improving access to care, expanding cancer awareness programs, and reducing environmental exposures

"The public views cancer as the most important disease government should do something about," stated Jim Knox, Vice President for Legislative Advocacy. "Public policy and those who are making it have a key role in helping lower that number. Our legislative scorecard helps illustrate the legislative progress made this year and gives a good picture of how it was accom-

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

#### **DNA Links Suspect to Murder**

The Livermore Police Department has arrested Jack Bowie for the homicide of Jennifer Atkinson. DNA evidence led to his arrest on

The Alameda County District Attorney's Office has charged Bowie for the homicide committed against Atkinson, with special circum-

On May 12, 1995, Jennifer Atkinson, 21, was found dead by her mother inside her (Atkinson's) residence, located at 1822 Paseo Laguna Seco #191, Livermore. Atkinson was found in a bathroom, partially unclothed, with a suspected ligature wound around her neck and suspected liga-ture marks on her wrists. The Alameda County Coroner's Office ruled Atkinson's death a homicide, caused by asphyxiation due to strangulation. Physical evidence found at the scene led investigators to conclude that Jennifer was sexually assaulted during the attack.

Between 1995 and 2004, this homicide re-

mained an open investigation with numerous individuals being investigated as possible sus-

In 2004, advances in DNA technology allowed investigators to deliver items recovered from the crime scene to a laboratory for analysis. In April of 2005, the laboratory issued a report indicating that the identity of a certain DNA profile was recovered from the submitted evidence; however the identity of the DNA was unknown.

Between April of 2005 and August of 2007, the DNA from five persons of interest, including Bowie, was collected and submitted to a laboratory for analysis. Bowie's DNA was collected during a search warrant in August of 2007. In November of 2007, a laboratory report established that Bowie's DNA was consistent with the DNA recovered from several key items of evidence from the crime scene.

A preliminary investigation revealed that Jack Bowie was one of the last people to see Atkinson alive. Bowie told investigators that he and his girlfriend had been with Atkinson until about 4:15 a.m. on the day of her death. According to Bowie, Atkinson had driven him and his girlfriend to Oakland that morning. Bowie said that he barely knew Atkinson and that he had never spent a significant amount of time inside her apartment. After departing company with Atkinson on the morning of her death, Bowie said he slept inside his girlfriend's apartment, located directly above Atkinson's apartment. Bowie claimed not to have any knowledge regording the circumstance of Atkinson's death garding the circumstances of Atkinson's death and at the time of the preliminary investigation, there was insufficient evidence to link Bowie to Atkinson's homicide.

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"We are very excited and look forward to partnering with OSHA to provide training for construc-tion and industry in northern California," said Joel Kinnamon, district chancellor. "The Department of Labor was looking for an organization to fill critical training needs in the Bay Area and Sacramento Regions. We were their ideal choice based on our extensive contract education department and our current relationship with business and industry clients.'

The District becomes the only OSHA Training Institute Education Center in northern California. They will also serve OSHA's Region 9, which includes California, Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii, Guam and American Samoa.

"Our first classes will run from May 6-9 of this year at the district office in Pleasanton," said Julia Dozier, the district's director of contract education and

economic development. The district will offer classes in OSHA Standards for General Industry and OSHA Standards for Construction. Both the 10 and 30 hour classes will be available. The classes will be taught by OSHA trainers with extensive,

relevant field experience. OSHA has 28 courses and the District expects to offer them all. "We are moving quickly to get

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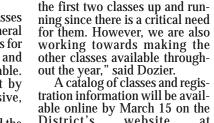
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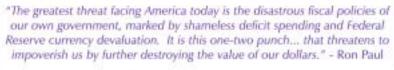


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### **EDITORIAL**

#### **Affordable Culture**

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC) announced last week that a donor has contributed \$50,000 to subsidize low-cost tickets for young

The gift will enable students age 17 and younger to see performances at the Bankhead Theater for \$11. Fifty of these tickets will be set aside for every performance at the Bankhead through August. Some of the money will also be used to underwrite additional performances and workshops in LVPAC's school program.

The money comes from a Livermore family who have requested anonymity.

'We hope this donation will serve as an example to other individuals and businesses as to the creative ways that can be developed to enhance and support the arts in our community," said Len Alexander, LVPAC executive director.

This donation is indeed creative, for it's rare that an arts grant is spent on the audience rather than the artists. The project reveals a strong sense of community at work. Here is a theater that aspires to make the arts affordable and accessible, especially to young people.

To the anonymous donor, thank you.

### COURT

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the most important thing I've done in my professional life."

Youth court keeps young of-fenders out of the juvenile jus-tice system altogether. Recidivism rates at youth courts are significantly lower than for juvenile

Tri-Valley Youth Court serves the cities of Dublin, Livermore, and Pleasanton. While there are over 1,300 Youth Courts nationwide, most serve just one city.

Representatives from the police departments and school districts of all three cities, as well as Alameda County Probation, were on hand for opening night.

"This has been a long time coming," said Livermore Police Chief Steve Sweeney. "Youth issues are a huge priority for us. This program provides a tremendous learning opportunity for youth. It's a great collaboration between our cities.

The jury at Youth Court is comprised of the offender's peers, just like in adult court. Eight 14-17 year olds serve on the jury and they—not the adults—determine the sentence, following guidelines.

Youth Court sentences always include constructive community service and jury duty along with restitution as appropriate. Emphasis is placed on maintaining respectful treatment of offenders and minimizing negative labeling. In the case of the stolen batteries, K's sentence consisted of 20 hours of community service, letter of apology to the store

Tri-Valley Youth Court cases will be referred by local police, Alameda County Probation, and school districts. Offenses are limited to non-violent misdemeanors including cyber-bullying, traffic, curfew, tobacco, disorderly conduct, vandalism, theft, and truancy. The court may take on drug-related misdemeanors in

Offenders must admit their

guilt before being referred to Youth Court. During the hearing, the teen advocates argue the defendant's sentence. The defendant is questioned by the defense and prosecution advocates as well as the jury. In fact, as Tri-Valley Youth Čourt coordinator Tonya Clenney explained, jurors are required to ask the defendant

at least one question. Defendants who do not complete their sentences are sent back to the referring agency. The vast majority of Youth Court defendants do complete their sen-

The Tri-Valley Youth Court relies on volunteers. A total of 75 volunteers are needed each month to staff the three courtrooms, one for each city. Youth ages 14-17 can serve as court clerk, advocates, and members of the jury. Adults can act as the court attendant, jury mentor, and

For high school students, volunteering at Youth Court provides an opportunity to gain community service hours as well as valuable experience. Paul Thies, a senior at Foothill High School, served as an advocate for the prosecution at the Tri-Valley Youth Court's opening night.

"I want to be an attorney, so I jumped at the opportunity," he said. "It's great to be able to help other kids. Really, this is less about the community service hours and more about doing something I love."

Youth Court is rri-vame open to the public, but audience members are requested to keep the identity of the defendant confidential. Upcoming dates are Feb. 5 and March 4. For more information,

www.trivalleyyouthcourt.com. The court is looking for high school student volunteers to serve as jurors and court clerks. For more information, visit the website

www.trivalleyyouthcourt.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.)

#### No Cost Entertainment Christine Bird Livermore

I recently read, with interest, the comments by the mother who felt \$17 was too much to pay from her budget for the Nutcracker: and the subsequent reply from the Bankhead theater's management, hoping to reduce some tickets, to meet such needs.

I would like to point out that the Kings Players at Cedar Grove Community church perform a play in May and another in December for the community. The December production was Dickens's Christmas Carol. The acting was superb and the costumes were excellent; these productions are free. We are fortunate to have talented performers as well as wonderful volunteers who make these outstanding nonprofessional events at no cost. Come and join us; I hope you'll be glad you did.

#### Wonderful Restaurant **Bill Luty**

Livermore I just wanted to give a fully unsolicited recommendation for a wonderful Greek restaurant called Aleko's that opened in the PW shopping center on north Vasco Rd. This seems to be a cursed location as restaurants appear and disappear so fast I try

not to get too attached. Well, I'm attached to this one so please get out and support them! Such a refreshing and tasty change of pace. The food is fresh and delicious, the atmosphere is as charming as it gets in a strip mall setting and the service is quick and friendly. Even the prices are great! For selfish reasons I'm glad they're so close to where I live but truly this is a restaurant that deserves to be down-

Please support Aleko's (1536 N Vasco Rd) and other local and independent restaurants (and artists, and musicians, and business...)!!

#### **Tesla Park Bob Coomber** Livermore

I read with excitement the article documenting Celeste Garamendi's efforts to create "Tesla Park" on the 3,000 acres of wild, open space now earmarked by the State for inclusion in the Carnegie OHV park. As a hiker, let me offer my side of the any minds in the OHV community, and in fact have many friends who ride. Let me explain

my position.

The area projected to be included in the Carnegie OHV Park is habitat for many of our area's wildest creatures. I frequently drive over Tesla Road to the locked gate off the road, west of the OH $\stackrel{\checkmark}{\mathrm{V}}$  park, in order to observe bobcats, coyotes, burrowing owls, kites, kestrels and the occasional badger. The variety of wildlife common to the Diablo Range is staggering. That the State would consider offering more of what is a mercilessly shrinking habitat to the "scorched earth" world of OHV

use is unconscionable. There's no question heavy off road vehicle use destroys habitat, increases erosion, and fouls the air. Why would the State of California encourage the wastefulness of fossil fuels, as well as the destruction of habitat that such a plan would certainly cause? Once opened to OHV use, that land is gone. The birds who nest there, the animals that live there...gone, just as they are now at Carnegie.

I'm fully on board with this parcel being opened to day use for hikers, mountain bikers, runners and horseback riders. Those

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Miller said it is his goal

at the Lab has simply become too

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ness to FY07 levels by FY09,

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tory, Miller said he has "carved

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user groups far outnumber the OHV community. We can't afford to make another public land use decision based on the wanton gratification of a few who happen to have a pretty good lobby in Sacramento.

My vision for this parcel is as a southern terminus of a regional trail that would begin at Mt. Diablo and traverse south over many already existing public accesses. It's close to home, so would require little in the way of fuel to access. It would create a true, multi day backpack route in the tradition of the John Muir Trail or Sierra High Route in one of the least used portions of State land. Negotiating easements with private landowners and creating the missing sections of trail are already on the table with local Park activists. My suggestion to those who feel as I do? Write or e - mail your local and State legis-lators. Let your voices be heard. While I appreciate and respect the points of view of OHV users, even they have to have noticed the rutting and erosion, the loss of habitat, the waste their sport

causes.
The Diablo Range is one of California's least explored areas. The Range is a treasure not to be ruined forever by more motorized traffic. Opening this part of the Range to hikers, mountain bikers, runners and horsemen / women would be the fit that serves the most members of our community. Support Tesla Park -e - mail your Assemblyperson or State Senator without delay!

#### **Historic Preservation** Valerie Raymond Livermore

I welcome your January 10 editorial in which you applauded the saving of the historic Dutro home at Chestnut and L

However, the Independent's stated concern for saving historic structures might be a bit more convincing if its publisher, Joan Seppala (also president of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center) was not so busy trying to get the City Council to tear down the historic brick building now housing Peets Coffee, as well as the historic Mediterranean style old telephone building opposite the Post Office. Mill Springs Park at the flagpole intersection is also proposed for elimination. All this to accommodate Seppala's dream of a huge, 2000-seat, 65 foot high regional theater at this heart-of-thedowntown intersection.

If the Independent and its publisher really supported the preservation of Livermore's hisforic structures, they would be looking for a different site for the proposed theater.

### Stop 4-Story Buildings Kathryn Wilson

Livermore Do we want our beautiful new downtown to look overbuilt, overwhelming and overdone? I don't. Four story buildings downtown are simply too much. Come on City Council, keep our quaint downtown looking upper scale without the congested look of 4-stories. We don't want to look like Dublin or Walnut

#### Tovota Dealership Daniel Goodman North Livermore Resident

Letter to mayor and city council regarding the Toyota Dealership: I am writing this letter to ask that you seriously reconsider this project. I am unable to attend the City Council meeting in February due to family commitments, so I am using this letter to appeal to you to not go forward with this project in this par-ticular location. I know people have a NIMBY attitude to a lot of things that is generally a knee jerk reaction; however, in this case I cannot support this kind of project. As a neighborhood resident I cannot back a project that is going to significantly increase traffic in a residential area. During the weekends families, including my own, walk along this area to the park, and ride bicycles down the path in that area. The amount of increased traffic at all times of day during the week and especially during the weekend will increase the risk of accidents between cars, bicycles, and pedestrians. This type of project will significantly increase traffic in the area. I find it dubious that the Planning Department says there will be no impact. There is already a safety issue with the North Front/North Vasco intersection and people exiting the 580 Freeway as well as the small strip mall there, this project will only exacerbate this situation.

I am not against some kind of development along this area, but I don't believe this is the type of project that should go forward in this particular location. Why can't this project be done off the 580 and West Las Positas behind the Target store? There is a large amount of land available there. It is not a residential area and is not that far removed from the placed to the north of the creek' other dealerships that have been (FRE/RG, July 6, 2004, p. 21).

built recently. It would seem there would much less invasive construction to be done in that area to accommodate the immense size of the dealership rather than shoe-horning it off

North Front. Please seriously consider this issue; you are talking about a very large commercial structure that will significantly increase traffic in a very residential neighborhood. We like living in this area of Livermore, due to its uncongested streets. You do not approve of development in North Livermore using the increased traffic argument; please use that same logic here. We do not need this kind of development in North Livermore

#### Kottinger Creek George Reid, Professional Geologist, Hydrogeologist Member, Friends of Kottinger Creek

I enjoyed reading your summary of the last six months of 2007 but I have a correction.

Under the summary for October 2007 (TI, January 3, 2008, p.5) it is stated "A ribbon cutting ceremony was held to officially mark the reopening of Kottinger Creek in Pleasanton. A major restoration of the area was completed, turning the drainage canal (emphasis added here) into a meandering alignment complete with riffles and ponding areas. The dictionary (Webster's) definition of a canal is "an artificial watercourse for transportation and irrigation." There is not now nor has there ever been anything artificial about Kottinger Creek It has always been a natural creek dating back at least through the Holocene period 11,000 years ago, predating man's presence. Neither the Indians nor settlers dug this channel. We have only nature to thank for its existence. As a matter of fact the creek needs to be there to drain a large watershed area of one square mile (see attached Watershed Map, will also be available on the Friends of Kottinger website). Kottinger Creek is shown as a creek on the topographic map of the US Geological Survey and on the Water-shed Map from the Oakland Museum. It is evident as a creek on the oldest aerial photographs available (again pre-dating residential development of the area).

This distinction in terms, creek versus canal or ditch, is an important one. The channel's status as a natural creek was the basis for residents' complaints about how it was being maintained and led to the restoration efforts that followed. Kottinger Creek was <u>restored</u> not created by the City. The meander, pools and riffles that are there today characterized the creek in the past, before it was ditched and stripped of vegetation by man.

deferring to the creek as a canal or ditch diminishes the creek and the effort to restore it closer to its natural state (we understand that you obtained the canal term from the City, unfortunately some at the City have not been sources of accurate information regarding the creek and some opposed the effort). No doubt the Native Americans had their own name for this creek and some research is being conducted to see if we can find out their name for Kottinger Creek.

Here is some additional information regarding Kottinger

1) The effort to restore the creek goes back to 1999 following tree removal and "ditching" by the City. Many local volunteers worked on this creek restoration for years.

2) Several scientific studies were conducted for the restoration including a study for potential flood control. The following are some statements taken from reports prepared for this

While the majority of Pleasanton's parks emphasize active recreation, Kottinger Community Park has the potential to become a regional example of a multi-objective park which balances pasšive and active recreation, provides habitat, and offers opportunities for environmental education. In addition, Kottinger Creek's restoration will employ a floodplain restoration approach, ensuring that flood control along the creek will meet the highest standards" (FarWest Restoration Engineering/Restoration Group, July

2004, p.9). "Once flowing freely through John Kottinger's Ranch, Kot-tinger Creek now forms the spine of Kottinger Community Park, which has served the surrounding neighborhood since the 1960's" (FRE/RG, July 6, 2004, p.26). "A review of historic aerial photographs of Kottinger Creek was conducted as part of this project analysis. An aerial photogřaph takěn in 1957, provided by Pacific Aerial Survey, was examined to assess historic channel plan form and sinuosity. Overlaying the channel plan form on existing channel conditions suggests that the channel has been significantly straightened. The width of the historic meander pattern suggests that significant amounts of fill have been And from the hydrology study: "The Kottinger Creek watershed is located in the hills of Pleasanton in northern California. The approximate 1 square mile watershed extends from the headwaters in the upland hills.....Hydrology within the Kottinger Creek watershed is altered by a series of stormwater detention basins immediately upstream of the project site con-structed in the late 1980s and by several street stormdrains discharging directly into the creek at several points along the length of the creek. Previous hydrol-ogy studies (CDM and Cooper and Sword) have determined that the stormwater detention basins have significantly reduced peak flows through the project site and reduced the downstream flooding risk" (FRE, July 1, 2004, p.2). And "For 100-year estimated flow of 124 cfs, the modeling indicates that the proposed restoration project reduces water levels through most of the restoration area and all flows remain in-channel through the restored reach. The proposed project will tend to decrease shear stresses and potentially the channel erosion, although local velocities may be increased due to removal of excessive cattail growth in the channel" (FRE, July 1, 2004,

Hopefully the above information helps to minimize misinformation regarding Kottinger Creek and its restoration. Thanks for the opportunity to provide this information.

#### Toyota Dealership Darryl L. West

The 1/17/08 letter by Stacy Kovisto regarding the proposed Livermore Toyota dealership had several inaccurate and misleading statements I would like to

Stacy begins by sounding the old loss of open space bell, noting open land on both sides of North Front Street will be lost to this project.

Next, Stacy raises the specter of the area being engulfed in thousands of car trips daily in the vicinity as a consequence of the project and states the Livermore Planning Commission says the dealership will not impact traf-

Last, Stacy indicates the project is a proposal by the Livermore Planning Commission.

Many people in our community are unfamiliar with how the planning process takes place. It appears Stacy falls into that category. Generally, and most particularly in this case, the Planning Commission does not make development proposals. The Commission evaluates proposals by those who wish to develop their property; and in most cases, makes recommendations as to the appropriateness of the project to the City Council. The recommendations are based regulations, the general plan, and in some exceptional cases, specific plans. In the case of the Toyota project, the dealership is an appropriate use given the vi-cinity and zoning that exists on the site.

The fact that the site is currently (poorly maintained) open space is irrelevant. The property owner has the right to develop the site if they adhere to the noted city requirements. In this case, the city worked with the developer several years ago of the closest housing to the north, to insure it would be protected from future development on this site by a large arroyo park.

In regard to traffic, the Planning Commission did not indicate the dealership would not impact traffic. The Commission defermined the traffic impacts would be acceptable, for a variety of specific reasons spelled out in the staff analysis. Please note, had the Toyota property been developed as a series of traditional freeway support commercial projects, the traffic impact would have been far greater than the car sales dealership that will occupy a very large portion of the project.

I encourage all those interested in the outcome of this matter to attend the council meeting as Stacy suggests. Public participation in the process is important for two reasons: it offers an opportunity to voice your concerns; and it educates those who attend on how those who represent you reach their decisions.

#### **Ballot Propositions** Barbara Hempill League of Women Voters

**Livermore-Amador Valley** The League of Women Voters California (LWVC) takes positions on State ballot propositions based on LWVC studies of the issues. If the LWVC has not studied the issue, it does not take a position. After examining the issues involved in the propositions on the February ballot, the LWVC has taken the following positions: Proposition 91 - Opposed; Proposition 92 - Opposed; Proposition 93 - Neutral; Propositions 94-97 - No position.

For further information about the issues, you may pick up a copy of the League's Pros and Cons or Easy Voter at your local library or the post office.

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their properties. They need to be told about the regulations, and given the chance to cease the uses. "However, if someone is violating the law over a long period of time, we'd have to be able to escalate, to make them conform to the law. Right now, we don't have that escalation capability," said Grav.

Tona Henninger, deputy director of the county planning department's code enforcement division, told the Independent that the Mines Road use definitely is illegal, as are many other properties throughout the county's unincorporated area.

This includes such urban locations as Castro Valley, San Lorenzo and Cherryland, which is adjacent to Hayward. The department has five inspectors, and responds quickly to complaints, said Henninger.

Henninger's department is looking at adding enforcement tools, and will meet with county counsel's office to see what might be done. The department has had its hands full recently by completing ordinances on junked vehicles and neighborhood structural eyesores, but hopes to be able to add the zoning ordinance tools later this year.

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workers. Last November, Miller told employees to expect the lay-The good news, is that Miller

announced he would implement

salary increases retroactive to Jan. 1. In addition, for those employees whose organizations have allocated an increase associated with a documented promotion or reclassification, the increase will be paid retroactive to the promotion/reclassification date or Oct.

1, 2007, whichever is most re-

cent. Employees will be notified

of salary increases in the March

time frame. In a story in Newsline, the Lab's newspaper, Miller declared, "The Laboratory's success requires all our participation. It's important that we work together to make sure the Laboratory remains the employer of choice in the Bay Area, for the best and the brightest in all areas, because of the work performed and the

work-life balance provided." The Lab must look for innovative ways to bring down the cost of doing business.

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Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman with her hawk, Ariel, at last year's Scottish Games and Gathering. She uses the hawk to help educate people about raptors.

### **HAWK**

(continued from page one) agencies to keep the hawk.

Hosterman declared after the item, "No one is more happy to be done with this than I am. I thank you and Ariel thanks you."

Jerry Iserson, Director of Planning and Community Development, said staff felt that raptors could be classified as fowl, thereby allowing an individual to keep a hawk under CUP under current zoning. He said city staff was using the definition provided in Webster's Dictionary.

Iserson noted that those opposed to granting the CUP argued that a hawk is not a fowl by any definition. They did not think it was natural or humane to keep a hawk. In addition, there were concerns that a hawk trained to hunt could pose a danger, attacking humans or pets.

"No safety or security issues have occurred," said Iserson.

Many believe the matter was politicaľ. The issue arose during the mayoral election in 2006, when it was pointed out that Hosterman did not have a city permit to keep the hawk.

Councilmember Sullivan stated in his remarks, 'To me this is pretty transparent. It's all about politics and really nothing to do with concerns about hawk attacks. It's too bad it has gotten to this level with so much staff time spent on the is-

Sullivan supported the CUP, saying, "The applicant has all the required licenses and permits to keep the hawk and hunt. The structure where it is kept meets all the codes. The issues with the hawk are addressed by the state and federal permits. The city should not try to duplicate the efforts. There are more problems with dogs biting people than

with hawks attacking people." Dan Carl, who brought up the issue, was campaign manager for Hosterman's opponent, Steve Brozosky. He said during the public hearing on Tuesday that he was concerned that it looks to the outside world as if an elected official were receiving preferential treatment since the issue had been going on so long. He wondered if the message being sent was that if an elected official

doesn't like a code - break it. He noted in a letter to the city, that if a citizen were in violation of zoning laws for an extended period of time, a "citation would surely be issued."

Carl urged the council to deny

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Hosterman's appeal, and "eliminate the spectre of an elected official receiving preferential treatment and maybe a wild raptor can be set free.

Others echoed Carl's belief that Hosterman was receiving special treatment, because she is mayor. Some commented on the proposed definition.

Laura Danielson declared, "My grandfather kept fowl. He would laugh himself silly to hear a hawk called a fowl. Thinking of the hawk in a cage makes me

Ayala asked if Kay councilmembers wanted a neighbor with an exotic pet living next door. "You are opening a Pandora's Box with this," she declared.

Others spoke in support of Hosterman.

Chris Beratlis noted that hawks and eagles fly over the city every day. "They have never attacked anyone. She is doing a good thing in caring for it (the hawk).

Bill Rose called the matter a "political football." "I'm for the hawk. I think it's a good thing."

Elizabeth Thompson stated she was concerned that something "clearly motivated by a political agenda," was receiving so much attention.

Falconer Michael Pociecha, who works with Hosterman, addressed the council. "I have never seen a bird attack a person. They are not trained to hunt. It is natural. What falconry is about is having the bird trust you to the point that it can fly free to

"It is the most highly regulated sport there is. It is the most expensive with the cost of permits, feeding and housing," he added.

Pociecha also noted that issues could be raised concerning other wild animals people keep, such as parakeets, parrots, frogs, lizards and snakes.

Janet Linfoot, a veterinarian, said a red-tailed hawk is not an exotic bird. She added the only bird she has been attacked by is a hummingbird. "This is silly. I hope it's not political."

Councilmember Cheryl Cook-Kallio stated, "This should not be political or about personalities. I think the code is out of date. It didn't anticipate a situation such as this. Sometimes it's up to us to interpret the law.'

### \$6 Million Error Brings New Bidding On Pipeline Project

A \$6 million bookkeeping error by a contractor and a challenge against another bidder have led the Zone 7 Water Agency board to authorize a rebid of a major pipeline construction project.

The rebidding will bring a three-month delay to the project and will cost up to \$250,000 more in consulting fees. Consultant Black & Veatch will redraw the project so it is broken into two segments, instead of the one totaling \$50 million, as estimated by the consultant.

However, there is a silver lining. Cutting the project into two parts may wind up saving Zone 7 money, said general manager Jill Duerig. The original proposal drew only four bidders. Some potential contractors who were contacted said the project was too big for them to take on. Zone 7 might find more bidders when the project is split in two. That could lead to more competitive bids, possibly saving more money, said Duerig.

Directors followed Duerig's recommendation to reject the bids and split the project at their meeting Jan. 16.

The pipeline will carry water from the Altamont water treatment plant to the Zone 7's

valleywide water distribution system. Three of the four bidders came in below \$50 million. When Zone 7 staff opened the bids Dec. 18, Ranger Pipeline of San Francisco had submitted a bid for \$37.4 million. However, after submitting the bid, Ranger found that a bookkeeping error had been made. The bid was \$6 million too low.

Ranger requested to be released from the bid, since it was apparent the firm could not build the project for that amount. Asked about whether Ranger could be held responsible for paying the \$250,000 for further consulting work, staff attorney Amy Naamani said that the law allows the bidder to withdraw, without forfeiting its bond. The law forbids such a bidder

from bidding again on the same project. However, splitting the project into two projects will allow Ranger to bid again, if it wishes, said Naamani. With the low bidder out of the running, the next lowest bidder was Don Kelly Construction of Tucson, with a bid of \$45.9 million.

However, the notion of awarding the contract to Kelly was challenged by the third lowest bidder, Mountain Cascade of

Livermore, which had a bid of \$47.8 million. Mountain Cascade said that Don Kelly didn't meet the qualifications about having had two projects of a similar nature during the past seven years, with at least \$30 million

A firm can also bid if its key personnel have "significant experience" in similar projects, said Zone 7 attorney Amy Naamani. BALLOT STATEMENT

#### TO COST \$1978

On another item, directors authorized a fee of \$1978 for Zone 7 candidates who want to appear in the registrar of voters' information pamphlet in the election June 3. The pamphlets are mailed out with the election sample ballots or absentee ballots.

It's up to the candidates to decide whether they want to appear in the pamphlet. There is no filing fee to run for the office. The fee is set by the county registrar's office, and is only an estimate at this point. It's based on the number of registered voters in a jurisdiction. There are 99,000 registered voters in Zone 7, which includes Pleasanton. Livermore and Dublin, said administrative assistant Barbara Morse.

A registrar's office spokesper-

son said that each jurisdiction's costs are estimated individually. After the election, the cost savings of consolidating all jurisdictions in a particular election are factored in, which often results in a refund going to candidates.

Morse said that in the 2006 election, the estimate was \$1961. However, \$1100 of it was refunded to the candidates. In 2002, the estimate was \$1282, which turned out to be low. Zone 7 had to collect another \$282 from each candidate in the pam-

Incumbents whose terms expire after the June 3 election are . Jim Concannon. Jim Kohnen and Dick Quigley. Concannon has been on the board since 1984. Kohnen and Quigley joined the board in 2004. None of the three was elected, but appointed by supervisors in 2004, because they were the only three candidates to file for the three seats.

Kohnen told the Independent that he is not sure whether he will run again or not. He also serves as president of the county mosquito abatement district and is president of the Valley Spokesman Bicycle Club. Concannon and Quigley were unavailable for comment on their plans.

### Ethics Pledge, Expenditure Limits for Pleasanton Candidates

Candidates for office in Pleasanton will be asked to take a campaign practices pledge and to

adhere to an expenditure limit. The city council approved both at last week's council meeting. At a previous meeting, the council voted to require candidates and committees to place campaign finance information on the Internet.

The campaign practices pledge is based on the state elections code. Candidates would pledge to do such things as discuss only issues. They would not engage in character defamation or appeal to prejudices or coerce voters in any way. The pledge can be taken by political action committees (PAC) as well. The city would identify on its website candidates and committees who had signed the pledge. Councilmember Cheryl

Cook-Kallio commented, "I don't think PACs will see any reason to take the pledge.

The expenditure limit would be set at \$1 per registered voter in Pleasanton. The limit would be indexed for inflation based on the idea that the number of voters would plateau at buildout. The amount that could be raised by candidates at this point in time would be \$36,912.

The council differed over what period of time the spending limit would be applicable. Cindy McGovern and Matt Sullivan wanted it to be in place for two years, running the day after one election up to several days prior to the following election. They argued that would provide the most transparency, because voters would know how much and where money was spent during a campaign.

City Manager Nelson Fialho pointed out that in some cases invoices aren't received until after an election. The invoices may come in higher than anticipated. He recommended closing the expenditure limit on Dec. 31 following an election. The staff also recommended a one year period.

The council majority agreed with staff's recommendation in establishing a time period running January 1 to December 31 of an election year.

For this year's election, the expenditure limit would become effective March 6, 2008, the date the ordinance becomes law. The time period would end Dec. 31,

Sullivan commented after the vote, "I think we have taken a major step forward (in campaign reform). It didn't go as far as some of us wanted and further than oth-

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman said that the upcoming 2008 election would be a time to see how the changes worked. "We can make adjustments after the election, if they are needed.'

#### **VOTER INFORMATION:**

The League of Women Voters-Livermore Amador Valley, has placed voter materials in various places around the area with regard to the upcoming Feb. 5 elec-

Non-partisan Easy Voter Guides (in five different languages) are available in libraries and post offices in the three cities, Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton. Pros and Cons guides detail the propositions.

If you need more information, call the local League line at 443-8683 or log on to smartvoter.org.

### **AMADOR**

(continued from page one)

Puppets, the season will continue the following Saturday (February 2) with Second City, the Chicago comedy troupe that spawned Bill Murray, Dan Ackroyd, Gilda Radner and John

Candy. The show will be at 8 p.m. A special Parents' Date Night will be held, enabling parents to drop off their kids while they attend the Second City show. The children will be entertained at Kids Create Improv led by city youth supervisors. There'll be comedy, games, food and fun.

The season features eight other performances. They are: saxophonist/composer Ravi Coltrane at 8 p.m. Friday, February 8, as part of the Pleasanton Jazz Weekend; Pleasanton Chamber Players, 3 p.m. Sunday, February 24; Best of San Francisco Comedy, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 1; storyteller/singer Bill Harley, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 20; Pleasanton synthesizer pioneer Don Lewis and the Young Expressions (Pleasanton students), 8 p.m. Saturday, March 29; Word for Word presenting Native-American author Greg Sarris' story "When Tom Smith Caused the 1906 Earthquake" as part of the Pleasanton Poetry, Prose & Arts Festival, 1 p.m. Sunday, April 6 (free admission); Civic Arts Stage Company's production of the play "The Boxcar Children," 8 p.m. April 18, 19, 25, 26 and 2 p.m. April 20, 26, 27; "A Day in His Life," a tribute to John

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Lennon, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 31. Meanwhile, development of another, smaller theater contin-

ues at the old firehouse at Railroad and Division. "The Firehouse Arts Center will be a jewel of Pleasanton — a source of community pride, as

well as the anchor for a burgeoning cultural district within downtown Pleasanton," exclaimed Tony Rivera, Civic Arts Commission chairman. The growth of the Pleasanton

Poetry, Prose & Arts Festival received a lot of attention at the media lunch. On hand was Poet Laureate Martha Meltzer and two past laureates, Kirk Ridgeway and Jim Orr. The festival is in its

seventh year. There were 39 in attendance at the first festival. More than 150 attended last year, bringing the event to capacity.

This year's festival is slated for Saturday and Sunday April 5-6. There will be workshops, minicourses, contests, a keynote address by internationally famed poet/essayist Jane Hirschfield, and more. A performance by Word for Word of San Francisco will be given as part of the Civic Arts Presents season.

Civic Arts also puts on a school concert series. This season's schedule: Jim Gamble Puppets, "Peter and the Wolf," January 24-25; Don Lewis and

Young Expressions, February 20; storyteller/singer Bill Harley, March 18-19; Gizmo Guys, jugglers Allan Jacobs and Barrett Felker, April 2-3; play "The Box-car Children" by Civic Arts Stage Company, April 22-24. All shows are af 9:30 and 11 a.m. at Amador Theater.

Civic Arts is run by the City of Pleasanton Department of Parks and Community Services. There's a ticket office at Amador Theater open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays and two hours prior to each performance. Tickets may be purchased at www.civicartstickets.org or by phone at (925) 931-3444.

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### SPORTS NOTES

#### LHS Girls Basketball

The Livermore High School varsity girls basketball team took on California High, losing 57 to 48. Livermore traveled to the home of the Grizzlies with both teams looking for their first EBAL win. On this right travels of Cariffic to Maria phito cut of night it was the Grizzlies taking a bite out of the Cowboys when center Sammy McConvey injured her right shoulder limiting her game time. Livermore's Taylor Borba stormed into Cal and put up 18 points to lead the Cowboys offensively. Shayla Raber and Ryann Raber hit some timely shots for a combined 11 points. The three towers Sammy McConvey (2 pts), Margaret Donovan, Kayla Webber were slowed by foul trouble and injuries boosting the Grizzlies second shot opportu-nities. Sami Edwards (5 pts) and Scoot Hoehne (3 pts) attacked the Cal defense putting their best players in foul trouble. Freshman Brooke Betts, Veronica Garza and Junior Erica Schell combined for 9 points

against the hard working Cal defense. LHS JV girls basketball team vs Califor nia High won 41 to 19. The Livermore JV team lassoed the Grizzlies offense with Carrie Melrose (pt) and Kathryn Rambo having a nice game defensively. The inside presence of Stephanie Quon (9 pts), Brittany Silva (7 pts) and Laura Linden (4 pts) placed the Grizzlies offense into hibernation. Racking the ball on several occasions was Kylie O'Neal (6 pts) and Kaitlynn Amaral (6 pts) for the Lady Cowboys. Guards Julie Blach (3 pts) and Gabby Barbalinardo (4 pts) pressured the ball and slowed the Cal's flex offense.

LHS varsity girls basketball lost 54 to 37 to Foothill High. Rebounds were just out of reach for the Livermore Lady Cowboys with Center Sammy McConvey having to ride the pine injured. A nice effort by Margaret Donovan (2 pts) and Kayla Webber in the paint for the Cowboys. Senior Scoot Hoehne had the hot hand for the Livermore team dumping in 9 points against Foothill. Guards Ryann Raber (8 pts), Taylor Borba (7 pts) and Shayla Raber (6 pts) spread the rock around for Livermore. Slamm'n Sami Edwards pounded the ball inside for 5 points on the night. Guards Erica Schell, Brooke Betts and Veronica Garza pressured the ball to slow down the Foothill teams entry passes into the

LHS JV girls basketball team vs. Foothill High school won 49 to 28. Livermore's JV squad battled the Foothill team in the first half until Center Stephanie Quon (17 pts) emphatically blocking a shot to end the first half. The Lady Cowboys saddled up and racked it in the second half getting to the charity line 28 times for the game. Kylie O'Neal had 10 points with 6 points coming from free throw's. Scoring was difficult against the very physical defense of Foothill with Brittany Silva (7 pts), Gabby Barbalinardo (5 pts), and Julie Blach (3 pts) doing their best to rack it. A nice 3 pointer by Kathryn Rambo put the game out of reach for the Foothill squad. Fighting for rebounds all night for the Cowboys was Kaitlynn Amaral and Carrie Melrose.

#### CYO Basketball

St. Michael's/St. Charles (SM/SC) 8th grade girls (#8006) defeated St. Raymond's (#8004), 26-14 in CY) basketball action. SM/SC took an early lead and kept the lead the entire game. Top scoring players for SM/SC were Katelyn Jones (8), McKenzie Hubert (7), Brittany Campiotti (6), Lindsey Thien (3), and Claudine Seriani (2). Assisting with the defensive for SM/SC were Dani Arnold, Kenzie Holcomb, Chelsea Thomas, and Roxanna Utpadel.

Catholic Community of Pleasanton (CCOP) 8th grade girls (team 8001) faced undefeated SM/SC (team 8009) in a true nail biter. With three girls gone and two injured players CCOP (6 man team) stepped up and played positions not normally asked of them. Jessica Morselli started CCOP off with a 3 pointer while Kelly Parsons came up big down low as she snatched 10 rebounds.

Morselli, Nicole Torquato, Brittany
Bicomong and Lauren MacDonnell were able
to handle the press and get the ball down court. CCOP was up at the half 11-7 but in the 3rd quarter found themselves trailing by 5 points and rallied back to within one. It was 5 points and rallied back to within one. It was in the 4th quarter that the game put the fans on the edge of their seats. CCOP and SM/SC exchanged baskets but it was Lyndsay Godwin's 3 point shot, with less than 30 seconds in the game, that put CCOP ahead by three. SM/SC came right back and scored 2. CCOP, up by one, held onto the ball to end the came with a 38 "Zwin Tonscorer" suggestion. 2. CCOF, uppy one, near onto the ball to end the game with a 28-27 win. Top scorer's were Godwin 12 points (two 3-pointers), Parsons and Morselli (one 3-pointer) 5 points each, Bicomong 4 points and MacDonnell 2 points.

SM/SC 8th grade boys (814) clinched a share of first in the blue division with a 49-41 win over St. Raymond's. Tyler Kissling scored 16 of his 23 points in the 2nd half with 18 rebounds and 5 blocks in the victory. Hunter Lewis added 9 points with 4 rebounds and 4 steals. By out-scoring St. Raymond's 15-6 in the 2nd quarter, SM/SC seized control to win its sixth straight game. Luke Hamilton and Danny Emerson expertly shared the point with razor-sharp passes, Rambir Kahlon scored a season-high 4 points and Kevin Hunt scored 6 points and ripped down 6 rebounds. The SM/SC defense was anchored by Turner Sblendorio, Brandon cutter, Greg Anderson, and Andy Logsden. For St. Raymond's Ryan Murphy scored 23 points and Brandon Linkhart and Jack Canub each scored 6.



Livermore High School junior varsity wrestler, Alan Baxter, pinned his opponent in 24 seconds.

SM/SC 8th grade boys (#808) took on St. Isidore's (#812). SM/SC and got back on the winning track with a convincing 61-31 victory. Leading the way on the offensive end for SM/SC were Damariay Drew with 2, Justis Olsen with 20 and Michael Noble with 10. Leading the defensive ends for SM/SC. 10. Leading the defensive attack for SM/SC was Kendrick Huynh with 4 steals.

SM/SC (#8005) defeated St. Isidore (#8008), 23-16. SM/SC did not play with its usual gusto but did well enough to hold on for the win. Leading scorer for the day was Hayley Gamaza with 7 pts, 1 rebound and 2 steals. Leading the rebounds this week was Cassidy Sherman with 8. She also had 4 pts and 1 steal. Allie Labine had the most steals with 4. She also contributed 5 points and 2 rebounds. Niki Lupo had 3pts, 2 rebounds and a 3 steals. Erin Walthall and Kris Spalasso each scored a bucket and combined for 9 rebounds. Allie Parker, Lizzy McNaney, Jamie Elliot and Katie Gannon played well on both ends of the court. They combined for 6 rebounds and 3 steals.

SM/SC 8th grade girls (80005) took on St. Perpetual and won 35 to 23. The Liveron respective and won 35 to 23. The Liver-more team worked very hard in the first half against the physical defense of St. Perpetual. The second half was a defense of St. against the physical defense of St. Perpetual. The second half was a different story with McKenna Daly (12 pts, 9 rebs, 2 stls) rebounding and shooting well for the Livermore squad. Alyse Kline (6 pts, 3 rbs, 2 stls) and Camille Cauthen (5 pts, 8 rbs, 2 stls) shot well for the game. Playing well defensively for SM/SC was Sami Schiller (4 pts, 3 rbs), Kaila Williams (2 pts, rb) and Ashley Holmes (3 rbs, stl). Attacking the basket for Livermore was Theresa Keaney (2 pts, 5 rbs, stl) and Jennifer Plantenga (4 pts, 5 rbs). Grabbing 7 rebounds in the paint for SM/SC was Nicole McDougall. Nicole McDougall.

SM/SC1 7th grade girls (#7003) took on SM/SC2 (#7007) in a very exciting, fast paced game. SM/SC2 played hard the entire game but was not able to defeat the mighty Hippies with the final score 34 to 16. Kristy Kearney led the scoring with 5 baskets including a 3 point swish. Rebecca Pilz and Elyse Telford each scored 6 points. Kaila Silver and Jenny Meredith played a great game as well.

CCOP # 7005 turned in two team efforts into 2 wins. Against SM/SC # 7007, CCOP came alive in the 2nd half to post a 26-14 win over SM/SC # 7007. CCOP had balanced scoring attack. Arleen Firoozan and Alaina Urban lead the way with 6 points each.
Ashley Lindke had 5 points and Sydney
Hitesman 4 points. Haley Chow, Sarah
Loduha and Olivia Ensler led a solid defensive effort. In a 26-14 win against St. Isidore # 7002 Ashley Lindke led all scorers with 13 points. Arleen Firoozan and Haley Chow led the team in rebounding. Kylie Copenhagen, Aubry Wolff and Cassidy Lynch turned in solid defensive efforts.

SM/SC 6th grade girls (#6009) vs SM/ SC (#6010) played a great game with a final score 21 to 16. The two closely matched Livermore teams battled end to end with several lead changes. The Cougars held off the Pumas with offensive led by Christie Swinton (7 points), Sarah McCallister (6 points) and Shelby Stunkel (3 points). Defensive stars included Marlo Callon, Haley Emerson and Cassandra Dukes.

SM/SC #6010 took on SM/SC #6009 in a hard fought game. It was a close game until the last few minutes when the SM/SC #6009 broke away for the win. Top players for #6009 included Sierra Hoggatt, Marlo Callon, Shelby Stunkel and Brianna Zarrinfar. Outstanding players for #6010 were Claire Hyde, Austyn Najera, Hannah Leever and Rebekah Johnson.

CCOP 6th grade boys team #61 put together their strongest game of the year and led from the start in posting a 45-27 victory over St. Isidore A2 team #64. Leading the way were Jassae Virk with 10 points, Warren Westbrook with 12 and Glenn Leininger led all scorers with 14 points to go with a team high 5 rebounds and 3 assists. Overall CCOP shot 23 of 37 from the field, pulled down 16 rebounds and dished out 14 assists.

In a hard fought battle, SM/SC 5th grade boys (#533) prevailed over St. Joan's (#529), 25-24. The SM/SC squad jumped out to a quick start with a 9-4 lead. St. Joan's answered back quickly to take a 10 to 9 lead at halftime. The lead changed hands numerous times during the 3rd quarter. With less

than 4 minutes left in the game, St. Joan's took a 6 point lead (24-19). However, SM/ took a 6 point lead (24-19). However, SM/ SC rallied back to take the lead (25-24) with 48 seconds left in the game. SM/SC was led by Jared Buranis (11 pts), Kevin Garcia (6 pts), Kamryn Mosleh (4 pts) and Ben Morgan and Nick Fernandes (each with 2 pts). AJ Longridge, Patrick Miron and Andrew Dawson contributed with solid defensive play.

SM/SC team #5013 defeated St. Raymond team #5014, 28 to 11 in CYO 5th grade girls basketball action. Kelly Borden with 18 and Dana Anex with 4 led the scoring for SM/SC. Also scoring for SM/SC were Jessica Elfin, Julie Maruskin, and Danielle Sun.

The SM/SC 5th Grade American Boys lost to a very strong St. Isidore's team, 52-17. Despite the score, Frankie Perez had one of his strongest games this season, scoring 6 points with one assist and a steal. Jordan Lewis also had one of his stronger games, scoring 4 points with a steal. Chris Moussa, Adam Boehrer, and Louie Arias were able to create some moves from the inside, each create some moves from the inside, each scoring 2, but it was not enough to counteract the force of St. Isidore's. Led by Daughtry with 13 points and Eckerman with 11, St. Isidore's played their strongest game of the season and proved to be an unstoppable machine for SM/SC.

SM/SC 4th Grade Boys (#412) played SM/SC 4th Grade Boys (#412) played SM/SC (#411) in a fantastic game. It was neck and neck the whole game with a final score 27 to 26. Scoring points for #412 were Ryan McCool, Erik Mork, Cole Jacobs, Logan Potter, John Reggiardo, Gregory Moreland and Skiler Lamb. Great rebounding from Spencer Herrera, Jacob Hole and Cole Jacobs. Good defense was played by Curtis McDonnell and Nathan Tabaracci.

In SM/SC 3rd grade girls action, the Guardians (#3010) played the Wildcats (#3012) in an exciting game that the Guardians ultimately won 10 to 7. The Wildcats took an early lead in the first half, making great shots and moving the ball well down the court. Danielle Frevert, Samantha Dukes and Katelyn Johnson were the Wildcats' top offensive players while Claire Abele, Jenna Sunnergren and Siena Gibbs were the top defensive players. By the end of the first half, the Guardians found their groove and kept it up until the end of the game. Isabella Neads was one of the Guardians top scorers and also brought her considerable defensive skills to the game, forcing turnovers to her team's advantage. Tea Stevenson and Taylor Peterson also scored for the Guardians. Angeline Mouser and Alexandra Lonsinger helped the Guardians on the defensive end, pulling down rebounds and turning the ball over for the Guardians.

SM/SC 1st-2nd Grade: Farro Warriors played the Warriors. Outstanding job by the Warrior players: Noah, Austin, and Nichloas. Outstanding job by Farro Warrior players: Kamryn, Francis, Sean, Gunnar, Isabella, Michael and Ryan.

The Jolly Ranchers (SM/SC 1st/2nd grade #2GN2) played the Wildcats (#2GN3) in an exciting high-scoring game. For the Jolly Ranchers, Hannah White was a top scorer and excellent rebounder. Chloe Wilson also scored buckets and used her ball-handling skills to keep the Jolly Ranchers lighting up the scoreboard. Reagan Demo helped out on defense for the Ranchers. The Wildcats also kept the game moving and scoring. Arianna Salcido was the Wildcats' topscorer and forced lots of turnovers. Nicole Barden also contributed to the Wildcats' great

#### Youth Soccer

The Pleasanton Rage U12 Premier Team won two games and tied the third to advance in the State Cup Soccer Tournament in Fremont on Saturday and Sunday, January

In the first game against the Modesto Ajax, Kira Ewanich dodged Modesto's defender and buried the ball into the bottom corner of the net for the first goal. In the second half, with the score was tied, the ball bounced in the box and Tori Larsen headed it into the net for the winning goal. Great slide tackle was made by Brianna Nicholas. Final score

In the second game against Dublin United, Georgia Savage fired a ball about 25 yards to Ewanich for the first goal. Larsen made a perfect cross to Ewanich for the second goal.

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Ewanich's hat trick came when the ball bobbled around in the box and she put it into the net for her third goal. In the second half, Melissa Muller sped past the Dublin defense and powered a shot in the bottom corner of the goal. Defenders Cambi Cukar, Haley

the goal. Detenders Camor Cukar, Haley Lukas, and Georgia Savage shut down Dublin for a score of 4-0.

The last game on Sunday, against the Los Gatos Wild, was the most physical. Kirsten Jensen shot high about 25 yards to the top corner of the net for the only Pleasanton goal. Strong aggressive plays by Lindsey Kail, excellent passes by Jessica Medina, Nicole Fetsch and Evan Murphy, and an amazing job by Goalies Lexi Nicholas and Brittany Gray highlighted the match. In the second half, Grayshowed no fear as she stopped a speeding bell by Loc Cottee Find core 1.1

ball by Los Gatos. Final score 1-1.

The Livermore Elite Fury girls U12D3 team completed its Association Cup play with a 3-1 loss to the Almaden Wildcats in with a 3-1 loss to the Almaden windcas in the Sweet 16 round. Almaden scored two goals in the 6th and 8th minute of the contest before Livermore responded with a Kaitlin DaDalt goal on a long pass from Amanda Fairclough in the 16th minute to cut the Wildcats lead to 2-1. Throughout the rest of the match, the Fury also received strong play from forwards Alison Pierson, Katie Lortie, and Kaitlyn Bulhoes. Midfielders Rebekah Johnson, Skyler Kriz, Marissa Scheid, Mikayla Molien, Brittany Ahrbeck and Callie Crowe pressured the Wildcats defense to set up several scoring opportunities.
Livermore defenders Alyssa Stevenson,

Livermore defenders Alyssa Stevenson, Morgan Brandt, Erin Winegarner and Ryley Landreth stopped a number of Almaden rushes and goalie Emily Kalantar played solidly in goal. Almaden scored late in the match to close out its victory but the Fury enjoyed a successful season overall. Many thanks of the seasons Robert Feirlands and thanks go to coaches Robert Fairclough and Chris Johnson for their dedication and teaching and to the Fury families for their wonderful support.

#### LHS Wrestling

This past weekend LHS sent wrestlers to three tournaments. Winning medals at the Five Counties Tournament were: 189 lb - Shawn Hoelme - 3rd place; 140 lb. - Stephan

DeLaCruz 4th place.
Livermore High School won the Albany
Tournament with 125 lb Jake Benedicts 2nd
place; 130 lb Jesse Teshara - 2nd place; 135 lb Aaron Sanchez - 3rd place; 140 lb Brisk Kannel - 3rd place; 145 lb Dustin Murtagh -1st place; 152 lb Dustin Goff - 2nd place; 160 lb John Nagle - 5th place; 171 lb Rodney Neal

- 3rd place.

Livermore JV Wrestlers went to the College Park Tournament - Winning medals were: 112 lb Mark McManus - 2nd; 125 lb Paul Allvey - 3rd place; 135 lb Alex Baxter - 1st place; 145 lb Chris Ellis - 1st place; 152 lb Drew Royster - 1st place; 160 lb Jeremy Eymun - 1st place.

Livermore High School varsity wrestling team defeated Monte Vista in a dual meet, 70 to 9.

Livermore wrestlers accomplished nine pins in the victory. They were the following: 112lb Tanner Eastman, 125lb Jake Benedict, 135lb Alex Baxter, 140lb Brisk Kannel, 160 lb Dustin Murtagh, 171 lb John Nagel, 189 lb Rodney Neale, 215 lb Maurice (Mo) Aufderheide and 289 lb James (House) Williamson. There were also two tech falls:

145 Aaron Sanchez and 152 lb Dustin Goff. Livermore High Junior Varsity won 36 - 27 with two pins by 145 lb Chris Ellis and 152 lb Drew Royster.

#### Pleasanton Seahawks

Pleasanton Seahawks swimmers competed in the SRVLA Zone 2 C/B/A+SC meet and the Pacific All-Star Meet on January 12. Fifty-six of the Seahawks swimmers participated in the first swim meet of 2008 at the Zone 2 meet in San Ramon. Even though swimmers take some time off from practice during the holiday seasons, breakthrough

results were achieved by many of them.
Analeser Chinn (9) swam in seven events and finished with all personal best time, improving her 100 IM by more than 7%. Regis Lachance (10) swam eight events and had 100% best time, cutting his 50 Fly time by a whopping 31%. Jonathan Ong (10) continued his excellent performance from last year and swam his best time in all his eight events. He improved his time greatly on

events. He improved his time greatly on several events. In the 11-12 girls group, Bridget Booe (12), Heather Chandler (11), Elise Cox (12), and Winky Wong (12) all turned in great performances in this meet. They all have reached 100% best times. In the 11-12 Boys group, standout swimmers are: Kevin McLaughlin (12), Anthony Shen (11), Alex Wang (12), and Conor Ryan (12). Especially worth mentioning is Kevin, who participated in eight events and did an excellent job! Three elite Seahawk swimmers made it

to the Pacific All-Star meet. They are: Nick Silverthorn (12), Catherine Breed (14), and Tory Houston (14). All three swimmers did well in the meet, all of their times were "A"

#### California Gymnastics

California Gymnastics Academy competed in two tournaments. The first was the Golden Gate Invita-tional hosted by Golden Gate Gymnastics in Concord. The Level 7 team came home with

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6,024 yards, the gold tees at

5,560, and the red at 4,788 yards.

# LEVEL 7: VAULT - Megan Ouyang, 2nd place (9.4); Erin Gray, T4th place (9.325); Briana Gray, 8th place (9.0); Emma Rigl, 9th place (8.925) BARS - Rigl & E. Gray, T1st place (9.1); Ouyang, 5th place (8.975); B. Gray, T10th place (7.6) BEAM - E. Gray, 1st place (9.475); B. Gray, 5th place (8.75); Rigl, 8th place (8.425); Ouyang, 9th place (8.175) FLOOR - Ouyang, 1st place (9.225); Rigl, 2nd place (9.125); E. Gray, 5th place (9.0); B. Gray, 7th place (8.8) ALL AROUND - E. Gray, 1st place (36.9); Ouyang, 3rd place (35.775); Rigl, 5th place (35.575); B. Gray, 7th place (34.15)

LEVEL 8: BARS - Garza (9.375) BEAM

- Garza (9.225) The second was the Winter Blast Invitational hosted by Oroville Gymnastics in

RESULTS for BOYS Gymnastics RESULTS for BOYS Gymnastics LEVEL 10: VAULT - Brandon Jessup, 2nd place (13.0) FLOOR - Jessup, 1st place (14.1) POMMEL - Jessup, 1st place (11.3) RINGS - Jessup, 1st place (12.6) HIGH BAR Jessup, 1st place (12.0) PARALLEL BARS - Jessup, 1st place (11.6) ALL AROUND -Jessup, 1st place (74.6).

#### Diablo Gymnastics

Diablo Gymnastics hosted a Black Tie Invitational meet in San Ramon over the weekend. The Level 7 optional team finished second and Level 9 third.

Among the team members is Vinnesa Narvaez of Livermore. She competed in the Level 8 Junior 12-13 age group, finishing 7th. Her scores were vault 8.45 (7th), bars 8.375 (6th), beam 8.5 (8th), floor 8.5 (9th), all around 33.825.

#### Superbowl Party

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) will host the Tri-Valley's biggest super football party on Sun., Feb. 3 starting at 2 p.m

The event will be held at the Robert

Livermore Community Center at 4444 East Avenue in the Cresta Blanca ballroom. There is no entry fee; however advance reservations are requested at (925) 373-5748.

Participants will view the Superbowl on a 12-foot by 14-foot screen. There will be plenty of food and beverage items available for purchase, provided by Roy's Backyard BBQ. They include tri-tip sandwiches, burgers cooked to order, hot dogs, beer, wine and sof The party is a benefit for Livermore

Junior Football, launching its second season this year for boys and girls interested in learning the fundamentals of football and good sportsmanship. Families are welcome and children can play basketball, badminton and table tension in the dictionary measurements. and table tennis in the adjoining gym, or view a free movie in the gym, "Sharks Tale." There will be a silent auction that in-

cludes items such as a Oakland A's tickets, general admission tickets to the Alameda County Fair and golf for two at Poppy Ridge Golf Course. Raffles for dinner at local restaurants and admission to entertainment venues will continue throughout the after-

noon.

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

#### PGSL Registration

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

#### **Golf Tournament**

Each golfer who plays 10 rounds on The Course At Wente Vineyards between January Course At Wente Vineyards between January 1 and May 31, 2008 earns a complimentary spot in the 10th Anniversary Celebration Tournament scheduled for June 22, 2008.

In honor of the first Greg Normandesigned course in Northern California turning 10 this year, The 10th Anniversary Celebration Tournament will feature an afternoon shorting gouwnet bersheen wine test.

noon shotgun, gourmet barbecue, wine tasting and chance to win a new car with a hole

To be eligible for the complimentary invitation to the anniversary golf tournament, a golfer must play 10 rounds between January 1 and May 31, 2008. The field for the special event is to include family, staff and special guests who will gather for a celebration of golf, food and wine.

For more information about the 10th

Anniversary Celebration Tournament offer, or to secure a tee time, call the golf shop at (925) 456-2475 or visit www.wentegolf.com

#### Pony Baseball

Pony Baseball is now accepting registra-tions for the Spring 2008 season. Open to players ages 5-18. Three ways to register: online at www.pleasantonpony.com; down-load a registration from the website and mai in or fax to 435-603-7669; or register at All Star Sports on Hopyard Rd. in Pleasanton. For more information, email amo10@comcast.net.

#### Free Skills Clinic

Livermore High School head baseball coach David Perotti, his coaching staff and current LHS Baseball players are hosting a youth baseball clinic for kids of all ages on Saturday January 26. There is no charge. It is from 10:00-1:00 at Livermore High Varsity Field. Donations will be accepted, if people

are wanting to help the baseball program. Please call Coach Perotti at (925) 606-4812 x2438 for info on how to sign up, or go to www.eteamz.com/LHSCowboysBaseball for

#### Hats Off Run/Walk

The 10th Hats Off America Red T-Shirt 10K Run/5K Walk on Saturday, will be held on Saturday, February 9. The event begins at 10 a.m. at Sycamore Valley Park, 2101 Holbrook Drive, Danville, rain or shine.

Entry fee is \$35 per person. All runners and volunteers will receive a red t-shirt and lunch donated by El Balazo Restaurant . There is no entry fee for volunteers.

For information or to register or volunteers, contact Sparky George at (925) 855-1950 or the bear lagrunner @yahoo.com Visit www.hatsoffamerica.us. The site includes link to a the proposition of the state of the s links to other organizations that support our troops. Hats Off America is a nonprofit, taxexempt 501(c)(3) organization.

#### **Shotgun Scrambles**

Poppy Ridge Golf Course will be offer-"Sunday Social Shotgun Scrambles" once a month throughout 2008. Golfers have expressed an interest in playing social tournaments, "just for fun" and are not concerned about improving their handicap. They want to meet other golfers to play with as a single golfer or couples.

The Sunday Social Shotguns will include 9-hold green fees and golf car, family style dinner, themed event and specially priced drink during dinner, starting at 2PM on Sundays with dinner at 5PM for \$75/

For those new golfers, a shotgun tournament is formatted, all foursomes tee off simultaneously on every hole. Each player tees off and makes subsequent shots from where best ball lands. There will be contests for everyone. Each shotgun tournament will be a themed event. For more information, call (925) 456-8202.

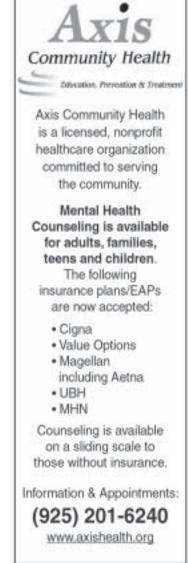
#### **PGSL Jr. Umpire Training**

PGSL is looking for boys and girls in 7th grade or older to become Junior Umpires. This is a way to be part of the games, have fun, earn money, and build confidence at the same time! If interested, email name, address, phone numbers (home & cell), age, grade and any previous experience to Carlos Castaneda, any previous experience to Carios Castaneda, carlosjr62@yahoo.com, or Mark Tanis, mark@tanisinfo.com. Training session will take place in early March. Please visit the PGSL website, www.pleasantonsoftball.org, for additional information.

#### Golf Benefits Baseball

The baseball program at Livermore High The baseball program at Livermore right will be hosting the 2nd Annual Golf Tournament at Poppy Ridge on March 7 at 1:00 p.m. It will be a scramble format with door prizes, cart, lunch and dinner included in the price. There will be a raffle afterwards giving away some great prizes. The cost is \$155 before Feb. 1st and \$175

after that date. There are also sponsorship opportunities available. For more information, please visit www.eteamz.com/ LHSCowboysBaseball and click on the "Golf Tournament" link at the top or contact David Perotti at 925-606-4812 x2438



### Callippe Preserve Golf Course Earns Award for **Environmental Practices; New Manager Hired**

Callippe Preserve Golf Course in Pleasanton has selected Mike Ash to serve as the general manager for the course.

In addition, the course recently garnered the attention of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) and Golf Digest Magazine. It was named as a recipient of a 2007 Environmental Leader in Golf

Award (ELGA). D. Cord Ozment, the supervisor at Callippe Preserve, was one of three 2007 ELGA chapter winners in the category of Public Facilities. Golf course superintendents and staff will be formally recognized at the GCSAA Education Conference, which coincides with the Golf Industry Show scheduled in late January in Orlando. In addition, program sponsors will make donations to The Environmental Institute for Golf, the philanthropic organi-

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zation of the GCSAA, in the Golf Design Group to cater to a at 6,748. The blue tees measure names of all national and chapter winners.

Ash is a PGA Class 'A' golf pro with more than 22 years of experience in the golf industry, and has worked extensively with Club Corp., one of the largest golf course management companies

in the nation. Prior to joining Callippe Preserve, Ash was the Golf Pro at The Bridges Golf Club in San Ramon. He has also served as the General Manager at Chardonnay Golf Club in Napa, Teal Bend in Sacramento, and Rancho Solano in Fairfield, to name a few. He brings a strong background to his new position in golf operations, implementing marketing and business plans, developing instruction programs, and staff training and development.

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### SHORT NOTES

#### Fashion Show

Amador Valley High School Fashion Club will stage a Spring 2008

Fashion Show.

The show will be held on Sat., Feb. 23 starting at 4 p.m. in the school library, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasan-

Tickets in advance are \$8 general admission (\$12 at the door), or \$15 front row seats.

All proceeds benefit Tide, Loads of Hope, which cleans clothes for Hurricane Katrina and Southern California fire victims

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#### Olivina Planting Project

Residents are invited to take part in The Great Olivina Lane Planting Project" this Sat., Jan. 26.The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District

ranger staff is hosting the event. Meet Ranger Darren Sefur at 10 a.m. at the Wetmore Road entrance to Sycamore Grove Park.

Over the last couple of seasons LARPD has been replanting the black walnuts along the lanes first planted by Julius Paul Smith when he established the Olivina Estate in 1884. Now is the time of year to give them some more attention. Volunteers will be weeding, shoveling chip, fixing cages and tree tubes and planting seed collected from the original trees. Most of what will be accomplished is fairly light work making this a kid friendly program with the bonus of watching the trees, and the kids, grow during future visits. Bring sturdy shoes and gloves if you have them. Good for ages 5 and up. Cancelled if raining.

Participants may call (925) 960-2400 for more information.

#### LARPD Registration

Registration is now open for Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) classes and programs. LARPD offers dozens of educational and recreational activities for all ages.

The Winter/Spring brochure was recently mailed out to Livermore residents. It is also available on-line at the LARPD Website: www.larpd.dst.ca.us People may register in person at the Robert Livermore Community Center,

4444 East Ave., or via phone, internet or fax for most classes. For more information, call LARPD at (925) 373-

#### The Parenting Project

The Pleasanton Police Department, in conjunction with Amador Valley Adult and Community Education, will

present "The Parent Project."

This program is used across the nation to teach parents the skills necessary to change the destructive behavior of children due to drug/alcohol use and violent or incorrigible conduct, as well as improve school attendance and per-formance. In addition to lecture and practical exercises, parents attending this course form support groups, which allows them to build upon their successes after the class ends.

The 11-week program is administered through Adult and Community Education. There is a fee of \$95, which includes the text. It will be facilitated by Teresa Le Mav. a teacher at Alisal Elementary School, and Pleasanton

Police Officer Penelope Tamm. Classes will be held Tuesdays 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Feb. 26 through May 20. There will also be a class on Wednesdays from 8 to 9 p.m. beginning Feb. and ending May 21.

To register please contact Amador Valley Adult and Community Education at 426-4280. For further information, call Officer Tamm at 931-5100.

#### Student Honored

The Rotary Club of Pleasanton awarded J. R. Weaver the Amador Valley High School Student of the Month for the month of January 2008.

J.R., a senior at Amador Valley High School, has been accepted to Cal Poly and Baylor. At this point he is undecided which school he will attend. Currently, J.R. is Amador's ASB Vice President and as co-leader of the

Don Squad. "The impact that he has made on the Amador community is immeasurable. Amador's Don Squad literally affects every student in the school," said Rick Sira, Vice Principal at Amador Valley High.

In addition, J.R. plays lacrosse, enjoys playing the guitar and snowboarding, and is very involved in his church.

"It is with great pleasure that the Rotary recognizes J.R. for his outstanding contributions to his school and his community," said Steve Brozosky, Director of Youth Services of the Ro-

tary Club of Pleasanton.

The Rotary Club of Pleasanton meets at the Pleasanton Hotel in Downtown Pleasanton, California each Thursday at 12:15 p.m.

#### Pinewood Derby

It's pinewood derby time for Y-Guides and Y-Princesses of the Tri-

Valley YMCA. This year's derby will be held in the multipurpose room at Fallon Middle School, 3601 Kohen Way, Dublin, on Sat., Jan. 26. Y-Guides races are from 10 a.m. to noon. Y-Princesses races are

from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

For more information, contact the Tri-Valley YMCA at 475-6108.

#### New Wine, Anniversary

Tesla Vintners will be celebrating its 3rd Anniversary and The Singing Winemaker will release new Tawny

Port in January.

The party will be held Sunday, Jan 27 from 1-4 pm. Meet the winemakers, listen to live music by The Singing Winemaker, and sample light hors'd ouvres while tasting wines from Tesla

Vintners.

The Singing Winemaker will be releasing Con Amore, which means With Love. This is a Tawny style port blend of traditional Portuguese grapes, Touriga and Souzao. This Port has the aroma of rich dark coffee and sweet toffee. The taste fills your mouth with rich berry flavors and oak.

The part is at 5143 Tesla Rd., Livermore. For information, call 925-

#### Fenestra Souper Bowl

A weekend of special soups, breads and Fenestra wines will be held Saturday and Sunday, January 26 and 27, from noon to 5 p.m., at Fenestra Winery's "Souper Bowl"—the 16th Annual Soup and Wine Weekend. This event will be held at Fenestra

Winery, 83 Vallecitos Road (formerly Highway 84), Livermore.
There will be information about at

making delicious, nourishing soups (made with Fenestra wine, of course) and breads. Gimanelli's and guest chefs present a variety of memorable soups including Warren's Chili, Five Onion Soup, Clam Chowder and Vegetable Minestrone

The public is invited to sample the soups and breads, taste the award winning wines of Fenestra, and enjoy an afternoon in the historic winery building. The \$10 event charge includes a logo wineglass and plate. Event charge for children ages 5-12 is \$5, ages 13-20 is \$10 (includes plate and nonalcoholic beverage). There is no charge for children under 5 years old.

The winery is open for tasting and

sales every Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5:00 PM. For information, phone (925) 447-5246, e-mail us at info@fenestrawinery.com or got to www.fenestrawinerv.com.

#### Fatboy Release Party

Mitchell Katz Winery will host the Fatboy Release Party on Sat., Feb. 2 from noon to 5 p.m. It will be a celebration of 10 years: Jackson Cellars 1998-2002 and MK Winery 2002-2008.

The \$15 per person entry fee includes Off the Hook Lobster Bisque, a keepsake logo glass and various varietal tasting. No reservations are required.

The winery is located at Ruby Hill, 1188 Vineyard Ave., Pleasanton. Information is available at 931-0744 or www.mitchellkatzwinery.com.

#### Immunization Clinics

Axis Community Health has scheduled its free winter immunization clinics for children on February 2 and March 1, 2008, from 9:00-11:30 a.m. The clinics will take place at Axis' Pleasanton Clinic only, 4361 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton. Saturday Immunization clinics are

open to all Tri-Valley families who are low income or uninsured, including those enrolled in Medi-Cal and Medi-Cal Managed Care. Parents should bring child's immunization records and information about family income and medical insurance. There is a fee for some immunizations.

Immunization appointments are

#### Preschool Fair

Child Care Links and the Cities of Dublin and Livermore will sponsor the 8th annual Tri-Valley Preschool and Health and Safety Fair.

The event will be held Saturday,

also available at (925) 462-1755.

February 2 from 11am to 2pm at the Dublin Senior Center located at 7600 Amador Valley Boulevard.

The Tri-Valley preschool Fair is an opportunity for parents to visit with a number of preschools and child care centers offering preschool programs all under one roof. For preschools looking to fill empty spaces this is an opportunity to meet and greet large numbers of families and share information about your programs. There are also opportunities for vendors who offer services to families with young children to host a table at this event as

Please contact Melissa Spann, Child Care Links' Community Specialist at 925 249-3917 for registration information. There is no cost to attend this

#### **Dental Hygiene Program**

Chabot College is accepting applications until January 31, 2008, for its Dental Hygiene program. The College's Class of 2007 ranked 5th in the nation on the National Dental Hygiene Board Exam. Chabot College students logged a class average of 90.1%, just slightly behind the top-ranked school in the nation at 91.2%.

This is a special admission pro-

gram. Learn more about how to apply by accessing Chabot College's website www.chabotcollege.edu/dhyg or by calling Rozen Caampued, Health Sciences Admissions Specialist at (510) 723-6701. Students are exposed to primary health care, clinical practice, research, educational theory, adult learning concepts and communication.
Students work in a fully operative

dental clinic where they treat patients. The program regularly invites members of the surrounding community to visit the clinic for cleanings and other procedures offered for a nominal fee.

Chabot College is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, a

specialized accrediting body recognized by the Council on Post-Second ary Accreditation and by the United States Department of Education. Because of the high accreditation standards, Chabot College limits the pro-

gram 20 students per year.
For registration information please call (510) 723-6700. Chabot College is located at 25555 Hesperian Boulevard in Hayward.

#### Pulp Writer

Pulp magazines were inexpensive fiction magazines popular from the 1920's through the 1950's. Laurie Powers shares the story of her grandfather, Paul S. Powers, a consummate pulp writer, and the quest that led her to his 1943 memoir that forms the principal part of the book Pulp Writer: Twenty Years in the American Grub Street.

This free event will be presented on Wednesday, January 30 at 7pm at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue.

The Friends of the Livermore Library have underwritten this program as part of the Friends Authors and Arts Series. For additional events, check the library's website at www.livermore.lib.ca.us. For further library's information about programs, please contact Joyce Nevins at (925) 373-5500 extension 5577.

#### Paxson Heads Axis Board

Axis Community Health has an-nounced its Board of Directors slate of officers for 2008. James Paxson, general manager of the Hacienda Park Owners Association, is the new Board President. Donald Odell, Esq., attor-ney-at-law and former president of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, is vice chair. Secretary is Aida White, disability specialist for CAPE (Community Association of Community Education) Head Start, and treasurer is retired private industry president and CFO Bert Brook.

Other Board members include: Mark Eaton, Thelma Fones, Michael Fraser, L. James Ghilardi, MFCC, Ted Kaye, Ph.D., Farzi Najeeb, Rebecca Silva, Jeri Steiger, Jorge A. Suarez, and Laura Torres.

#### BULLETIN BOARD

Organizations wishing to run notices in Bulletin Board, send information to PO Box 1198, Livermore, CA 94551, in care of Bulletin Board. Include name of organization, meeting date, time, place and theme or subject. Phone number and contact person should also be included.

Annual Crab Feed. Tri-Valley Animal Rescue (TVAR), Sat., Feb. 2, from 6-10 p.m. All-you-can-eat crab, salad, pasta, French bread, dessert and coffee/tea. No host bar. Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Avenue, Livermore. Live and silent auctions and a cash drawing (\$1 perticket - winner need not be present). The Raving Dave's Band will provide live music for dancing or just listening. Dinner tickets are \$50 after that time. Buy on-line tvar.org or send payment to TVAR, PO 11143, Pleasanton, CA 94588. For more information, please contact Cindy at 925-828-8664 or Susan at 925-337-4946

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Jewelry Event, American Cancer Society Discovery Shop, "Our Hearts Desire is to Find a Cure," Feb. 8 and 9, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day at the Discovery Shop, 1987-A Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Questions or to donate jewelry, please call Monda Wiseman, manager at the Discovery Shop, 462-7374.

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tional travel: Explore the benefits of traveling with family. Includes how to choose a destination, accommodating special needs, working within your budget and ideal family destinations. 10 a.m., Jan. 25. Presented Carol Lehman from Destinations Unlimited. No cost. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353

Tri-Valley Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind on Saturday, Febcafeteria room 2 at Valley Memorial Hospital in Livermore, 1111 StanleyBvd.. Do you know anyone who is blind or is experiencing vision loss? The organization can help people to adjust. Any visually impaired or blind person is urged to attend. Call, Carl, 449-9362 for more info.

**Rummage Sale,** The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District will hold its annual sale, Sat. Feb. 2 from 8 a.m.-noon, at the Barn, 3131 Pacific Ave., Livermore. For more information, contact Moe Kline at (925)

Lady's Choice Investment Club, meets 2nd Monday of the month in the Pleasanton offices of Morgan Stanley. Opportunity for women to learn about stock market investing. Visitors are welcome. Club is open to new members who complete the application process. Space is limited. Contact Judi Hotoved for information at jhotovec@aol.com or 447-

Masons - Mosaic Lodge #218 F.&A.M., meets 7:30 p.m. first Wednesday of each month at the Masonic Center, 119 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore All Master Masons are welcome to attend. Dinner prior to the meeting open to Masons and their families and persons interested in the organization. Information at 447-2727 or JW@MosaicLodge218.org. The next meet-

ing is Feb. 6.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., Jan. 26, 25 miles Cinderella training ride from Shannon Center to end of Bollinger Rd., meet at 9 a.m. Sat., Jan. 26, 32 miles Pleasant Hill to Crockett and Martinez, meet 10 a.m. Pleasant Hill Community Center, Mike Smith, 628-4333. Sun., Jan. 27, 45 miles Val Vista Park in Pleasanton to Sunol and Calaveras, meet 9 a.m., Bob Fusco, 461-1856. Sun., Jan. 27, 30 miles from Marina to Monterey and Pacific Grove, meet 10 a.m. in Marina. Bob and Bonnie Powers, 828-5299. Wed., Jan. 30, 55 miles from Livermore Airport to

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Sunrise Bakery in Walnut Creek, Jennifer Burton, 455-8228. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on

National Audubon Society), meets 7:30 p.m. Feb. 5 in the library at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave. Topic will be "Birds of Northern San Joaquin Valley," presented by David (past president of San Joaquin Audubon, Central Valley Bird Club,

Free Income Tax help will be available at two Livermore Public Library branches this tax season, starting February 1 and continuing through April 11. Trained volunteers from AARP will be available to answer questions and help the public prepare state and federal tax forms. Appointments are on a first come, first served basis. Tax assistance will be provided Thursdays and Fridays from 10am to 2pm at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue and Saturdays from 10am to 2pm at the Rincon Library, 725 Rincon Avenue. For further information, please contact Rosemary Dukelow at (925) 373-5500 extension 5514

**Youth volunteers needed,** Tri Valley Youth Court (TVYC) is looking for high school student volunteers to serve as jurors and court clerks. TVYC meets the first Tuesday on each month at the Gale/Schenone courthouse in Pleasanton from 5:45 - 8:00 pm. For more information, visit our website at www.trivalleyyouthcourt.com. Watch the Super Bowl on a Big

Screen! Indoor "tailgate" party at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. fekillandtrivia W Sunday, February 3, 2-8 pm. Residents \$15/ non-residents \$18. Register by Monday, January 28. 556-4511. Organizing Your Office: More Time and Profit, presented by Las Positas Col-lege, Livermore. Sat., Feb. 9, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 879 class fee plus \$25 book fee. 424-1467

byeffa@aol.com. Livermore Area Blood Drive - Friday, February 15, 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore. There is a severe shortage of blood in the Bay Area, and only 3% of the eligible people give blood. Please help save a life by giving blood. The process takes 1-1½ hours, and snacks and refreshments are served after you donate. You must be 17 years old, and have a form of identification with you. To sign up, go to www.GiveLife.org, and use ASBURY as the sponsor code. For more information contact Tom Petty at

BloodDrive@asburylive.org.

Northern California Human Resources Certification Preparation Course. Mondays, Feb. 4-April 21, 6 to 9 p.m. Shaklee Corporation 4747 Willow Road, Oak Room, Second Floor Pleasanton. Cost NCHRA members \$855 / general public \$995. http:/ /www.nchra.org/ScriptContent/custom/e-index.cfm?PAGE=cert.htm&ion=profdev#12.

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www.laspositascollege.edu.communityed. 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 mforman@ixnetcom.com for ticket information. For more information on this event contact Foothill High School at 925-461-6600, or Becky Yeffa, 426-2347 or

980-8164 e-mail or

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New Student Information Night, St.

Michael's School, February 7, 7:00 p.m. St. Michael's School is a K-8 Catholic School that has been providing a Catholic education in the Tri-Valley since 1913. Faculty and parents will be on hand to provide information. tion and to answer questions. The program will take place in the kindergarten classroom, 345 Maple Street, Livermore, 925-447-1888. Open House will be on Feb. 13th at 7:00 PM and this will provide an opportunity to visit the classrooms and meet with teachers.

Booklegger Volunteers Needed, Bookleggers present book programs to the schoolchildren of Pleasanton. Volunteers are needed: if you are interested in bringing together books, children and libraries through community service, join the Pleasanton Bookleggers. Training classes are set to begin February 6th at 7:00pm at the Pleasanton Library. The Booklegger Program is a literacy program supported by the City of Pleasanton and the Pleasanton Unified School District. For more information about the Booklegger Program please call Chris Spitzel, Booklegger Coordinator, 931-3400 x26.

Rummage Sale, First Presbyterian Church, 451 So, K St., Livermore. Feb. 1 and 2, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

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

For more information, call 925-462-3459. Rustler's Moon, Bluegrass Concert-Friday, January 25 at 8 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.

Livermore READ Project needs volunteer tutors to work with adults who need to improve basic literacy skills. Free training will provide volunteers with all the skills needed to be a tutor. Come to the Livermore Public Library on January 29 from 7-9PM & February 2 from 9AM-4PM. Call 925-373-

5507 for more information. Share the Gift of Reading & Writing New tutor training and orientation: Feb 2, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Pleasanton Public Library needs adult volunteers to provide free tutoring to adults who want to improve reading, writing, and English speaking skills. Tutors have flexible hours, volunteer once a week and we prepare and supply all materials. Tutor qualifications are: at least 18 years old; average reading and writing skills; interest in helping another adult. No teaching experience needed.Please call to register for the Project Read orientation. A light lunch will be provided. For more information, call Janice Bauman, 931-3411 or email jbauman@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

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

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Classes: Beginning Collage; No prior experience necessary! Class will make color collages and create imaginative visual stories. The emphasis will be on developing and exploring your own personal creativity. Please bring scissors, glue stick and heavy paper or cardboard to the first class. Saturday, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM; 3 sessions starting January 26, 2008, ending February 9, 2008 Cost \$99; Kate Ruddle; Las Positas College. Beginning Drawing: This class is an excellent introduction to the basic skills you need to learn in order to draw. Includes contour drawing, design, sighting and measuring, perspective and the effects of light and shadow (shading) in this four class series. Class includes lectures, demonstrations, individual attention to student work and lots of time to have fun drawing! Ages 15 to adult. Please call the office for a list of materials 424-1467. Saturday, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM; 4 sessions starting April 5, 2008, ending April 26, 2008 Cost \$139; Kate Ruddle; Las Positas College; please call the office at 424-1467 for material list prior to class. Introduction to Sewing: Make your own "boa scarf" and fancy bag. Sewing machines, simple hand stitching, glue guns, grommets and string will be used. Saturday, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM; 4 sessions starting March 1, 2008, ending March 22, 2008 Cost \$69; Kate Ruddle; Las Positas College; call the office at 424-1476 for a materials list prior to class. For more information contact: commed@laspositascollege.edu 925-424-

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. 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 Maximizing Your Memory How does memory work? How can we tap into the various types of memory? Learn about the difference between normal age-related memory loss and dementia. Discover strategies for improving your memory. Join us at the Pleasanton Senior Center as the Alzheimer's Association addresses our fears and attitudes about memory loss. 5353 Sunol Blvd.,

Pleasanton on Tuesday, February 12 at 10am. \$1.50 Residents/\$2 Non-residents. 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 informa-

tion, please call Penny Johnson, 931-3405. Ravenswood tours, Free public tours of Ravenswood Historic Site are given on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, (except March 23, May 11 & Dec. 28, 2008).
Tours are conducted by docents in 1890's costumes and include the two 19th century houses and the beautiful grounds. Also open to the public are a gift shop featuring unique Victorian gift items and the Ravenswood Progress League's Tankhouse Tearoom. Hours

are noon to 4:00 p.m. (last tour starts at approximately 3:15.) Ravenswood is operated by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District and is located at 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore. The next tour dates are January 13 and 27, 2008. Call (925) 443-0238 for tour information, or visit the LARPD website at www.larpd.dst.ca.us.

Acupuncture, its potentials, its possi

bilities 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 acu-puncture 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. RELIGION Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton. Sunday school 9:30

a.m., worship at 10:30 a.m. (nursery for both Sunday school and worship); children's church (age 3-12) at 11:15 a.m.; women's Bible study, Wed. at 10 a.m., Wed. evening programs; choir 7:15 p.m (boys and girls mission club K-6).; seniors 55 Plus meet Thursdays 7 p.m. Information 846-8650. First Church of Christ, Scientist, Livermore, has services at 10 a.m. every Sunday and at 7:30 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month. Sunday School for students (ages 3-20) is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday. The

church and reading room are located at third and N Streets. The Reading Room, which is

open to the public, features books, CDs and magazines for sale. For information, call United Christian Church, 1886 College Ave. at M St., Livermore; worships on Sunday morning at 10:30am. Children's program on Sunday morning and first Fridays. The community is welcome. United

CC is an Open and Affirming ministry. Call 449-6820 for more information. Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton, Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m.,

Children's Church 11:15 a.m. Women's Bible study Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Please call office at 846-8650 for weekly programs.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Sunday Services are 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday Lenten Service at 7 p.m. 1020 Mocho St., Liver-more. Information, 447-8840. 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.





KATHLEEN MINSER

Can you please explain what the term "single-stream

recycling" means? Nanette A "Single-stream recycling" refers to recycling programs that allow residential and commercial customers to mix or "co-mingle" accepted recyclables (newspaper, cardboard, plastic, glass, etc.) into one container for WM pickup-no customer sorting required! WM picks up co-mingled recyclables in one truck, takes the material to our sorting facility, and then transfers like material to appropriate recycling facilities. Single-stream recycling can reduce the number of collection trucks in use, frequency of pickups and incidence of injuries due to exposed recyclable materials. The convenience of single-stream recycling has greatly increased recycling practices, resulting in the recovery of up to 30% more

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# Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan

### **Dutro's Barbershop**

According to the 1920 census, Daniel J. Dutro emigrated from the Azorean island of Faial in 1884, when he was about six years old. His father, Joseph, had recently died, and his mother, Helen Marciel Dutro, brought her children to the United States. For whatever reason, Daniel and his siblings were placed in an orphanage and scattered to different locations, Daniel ending up in San Francisco. Daniel's wife, Josephine Gomes, was born in Half Moon Bay; her parents had also come from the Azores. Daniel began working as an apprentice barber in 1897, lathering customers, combing hair, and sharpening razors. But the Spanish-American War interfered, and he went through basic training in the Army; Spain capitulated just before his outfit was to ship out. He then worked as a barber in a number of places, including five years in San Francisco.

In 1914 Daniel had a barber shop briefly in Livermore; he also married Josie during this time. They returned to Livermore in 1916, and Dutro and a partner bought the Pioneer Shaving Parlor. It was located at 2216 First Street, on the north side just a few doors down from The Hub, the well-known saloon on the northwest corner of First and Livermore. Renamed Dutro's Barber Shop, it became a local institution. Its walls, filled with old photographs, maps, and oddments, were a history gallery of Livermore. Three generations of Dutros were owners: Daniel Dutro, 1914-1946; son Danny, 1946-1972; grandson John, 1972-1978

The back of the shop near the Hub had a bathtub, and ranch workers would often wear the same clothes through the work week, come into town and buy a new set, then arrive at the barber shop—not only for a shave and haircut, but also for a bath. Then they would put on their new duds and go out on the town. John recalled that his grandfather wore a visor with a green see-through bill when he was working, and he especially loved dealing with people. Although not a large man, he had large, strong hands. Sometimes after giving a haircut he would also massage the customer's neck

His son, Daniel "Danny" D. Dutro, born in July 1916, attended local schools—St Michael's and Livermore High. He volunteered for the Army in World War II and served as a combat engineer in the Philippines and New Guinea. A pipeline that he was working on blew up, and he was burned severely on the lower part of his body but survived with the help of the new wonder drug penicillin. When he returned to Livermore after his recovery, he bought the business from his father and moved the shop down the street to 2080 First. His father died in 1954, cutting hair almost up to the day he died.

Danny had met Mary Valjean "Jean" Hickey of San Francisco when she came to stay with the Frank Gardella family here. They married just before Danny went into the Army. They had two sons, Dave and John. After his graduation from Livermore High, Dave went on to San Jose State and eventually became a business manager. John, after his graduation, chose to follow in his grandfather's and father's footsteps and become a barber. Before he could finish barber school, however, the Vietnam War interfered. He served for a year in Vietnam—1966-1967—but was fortunate to be on the supply end and not on the battle lines. When he returned home, he finished barber school. John loved working next to his dad, who liked to tell stories. John could lean down and whisper in his customer's ear which story was coming next. In the 1940s and 1950s "the shop was so popular, there were many Saturday mornings that the 20 numbers on the waiting board were gone as soon as the door swung open." Customers came not only for a haircut, but for local news and enter-

Danny belonged to the Livermore Fire Department, at that time made up of volunteers, and when the siren on top of the firehouse sounded, Danny took off. "He dropped whatever he was doing—it didn't matter who was in the chair at the time with a half haircut, a half shave. They either waited for him to come back or let another barber finish the job." According to reporter Tim Hunt, Danny was the "sidewalk barber." He didn't need the fire siren to leave a customer. "Danny spent as much time talking on the sidewalk, cordless clippers in hand, as he did cutting hair in the shop. 'He'd be cutting someone's hair and would tear out the door to talk to somebody. He'd do it a dozen times a day. The guy in the chair would take a deep breath, sigh and look at us. We'd laugh,' barber Norm Volponi said." Danny retired in 1970 and left the barber shop; for variety he worked at several other jobs in Livermore: salesman for Groth Brothers, house painting. John laughed, "His hobbies were work." John's parents both died of cancer, Jean in 1963 and Danny in 1993.

For many years the barber shop employed three barbers plus the Dutros, but then, John said, "the Beatles happened." Long hair was in. The barber crew by necessity became smaller. John began taking classes at Las Positas College on his GI Bill and was hired by Jack Baird for the Livermore Fire Department in 1976. He sold the shop in 1978. Subsequent owners kept the

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

#### Reservations Due for Downtown **Livermore Inc. Festivities**

Livermore Downtown Inc. installation of 2008 board of directors and the community awards presentation will be held Mon., Feb. 4.

The festivities will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Terra Mia, 4040 East Ave., Livermore. Tickets are \$25 per person, which includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and a no host bar.

Please call to reserve tickets (925) 373-1795. Reservations must be made by January 28th.

**NEW GUIDE:** Livermore Downtown Inc. has just released a new Downtown Shopping & Dining Guide featuring all the downtown shopping & dining locations. It provides information about which businesses accept the Downtown Club Tags, which serve Livermore Wine, and or features live music. The 2008 calendar of events is included.

**CARRIAGE** RIDES: Valentine's Day Sweetheart Rides will be offered Feb. 14 and 15 in downtown Livermore. Horse drawn carriage rides will be available every half hour between 5 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$60 for a private 20 minutes ride, box

of See's candies, a red rose and a split of sparkling wine; the \$55 package comes with sparkling juice rather than wine. To make a reservation call Downtown Livermore Inc. at 373-1795.

ary 11, 2008 in Pleasanton. She was born July 18, 1917 in Cleveland, Ohio. Her education included an AA Degree Real Estate, and LV Nursing. She worked in residential nursing. She was a member of St. Philip Lutheran Church in Dublin

Betty Jane Lorring Died Janu-

**Betty Jane Lorring** 

She is survived by a son Anthony T. Lorring and his wife, Marsha, of San Ramon; a brother Donald S. Byers of Pleasanton, and a granddaughter Melanie Lorring of San Ramon. She was preceded in death by her husband, Anthony Thomas Lorring,

Funeral services were held January 18 at St. Philip Lutheran Church in Dublin. Burial was at Oakmont Memorial Park, Lafayette.

Donation are suggested to the American Heart Association, Donation Processing Dept., 1710 Gilbreth Rd., Burlingame, CA

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

#### Sabino 'Si' Joseph Gallegos

Sabino 'Si' Joseph Gallegos passed away in his sleep January

The Livermore resident was 95. Si, born in Fort Collins, Colorado on Dec. 17, 1912 to Paul and Josephine Gallegos, was one of seven children. Si's lifelong love for sports began with semipro league baseball and later led to a professional boxing career under the name "Sid Gallagher." He met and married his wife Bersave 'Bertha' Mascareñas in 1936. In 1944 Si joined in the war effort becoming a merchant marine and serving in the

After the war, the family moved from Denver to San Francisco where Si found work on the railroad and later with Muni. Always interested in fitness and outdoor activities, Si was an active member of fishing clubs, the Moose Lodge, and was well known at the local gyms. After his retirement from Muni, Si moved to Crescent City, and later to Talent, Oregon. In 1990, Si returned to the San Francisco Bay area where he lived until his death. Si continued his fitness routine in to his old age and was written up several times in local papers for his weight lifting (benched pressed 235 lbs. on his 80th birthday). His love of exercise was as well known as his notorious love of sweets; he never met a piece of candy he

Si was preceded in death by his wife Bersave in 1976 and his son Steven in 1974. He is survived by his daughters Rose Texeira of Soquel, CA, Betty Abruzzo of Livermore, and Debbie Knodell of Martinez, eight granddaughters and eight great grandchildren.

A service was held at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Lafayette on January 18.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the scholarship fund at The Friendship Center where Si spent many happy days. (543 Sonoma Ave. Room 21, Livermore, California 94550).

Arrangements by Callaghan

#### Mary Ann Ayres

Mary Ann Ayres passed away January 17, 2008 in her home at the age of 86. She was surrounded by family and friends.

She was born Dec. 29, 1921 in Oakland, CA. Mary sang in the choirs of the San Francisco Opera and she loved to play the slot machines. She traveled all over the world as the wife of a mili-

event sponsored by the Assis-

tance League, on December 22,

2007. The thought for the new

year: If you see a coat on sale,

please consider purchasing it and

donating it to the Tri-Valley Ro-

tary officer and resided in San

Ramon for the last 40 years. Mary is survived by her loving husband of 59 years, Alan Ayres; two sons and their wives, Joseph and Teresa Ayres and David and Ann Marie Ayres all of Livermore; one daughter, Katrina Ayres of San Ramon; 5 grandchildren Matthew and (Pamela) Ayres, Adam and (Janelle) Ayres, Julie Ayres and David Ayres, Jr. all of Livermore; Jennifer and (Michael) Brandt of St. Louis; and two great grandchildren, Aidan Ayres and Lauren Brandt. Mary was preceded in death by her sister Ann Moeller.

Alfred (Ray) Rodrigues

Hitch Mortuary

Livermore native Alfred R. (Ray) Rodrigues passed away suddenly January 9, 2008 at the family ranch. He was 64.

Arrangements by Graham-

Born at St. Paul's Hospital in Livermore, Feb. 18, 1943 to Alfred John and Evelyn Worth Rodrigues, Ray lived in Oakland as a child. He spent weekends and summers at his grandparent's ranch on Mines Road. He graduated from Castlemont High School in Oakland. After Ray and his father built a house on the family property in 1970, he moved there with his first wife Carlyn and their small children to enjoy country life. They lived on the ranch for many years, moving back into town in 1975. After he and Marilynn married, they moved to the ranch where they resided for 28 years.

Ray was a quiet man who didn't talk much. However, anyone could call on him for anything and he was right there doing whatever was needed. He was extremely proud of his Portuguese heritage and the fact that he was a native born Californian. He was an active member of Las Positas Parlor No. 96 of the Native Sons of the Golden West for

When his daughters and stepdaughter were involved in 4-H, he was swine leader for Crane Ridge 4-H Club and also volunteered as a barn supervisor during the Alameda County Fair. He enjoyed country music and was an avid muscle car fan. He was going to start the restoration of his 1967 Mustang after he retired this coming February.

Ray worked for GC Gas Division for PG&E for 28 years. After recovering from an injury he retired from PG&E and worked for Roadrunner Dawes Transportation in Livermore for 14 years.

He is survived by his wife Marilynn, daughters Sandra Lynn Kodrigues of Tracy, Renee Elin Sanchez of Gilbert, AZ, Karen Ray Rodrigues of Hollister and Kim Burnett of Flagstaff, AZ; grandchildren Kent Rinker and Tiana Sanchez of Gilbert, AZ, and Brandon Rodrigues of Tracy He is also survived by former wife Carlyn (Bill) Eaton of Campbell. mother-in-law Mabelle Thornburg of Livermore and many cousins and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant sister.

A memorial service was held Jan. 21 in Livermore.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Native Sons of the Golden West Charitable Foundation, 414 Mason St., Suite 300, San Francisco, CA 94102 or a favorite charity.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

### William M. Wright

William Merle Wright died January 11, 2008 in Pleasanton. He was 83.

He was born August 16, 1924 in Olympia, WA. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II as a Gunner's Mate 2nd in the Pa-

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cific Theater. Following his discharge in October 1945, he returned to Pleasanton where he lived with his wife Theresa and raised his family. He was a charter member of the Pleasanton VFW and enjoyed playing golf, bingo and going to breakfast with friends and family.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Theresa, five brothers and two sisters.

He is survived by son James Wright and daughter-in-law Priscilla Wright of Pleasanton, daughter Lynda Wright of Pleasanton, son Stan Wright and daughter-in-law Bebe Wright of Salinas, nine grandchildren, two great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. He has one surviving brother, Lloyd Wright of Vancouver, WA.

Ă memorial service will be held at the Veteran's Memorial Building, Main St., Pleasanton, on Sun., Jan. 27 at 11 a.m. Following cremation, his ashes will be scattered at sea by the Navy.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate contributions to the American Heart Association, PO Box 78851, Phoenix, AZ 85062-8851.

#### Margitta E. McGuire

Margitta E. McGuire died January 17, 2008. She was 76. She was a resident of Pleasanton.

The native of Greitz-Thuringen, Germany was born March 23, 1931. She enjoyed creating porcelain art and painting. She also enjoyed spending time with her friends at the Pleasanton Senior Center. She made her home in Pleasanton for the

Margitta is survived by her husband of 35 years, Richard T. McGuire, four sons, Patrick McGuire of Oakland, Thomas McGuire of Hayward, Mark McGuire of San Ramon, and Matthew McGuire of Pleasanton, and daughter-in-law, Lucy McGuire of San Ramon. She also leaves behind two grandchildren, Megan and Molly McGuire.

Funeral services were held Jan. 23 in Pleasanton. Burial was at Memory Gardens Oddfellows Memorial Park in Livermore.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

#### **Henry Jerome Beckwith**

Henry Jerome "Beck" Beckwith died January 14, 2008. He was 53.

He was born June 3, 1955. A native of Tuscumbia, Alabama, he resided in Livermore, with his family for the past 4 years. He was a resident of Livermore. He graduated in 1974 from Trenholm High School in Tuscumbia, Alabama. At the age of 17, he went into the United States Army where after serving 3 years of duty, he decided to make a home in Seaside, California. He went to work for Soledad State Prison as a Correctional Officer, but had to retire early due to an injury.

He enjoyed reading Western novels, cooking, and barbecuing. He also loved sports, in particular he was a fan of the Oakland Raiders football team and the Oakland A's baseball team. Prior to his job injury he loved bike riding along the beach and was learning how to play golf.

He touched many lives with his gentle spirit and positive outlook on life. He was ill for a period of time, but came home to allow his family to care for him. Although we feel great emptiness and pain in his departure, we know that he is no longer suffering and is experiencing happiness in eternal life. He will be

He is survived by his wife and companion of 22 years, Melanie Beckwith, children Tamiko, Henry, and Jessica Beckwith, and siblings Robert, Danny, Richard, Jerry, Darrell, Zachary Beckwith and Mary Collins, as well as his grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was the son of Robert L. and the late Margaret Beckwith. He is also survived by his in-laws Robert L. and Alvicher Campbell, and many close friends.

Services were held January 23 at Tri-Valley Church of Christ. He will be laid to rest with full military honors on Thursday, January 24, 2008 at 11:00 am at the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery, 32053 West McCabe Road, Gustine, CA 95322.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

#### **Mae Matthews Clark**

Mae Matthews Clark died recently at the age of 100.

She was born December 20, 1907 in Liberty, Idaho, the daughter of Caroline E. (Orr) and Samuel W. Matthews. She was the youngest of 11 siblings. She was the wife of LaMaun (Champ) Clark. All have preceded her in death, what a wonderful celebra-

tion they are all having. Mae is survived by her daughter Jeannine Clark Torgersen and her husband K. Ted Torgersen, five grandchildren David (Linda) Torgersen, Michael (Cyndi) Torgersen, Michelle (Člark) Fawcett, Stuart Torgersen, Eric (Melinda) Torgersen, fifteen great-grandchildren and three great-great-granddaughters.

She loved to have family and friends around her. She liked to sew, quilt, and crochet for all of them. She worked 20 years for Mervyn's Stores and retired from the Dublin Store just before she turned 75 years of age. She has been a great example of love, service, and giving and will be sorely missed by many friends and family.

Services were held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints, in Brentwood. Burial was at Liberty Cemetery in Liberty, Idaho.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

#### William B. Laird

William B. Laird passed away at his home in Livermore on January 19, 2008. He was 76.

He was born Feb. 16, 1931 in Oakland, CA and spent his childhood in Castro Valley on his father's ranch with his four older siblings. Bill worked at his father's grocery store in Hayward during his younger years. He attended Hayward High School. Bill worked at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory as a mechanical designer for 36 years, retiring in 1991. He enjoyed being outdoors, fishing, camping, playing cards and spending time with family and friends. He was a member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church and the Moose Lodge in Livermore.

Bill is survived by his wife of 14 years, JoAnn Byrne-Laird of Livermore, brother Roy "Bud" Laird of Antioch, sisters Patricia McCormick of Walnut Creek and Margery and her husband Stu Baty of Castro Valley, daughter Lynn Laird of Livermore, son Jeff Laird and his wife Gena of Buhl, Idaho, five grandchildren, one great granddaughter and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother George Laird, wife of 36 years, Joyce Myrth Laird, son David S. Laird, and grandson David S.

Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Livermore on Jan. 22. A reception followed.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in Bill's name in memory of David Laird Jr., www.cff.org/Getinvolved/ ManyWaysToGive/Donate.

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Members of the community pulled together to gather over 600 coats that were distributed to families in need this holiday season.

Spearheaded by the Tri-Valley Rotary Club, the Share the Warmth Coat Drive started with coats donated by the families and employees of Pleasanton's Hacienda School and Hacienda Child Development Center. The movement quickly spread throughout the community. Upon hearing of the coat drive, employees at Kraft spontaneously donated a huge number of coats. Likewise, the Girl Scouts

need, along with new toys, at an

of America worked hard to col-

tary Club for this year's coat lect many more coats. drive. Children's coats are espe-The coats that were collected cially needed. were of superb quality. The coats were distributed to families in

**Tri-Valley Rotary Club meets** weekly on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Pleasanton at the Girasole Grill on Santa Rita Road. For more information about the Tri-Valley Rotary Club please visit www.trivalleyrotary.org or email info@trivalleyrotary.org.



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### Second City Stages 'One Nation Under Blog'

The comedy troupe, The Second City, will present the program "One Nation Under Blog" on Saturday, February 2, at the Amador

The troupe's newest touring show spoofs current headlines from the worlds of politics, entertainment and media.

The City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Presents will host the show, which begins at 8 p.m. The Amador Theater is located at 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton.

The Second City promises that the audience will not only see comedy stars in the making, but they will also have the opportunity to see funny and innovative improvisation. No topic or subject matter is off limits for The Second City, which says, "If your parents asked you not to speak of it at the dinner table, chances are it will be made fun of in an evening with The Second City.

Civic Arts Manager Andy Jorgensen, said, "While parents enjoy The Second City's special brand of adult comedy with One Nation, Under Blog, we invite them to take advantage of our new Parents' Date Night program. City youth supervisors will keep children busy and entertained at Kids Create Improv, an evening of comedy, games, food and fun, while their parents enjoy The Second City show.'

Founded in Chicago, Illinois in 1959, The Second City has become the premier training ground for the comedy world's rising stars. Its alumni list includes Mike Nichols, Elaine May, Alan Arkin, Joan Rivers, Robert Klein, Peter Boyle, Harold Ramis, John Belushi, Dan Aykroyd, Bill Murray, Gilda Radner, George Wendt, Martin Short, John Candy, Bonnie Hunt, Tim Meadows, Chris Farley, Mike Myeres, Tina Fey, Steve Carell, Stephen Colbert, Julie Louis-Dreyfus, Horatio Sanz, Ryan Stiles and countless others.

One Nation, Under Blog is appropriate for Adult Audiences. Tickets are \$20, \$25 & \$30 and may be purchased online at www.civicartstickets.org, by phone at (925) 931-3444 or in person at the Amador Theater Box Office, at 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Box Office hours are Monday thru Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00

p.m., and two hours prior to each performance.

The fee for Kids Create Improv is \$25 per child (\$35 at the door).

Reservations may be made by calling (925) 931-5340.

### Jazz Featured During 'Truffles, Tidbits and Wine Tasting'

"Truffles, Tidbits and Wine Library will also be presenting Tasting" presented by the Pleasanton Downtown Association, will be held on Thursday, February 7, from 6 to 9 p.m. at participating downtown Pleasanton

businesses. Live jazz music will also be featured during Thursday's event in support of the annual Čampana Jazz Festival to help them kick off their "Weekend of Jazz." The Campana Jazz Festival has been an annual event for thirty-three years. This inaugural Campana Jazz Weekend allows the community to participate in the celebration of Jazz as an art form. The City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Presents and the Pleasanton Public

will be hosting jazz groups during the evening including the following: Pleasanton Hotel, Fred McCarty on the guitar; Main St. Brewery, the Jeff Bordes Quartet; Oasis Grille Wine Lounge, Jesse C. Hendricks playing jazz guitar; Studio 7 Fine Arts, the

programs over the weekend.

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Prime Time Trio; and Pans on Fire, the Brian Swartz Trio. The Rose Hotel and the Museum on Main will also be hosting groups during the evening.

The wine tasting event kicks

off at The Rose Hotel. Participants will redeem their tickets

and receive a commemorative

wine glass, tasting map and "passport." 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 selections being poured.

Tickets for the wine event may be purchased in advance at a discounted price of \$25 through February 6th. Only eight hundred (800) tickets will be offered for this event. Tickets are available for purchase 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 \$30.00 beginning at 5:45 p.m. All tickets must be redeemed for glasses by

For information on Truffles, Tidbits & Wine Tasting or the Campana Festival's "Weekend of Jazz", visit their website at www.pleasantondowntown.net or call the Pleasanton Downtown Association at 925-484-2199, ext. 4#.

Chinese New Year Stage Gala, Sunday, February 17, 7 p.m. at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. The Chinese American Cooperation Council (CACC), a nonprofit organization based in the Tri-Valley area, will present a full stage show featuring traditional and modern Chinese performances in celebration of the Lunar New Year. Tickets are \$15 and \$10. To order tickets on-line or by mail, please check details at www.caccusa.org. For information,

please call (925)249-1298. **Volunteer ushers** are being sought by the City of Pleasanton for the Amador Theater. After a brief hiatus, renovating the theatrical lighting system, and completing a full make-over of the lobby, the Theater is back up and running, with a full slate of programming through July 2008. Anyone interested in supporting the performing arts in the community, please contact Amador Theater House Manager, Larry Valenzin at (925) 931-3472 or

lvalenzin@ci.pleasanton.ca.us. Auditions are scheduled for City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Stage Com-pany production of The Boxcar Children, a play adapted from the classic children's series by Gertrude Chandler Warner. All auditions will take place at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Boulevard, Pleasanton. Auditions for youth will take place on Monday, February 4, at 6:00 p.m. for ages 7-9; at 7:30 p.m. for ages 10-12; and at 8:30 p.m. for ages 13-16. Auditions for youth 17 years and older and adults will take place on Tuesday, February 5, at 7:00 p.m. Call backs will be held on Wednes-day, February 6, by invitation. Adults and children who wish to audition

should dress comfortably and be prepared to have fun. They will be asked to read from the script with some improvisation. This is an nonunion production and offers no pay. The Boxcar Children will be directed by Andy Jorgensen and Paula Wujek. By Andy Jogensen and radia wydgek. Rehearsals are scheduled for Monday-Thursday evenings from 7:00-9:30 p.m., beginning Monday, February 11, and some Saturdays during March and April. Performances will take place at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Bita Boad in Placenton 1155 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton, on April 18-20, 22-24 (daytime per-formances) and April 25-27, 2008. Scripts and other forms are available on-line at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us. For more information, contact Michelle Russo at (925) 931-5350, Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m.-2:00 p.m., or mrusso@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

California Independent Film Festival Annual Oscar Party, Sun., Feb. 24, 4 p.m. Watch the ABC television broadcast of the 80th Annual Academy Awards on the Village Theatre's 15-foot screen. Village Theater, 233 Front St., Danville. Fund-raising for California Independent Film Festival (CIFF). Tickets \$25. For box office information and ticket purchases go to www.villagetheatreshows.com. Food and beverages will be served.

Information or tickets 314-3400. **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 or in person at the Amador Theater Box Office, at 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Box Office hours are Monday thru Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and 2 hours prior to each show. www.civicartstickets.org.

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

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, by email at khartman@pleasanton.k12.ca.us.

The Secret Garden, Lamplighters Music Theatre, Jan. 31, Feb. 1 and 2 at 8 p.m., and Feb. 2 and 3 at 2 p.m. Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. \$13-\$46. 943-7469

or www.lamplighters.org. **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 on-line at www.atthegrand.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 perfor-

Grand Gallery new exhibitions, Automotive Reflections: Acrylic Paintings by Barbara DeVol and Unfinished: works by Andy Vogt, Krishna Khalsa & Scott Oliver. Automotive Reflections runs Jan 19-Feb 9, and Unfinished runs Jan. 19-Mar. 22 Grand Theatre Center for the Arts, 715 Central Avenue, Tracy, 209-

831-6858 . No admission charge. DeVol will present a Gallery Talk on February 2, at 1:00 pm in the Matthews Gallery

New Orleans Bash at the Bothwell Arts Center, Sat., Feb. 9 from 6 to 10 p.m. The evening includes Louisiana-style food, various beverages, "Preservation Hall" style concert featuring the Big Money in Gumbo Band at 7 p.m. (limited seating). New Orleans party music and dancing, "Royal Street" featuring collector's marks artists and street vendors as masks, artists and street vendors as well as palm reading and fortune telling. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street, Livermore. There is a \$10 cover charge in advance, \$15 at the door, which includes one beverage; a \$20 cover charge includes Preservation Hall jazz concert and one beverage. Purchase tickets at the Bankhead Theater Ticket Office, 2400 First Street, Downtown Livermore, call 373-6800 or online at www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

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, Martinu and Schnittke. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. For ticket information phone: 925-447-2752 or 925-443-5470.

entury House Poetry Reading, Sun., Feb. 3, 2 to 4 p.m. Guest poets: David Swanger, Dane Cervine and John Rowe. Open mic follows. \$5 or free to students with I.D. Information 931-5350. Century House, 2401 anta Rita Rd., Pleasanton.

**Artist Sally Haig** has a show at the Tri-Valley, California Convention & Visitors Bureau through February 8. It is called, "Loving Life in the Valley, a Painter's View" and includes landscapes of the vineyards, foothills and oak trees that grace the tri-valley area. The Visitor's Bureau's hours are 8:30 a.m to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The office is located at 349 Main Street, Suite 203, Pleasanton, CA. (925) 846-8910. For more information please visit the artist's website at www.sallyhaig.com.

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### 'Bus Stop' Is a Great Ride

**by Susan Steinberg**Forget Marilyn Monroe's Cherie, the blonde chanteuse in "Bus Stop" - the movie. Danville's Role Players Ensemble has a living embodiment of Cherie in Ginny Wehrmeister, a vulnerable tough cookie just looking for love in all the wrong

places. As she bursts into a smalltown Kansas diner from a snowbound bus, she's just a scared kid under the sexy gown and heavy stage make-up. Her pursuer Bo is a young rancher fresh from the wilds of Montana, who approaches his first woman as if

bulldogging a steer.
An obviously clueless novice, he finds his championship rodeo technique only succeeds in antagonizing his chosen bride. After all he has never stopped to notice that she has not chosen HIM or life on his isolated cattle ranch. Veteran actor Christopher Ratti makes Bo's swaggering possessiveness both plausible and irritating to every woman in the audience.

His clumsy attempts to act "GAL-ANT" are so hopeless that he elicits sympathy from all the male viewers. When his older sidekick Virgil (a warm and wise Michael Markovitch) tries to explain the difference between the sexes, he might as well be speaking Greek to Bo, who doesn't even understand the word "ten-

After a thrashing from the lo-cal sheriff, Bo is a changed character. Never defeated by animal or man, he is one chastened and miserable boy. Tim Bigelow as Will, the physical incarnation of a big, brawny, folksy rural sheriff, is also a no-nonsense keeper of the peace. He understands that this unbroken colt of a cowboy needs the life-lesson he himself learned under the fists of a tough

learned under the lists of a tough local preacher: you can't just brawl your way to what you want. Will's sympathetic guidance helps change Bo into the humble apologetic petitioner of Cherie's romantic dreams. (His woebegone stammering and nasty facial bruises certainly help elicit her tender feelings - ask any woman.)

A second couple is as sea-

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soned about love as Cherie and Bo are innocent. Unlike the young lovers pursuing their dream of "happily ever after," the earthy owner of Grace's Diner and Carl the bus driver come to a quick understanding of their mutual needs and retire non-toodiscreetly to her upstairs apartment.

Bonnie DeChant as Grace strikes just the right note of crusty independence before revealing her desperate loneliness as a "grass widow." Dean Creighton's Carl is also an artist of implications (non too subtle) about the "loneliness of the long distance bus driver." Their unspoken communication is beautifully realized - small wonder that they are both much-honored perform-

A final couple represents the two extremes in what Shakespeare might have called "The Seven Stages of Love:" a naively dreamy high school stu-dent waitressing at the diner and an alcoholic ex-professor seeking his lost youthful ideals in young women.

A wide-eyed foil to the professor's cynical ranting, Megan Wilson's Elma is amazing. Her bright-eyed spontaneous enthusiasm for poetry and music is certainly not as easy as it looks, but an acting tour-de- force, especially by a first-time Role Player.

Making his usual indelible impression in a quirky role is Chris Chapman as Dr. Lyman. Failed husband, washed-up pedagogue, and deeply-flawed human being, he flaunts his failures as badges of honor for uncompromising ideals and standards but mising ideals and standards, but drinks to avoid acknowledging

the pain of his wasted years. At his bantering best he spouts sparkling repartee: "I'm too ego-tistical to take offense at anything people say." But in a devastating moment of self-awareness he admits: "I'm so terribly smart; wouldn't it be nice to be intelligent?"

Watching this improbable pair perform the Balcony Scene from "Romeo and Juliet" becomes an exquisitely painful experience as her youthful hope soars on po-etic wings while his voice of

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tragic despair falters and collapses into drunken self-loath-

Seeing into the core of a soul in terminal anguish is riveting and unnerving. Perhaps it gives us a clue into the playwright's own downward spiral as itinerant literary professor, depressed alcoholic, and finally suicide just 15 years after his creation of Dr. Lyman.

As the sheriff announces the re-opening of the snowy highway, the characters slowly depart: Bo and Cherie to a possibly happy domestic future, Carl already dreaming of a repeat visit to Grace on his return stopover, assuring her "You'd be amazed at how much can happen in 20 minutes."

Elma walks home, dreamily impressed by meeting such a brilliant scholar and the thrilling idea that he actually might have wanted to make love to her. The sheriff can finally leave his post and return to a warm house, happy at the results of his good deed in bringing two lonely hearts together.

hearts together.
Grace can go upstairs to her dark apartment, brightened by the expectation of Carl's next "bus stop." A sadder and perhaps wiser Dr. Lyman resolves to just "keep on traveling."
Only Virgil remains, with no hopes for the future. Having given up on love early in life out

given up on love early in life out of cowardice, he realizes his terrible mistake, "a fella can't live his whole life dependin' on his buddies." So, like a good mentor, he has helped nudge young Bo into a whole-hearted commitment, one that he had been afraid to seek for himself. Now, odd man out, he opts not to return to Montana, heroically lying about his non-existent new job, and then heading out, friendless, into the cold night.

It's an unexpectedly heartbreaking moment, like so much of life, and the audience is left wondering what lies ahead for characters we've come to know and care about at that snowbound Kansas diner. It's also a moment that brings home William Inge's basic message: the allimportant human need to form loving relationships that ease our painful passage through life.

Director Dana Anderson has crafted a superb ensemble out of the show's disparate characters, and given each amazing bits of business. Just watch Cherie's legs move nervously under the table, or focus on Dr. Lyman's silent but incredibly dramatic facial monologues as he drinks

away his despair.
Nostalgic '50's music ("Old Black Magic," "You, You, You,"
"Let Me Go Lover") and Ed Hightower's wonderfully realistic diner set bring back memories of a simpler idealized time. Bbut Inge, himself a Kansas native, understood the frustrated passions beneath the placid rural landscape, as he would also explore in his Pulitzer Prize-win-

ning play "Picnic."

Watch his magic work in this perfect gem of a performance for the next two weeks only. Call for tickets at (925) 314-3400 (Danville Community Center) during world day, business hours. Show weekday business hours. Show times are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8 PM, Sundays at 2 PM, through February 9. Danville's Village Theater is lo-cated at 233 Front Street, just off Diablo Blvd, less than 5 minutes from Rte 680, and very well worth the 35 minute drive from Liver-

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Munchkins celebrate the death of the Wicked Witch of the East with a rousing rendition of "Ding Dong the Witch is Dead," in the Pleasanton Playhouse production of "The Wizard of Oz."

### A Wiz of a 'Wizard of Oz'

by Janet Armantrout

'The Wizard of Oz" is a wiz of a show as staged by the Pleasanton Playhouse at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

The opening night audience rewarded the cast with enthusiastic applause at the final curtain.

Because of the movie, most audience members are familiar with the story of Dorothy Gale of Kansas who dreams of what lies over the rainbow. One day a twister hits her farm and carries her over the rainbow to another world. It's a world where trees talk, where wicked and good are directional -- east and west wicked; north and south good.

It's also a place where a Scarecrow, a Tinman, and a Cowardly Lion become Dorothy's companions in a journey to ask a wizard to grant their fondest desires - to go home, a brain, a heart, and courage. Along the way, they learn something about themselves, that they already have what they seek.

The Pleasanton Playhouse characters greatly resemble those in the movie. In her director's notes, Carol Hovey declares, "As a director, I know 95 percent of the success of any show is determined by casting the show. If I can cast a show with the right talent, we will gift the audience with a magical journey into another time and place that will have them leaving the theater with a song in their hearts and a spring in their steps.

Hovey succeeded in her casting goal, with the four main characters particularly convincing in their roles..

The play starts in Kansas. Then moves to Munchkinland, peopled in this case by thirty-one young performers who dance and sing their way through familiar songs such as "Ding Dong the Witch Is Dead.'

To find a way back to Kansas, Glinda the Good Witch of the North, recommends that Dorothy (Rachel Wagner) seek help from the Wizard of Oz. Since she didn't bring her broomstick, Glinda tells Dorothy she will have to walk in order to reach the Emerald City. The directions are easy, "Just Follow the Yellow Brick

The Munchkins send Dorothy and her little dog, Toto, off with an enthusiastic rendition of "Follow the Yellow Brick Road.'

The Scarecrow (Anthony Olivares) is the first to join Dorothy on her journey. He believes he is lacking, because he doesn't have a brain. Dorothy tells him that having a brain doesn't make someone smart. "Some people with brains do an awful lot of talk-

ing," she declares. The Tinman (James Koponen) is next. He too feels he lacks something, because he doesn't have a heart. He decides to ask the wiz-

The actors who portray the Tinman and Scarecrow do a great job. But it was the final member of the foursome, the Cowardly Lion (Danny Cozart), who steals the show. He alternates between moments of bravado and fear in his search for courage.

There were updated moments, such as a reference to the Lion King, during his performance of "If I Were King.

Humor helps to make what could be a scary play fun to watch. For example, the Lion agrees to help rescue Dorothy, but makes one request, "Talk me out of it." Once in the castle of the Wicked Witch of the West, he proposes holding onto the window ledge, while the other three use his tail to lower themselves to the ground. "I hope my paws hold out," says the Lion. The other three respond, "We hope

your tail holds out."

All in all, it's a very entertaining evening. The set is comprised mainly of backdrops to set a scene. Kansas is grey, black and white; Oz is colorful and fanci-

The show is produced by Kathleen Breedveld, with musical direction by Jo Anne Fosselman, vocal direction by Jay Krohnengold, and choreography by Shawnel Herbst and Victoria George.

Performances are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays (except Feb. 2) and 2 p.m.Sundays through Feb 3, at the Bankhead Theater, First 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/ Tickets or by calling the BankheadTheater Box Office at

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more information, please call (925) 931-5361.

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Rumors, Asbury Players, March 7, 8, 9. Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. Curtain time is 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$7 general admission, \$5 for seniors and children under 12. Dinner show Saturday, March 8, additional \$12, limited seating, reservations required. Show tickets can be purchased at Country Charm, 1601-B Railroad Ave., Livermore. For addition ticket information or dinner reservations,

please call 455-1048. **Pushcart Players** in "Stone Soup" on Friday, February 8, 2008, at 11:30 a.m. & 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. Ticket prices for this City of Tracy event are \$7. Tickets can be purchased online at www.atthegrand.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, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00

p.m., and one hour prior to each

Diablo Light Opera Company, Dianna Schuster directs "Man of La Mancha," based on Cervantes, "Don Quixote." 8 p.m. Feb. 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 and March 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14 and 15; 2 p.m. Feb. 24, March 1, 2, 15 and 16. Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. \$28-\$40. 943-7469, www.leshercenter.org

www.dloc.org.

Pleasanton Art League workshop,
conducted by Carol Maddox,
watermedia, 2 days, Feb. 9 and 10, 9
a.m. to 4 p.m. Fee \$140. Information, contact Linda Beach at 4494226 or Isbaech@compact not 4226 or Isbeach@comcast.net.

Sixth Annual Youth Music Festival on Friday, February 15, 8 p.m. at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Solo vocalists, instrumentalists, and vocal and instrumental ensembles, ages 18 and under, will perform. Hosted by City of Pleasanton Civic Arts. Tickets are \$7.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door. Tickets can be purchased on line at www.civicartstickets.org, by phone at (925) 931-3444 or in person at the Amador Theater Box Office. Box Office hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., and two hours prior to show time. For more information, please call (925) 931-5353.

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Each class meeting will provide an historical setting for the music, information about the composers, the performers and the music, as well as offer some focused listening opportunities. There will be an occasional guest lecturer who will discuss some of the instruments and period specific techniques for performance.

This series of music appreciation classes will provide a forum in which audience members can discuss their experience with live music. It will be an opportunity

to learn more about the Del Valle Fine Arts Series, the community's concert-going public, and Las Positas College. These classes will provide a musical and historical context for each concert of the Spring 2008 Del Valle Fine Arts Series and Las Positas College Early Music Series.

The instructors for the classes are Marilyn Marquis and Cindy Rosefield.

Marquis is coordinator of the ESL Program and the Artistic Director for the Early Music Concert Series at Las Positas College. She is on the board of the San Francisco Early Music Society and a member of both the American Recorder Society and Early Music America. Rosefield is an instrumental music instructor and coordinator of Performing Arts at Las Positas College. She is also a well-known professional musician performing folk, ethnic, jazz and classical music throughout the Bay Area.

Classes will meet on the fol-lowing Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m.: January 31, February 21, March 13, April 17, April 24 and May 2. The cost for the series is \$28. The cost for each individual class is \$5. Registration for this series can be completed in person, by mail, phone, fax or online. Call (925) 424-1467 for more information, or visit our office at Room 1311 on the LPC campus.

### 'The Heat Is On' Launches Dougherty Arts Center Season

The first show is "The Heat Is On," to be staged Feb.2 at 8 p.m. The show examines the life, loves and career of Rita Hayworth, one of Hollywood's most electrifying screen sirens. The performace features some of her best known songs like Put the Blame on Mame, The Lady Is a Tramp and Bewitched. The Heat Is On chronicles Hayworth's marriages to Orson Wells and Prince Aly Khan, her turbulent relationship with movie mogul Harry Cohn, Alzheimer's. The show stars Hayworth's movie, music, dance and monologues brings Rita's glamour, wit and vulnerability to life while backed by a sizzling band. Tickets are \$35 On March 29, Cirque

The pop group, Gin Blossoms, performs April 19. They produced several chart topping hits including, "Hey Jealousy,"
"Found Out About You," "Till I
Hear it From You," and "Follow You Down." The Gin Blossoms new album Major Lodge Victory landed on the Billboard Top 200 and produced the insanely catchy hit "Learning the Hard Way." Their new music is laced with sweetly sung melodies and sunny hooks with a contemporary flair. Tickets are \$45.

Irving Berlin's "I Love a Piano" will be performed May 10. This is a musical journey spanning seven decades of American history as seen through the eyes of Irving Berlin. From the sentimental songs that inspired a nation during two World Wars to

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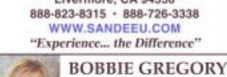








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Ben Perry, an eighth grader from Mendenhall, was the individual winner in the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade competition. He finished in ninth place last year. Dominex Kovacs, also from Mendenhall, was the individual winner in the 6th grade competition.

Perry won the countdown round on the following question: Ellen baked 2 dozen cupcakes of which half contained chocolate, two-thirds contains raisins, one-fourth contained chocolate chips and one-sixth contained nuts. What is the largest possible number of cupcakes that had none of these? (Answer:

The Mendenhall team of Ben Perry, Cassi McDiarmid, Audrey Gomes, and Jeff Katen won the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade team competition. The LVCS team of Priya Sri-Tharan, Austin Horning, Parker Mansfield, and Joshua Komala won the 6th grade team competi-

MathCounts is run as an extracurricular middle school program at the individual school sites. Employees from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and Sandia National Laboratories, teachers, and parents volunteer as coaches.

MathCounts covers geometry, algebra, and word problems. The problems usually involve several concepts, making them more complex and difficult than what is taught in regular math classes. is taught in regular math classes. The competition includes a sprint round, target round (more time, calculators allowed), and team round.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the national MathCounts program. For more information, www.mathcounts.org.

The Diablo chapter competition will be held on February 9 at Pleasanton's Harvest Park Middle School. Public and private middle schools from Castro Valley, Danville, Dublin, Lafayette, Livermore, Pleasanton, Orinda, San Ramon, and Walnut Creek will participate. See www.mathcounts-ca.org/ diablo.htm for information on

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the chapter competition. Last year Erika Carlson of Mendenhall placed 4th as an individual at the Diablo chapter competition and went on to compete at the state level. This year's state competition will take place on March 15 at UC Irvine and UC Davis.

Livermore City Council members Marj Leider and Jeff Williams handed out the awards. Also in attendance were Livermore School Superintendent Brenda Miller and Livermore School Board member Bill

Dunlop.
The Livermore Auxiliary of the National Society of Professional Engineers and Kathy Coyle Internet Services provided gift certificates, trophies, and medals for the winners. The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District provided pizza and drinks for the contestants.

The winners of the 12th annual Livermore MathCounts compe-

tition are:
Individual, grades 7 and 8:
1. Ben Perry (Mendenhall); 2.
Cassi McDiarmid (Mendenhall); 3. Girish Kowligi (East); 4. Sarah Joh (LVCS); 5. Audrey Gomes (Mendenhall); 6. Andrew Cable (Junction); 7. Sam Heinz (LVCS); 8. Sarah deBord (Mendenhall); 9. Andrew Kolb-Gouveia (East); 10. Maryann Gong (East).

Individual, grade 6: 1. Dominex Kovacs (Mendenhall); 2. Austin Horning (LVCS); 3. Will Mullins (LVCS); 4. Paul Epperson (LVCS); 5. Joshua Komala (LVCS).

**Team, grades 7 and 8:** 1. Mendenhall (Ben Perry, Cassi McDiarmid, Audrey Gomes, Jeff Katen); 2. LVCS (Sarah Joh, Sam Heinz, Emmy Yung, Wali Kamal); 3. East (Girish Kowligi, Natalie Dimits, Robert Nguyen, Brandon, Disbrow).

Team, grade 6: 1. LVCS (Priya Sri-Tharan, Austin Horning, Parker Mansfield,

Joshua Komala); 2. Mendenhall/ Christensen [Dominex Kovacs (M), Amanda Ennis (M), Victor Wang (M), Robert Shi (C)]; 3. LVCS (Will Mullins, Paul Epperson, Yasmeen Haider, Hunter Ashby).

### **Janice Pementel** "Thanks Dad"

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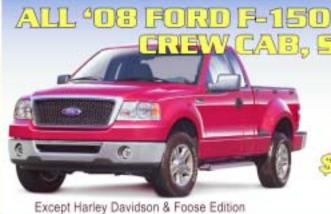












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