



Ravi Coltrane

Pleasanton Puts Focus on Jazz

Jazz is the focus of several special events in Pleasanton Feb. 7

DOWNTOWN

The first, Truffles, Tidbits and Wine Tasting," will serve as a kickoff event for the annual Campana Jazz Festival on Thurs., Feb. 7.

Activities will be from 6 to 9 p.m. in downtown Pleasanton.

Several downtown businesses 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 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. 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 selec-

tions being poured.

Tickets for the wine event may be purchased in advance at a discounted price of \$25 through February 6th. Tickets are avail-able 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

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'Oz' Evening to Raise Funds for **Firehouse Center**

Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation (PCAF) is launching the community fund-raising program for the Firehouse Arts Ĉenter with a gala event on Friday, February 29, at the Pleasanton Senior Čenter.

"AWonderful Evening of Oz" will begin at 7:00 pm with a hosted bar and hors d'oeuvres. The event will feature live entertainment as well as a display of art by local artists. The dinner and program will begin at 8:00 with a sit-down gourmet dinner catered by "A Tasteful Affair." Emcee Brad Kinney will lead guests through a live auction featuring unique items and experiences. Dancing to the music pro-



Photo - Doug Jorgensen **Operation: SAM replaced the** yellow ribbons on the tree in downtown Livermore. The bows were made by Joane Grimsley. Richards provided a discount on the ribbons. The funding was donated by Kristin Ekvall and Brian MacGowan. Ekvall, who is shown hanging the new ribbons, stated, "It has been a real community effort in support of our vets, all of our troops active and inactive."

High Speed Rail over Altamont Still Possible

A future bullet train could travel to Livermore, where it would deposit and pick up passengers at an intermodal station linking passengers to BART and an upgraded Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) trains.

The idea of high speed rail coming into the Valley isn't dead; as part of a regional rail plan, a BART extension to the Valley and beyond is under study. Mayor Marshall Kamena com-

mented, "BART to Livermore is much more real than it ever has

There are two parallel processes underway with regard to transit. One is the high speed rail; the other a regional rail plan to provide a 50 year blueprint. In December, the California

High Speed Rail Authority confirmed staff's recommendation to provide the express high speed rail service through Pacheco Pass. At the same time, they are moving forward with regional rail commuter and high speed train service through the Altamont Pass between Sacramento and Oakland/San Jose.

The High Speed Rail Authority proposed establishing an Altamont Pass corridor steering committee with the primary purpose of helping determine to what extent high speed rail service could be provided in the Altamont Pass corridor and how it would be coordinated and compatible with other rail services in the corridor. Local and regional agencies and transit agencies from Alameda and San Joaquin counties will work together on the process. If there is agreement to work together, the rail authority would vote to create the Altamont Pass HST (high speed train)/Regional Rail Steering Committee at its Feb. 6 meet-

The importance of the high

speed rail commitment is that the Tri-Valley hybrid plan could be included in some of the \$10 billion bond funding that the state hopes to get approved on the statewide ballot in November The Livermore City Council

received an update on the process Monday from Bonnie Nelson, of Nelson/Nygaard, a consultant for the city.

MTC has adopted the re-gional rail plan, which includes a BART extension to Livermore with an inter-modal station at Isabel and Stanley. The MTC also discussed other rail options.

These include separating passenger and freight service. This would allow the ACE train to provide more frequent service at higher speeds. ACE could also be electrified, which would enable trains to travel at up to 129 mph, faster than any car could cover the distance.

Nelson commented that it is important to identify and refine improvements in rail service in the area so that they can be included in the Nov. 2008 ballot measure. "The bond can only be removed from the ballot by a two-thirds vote of both state

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Cold, wet weather has dusted the hills surrounding the valley with snow

Livermore School Board Gives Trimester Schedule the Green Light

By Patricia Koning

At last week's meeting of the Livermore Board of Education, the trustees unanimously approved adopting a trimester schedule at Granada and Livermore High Schools. These changes will not come cheaply the total cost will be nearly \$2.4 million over three years.

"It's unusual to bring an item like this before you at a time of budget crisis," said Livermore School Superintendent Brenda Miller. "But I feel this trimester schedule is better than what we currently have. Even with a worst-case budget scenario, there is still money for a three-year

The worst case would include adoption of Governor Schwarzenegger's January budget proposal, which includes a mid-year budget cut for K-12 education and deeper reductions in 2008/09. Both the Pleasanton and San Ramon school districts have announced drastic reductions in programs and possible layoffs if the governor's proposal were enacted.

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District currently has a budget surplus of approximately \$6.3 million and a 4% reserve for economic uncertainty. About two-thirds of the

surplus, \$3.8 million, is one-time funding.

"We have put ourselves in a reasonable fiscal situation," said trustee Bill Dunlop. "We are not in dire straits going into this, fortunately.'

Granada principal Chris Van pal Darryl Avila both feel the trimester schedule will improve student achievement and give students more flexibility.

"We might be able to offer courses like Farsi and Mandarin," said Kelly Bowers, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services. "With so many people ex-

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Pleasanton Schools Facing Teacher Lay Offs, Program Cuts

It was doom and gloom at the recent Pleasanton School Board meeting as trustees heard details about the impact that the state's budget could have on the district.

The Pleasanton Unified School District is looking at cutting \$4.5 million from its budget. This will result in layoff of personnel in all areas, as well as a reduction in programs. Everything beyond the basic core program will need to be "on the table" for consideration of elimination or reduction.

The governor's budget calls for cuts to K-12 students and schools statewide by reducing Proposition 98 funding by \$400 million in the current school year and suspending Proposition 98 funding for 2008-09.

Without a doubt, our students will be negatively impacted by the governor's budget proposal because it cuts funding for daily services and programs in our schools," said Superintendent John Casey. "The idea that we can make \$4.5 million in cuts and maintain services to students and continue to improve student achievement flat out won't happen. These cuts are too deep," he told the board.

He provided examples of some of the programs that could be impacted. Students would lose the ability to meet annually with a counselor. The district wouldn't be able to offer some of the advanced courses. There could be a loss of extracurricular activities, such as clubs and

Trustee Pat Kernan declared, 'I'm devastated. In the eleven vears I've been on the board, we've never faced this much of a potential deficit. The programs we have implemented over the last ten years could be for naught in one fell swoop." He added that the district would do everything possible to protect its employ-

Sandra Lepley, Assistant Su-(See PLEASANTON, page 3)

Livermore Rotary Helps Rebuild Soviet Hospitals

of their hospitals of their equipment. They just stripped them of everything," relates David Mertes.

The Livermore educator, as a member of Livermore Rotary, has been working with fellow Rotarians to help put some of those hospitals back together.

They've just completed their second project, raising \$60,000

"When the Soviet Union col- to equip an intensive care unit at lapsed, the Soviets stripped many a regional children's hospital in ecs, Hungary.

With Mertes serving as coordinator, Livermore Rotary partnered with a global Rotary foundation named Assist International and brought in clubs from Oklahoma City, Belgium, Budapest and Pecs. Each of the five clubs contributed \$5000. The Rotary International Foun-

(See REBUILD, page 3)

Former NFL Player to **Head Open Heart Kitchen**

Open Heart Kitchen has hired a new executive director, former NFL player Michael Carter.

Carter took over the job a few weeks ago. He has spent the time learning more about the opera-tion. One thing he found was a need for more volunteers. Carter explained that many of the volunteers are high school students who are not available during finals or vacation periods. There is a need for people to fill in during

Currently Open Heart Kitchen serves about 3500 people a week, up from 3000 a week in 2006. "We are not just serving the homeless. We are seeing people who are out of work and the working poor," said Carter.

Carter comes to the job with a strong background in charitable work. For the past 17 years, he has run his own charity. It placed retired NFL players in schools to work directly with students who had a 2.0 gpa or lower. The players helped the students develop life skills as well as learning skills so they could succeed in the future. During the 17 years, over 4000 students took part in the program.

He said he is in the process of (See OPEN HEART, page 4)

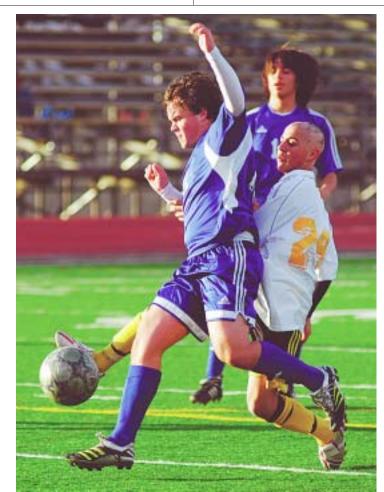


Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Granada High School took on Foothill High School junior varsity (blue uniforms) in a soccer match, coming out with a 2 to 0 victory. The varsity match ended in a 1 to 1 deadlock.

Ideas Sought for Park on Staples Ranch Park

The City of Pleasanton will host two community workshops focused on generating public input about the 17-acre community park planned for the Staples Ranch property.

The property is part of a 124acre parcel located on the northeast corner of Pleasanton at the junction of I-580 and El Charro Road near Stoneridge Drive. Both workshops will be held in the multi-purpose room of Henry P. Mohr Elementary School, located at 3300 Dennis Drive in Pleasanton. The first workshop takes place on Thursday, February 7 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. A second workshop will be held on Saturday, February 9, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
City staff will gather input

from the workshop meetings to determine the features and amenities that community members would like to have included in the park. Those features will then be incorporated into a proposed master plan to be introduced at yet another community workshop in early March. Community input will be solicited and folded into the document prior to its presentation to the Parks

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Livermore Design Review Committee, **Planning Commission Combined** mission land use options. The Livermore Design Re-

view Committee and Planning Commission will be combined into one body.

The city council voted 3 to 2 to make the change. Marj Leider and Doug Horner, the only two councilmembers who served as members of design review and planning, voted "no."

Design Review addresses design issues; the Planning Com-

All eight of the current members of the two review bodies would be retained. The final size of the new commission would be established by the council after the current members terms expired. The council would consider whether 5 or 7 or some other number were the appropri-

ate size. There would be train-(See COMBINED, page 4)

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PETS OF THE WEEK

Puppies! Greg and Bobby (and their brother Peter- AKA "The Brady Bunch") are 10 week old Border Collie/Great Pyrenees mixes. They are looking for homes where they can be included as part of the family, with plenty of exercise and training. They are large breed puppies, and will eventually weigh 80 to 100 pounds. To see available dogs, please stop by every Saturday from 11AM to 2PM at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton or visit www.valleyhumane.org or call 925-426-8656.

SCHEDULE

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cited I have a lot of confidence and strongly support this change.

With the new schedule, the school year is divided into three 12-week trimesters with four 70minute class periods and one 75-minute period offered each day. Students would take four or five classes, each worth five credits, each trimester.

Graduation requirements likely will be raised from 230 to 270 credits because students will earn more credits each school year. A decision on when to implement the new graduation requirement has not been made, but the principals say it will phased in, probably starting with the class of 2011 or 2012.

All but one of the audience members, including high school students, parents, and teachers, were critical of the decision to implement the trimester schedule, both for the cost and short

"This is like rushing out to buy a new car right after getting a layoff notice because you still have good credit," said Keith Pickering-Walters, president of the Livermore Education Association (LEA). "If you choose to fund this schedule please don't blame the association for any problems it may cause if there are budget cuts or if Measure D is not renewed." Measure D was the bond measure approved by Livermore voters to finance the community center, new library, and schools.

Most of the cost to implement the schedule would be for increased staffing. A total of \$1.5 million will come from the General Fund and another \$750,000 from Measure D. An additional \$130,000 for textbooks, a onetime expenditure, would be paid for from the instructional materials fund.

Miller noted that \$50,000 has already been budgeted in the General Fund for high school reform. She also said that the District would need to spend \$300,000 annually to adjust the schedule at Livermore High School as a result of the arbiter's decision on the teacher workday.

The trustees opted to fund the staffing portion trimester program with \$600,000 from the one-time surplus, \$200,000 for each of the next three years. The remainder of the staffing cost, \$900,000 exclusive of Measure D, will come from the General

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later in March. A proposed mas-

ter plan is expected to be pre-

sented to the City Council in

beginning of five excellent op-

portunities for the citizens of

Pleasanton to participate in de-

signing a spacious community

park," according to City Manager Nelson Fialho. "Public in-

put can also be heard at the Com-

mission and City Council meet-

ings. All Pleasanton residents are

invited to contribute their ideas.

Whether you like to walk your

dog, play tennis, or run along

trails, this is your opportunity to

help create this community

Last November, the City

park," he added.

"These two meetings mark the

Before last week's meeting, LEA and the District agreed to a Memorandum of Understanding covering funding, teacher prep time, early release collaboration days, class size, and teacher workday related to the trimester

Peggy Harding, a teacher at Livermore High School and member of the LEA bargaining team, thanked the District for working proactively with the union. "I want to tell you how much we appreciate that you worked with our association. You went through the proper channels and showed genuine respect for the association and all teachers," she said.

The three-year trial of the trimester schedule will begin in the 2008/09 school year and end in 2010/11. Measure D, the parcel tax, comes up for renewal in 2009 for implementation in 2010. Measure D brings in approximately \$3.2 million each year.

'We should wait to see if Meawe should want to see it Measure D is renewed," said Paula Orrell, a parent of two high school students. "The new schedule can wait. Please stop spending and practice the fiscal constant in the second in the seco servatism you have practiced in the past.

Evaluations of the program's success will begin in the fall of 2010 and will include LEA. To assess success or failure, the District plans to look at the number of students taking more classes, attendance rates, suspension/expulsion rates, number of students taking Advanced Placement (AP) classes and UC-required classes, number of electives taken, and test scores, primarily AP. The District will also take into account anecdotal information from students, parents, and staff.

Alex Rogers, a sophomore at Livermore High Scĥool, questioned if the trimester schedule were in the students' best interest and if their voices had been heard. "Our opinion needs to be counted in this decision because it affects us more than anyone else," he said. "The general consensus is that people like the modified block schedule."

Another concern voiced by high school students attending Granada is the loss of the opportunity to double up on subjects such as math or foreign language. By doubling up, students can complete two years of a single subject within one school year. Under the trimester schedule, two trimesters comprise a yearlong course.

motions to prepare a sales and

purchase agreement with Alameda County also to pur-

chase a five acre parcel for a

planned neighborhood park on

the Staples Kanch property, and

to direct staff to initiate a master

planning effort for the 17-acre

park. The proposed development

for the 124-acre site includes the

relocation of the Pleasanton Auto

Mall, building a continuing care

retirement community, and a re-

the community workshops or the

planning process, please contact

Jim Wolfe, Director of Parks and

Community Services, at (925)

For more information about

tail complex.

931-5340.

Seminar Series Planned for Olive Growers

Tri-Valley Conservancy will be hosting an Olive Growers Quality Alliance Educational Series. The purpose of this series is to assure the highest quality of olive oil produced by the Tri-Valley Olive Growers.

The first session of the Olive Growers Quality Alliance seminars will be held on Wednesday, February 13, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. at the Livermore Public Library, Community Room A, 1188 So. Livermore Avenue, in Liver-

Growers are invited to join in the discussion of needs and issues that should be addressed in

future sessions. Thepanel is comprised of the following special-

• Patty Darragh, Executive Director, California Olive Oil Coun-

 Adam Englehardt – Operations Manager, Olivina Ranch

 Nancy Ash, owner of Strictly Olive Oil (a consulting company specializing in olive oil product marketing and education)

Please RSVP by Feb 8th to the Tri-Valley Conservancy (925) 449-8706. There is no charge for this session. Future sessions will have a fee of \$10 to cover the cost of materials.





The Citizen's Statesman

According to Van Schaack, Granada will offer year-long Al-

gebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2,

and possibly Calculus in the next

school year. The yearlong Cal-

culus class would mirror the col-

lege level courses of Calc 1 and

Calc 2. This will enable students

to take the courses in sequence.

language program that would al-

low students to take three years

of language in two academic years. Students would take Span-

ish 1A, 1B, and 2A in the first

year; Spanish 2B, 3A, and 3B in

the second year; and the yearulong AP course in the third

Also planned is an accelerated

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Downtown Board of Directors

Livermore Downtown Inc. will install a new board of directors and hand out community awards on Mon., Feb. 4 at Terra Mia, 4040 East

Ave., Livermore. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and no host far from 5:30 to 6 p.m. followed by the presentations at 6

Tickets are \$25 per person.

To be installed are the following: president Karen Long, vice president Anthony McPeake; treasurer Brook Witherspoon, secretary Tommie Van Fossen; board members: Chris Doczy, Jeanette Faenzi, Elizabeth Fields, Beth Gartrell, Robert Gundrey, Pam Hundal; past president Lance Leber; ex officio Pete Conley.

Workforce Housing

At its January 14 meeting, the Livermore City Council approved funding for a program that will make five homes available through the lo-

cal workforce housing program.

The \$2.7 million will purchase five townhomes in the Station Square development. The funding sources include \$500,000 from the redevelopment agency housing set-aside funds and \$2.2 million from Housing Enabled by Local Partnership (HELP) and housing trust funds.

The workforce program would create home ownership opportunities for people who currently work in the city but live outside the city limits. The housing would be available to moderate income households whose income is \$111,454 for a 3 to 4 person household. Preference would be given to emergency responders and Livermore school teachers.

To jump start the program, Signature Properties is selling five homes to the city at below market rate, ranging from \$482,505 to \$510,566.

The program would provide down payment assistance to eligible homebuyers, about \$600,000 of the available funds.

Buyers would enter into a resale restriction agrement regulating the resale of the home for at least 55 years.

The city receives about 25 inquiries each

month about homebuyer assistance. The main barrier to ownership is not having income high enough to be able to purchase a home in Liver-

Lab Scientist Vice Chair

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Chief Scientist Karl van Bibber has been elected vice chair of the American Physical Society's

A self-professed "science junkie," he said he looks forward to having a broader impact in issues such as science literacy and awareness.

He currently serves in the Physical Sciences Directorate and previously was deputy director of the Science and Technology Office and Laboratory Directed Research and Development Program, helping to guide the Lab's portfolio of early stage exploratory research projects.

One of eight regional sections nationwide, the California section hosts multi-disciplinary meetings in Northern and Southern California. The rotating location helps minimize travel expenses for scientists who wish to join colleagues. The most recent section meeting drew 200 attendees to Berkeley, where the Laboratory's Hope Ishii spoke about her materials science approach to isolating comet dust from the Wild 2 mission for analysis.

The executive committee also includes member-at-large Lin Yang from the Laboratory, and a former Laboratory scientist, Jennifer Klay. She continues to collaborate on relativistic heavy ions from her new job at the California Poly-

technic State University.
Van Bibber received bachelor of science degrees in physics and mathematics from MIT and his Ph.D. in physics from MIT. He completed post-doctoral studies in nuclear sciences at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.

Correction

The dates for the Livermore Valley Wine Country Championship listed in the Independent Magazine were incorrect. The golf tournament at The Course at Wente Vineyards runs April

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perintendent for Business Services, noted that not only is there no cost of living increase in funding for schools, funding is reduced by 2 percent. "This puts the district in one of the most difficult situations it has been in for a long time." The district is projected to receive \$478 less per student in average daily attendance money.

The state will not backfill reductions in federal funding for special education students. The result is the district will receive \$400,000 to \$450,000 less.

"This is not a one year problem. It will take two to three years to turn the state around," added Lepley. "In looking at our funding, I don't see how we won't impact personnel." She talked about "what ifs" when it comes to losing personnel: 28 teachers, 16 classified positions, and 3 management positions.

Casey issued a letter to all staff detailing some of the cuts that would have to be enacted if the state budget were approved as proposed. He has also written an open letter to the community. In it, he notes that in order to provide a balanced budget, the district is at risk of losing many of the student programs and services that have been a draw to both the District and to the community of Pleasanton.

According to Casey, after initial analysis of the budget, PUSD would be able to cut about \$0.9 million in non-personnel programs, leaving about \$3.6 million that would have to be covered by a reduction in personnel. This equates to the elimination of about 47 positions across the

Layoff notices would have to go out prior to March 15.

During the month of February, the PUSD Board of Trustees will hold public workshops on how to balance the budget and receive input from the District's **Budget Advisory Committee and** employee associations. The next

regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for February 12. The public is invited to offer comments and suggestions by sending an email to publicinfo@pleasanton.k12.ca.us or by calling the PUSD Public Information Office at 925-426-4304. For more information about the governor's proposed budget cuts, visit the District's website

www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us.

GRANT APPLICATIONS The trustees approved moving forward with grant applications for funding to expand several of the academies at its high schools. The funding is available through the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006.

The money cannot be used for everyday operations at schools. It can be used to modernize or build new facilities or provide equipment for a program for career specific courses. These are matching grants totally \$13.429 million, with the school district paying half of the cost.
All five trustees supported

five of the grants. Steve Brozosky opposed an application that would have provided a multipurpose room for Village High School. The room would be used to expand the school's hospitality, tourism and recreation acad-

Brozosky felt that was too much money for a room that would not be utilized by many

Julie Duncan discussed the career and technical programs

that would be improved if the grants were approved by the

Three of the academies are at Amador Valley and two at Foothill. Money would be used to provide equipment for the Engi-neering and Design Academy at both schools; modernize the Hospitality, Tourism and Recreation facility at Amador; and build a new facility for Health Science and Medical Technology_at both schools.

Duncan noted that new equipment was desperately needed for the engineering and design acad-

emy.

There is a lot of interest in sports medicine as a career. Duncan explained that the grant would help build new training and fitness rooms at both high



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dation supplied the rest.

The equipment came via Assist International. "They receive donations of medical equipment, gathering the equipment from all over the country and donating it to needy sites all over the world,"

Mertes explains. "This is state of the art equipment. One requirement is that there be trained personnel at the recipient site, ensuring that the equipment is fully used. The hospital in Pecs had a fine medical staff, but absolutely no equip-

"It's a large regional children's hospital serving the southwest region of the country. They have large cancer and burn centers. A

RAIL STUDIES

houses. It is important to get Al-

tamont projects in this first pot

Nelson said that BART is mov-

ing forward with an EIR to iden-tify a preferred extension to Liv-

ermore and beyond. There are

three alternatives. One is a sta-

tion at Isabel and Stanley that

would connect with an improved or electrified ACE service. BART could use El Charro or Highway

84 alignments to reach the sta-

tion. The Isabel/Stanley option

has not been studied. There is no

plan for land uses that would be

In the regional rail process,

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of money," she declared.

lot of their burn victims come from the surrounding farmlands where agricultural burning is common.

The equipment was dedicated at a ceremony at the hospital on November 12. Among those on hand were the deputy ambassador from the U.S. and representatives from the Hungarian government. The equipment had been installed the week before by a team from the U.S.

Mertes was himself unable to attend the dedication, but did make one trip to Pecs earlier to

help with the planning.
Assist International is run by Bob Pagett, a Scotts Valley Rotarian. Mertes met Pagett sev-

needed around the station, said

tion that would go down I-580

to Greenville. "There is a poten-

tial to build a grand central sta-

tion at Greenville to connect

ACE and the high speed rail," explained Nelson. There are

plans for transit oriented development at the Greenville site.

a three station option that would

preferred BART extension plan

in a year is very exciting," com-

extend to Tracy.

mented Nelson.

The final alternative would be

"The idea that there will be a

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eral years ago when their paths crossed in Calcutta, India, where Mertes was involved in an education project.

Three years ago they joined forces to equip a children's hospital in Budapest, with Assist International gathering the equipment and Livermore Rotary and other clubs providing the funds for the installation. That time, too, \$60,000 was raised.

The project in Budapest led to a request from Pecs. And now a third project is underway, for a hospital in Clujs, Rumania.

"We're just starting with the fund-raising. We expect Clujs will have their hospital equipment installed next fall," Mertes

"We've developed a working relationship that has proved to be very effective," he says of Livermore Rotary's partnership with Assist International. "As long as there are needs to be met, we'll meet them.

Janice Pementel "Thanks Dad"

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EDITORIALS

Ariel Can Stay

The Pleasanton City Council has approved a conditional use permit enabling Jennifer Hosterman to keep her hawk.

The Pleasanton mayor rescued the wounded bird and has provided a home for it. The hawk, a red-tail named Ariel, is living a life of public service. Hosterman employs Ariel to educate the public about raptors.

Ariel became an issue during the 2006 mayor's election when Dan Carl, the campaign manager of Steve Brozosky, Hosterman's opponent, accused the mayor of violating the city code.

Hosterman indeed should have known she needed a city permit to keep the raptor. Then she made things worse by reacting in a heavy-handed way. When the Planning Commission denied her request for a use permit, Hosterman took the issue to the City Council on appeal. She has all the federal/state permits required of wildlife owners and this was good enough for the council, which okayed the permit in a 3-1 vote, Cindy McGovern

McGovern wanted an ordinance in place regulating wild and exotic animals. The council directed staff to look into such an ordinance.

Ariel has found a loving home with Hosterman. The hawk doesn't pose a public menace. In approving the use permit and setting in motion an ordinance that will provide future oversight, the council settled this tricky issue in a most wise manner.

Youth-Run Youth Court

The Tri-Valley Youth Court, an innovative new court aimed at giving first-time youth offenders a second chance, is scheduled to begin next week.

Youth Court will operate like a regular court, only all the participants —defendant, prosecutor, defense advocate, court clerk and jury— will be teenagers. The court will administer the sentencing of young people who've pleaded guilty to misdemeanors. The defendants themselves will serve on juries as part of their sentences.

The court will be in session on the first Tuesday of the month, with 12 cases to be heard in three courtrooms. Young people are needed to serve in a volunteer capacity as the "attorneys," jurors and other court personnel (to volunteer www.trivalleyyouthcourt.com). "This program provides a tremendous learning opportunity for youth," observes Livermore Police Chief Steve Sweeney.

Some 1300 of these courts are in existence nationwide. An enlightened approach to criminal justice is at work here. Tri-Valley Youth Court will generate trust in and respect for the law among young people, at a time in their lives when a second chance really means some-

Input Sought for New Robertson Park Master Plan

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) will host a third meeting on the Robertson Park Master Plan on Wednesday, February 6, at 6:30

This session marks the last of three public meetings designed to generate public input on the first update of the Robertson Park master plan in 20 years. The meeting is open to all members of the public. It will be held in the Cresta Blanca North room of the Robert Livermore Community Center, located at 4444 East Avenue in Livermore.

The objective of the park Master Plan is to develop a series of goals for the use, management and development of Robertson Park. The existing master plan was completed in 1988. Since that time, Livermore has almost doubled in population size, with more residential housing surrounding Robertson

Several specific projects are currently being planned for the park. These include extension of the paved walking and bike trail along the north side of Arroyo Mocho to Concannon Blvd. It would then go under the road and connect to the trail along the east side of Concannon and a children's play area near the field house with a trail leading from is being built by O'Brien Homes as part of conditions of approval for a nearby housing develop-

Within the past year the LARPD Board received a report on the cost and feasibility of developing more complete soccer facilities at the park.

At the previous two planning meetings, members of the public asked for more sports fields. Others liked the open space, riparian look of the park. Equestrian advocates wanted more facilities.

A study session for the Board of Directors will be held on February 13, at 6:00 p.m. A final draft of the master plan will be presented to the Board of Directors by March 2008.

For more information, please contact Chiye Azuma, Project Manager, at (925) 373-5724. Residents who would like to be notified of subsequent planning meetings can contact Vicki Wiedenfeld by phone at (925) 373-5723, or email at vwiedenfeld@larpd.ds.ca.us.

Opposition Voiced to Measures A and B

Measures A and B on the February 5 ballot ask voters to approve funding to construct a new facility for Children's Hospital Oakland.

The hospital is a nonprofit private hospital. It provides treatment to children from all over Northern California, including Alameda County, who have serious illnesses like cancer, diabetes and birth defects.

The hospital needs to be retrofitted for earthquakes. However, rather than retrofit the current hospital, the plan is to construct an entirely new facility. Children's Hospital also wants the new project to increase the number of beds. Currently, there are 190 licensed beds at Children's Hospital, with another 20 being leased at Alta Bates-Summit. The project would bring the total to 250 beds, all single patient rooms. The new building would be 12 stories high, located in the neighborhood between Shattuck Avenue and Martin Luther King Way, near 52nd street in north Oakland.

Measures A and B would both create a new tax. A two-thirds vote is needed to approve either measure. The one receiving the most votes, above the two-thirds needed, would become law. Under the measure, over a set period of time (35 years for Measure A and 30 years for Measure B), each year each household would pay \$24, small business owners \$150, and large business owners \$250. Alameda County would collect the tax money and keep track of it.

If two-thirds of those voting on the parcel tax approve it, the revenue would be part of an overall financing package to pay for the estimated \$750 million cost of a new hospital. The \$300 million raised by the local measures would be joined by private fundraising efforts, cash reserves and state grants to comprise the \$750 million total. An additional \$100 million of the \$750 million would be on the state ballot in November in the form of a bond especially for construction of Children's hospitals.

The hospital would like voters to reject Measure B, and vote instead for Measure A, said hospital CEO Frank Tiedemann in a recent story in The Independent.

Opposition has arisen for both measures, particularly for Measure B. Among the arguments against B is that it uses the county's bond rating and makes the county's taxpayers responsible for paying off the bonds. The county would also be responsible for collecting the tax money and would not receive compensation to do so.

With the bonding capacity used for a private hospital, there wouldn't be money to retrofit or rebuild such public facilities as Highland Hospital. Measure B contains no requirement that the new Children's Hospital be built in Alameda County.

The Alameda County Democratic Party raises the issue of public funds for a private entity in recommending a "no" vote on both measures. In a statement regarding the measures, the party says it values the work of Children's Hospital and wants the Hospital to remain in Alameda County, both for the important service it provides and for the jobs it creates. "Unfortunately, the Board of Directors of Children's Hospital has proposed a plan for funding its seismic retrofit, contained in both Measures A and B, that is fundamentally flawed. Ultimately, these measures set one institution ahead of all the others also providing vital medical care to children in Alameda County. In doing so, these measures also set this one private institution ahead of all the County operated hospitals that critically need to draw on the public borrowing authority to fund their own seismic up-

Arthur B. Green, Executive Vice President, Alameda County Taxpayers' Association, is one of the signers of the "no" on Measure A rebuttal arguments. The argument also opposes use of public funds for a private hospital. "This \$300 million parcel tax for homeowners and business owners amounts to a corporate giveaway at a time when public hospitals, schools, libraries and other needed services are competing for funds. It is unfair to ask voters to foot the bill for a private facility.

The Alameda County Republican Party recommends a "yes" vote on both measures. No reasons were provided.

Measure B was developed without input from the county.

Measure A was placed on the ballot by the supervisors, after talks with representatives from Children's Hospital. It addresses some of the major issues in Measure B. Measure A would not use the county's bond capacity, nor would the county be responsible for paying off any bonds. In addition, the county would be reimbursed for any work on collecting the tax funds.

The entire Alameda County Board of Supervisors signed the "No on B" argument.

The "no" argument points out that Children's Hospital, the Supervisors, the Alameda County Taxpayers Association and healthcare providers throughout the County are recommending a vote on Measure B. The ar-

gument points out that if passed, the measure would tax every household in Alameda County (including those already paying taxes for health services) to benefit a private hospital. "Measure B sets up a complicated tax structure that forces homeowners to pay one tax, businesses another and exempts others. It would require the County of Alameda to keep income records for every Alameda County household. If that were not enough, there are no guarantees that money raised by Measure B would fund healthcare services in Alameda County to benefit Alameda County residents.'

Failure to rebuild the hospital by 2013 to meet new state standards for hospital earthquake safety would force the hospital to lose its license and close, said Tiedemann.

Opponents counter his argument.

Alameda County Taxpayers' Association adds, "Children's claims it will shut down if it cannot build its tower. This is untrue. With tens of millions of dollars in seismic retrofit funds approved by voters in 2004 and the \$150 million it plans to raise from donors, it can more than afford to retrofit its current inpatient facilities without an exorbitant and unnecessary parcel tax that we will be paying for the next 35

Neighbors of the proposed new hospital, who are opposed to Measures A and B state, "Children's can offer state-of-theart care in an earthquake-retrofitted facility without the need for a fancy high-rise that would jeopardize the character of a thriving, family-oriented neighborhood." They are concerned about the use of eminent domain

OPEN HEART

(continued from page one) wrapping up his charity. He says obtaining funding to run it has been harder to find.

He said that he was told when he was hired at Open Heart Kitchen to take it to the next level. He explained, "The board said that was whatever I thought it should be." Carter said he likes to work with kids, so he is looking at incorporating a program or programs with kids. He explained that there is a need to expand, to bring in more funding so that paid workers, such as site supervisors, could be hired.

Open Heart Kitchen has a major fund-raising event scheduled in February. Carter said, "We need to get as many people out as we can."

The benefit gala with the theme, "Have A Heart Round Up 2008," is set for February 9 at nity Center.

Beginning at 6 pm, there will be a cocktail reception followed

by a catered dinner, line dancing instruction, a live auction led by "Big Frank" Jakubka, and dancing until 11 pm to the sounds of country music performed by the California Cowboys. Guests are invited to dress casually and wear their best cowboy hats.

Tickets are \$55 each. They are available for download by visiting Open Heart Kitchen's website, www.openheartkitchen.org and clicking on the event logo on the first page. Interested attendees can also call 925-580-1616 for more ticket information.

Carter noted there are both hot meal programs and a box lunch program.

The schedule is as follows: East Livermore Hot Meal Program: 12 noon to 6:00 pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore.

North Livermore Hot Meal Program: 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Thursdays at Vineyard Christian Fellowship, 460 North Livermore Avenue, Livermore.

Dublin Hot Meal Program: 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Mondays at Crosswinds Church, 6444 Sierra Court, Dublin.

Pleasanton Hot Meal Program: 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm on Fridays at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Road at

Ridgeview Commons Senior Meal Program: As part of a contract with the Area Agency on Aging, Open Heart Kitchen serves dinner for senior citizens 62 years of age and older. Meal service is from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm Monday through Friday at Ridge View Commons, 5200 Case Avenue in Pleasanton. Residents and neighboring seniors are invited to dine for a requested donation of \$3.00 per person in advance or \$3.50 at the door. Service includes a nutritious wellbalanced "senior friendly" hot dinner and side dishes, and an all-you-can-eat soup and salad bar and free beverages. Entertainment is offered on a regular basis. Teen volunteers deliver plated meals to the diners.

Weekend Box Lunch Program: This program aims to distribute lunches on Fridays throughout the year so that children have something to eat over the weekend when the school cafeterias are unavailable. The three beneficiary groups are the low-income students of Marilyn Avenue, Portola Avenue, and Joe Michell schools in Livermore, and the children of single parents at Arroyo Vista Community Housing in Dublin. Box lunches are prepared on Thursdays at Vineyard Christian Fellowship, 460 North Livermore Avenue by a team of teen volunteers. The lunches are then distributed ev-

Carter said that anyone interested in volunteering can call Geneal Williams at 580-1619.

Joe Michell Elementary to Include 6th Grade Next Fall

By Patricia KoningAfter two years of discussion, the trustees of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District voted unanimously to add sixth grade to Joe Mičhell Elementary School next fall. For parents at Joe Michell, this decision was a long time coming.

"Thank you for undertaking due diligence to listen to everyone in the Michell community,' said parent Richard Crampton. Now it's time to move forward. You have a strong commitment from parents and teachers to turn this school around and make it into a great school.'

In exploring the concept of adding sixth grade to Michell, District staff determined that a minimum of 60 students would be needed to make the program financially viable. To date, 70 parents of students who will enter sixth grade next fall have signed commitment letters.

Parent Ron Cortez said enrollment at Michell could increase dramatically as a result of the Board's action. "I know people ready to enroll their kindergartners and elementary school-aged kids to take advantage of this program," he said.

Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Kelly Bowers explained the benefits of a K-6 program as fewer transitions. more time to build relationships, and smaller school size. The Michell sixth grade will be capped at 90 students, while Livermore's other middle schools have about 250 sixth graders at each site.

Parent Diane Mueller agreed with Bowers' assessment. "I'm a 9-year Junction alumni," she said. "Yes, I attended Junction back when it was a K-8 school. I benefited greatly from that opportunity and would have been lost in a junior high situation." For now, only sixth grade is

on the table. The trustees emphasized that approving sixth grade at Michell does not mean seventh and eighth grade will automatically follow in subsequent years. "There is high probability given what we are seeing in the budget that we won't be see K-7 or K-8 in future years," said trustee Bill Morrison.

Bowers said that the parents who have signed commitment letters are aware that the program is only K-6. She added that they would probably be very happy to see it expanded.

The trustees approved spending \$75,000 to add a science laboratory to Michell for the sixth graders. According to Bowers, there may be some additional facilities costs if the school were to expand to K-7 or K-8, but since the site is not at capacity, those costs would not be exorbitant

While Morrison approved the item, he questioned the impact the decision would have on Portola Elementary School. "We are going to face closing an elementary school next year or the year after," he said. "Is this Board willing to back up and clearly review the pros and cons of closing either Portola or Michell? Otherwise we are making a decision tonight that we will close Portola.

There was no response to his observation.

Last year Superintendent Brenda Miller said that because of declining enrollment, the District would probably close at least one school within the next five years. Portola and Michell, as the smallest elementary schools, are the likely candi-

Livermore to Implement Solar Cities Program

Livermore will move forward with a Solar Cities Program. The council approved the concept at its January 28 meeting. The program is a partnership with the City of Pleasanton.

The goal is to provide homeowners with information that simplifies the process of installing solar energy so they would move forward with projects. This would include information about the cost benefits and available tax credits.

The one disagreement among councilmembers was whether the city should identify one provider of solar services, or establish a list of qualified businesses. City staff was asked to come back with information on how other cities had handled the issue. City staff had recommended a list of

providers. Former councilmember Tom Reitter suggested that the city recommend one provider. He felt that would be less confusing for homeowners. In addition, it would allow city staff to become comfortable with working with the company, thereby speeding up the permitting process.

Representatives from REC Solar addressed the council on the issue, as well. The company has been selected as the sole service provider for solar installations in San Jose. They echoed Reitter's comments.

Councilmember Doug Horner supported the one provider concept. "It is a young industry. I think the city's program would work better if it focused on one good provider. That doesn't shut

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out others. Homeowners can go out and hire their own contrac-

Councilmember Marchand held the opposite view. He felt that it would create a monopoly whereby the contractor would not have to compete to obtain business. "There are a lot of qualified contractors. It is up to them to negotiate the best

REC's Jacob Averbuck said there would be a negotiated price per watt. "It behooves companies to drive down the price.

Mayor Marshall Kamena said he could see the point that 3 to 5 contractors could get confusing for the consumer. He suggested that the city prepare a request for proposal, establish a list of confractors and select one vendor.

Councilmember Jeff Williams felt that one vendor would simplify the process. His concern was that selecting one had the potential to delay the process of setting up the program. He noted that tax incentives run out at the end of this year.

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ing provided for Planning Commissioners on design and for Design Review Committee mem-

bers on land use. Steve Stewart, senior planner, said that by Oct. 1, 2009, the group would be reduced to five. Staff identified both benefits

and disadvantages to combining the two review processes. Benefits would include increasing review efficiency by reducing time, allow land use compatibility and design issues to be addressed by a single review body, and lower administrative costs. Disadvantages would be longer planning commission meetings, less distinct design discussion and solutions, and fewer opportunities for public comment.

Councilmember Jeff Williams raised the issue last December of combining the two review bodies. "It was my observation that the folks on the Planning Commission often overrode design issues that negated Design Review's recommendations. My

goal was to have each focus on their charter or combine the two. I believe both land use and design reviews are vital. If the decision is to combine the two, we would need to make sure that the appropriate skill sets are in-

Mayor Marshall Kamena said that he has thought for several years that something needs to be done to make things move quickly. He felt combining the two would help. However, he would not support any motion that removed any current member of either Design Review or the Planning Commission.

Leider said she didn't think combining the review process would save much time. She said in talking to members of the Pleasanton Planning Commission, which takes on both functions, they tend to deal with land use at one meeting then hold a second meeting to talk about

design issues. Kamena agreed that there could be more meetings on a particular project.

Horner said the two review processes are very different things. "I have concerns about the proposal. One is the shortening of the public process. I don't want to see less time focused on design. Reviewing of design issues is not easy and needs a lot

of attention. He said that both are great training grounds for people who want to become involved with the city. "Rather than combine them, I'd lean towards empowering Design Review to make decisions; provide the members with training opportunities."

Councilmember John Marchand said he didn't have the experience of serving on either. However, if the two were combine,d he would enlarge the number of members to have as many eyes and as much public comment as possible.

Kamena said after the vote, "I think this is an action where everyone wins. We hope to prove

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Tri-Valley CAREs to Challenge Go Ahead for Bio-Lab Operation

Laboratory has been granted approval to begin operating its new biosafety laboratory, following the completion and release to the public of the final environmental documents.

Approval was granted by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), National Nuclear Security Administration, Livermore

Tri-Valley CAREs, an outspoken opponent of the Biosafety Level-3 facility, has said it will pursue legal action against the DOE to stop the operation of the facility. They have pointed out that such a facility is meant to handle and process pathogens such as anthrax, plague and Q fever, just short of the highest "4" level reserved for diseases like Ebola.

The DOE and Livermore Lab are jeopardizing the health and safety of the local community and the surrounding Bay Area," charged Marylia Kelley, the Executive Director of Tri-Valley CAREs and a neighbor of Livermore Lab of the decision to operate the facility.

DOE issued a Draft Environmental Assessment for public comment in July 2002 to construct and operate the Biosafety Level 3 facility at the Lab. An environmental assessment was prepared, which was challenged in September 2003 in Federal District Court. In the lawsuit to stop the facilty, the primary argument was that because of the checkered history of safety, security and environmental issues, and because of the highly dangerous nature of the biological agents involved, a more comprehensive environmental impact statement was required before operations could begin.

In September 2004, the District Court ruled that the Environmental Assessment was adequate. The plaintiffs appealed

to the Ninth Circuit Court In October 2006, the Ninth Circuit the Court found that with the exception of the lack of analysis concerning the possibility of a terrorist attack, the U.S. Department of Energy did take a hard look at the identified environmental concerns. However, the Court remanded the matter for the U.S. Department of Energy to consider whether the threat of potential terrorist activity necessitates the preparation of an Environmental Impact

Statement. In response to the Ninth Circuit ruling, DOE reviewed the threat to the Biosafety Level 3 facility from terrorists and the potential environmental effects that might derive from various terrorist acts against the facility. In its assessment NNSA believes that the probability of a successful terrorist attack on the BSL-3 facility is so uncertain that the possibility of such an event cannot be accurately quantified. No environmental impacts are expected as a result of potential terrorist activities directed against this facility. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is

not required.
"The U.S. Department of Energy has determined the probability of a successful terrorist attack on the Biosafety Level 3 facility is extremely low," Liver-more Site Office Manager Camille Yuan-Soo Hoo stated. "The safety and security features of the laboratory meet, or in many cases, exceed, those required for this type of research. In addition, the purpose of the work to be conducted in the facility will be to develop systems and technologies to reduce the overall probability and consequence of a bio-terrorist act against the public in general."

According to Tri-Valley CAREs' Staff Attorney, Robert Schwartz, "We are deeply frustrated by DOE's continuing re-fusal to analyze the risks, hold public hearings, or comply with federal regulations and our nation's most fundamental environmental law, the National Environmental Policy Act. Once again, it is up to us to bring legal action to stop the facility, and we

are preparing to do so. Schwartz stated that instead of conducting a detailed study of the terrorist threat, DOE chose to down play the risks to the community and the environment and issue a Finding of No Significant Environmental Impact (FONSI) for the research facility.

"Tri-Valley CAREs intends to pursue legal action against maintained Schwartz. "The terrorist threat analysis ordered by the Ninth Circuit is in-

adequate and unsupported."
A similar facility proposed for the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico is currently in the process of undergoing the highest level of environmental analysis, an EIS. This will ensure a more robust environmental review and public hearings for the people of New Mexico. "We in California deserve no less," insisted Kelley. This situation is an outrage.'

The Final Revised Environmental Assessment and Revised Finding for the Biosafety Level 3 Facility were released to the public Monday.

Copies of the Final Revised Environmental Assessment and Revised Finding of No Significant Impact are available to the public at the locations listed be-

Livermore Public Library, 1000 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550 (925) 373-

• Tracy Public Library, 20 East Eaton Avenue, Tracy, CA 95376 (209) 835-2221;

 National Nuclear Security Administration/Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Public Reading Room, Discovery Center, Building 6525, located at the East Gate entrance off Greenville Road, Livermore, CA

(925) 422-3272; and
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Wrong Place T.K. Hayes Livermore

At the February 11 Livermore City Council meeting, the Planning Commission will recommend approval of a Toyota Dealership in North Livermore - a huge dealership that will use all 16 acres of undeveloped land off Northfront Road between Vasco and Herman. It will be the largest Toyota dealer in Northern California, larger than the entire Pleasanton Auto Mall.

At issue is not Toyota having a dealership in Livermore - that would be welcome. This project is in an existing residential area. With an adjacent lot set aside for BART, there is no additional land to build on in this area. These 16 acres should be dedicated to mixed use, transit related development in anticipation of BART coming to Livermore. There are two other areas in Livermore where auto dealers already have businesses, which is where Toyota should be. The fact that Toyota has a policy requiring 10 miles between dealerships, and that this land is 10.3 miles from Dublin Toyota, should not be the overriding reason to approve such a project.

Contact StopToyotaNorthLivermore@gmail.com for more information.

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To turn it over to a private de-

veloper is not something we would find acceptable."

There were comments offered

McNerney said everyone

Hosterman said that Pleasan-

ton is not feeling the downtown

yet. "But, we could. We will need

to keep our eyes on the

next year will be a real challenge,

said Lockhart. It will be more

important than ever to work re-

gionally. "We are all only as

strong as the weakest link.

From Dublin's perspective, the

agrees there is a need to do something quickly. "Nothing is off the

As for the VA, McNerney said

put on the ballot by Don Perata (and some associates) who wish to preserve their opulent life-

I have watched him operate as an Alameda County supervisor, as an assembly member and as a state senator and in each position his conduct has been self serving and generally despicable. The so called term limit proposition actually extends the time this man can serve. Also given this gift are others, for example Fabian Nunez, the assembly speaker. Is there a pattern

Left out of this legislation was the originally proposed redis-tricting change. Under the present system each legislator gets to draw his or her own district and make sure of his or her re-election. Term limit laws currently in place impose some restrictions on this practice, but not many. The present group in the legislature is in a state of abject fear that an honest, reasonable redistricting would be enacted. Proposition 93 was originally proposed to designate a panel of retired judges to set up districts that were fair. The present system is anything but.

The excuse used to keep legislators in place is that we need experienced people in the legislature who are familiar with the process. Hogwash. The state keeps sliding deeper into the fiscal hole under the guidance of this so-called experienced group. We pay prison guards more than college faculty because more money comes from the prison guards. Other unions contribute and it all can be summed up as special interests driving the budget process. The only way to stop this process is to turn the rascals out. Proposition 93 has the sole effect of keeping the same bickering, ineffective, politicians on the job.

Cronyism Kim Leighton Pleasanton

The issue of the Pleasanton Mayor's hawk is absolutely political and perhaps not very nice, but the way that Mayor Jennifer Hosterman responded to it is the bottom line. As a public figure she knows her actions come under greater scrutiny, this is a condition that a person in public office must be prepared to accept.

While it may not have come to the City's attention if it had been in anyone else's backyard, keeping a hawk is not allowed in Pleasanton. Pleasanton's Mayor

should have shown more respect for her office and not dragged the City Staff, the Planning Commission, as well as her fellow City Council members into the difficult position she put them in.

As Mayor of Pleasanton she should be held to a higher standard and pointing the finger of blame at the complainant and saying "he started it" is beneath her position and childish. The Mayor should have asked one of her fellow, non-Pleasanton, hawk handlers to care for the bird until it was ready for release. She could have then pursued the process for changing the ordinance as any other citizen would have been asked to do.

The time spent by city staff and the City Council as well as the regional embarrassment is the fault of Mayor Hosterman. Far worse is the ugly position that she put Pleasanton city staff and her fellow council members in. There is no question the outcome to allow her to keep the bird was favoritism, justified because of the political origin.

That does not excuse the "I am above the law" arrogance demonstrated by Pleasanton's Mayor and three council members that voted to give her an exception. I feel shame for my city and concern that my elected officials do not hold tȟemselves to a higher standard.

Another Bank Robert W. Byrd Pleasanton

Dear downtown Pleasanton business owners and the drivein/walk-in pedestrian customers who support them:

The City sold the Kolln's Hardware buildings investor(s) enough in lieu parking fees to cover the property with nearly 12,000 square feet of unparked

In appreciation for an estimated \$1.5 million or so in increased equity and the thirty-five public parking spaces the building businesses will use when occupied, the investors leased the Main Street portion to a commercial bank. Now, I can't stop thinking, with retail and restaurant businesses desperately seeking street level space on Main Street and parking harder to find by the day, we gave up a unique old hardware store with charm, character and 100 years of history (and darn near any kind of hardware one might need) for another bank. Why? Am I alone here?

Housing, Transportation Funds Among Priorities

Elected officials from five valley cities met with Congressional representatives in Washington, D.C. to discuss local priorities.

Housing, transportation, a regional communication system, and the status of both the Livermore VA and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory were among the topics discussed. The economy was also an issue.

Valley officials meeting with members of the Senate and Congress were Livermore Vice Mayor John Marchand, and mayors from the other four cities: Jennifer Hosterman, Pleasanton; Janet Lockhart, Dublin; Abram Wilson, San Ramon; and Candace Anderson, Danville.

They met with Ellen Tauscher

and Jerry McNerney. McNerney hosted a conference call with reporters to discuss some of the issues raised by the mayors.

He said, "I think we can get some of these projects funded." He said he was impressed with the way the mayors worked together, speaking as one voice.

Congresswoman Tauscher who was on a flight home during the conference, issued a statement. She said of her meeting with the mayors, "We talked about how to get more federal dollars for programs like the East Bay Regional Communications System, an interoperability emergency system that will ensure our cities and agencies can commu-

nicate in the event of an emergency. It's our goal that before long every fire department, police station and first responder in the East Bay can communicate seamlessly across a common network. We also discussed ways to alleviate congestion on I-580 and helping families struggling with their mortgages to stay in their homes. I am proud to work with the mayors, Congressman McNerney, and the communities

I serve in this unified approach."
One request was for \$2.6 million to fund a housing project. The money would be used to help families facing closure to

keep their homes. The program would be administered through the Tri-Valley Housing Opportunity Center. There would be an effort to work with lenders to buy down the interest rate or extend the life of a loan. The homeowners would go through an educational process that would help them avoid fu-

ture problems. Danville Mayor Candace Anderson noted that the none of the 70 homebuyers who went through the Tri-Valley process are facing foreclosure. "Educa-

tion was a big component."

The money would not be a gift. It would be secured by the home. If the home were sold or transferred, the money would be paid back and go into a pool for future use. It is estimated that the \$2.6 million would help 50 fami-

An interoperability communication system was another high priority for the mayors.

The system would be operated through a joint powers agreement that includes 33 member agencies throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties. The request was for \$3 million this year. The entire system is estimated to cost \$70 million, with \$33 million available now.

Funds for improving transportation were on the list. Mayor Hosterman noted that the pricetag for eastbound HOV lane is \$75 million. The goal is to have it completed by 2009. "The forecast shows that the lane would decrease traffic delays by up to 70 percent in that lane and in mixed lanes as well." Initially, the new lane would be for high occupancy vehicles. However, it would transition to a high occupancy toll lane in the future.

McNerney was asked both about the status of the Lab and the VA Hospital in Livermore.

One idea discussed was to fund more energy research at the Lab. McNerney stated that not much was being considered. "I want to make sure funding for the Lab stays at expected levels so the Lab would not have to lay off_people."

Marchand said the key issue is the reduction in the workforce at the Lab. He said that energy independence equates to na-

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A NEW PARK IN PLEASANTON! Pleasanton Residents Invited To Participate In Master

Plan Workshops For Proposed Staples Ranch Community Park

All Pleasanton residents are encouraged to participate in two upcoming community workshops to determine amenities and features for a proposed 17-acre community park on the Staples Ranch property located on the northeast corner of Pleasanton at the junction of I-580 and El Charro Road near Stoneridge Drive.

The community workshops are scheduled for Thursday, February 7, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, February 9, at 9:30 a.m. Both meetings will be held in the multi-purpose room of Mohr Elementary School, located at 3300 Dennis Drive.

For more information regarding the workshops or the planning process, or to comment on this matter, please contact Jim Wolfe, Director of Parks and Community Services, at jwolfe@ci.pleasanton.ca.us or (925) 931-5340.

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LOCATION: LifeStyleRx Cafe FEE: \$45/Person \$80/Couple

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SPORTS NOTES

Golfers Can Participate in Wine Country Championship

Golfers have several ways to participate in this spring's Livermore Valley Wine Country Championship At Wente Vineyards, either by playing in one of two Pro-Am tournaments, or earning a complimentary pass each time they play The Course At Wente Vineyards before March 31.

The championship event will be at The Course At Wente Vineyards March 31-April 6. It is the Nationwide Tours only stop in the greater Bay Area.

For the first time, The Course At Wente Vineyards is providing each guest with a free, four-day ticket to the tournament for every round played between February 1 and March 31, 2008.

Available again this year is the VIP Hospitality Pass, which provides access to the grounds and golf course, as well as the VIP Hospitality Tent, with private food and beverage service, overlooking the 18th green. Each ticket is \$125 and valid one day only. VIP passes or Hospitality packages must be purchased before March 31.

Limited spots are available in the Pro-Am team competition, which pairs four amateurs with a

dogs 1 with Nima Jafarghani scoring, Liver-more Thunder 2, So. San Jose PSA United White 0 with Nima Jafarghani and Colten

Paynter scoring.
The boys played with a lot of heart with

only 0 to 1 subs the entire round. Livermore Thunder advanced to the sweet sixteen as a

wild card and played the next round in Ripon where they fought hard but lost to So. San

The level 7, 8 and 9 teams from Gymfinity Gymnastics competed in the Black Tie Invitational held in San Ramon January

Brianna Camacho brought home the bars and all-around titles in level 7 competition

in the 9 to 11 year age group. Sophie Libkind placed first on vault and floor on her way to

placed first on vault and floor on her way to placing first all-around in the level 7, 14 and up group. Valentina Barbalinardo and Ashley Eastman, competing level 8, both brought home the all-around titles in their age

group.

Results: Level 7, 9 to 11 years - VAULT:

Brianna Camacho, 8th, 8.825; Angelica Leporati, 8.45; Gabriella Lemoine, 8.325.

BARS: Camacho, 1st, 9.4; Lemoine, 5th, 8.775; Leporati, 8.575. BEAM: Camacho,

3rd, 9.325; Leporati, 7th, 8.6; Lemoine, 8th, 8.15. FLOOR: Camacho, 3rd, 9.3; Leporati,

7.8. FLOOR: Brott, 9th, 8.75; Andrews, 7.55. ALL-AROUND: Brott, 11th, 32.925;

Andrews, 14th, 30.55. 14+ years - VAULT: Sophie Libkind, 1st, 9.475. BARS: Libkind,

Sophie Libkind, 1st, 9.475. BARS: Libkind, 7.9. BEAM: Libkind, 3rd, 8.475. FLOOR: Libkind, 1st, 9.475. ALL-AROUND: Libkind, 1st, 35.325.

Level 8, 9 to 11 years - VAULT: Valentina Barbalinardo, 2nd, 8.95. BARS: Barbalinardo, 2nd, 9.35. BEAM: Barbalinardo, 2nd, 9.25. FLOOR: Barbalinardo, 5th, 9.0. ALL-AROUND: Barbalinardo, 1st, 36.55. 12 to 13 years: Parbalinardo, 1st, 36.55. 12 to 13 years: Parbalinardo,

Barbalinardo, 1st, 36.55. 12 to 13 years -VAULT: Ashley Eastman, 5th, 8.55. BARS: Eastman, 1st, 9.45. BEAM: Eastman, 3rd, 8.95. FLOOR: Eastman, 3rd, 8.85. ALL-

AROUND: Eastman, 1st, 35.8. Level 9 - VAULT: Kimberly Lisiak, 3rd,

8.2. BARS: Lisiak, 2nd, 8.4. BEAM: Lisiak, 7.6. FLOOR: Lisiak, 2nd, 8.825. ALL-

AROUND: Lisiak, 2nd, 33.025.

GOLDEN GATE INVITATIONAL

The level 4 and 5 teams from Gymfinity Gymnastics competed at the Golden Gate

Invitational on January 20 in Concord. Sabrina Chaco brought home the vault title

Level 4 - VAULT: Kaylee Brist, 2nd, 8.65; Jessica Biggs, 6th, 8.15; Paige Chew, 7.75. BARS: Brist, 5th, 8.425; Chew, 6th,

8.15; Biggs, 6.8. BEAM: Chew, 4th, 8.6; Biggs, 5th, 8.5; Brist, 7.875. FLOOR:

Biggs, 5th, 8.25; Brist, 7th, 8.175; Chew, 7.525. ALL-AROUND: Brist, 6th, 33.125;

7.525. ALL-AROUND: Brist, 6th, 33.125; Chew, 8th, 32.075; Biggs, 9th, 31.7.
Level 5, Child - VAULT: Alyson Gilkerson, 6.9. BARS: Gilkerson, 7.2.
BEAM: Gilkerson, 7th, 8.225. FLOOR: Gilkerson, 7.175.
Gilkerson, 9th, 29.5. Junior - VAULT: Mariel Chiong, 7.75. BARS: Chiong, 8th, 7.85. BEAM: Chiong, 6th, 8.825. FLOOR: Chiong, 5th, 8.3. ALL-AROUND: Chiong, 8th, 32.725. Senior - VAULT: Sabrina Chaco, 1st, 8.6; Rachel Pombo, 5th, 7.6; Michelle Kumeli, 7th, 7.45; Chelsea Werner, 6.2. BARS: Chaco, 3rd, 8.8; Pombo, 5th

6.2. BARS: Chaco, 3rd, 8.8; Pombo, 5th, 7.675; Kuneli, 6th, 7.3; Werner, 5.0. BEAM:

Pombo, 2nd, 8.725; Kuneli, 5th, 8.4; Chaco, 7.675; Werner, 6.3. FLOOR: Chaco, 2nd,

8.55; Kuneli, 5th, 7.95; Pombo, 6th, 7.65; Werner, 5.5. ALL-AROUND: Chaco, 2nd,

33.625; Pombo, 5th, 31.65; Kuneli, 8th, 31.1; Werener, 9th, 23.0.

Brandon Jessup of the California Gym-

Team Cup hosted by Poway Gymnastics in San Diego January 25-27, 2008

RESULTS (by event): LEVEL 10 Age Group: 14-15 yrs old FLOOR - Brandon

Jessup, 1st place (14.1) POMMEL - Jessup,

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The Course at Wente Vineyards has been awarded top honors for Best Playing Conditions in the East Bay Region by Greenskeeper.org and ranked No. 1 on Fairways and Greens magazine's 2008 rankings of nonresort courses in the Bay Area (No. 16 overall in the state). The past two years, the Greg Normandesigned layout, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary in June, has been No.1 on the list of toughest courses on the Nationwide Tour.

Passes for the entire week are \$20 each, available only in advance; daily tickets are \$5 each for the first two days of tournament play (April 3-4) and \$10 each for the final two days (April 5-6). Admission is free for practice round days, March 31-April

For more information, visit winecountrychampionship.com, call (925) 447-2200 or fax (925)

447-2900.

Livermore Thunder U12 showed up, ready to play at the Association Cup in Marysville. Livermore Thunder 1, Davis Legacy 0 with Michael Carlson scoring. Livermore Thunder 1, Oakland Little Bull-

St. Michael's/St. Charles (SM/SC)1 7th grade girls (#7003) played Catholic Community of Pleasanton (CCOP)3 (#7009). CCOP3 took on an early lead in the first half but the SM/SC1 "Hippies" were not about to go down. Coming out fierce in the second half, SM/SCI won the game with a 38-33 socre. Amazing scoring by Kaila Silver with 20 points, and great offensive plays by Stehanie Davis, Nina Hayes, and Annie Santos. Al-

In another total team effort CCOP #7005 defeated St Isidore # 7008 37-14. CCOP started out strong in the first half with superb passing and outstanding defense in route to 17-4 lead at the half. In the second half CCOP

SM/SC 6th grade (610) lost to the first place St. Joan's (614) team 41-26. SM/SC kept the game close in the first quarter, but a 10 point second period run by St. Joan opened up the game. The two teams played evenly in the second half but SM/SC could not make a dent in the St. Joan's early lead. SM/SC was led by Logan Van Schaack with 8 points and 5 rebounds and Darin Anderson's 8 points and 4 assists.

CCOP 6th grade boys team #61 found themselves down 9 - 0 early against St. Raymond's team #65 and were not able to overcome the deficit in falling 30 -21. Brandon Kirk got CCOP on the board with 5 straight points in helping to cut St. Raymond's lead to 13-9 at halftime. St. Raymond's came

The Grizzly Bears (SM/SC #607) defeated St. Isidore 3 (#608) 34 - 31 in a tight scoring battle. The Grizzlies started out strong, with points scored by Hunter Ashby, Jonathan Futral, and a great outside shot from Mark Santos. St. Isidore fought back and Grizzly Bears lead. But with great defense, Grizzly Bears won the game 34 - 31.

SM/SC 6th grade girls (#6009) defeated CCOP 2 (#6007), 14 to 8, making it the third win in a row for the Cougars, Lead scorer of with a low to the Cougais. Lead scoter of the day was Kassidee Rusniak with 6 points. Other top offensive players were Taylor Smith, Shelby Stunkel and Sierra Hoggatt. Awesome defense by all players, including Sarah McCallister, Haley Emerson and Brianna Zarrinfar of SM/SC.

In another tough game, SM/SC lost to St. Joan's, 43-14. SM/SC started the game strong as they battled back and forth with St. Joan's for ball control. Trailing in the 2nd quarter, 15-10, SM/SC played strong de-fense. Led by Adam Boehrer and Tylor Silva, the Cavaliers were able to effectively shut down St. Joan's offense as Marcus Acton cleaned up on rebounds. Then came the 3rd quarter. Despite their best efforts, SM/SC was not able to hold back St. Joan's any longer. Scocci led St. Joan's with 12 points followed by Cambra with 8, and Jew with 6. Even so, SM/SC played a strong game, with Acton scoring 6, Frankie Perez scoring 4, Kameron Johnson with 3, and Chris Moussa

The SM/SC 5th grade Bulldogs hung on for a 23-22 win over St. Isidore's Sunday. The Bulldogs led 22-16 after the third quarter in

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5th place (11.2) RINGS - Jessup, 3rd place (12.4) VAULT - Jessup, 2nd place (14.6) PARALLEL BARS - Jessup, 3rd place (12.6) HIGH BAR - Jessup (7.7) ALL AROUND - Jessup, 4th place (72.6).

CYO Basketball

CYO basketball results from last week

though SM/SCI was missing one of their top defensive players, Kaylie Philips, the team pulled together for her.

kept up the pressure in route to their biggest point output of the season. Haley Chow lead all scores with 11 points, followed by Arleen Sarah Loduha and Sydney Hitesman all scoring 4 points. The defense was lead by Alaina Urban, Cassidy Lynch and Olivia

out strong to start the second half and CCOP was not able to keep it close. Leading the way for CCOP was Brandon Kirk with 9 points, Jassae Virk with 4 rebounds and Austin Piscotty with 4 steals.

kept the game close. In Q3, the Grizzly's came on strong. Tito Quihuis was on fire, with great breakaways and steals, adding 11 points to the Grizzly's score. St. Isidore continued to battle, with aggressive defense and great team effort, and almost catching up to the passing, team effort, and accurate penalty shots from Justin McKee and Josh Revay, the a physically tough game. The Bulldogs scored a single deciding point in the 4th quarter on an Alex Cupps free-throw, while St. Isidore's went on a 6 point run and just fell short of tying the game. The Bulldogs called time out with 3 seconds left and an in bound play under St. Isidore's basket. Collin Stafford launched a pass to Devin Ilharreguy at 3/4 court and the clock ran out. Stafford led the Bulldogs with 8 points, Cupps scored 7, Jack Frevert had 6 and Zack Kline added 2.

SM/SC 5th grade girls lost another close one to CCOP. After being tied or leading for the entire game, the girls fell behind in the last minute and were unable to make it up, falling 23-22 in a nail-biter. Shannon Rosemark led all scorers with 14. Amanda Montano played great defense and was strong on the boards. Samantha Trask was all over the court on defense, disrupting the CCOP attack with numerous steals and deflections.

SM/SC 5013 defeated previously unbeaten St. Joan's 5015 by a score of 28 - 25 in 5th grade girls CYO basketball action. It was a close game all the way to the end, with the lead changing hands twice late in the 2nd half. Dana Anex with 14, Kelly Borden and Alyssa Gonzalez with 6 each, and Danielle Sun with 2 led the scoring for SM/SC. Borden with 12 and Anex with 11 led the rebounding. It took a great team effort by the entire SM/SC team to get and stay ahead of an outstanding St. Joan's team.

SM/SC 4th Grade Boys (#412) played St. Isidore, with the final score 10 to 18. Scoring points week were Skiler Lamb, Greg Moreland and Cole Jacobs. Playing great games were Ryan McCool, Erik Mork and Curtis McDonnell.

The SM/SC Guardians (3rd grade girls #3010) played the St. Raymond's Bears (#3013) in a defensive showdown. Final score: Guardians 4, Bears 3. The Guardians' Taylor Peterson scored both buckets, assisted at the top by point guard Mila Steinberg. Jenny Gibson held down the defensive end for Jemp Ghson herddown interestistive fitting the Guardians with assistance from Maddie Jackson and Shannon Meyer. The Bears' Michaela Courtemanche scored all 3 of her team's points. Maddie Taylor was the top defensive player for the Bears.

SM/SC 3rd grade boys (#322) v (#319 Fireballs) won 17 to 14. Both teams played well. The Fireballs' offensive player of the game was Nate Redditt, and the defensive player of the game was Justin Allen.

SM/SC 3rd grade girls (#3011) kept their undefeated season alive with a pair of wins the past two weeks. They defeated St. Joan (#3008) 18-7 behind a balanced scoring attack. Makenzie Farro had 8 points and Hally Light and Maggie Spad each pitched Holly Julson and Maggie Sneed each pitched in 4 in the victory. The girls gritted their way through another nail biter 9-2 over CCOP (#3009). The game was tied 2-2 heading into the fourth quarter, but the girls appear to be a team headed toward destiny just like the NFL's Patriots. They erupted for 7 points in the fourth quarter behind strong play from Farro, Riley Heffron, Kerry Schnitter and Adriana Sblendorio.

SM/SC 3rd grade boys team #325 defeated SM/SC #326, 10 to 6, in a hard fought defensive battle Sunday. Top players for #325 were Josh Harlan, Jack Lutz, and Kevin Garcia. Jordan Lennier, Ben Kerling, and Luke Hottinger led team #326 in defense.

The SM/SC Jolly Ranchers (1st/2nd grade girls #2GN2) played the Wildcats (#2BN4) in a fast-paced running game. Hannah (#2BN4) in a fast-pacedrunning game. Hannah White was one of the leading offensive players for the Jolly Ranchers. At the other end of the court, Jolly Rancher Jacqueline Arnold played great defense and Kennedy Griffith assisted the team with many steals. The Wildcats' top scorer was Madison Kahwaty. Regan Wiedenfeld was their top defensive player and Jessica Keaney helped the Wildcats at both ends with her great the Wildcats at both ends with her great

Sharks Tickets

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) has Sharks tickets for sale now at the Robert Livermore Community

Tickets are available for two games: Wednesday, March 5 against the Senators and Friday, March 21 against the L.A. Ducks. Game time is 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$46 each, for seats in Section 217, Rows 10-12.

Call (925) 373-5700 to order by phone. Hurry before tickets sell out!

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 soft

drinks.

The party is a benefit for Livermore 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 tennis in the adjoining gym, or view a free movie in the gym, "Sharks Tale."

There will be a silent auction that includes it the gym, a Colledon A or ticket.

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.

Students of the Year

Gabrielle Drewes was named the 2007 Youth Student of the Year for United Studios of Self Defense in Livermore. The Student of the Year awards are given annually to the youth and adult students who have displayed the greatest amount of growth not only as a martial artist, but also as an individual.

During 2007, Gabrielle, who turned six years old just in December, displayed a tremendous amount of effort into achieving the rank of blue belt. She started with USSD in November of 2005, a month before her

She has helped several new students get acclimated to the school, and will often help those new students with tasks such as tying their belt, showing them how to bow, and explaining various rules of the school to

On September 22, 2007, Gabrielle tested, and passed a test that promoted her from purple to blue belt. In October, she competed in a tournament where she placed 2nd in sparring, and 4th in her forms event, while competing against opponents much bigger and taller than she

For more information about the student of the year awards and other special events at United Studios, please call 925-449-1746

On January 18, 2008, Brian McKee was named the 2007 Adult Student of the Year. Brian not only earned his promotion to his black belt, but he matured as an individual, and as an instructor helping primarily with the four to eight year old beginner's class. Brian is 15-years-old.

Brian primarily helps teach the four to eight year old beginners' class, but also helps teach private lessons and other classes when asked. During 2007, Brian matured from being a quiet young man who never really voiced his opinion, to the unequivocal leader

of the Livermore school.

On November 17, 2007, being tested for his black belt surprised Brian. He had no warning and performed amazingly well during his test. In a sparring match against a competitor who has won national competitions. Brian controlled much of the match and impressed the senior instructors present. Brian was a brown belt for three years prior to being tested for his black belt.

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Colt .45 Baseball

Colt .45s Baseball is looking for 8th grade 14 yr old players for 14U Jr. Elite Travel team. Sign up now for 16U and 18U teams, all high school players welcome for evaluation. No conflicts with high school teams. Please contact Coach Max Valencia at (925) 639-9034 or email maxvbaseball@hotmail.com. Teamwebsite is www.eteamz.com/colt45s

Golf Tournament

Each golfer who plays 10 rounds on The 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.

In honor of the first Greg Normandesigned course in Northern California turning 10 this year, The 10th Anniversary Celebration Tournament will feature an afternoon 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 registrations for the Spring 2008 season. Open to

players ages 5-18. Three ways to register online at www.pleasantonpony.com; download 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.

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 volun-

teer, contact Sparky George at (925) 855-1950 or the bearflagrunner@yahoo.com Visit www.hatsoffamerica.us. The site includes links to other organizations that support our troops. Hats Off America is a nonprofit, taxexempt 501(c)(3) organization.

PGSL Registration

Registration is still open for all divisions in the Pleasanton Phantom Girls Softball League for the 2008 season. 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 at www.pleasantonsoftball.org.

Jr. Umpire Training

Pleasanton Girls Softball League is look ing for boys and girls in 7th grade or older to become Junior Umpires. This is a great way to be part of the games, have fun, earn money, and build confidence at the same time! Those interested, email name, address, phone numbers (home & cell), age, grade and any previous experience to Carlos Castaneda, carlosjr62@yahoo.com, or Mark Tanis, mark@tanisinfo.com. Training session will take place Sunday, February 24, 1pm-5pm at the Pleasanton Tennis Park. Please visit the PGSL website, www.pleasantonsoftball.org. for additional information.

PGSL Announcement

The Pleasanton Girls Softball League is scheduled to update by-laws on Thursday, February 21, 7:30 pm at the Summerfield Suites in Pleasanton.

Golf Benefits Baseball

The baseball program at Livermore High 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

Club Aims to Create Local Track and Field Powerhouse

A group of elite athletes training for the Olympics ahve joined with a Northern Californian vouth club to create a track and field powerhouse. The new organization, Tri-Valley Athletics, Inc. (a 501c3 non-profit corporation) will conduct public service programs to promote sports, health, and fitness among the youth of Northern California, as well as support Olympic bound athletes.

The athletes of Tiger Bar Sports (TBS), an Olympic Track Club, officially joined with Tri-Valley Vault Athletics (TVVA), to form the new Tri-Valley Athletics, Inc. Over the past 18 months TVVA has worked in conjunction with TBS to support and promote local Olympians' training.

This elite group of athletes has grown to include a powerhouse team of 6 former Olympians and has the potential to generate a total of 17 Olympic berths in this year's Beijing Olympics.

TVVA, a youth track club founded in 1998, has an established legacy in building and promoting track and field in the community; specializing in uniting youth and elite athletes to their mutual benefit.

Michelle Doggett, the current TVVA president, will continue on as president of Tri-Valley Athletics, Inc. The board of directors will include respected members of the track and field community.

The elite athletes of Tri-Valley Athletics will train at the Stockton facility, located at the Port of Stockton, Stockton, while the youth will continue to train primarily in Livermore.

The training at the Stockton facility will be overseen and directed by Coach Dan Pfaff, a biomechanics specialist who has coached thirty-three Olympians. In his career he has coached ath-

letes to 7 Olympic medals.
Tri-Valley Athletics offers programs to anyone in the communit. Programs focus on skills and techniques to improve speed, strength, and overall power; with additional advice on nutrition and healthy living. Tri-Valley Athletics Inc. is

based in Livermore. The members include American Record Holder Suzy Powell, World Championship Gold Medalist Brad Walker, and 3-time Olympian Amy Acuff.

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OBITUARIES

Phyllis Ward

Phyllis Ward died on December 27, 2007 in Santa Rosa, CA. She was

Phyllis was born in Hartford Connecticut and married Carlton Ward in 1940. After the war, they moved from Worcester, Massachusetts to Kensington, CA. In 1986, they moved to Santa Rosa and after Carlton's death in 1993 Phyllis moved to Livermore to be close to her daughter, Jackie. Phyllis moved back to Santa Rosa in 2006 with her daughter and son-in-law.

Phyllis loved ice skating, tennis, golf, dancing, and playing the organ. She also enjoyed playing bridge.

She is survived by a son, Larry Ward, daughter Jackie Cofield, as well as a granddaughter, Jessica Jones, and a great grandson, Evan Curtis

Phyllis will be buried beside her husband of 53 years in Worcester, MA. There will be a small graveside

Arrangements by Daniels Chapel of the Roses.

Frank Swickheimer

Frank C. Swickheimer died January 16, 2008 in Livermore He was 92. He was a native of Toledo, Ohio. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II from 1943 to 1945. He resided in Alameda County for over 60 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Louise Swickheimer in 2001. He is survived by stepsons and stepdaughter, Larry Little and his wife of Pleasanton, Ted Gourlay and his wife Shirley of Walnut Creek, and Dolores Collins of San Francisco. He is also survived by grandchildren Rebecca Bocak, Debbie Chinowth, Paul Collins, George Gourlay, Sabrina Lawrence, Beverly Lorenz, Judy Muetz, Lesli Norton and Lisa Rohner, as well as fourteen great grandchildren and eight great-great grandchil-

Funeral services were held January 21 in Pleasanton. Interment followed a week later at Sunset Mausoleum in Kensington, CA. Arrangements by Graham-Hitch

Mortuary.

Kevin Matthew Mallol

Kevin Matthew Mallol died January 20, 2008 in Livermore. He was 20.

He was born in Santa Rosa May 13, 1987. He lived in Modesto until age 10 when the family moved to Livermore in 1997. He attended Junction Avenue Middle School and Livermore High School and Seneca School in Fremont.

He is survived by his father, Angelo Mallol of Livermore, mother Shelly Antonucci of Modesto, Step-

Florence Lorraine Christianson Nerton

April 22, 1919-January 16, 2008

nently to Pleasanton in 1925 with her family. It was here she met her lifelong

friend, Adelaide Bairos Bonne, at age 5, when they were both picking violets

in a field off of Division Street. Florence attended Amador High School and

then attended Beauty College in Oakland. After working for seven years in

Berkeley as a beautician, she moved back to Pleasanton and opened Florence's

Beauty Shop on Main Street in Pleasanton. In August 1947 she married Tom

Nerton, closed her beauty shop, and began a new adventure as a housewife

and mom. With the aid of her husband, Tom, and her mother, Ane, she raised

two children, Susan and Roger, at 462 St. Mary Street. It was a happy

household filled with love and humor. At different times in her married life

Florence was an elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Pleasanton, a

Brownie leader, a 4-H leader, and a personal shopper for many of her aging

friends who needed some help and loved her company. She was a voracious

reader and loved a lively discussion even if she didn't agree with your point

of view. If Florence didn't know about something, she'd research it and make

it her own. That willingness and confidence to "find out" was communicated

ton, CA and Susan M Nerton of Santa Cruz, CA; her grandchildren Wesley

Nerton and Kayla Nerton of Livermore, Tyler Thacher of Lausanne, Switzer-

land, and Ryan Thacher of Santa Barbara, CA. Florence was preceded in

death by her husband, Tom Nerton, in 1991 and her mother, Ane Miller

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Florence is survived by her son and daughter, T Roger Nerton of Pleasan-

January 2008 has brought the hope for a new year

This New Year has brought some sadness along with

the joy of new beginnings. Our mom, Florence, died

peacefully at home, in her sleep, Wednesday, January

thinking and helping others. She loved her family, loved

her friends, and loved all of her children's friends.

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mother. Anita Mallol of Livermore. sisters Sara Lomeli and Laura Mallol of Modesto; grandparents Agustin and Emma Mallol of Florida; nieces and nephews Alexis Salinas, Alina and Abrianna Lomeli, Matthew Flores

and Kevin Beglinger. Funeral services were held on January 27 in Livermore. Arrangements by Callaghan Mor-

Ellene N. Goedert

Ellene N. Goedert, born January 31, 1916, died early in the morning of January 23, 2008 at Napa Nursing Center, after two months of poor physical health. Originally from West Virginia, Ellene was a long-time resident of Pleasanton.

She leaves behind daughters Patty and Karen, son Peter and stepdaughter Darlene, numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren. Ellene was preceded in death by her husband Ernie, and her son Joseph (Buddy). She will be greatly missed by all.

Funeral services were held January 29 in Pleasanton. In keeping with her wishes, Ellene was buried next to her late husband Ernie in Cypress, Southern California.

Arrangements by Graham Hitch Mortuary.

Frank D. Rebecchi

Frank D. Rebecchi died January

He was born Oct. 14, 1933 to Romolo and Gabriela Rebecchi. As a young man he worked in the oil fields n Saudi Arabia before moving to Philadelphia as an automotive mechanic in 1957. He moved to San Francisco in 1958 where he worked for Ellis Brooks before opening Park Automotives in San Leandro, which he ran from 1968 to 1980. After a brief move to Colorado he worked as the fleet mechanic for St. Vincent DePaul and retired in 1990. Frank was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed spending time in the hills above Livermore as a member of N-3 Cattle Ranch from 1969 to 2004. He also volunteered his time for a monthly gathering of the Sons of Italy. He enjoyed cooking family dinners and tending to his garden. He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

He has always been and will always be a source of wisdom and strength to his family.

He is survived by Nicole Callender and son-in-law Bill of Livermore, son Richard and daughter-in-law Brenda of San Ramon, granddaughter Victoria and two step-granddaughters Tracy and Trisha, three brothers, Louie, Pier Luigi and Paolo and a sister Rita.

Ă Memorial Mass was celebrated January 26 at St. Charles Borromeo

In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation in his name to St. Charles Catholic Church.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mor-

John Mark McMahon

John Mark McMahon died on January 24, 2008 in Livermore at the age of

86. He was surrounded by his family. A native of Medina, Texas, he had resided in Livermore for the past 6 years, and also previously for 10 years from 1957 - 1967. Prior to that time he lived in Southern California. John was a mechanical engineer for Mattel Toys in Los Angeles. His career accomplishments included the creation and design of the "Master's of the Universe" line of toys at Mattel, and also designing one of the first desktop label makers for Dymo Industries in Emeryville, Ca.

He served in the U.S. Army in Europe during World War II from 1944-1946 under General Patton. He was also an excellent artist and

his paintings were exhibited in 2004 at the Rosewood Gardens Art Show.

He is survived by daughters Kathleen Hanis and her husband Chris of Lathrop, and Karin Reitz and her husband Tom of Livermore, 4 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. He is also survived by a brother, Bill McMahon of Orange County, CA, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 58 years, Melba, and twin

sons, Jack and Gary. A private graveside service will be held at Memory Gardens in Liver-

Kelci Nicole Muller

Kelci Nicole Muller, 12, died January 24, 2008. She was born February 3, 1995, in Bedford, TX. She lived there for 7 years before moving to Livermore with her family where they lived for the past 5 years. Kelci was a student at the Livermore Valley Charter School, enjoying the 7th grade. She was a treasure to her family, in

Kelci is survived by her loving family, her parents, Kari and DeWayne Rayford and Jason and Rebecca Muller, her siblings, Justin, Jacob, Austin, and Katlyn, her grandparents, Ralph and Darla Ornes, Terry and Judy Muller, Eddie and Janna Langford, Nancy Merold, Tom and Carm Merola, and Larry and Sherryn Smith, and her great-grandparents, Dolores Dove, James Srp, and Connie Merold. She also leaves behind many aunts, uncles, cousins and dear friends.

Kelci's world revolved around her adored pets, a horse, Xyla that she loved riding and being with, Lucky her dog, Putter her cuddly cat, Buster her rabbit, Bridgette her dog, and her hamsters, Sammy and Gus Gus. She was a member of the Vineyard Eventing Equestrian Riding Team and was awarded the 2007 Livermore High Point Series Junior Champion.

Kelci's precious little life ended too soon. Her tender lovely spirit will be with us always. Kelci was a baptized Christian, with a heart full of love

for our Lord Jesus Christ . It is a comfort to know that she is resting in His loving arms. The family celebrated her life on January 28, at Cornerstone Fellowship Church, Livermore. A Reception

followed. Burial was private. Arrangements were by Graham-

Henrietta Alviso

Livermore native Henrietta Alviso passed on January 26, 2008 at the age

of 86. Her family was by her side. Henrietta was born and raised in Livermore. Also known by Lola, she enjoyed bowling, dancing, family and friends. She worked at Concannon Vineyard, the Livermore School District, volunteered her time at Valley Care Thrift Shop, and was a long time member of St. Michael's Catholic

She is survived by her children and their spouses, James and Joan Alviso, Robert and Shari Alviso, Lisa Alviso, Trina and John Gleese, as well as ten grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Albert Alviso.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Alzheimer's Foundation on her behalf.

She will always be loved by those who knew her and missed by those she touched. She leaves behind a large and loving extended family, along with numerous friends.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mor-

Joanne Rose Rivas

Joanne Rose Rivas passed on January 25, 2008 in Walnut Creek at the age of 42. Her family was by her side. Joanne had survived a double transplant surgery in 1996, overcame breast cancer, dealt with multiple sclerosis and fought leukemia, which was found to be in remission last September. She had been fighting to live and living to love for some time.

She is survived by her husband Edward Rivas and daughter Echo Rose Rivas. She was preceded in death by her son, Edward Jr. She also had two cats, Pringle and Midnight, who will miss her. She is also survived by her parents, Nick and Rose Amador of Dublin; her siblings Nick Amador, Terry Amador-Teitsweith and husband Lee; Betty Ann Amador, Nancy Peterson and husband David; David Amador and fiance Susan; John Amador and wife Tracy, and Robert Amador and wife Lida. Also surviving her are her in-laws, Vance and Maryhilda Rivas and their extended family, as well as numerous nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles, cousins and many friends.

Joanne never missed family functions and was always cheerful and loving. She had a way of making everyone feel important in her life. Joanne had been a medical assistant. She graduated from Dublin High School in 1983. Joanne loved swimming, baking cookies and making tamales with her sisters, learning to play the guitar, going to Disneyland, watching reality TV, reading gossip magazines, listening to music, eating at a favorite restaurant, running an Avon business, and making friends.

Family and friends are invited to a vigilatSt. Raymond's Catholic Church in Dublin on Feb. 1 with viewing from 5 to 7 p.m. and rosary 7 to 9 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Sat., Feb. 2 at St. Raymond's Church. Please wear any shade of purple, her favorite color. Joanne will be buried close to her son at St. Michael's Cemetery in Livermore.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mor-

Mary Lou Wolf

Marylou Wolf died January 24, 2008. Šhe was born December 23,

Mary Lou loved to travel, especially to Tahoe. She was a member of Beta Sigma Pi for 47 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 23 years, Kenneth, in 1983. She is survived by son Rory Wolf of Livermore, daughter and sonin-law Robin and Mitchell Simpson of Livermore, sisters, one of Šparks, NV, the other of Angels Camp, CA. Mary Lou is also survived by five grandchildren, Joshua and wife Elizabeth, Megan Wolf, Jackson Wolf, Katherine Belflower, and David Belflower and two great granddaughters, Kira and Scarlet.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to noon on January 21 with funeral services beginning at noon at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore. Graveside services will follow at Roselawn Cemetery in Livermore.

Steven Vargas

Livermore resident Steven Vargas died January 11, 2008. He was born Dec. 21, 1951.

Steven is survived by his wife Debbie Vargas, son and daughter-inlaw Aaron and Stephanie Vargas, daughter and son-in-law Jessica and Hunter Hahn, all of Livermore. He is also survived by his parents William and Josephine Vargas of Fremont, brother and sister-in-law Vincent and Vicki Vargas, sister, Linda Vargas, sister and brother-in-law Maria and Shawn Sturm, sister and brother-inlaw Gloria and Gary Moran, sister Suzie Gastallu, and sister-in-law Pam Vargas. He was preceded in death by his brother William Vargas.

A memorial service was held January 19 at Cornerstone Fellowship in Livermore. Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

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Beth Emek to Host Weekend of **Jewish Living and Learning**

Congregation Beth Emek of Pleasanton invites the Tri-Valley community to participate in a weekend of Jewish living and learning under the leadership of Ron Wolfson, educator, best-selling author, and Beth Emek's scholar-in-residence from Friday, Feb. 8 through Sunday, Feb. 10.

Wolfson has visited hundreds of synagogues across the United States and currently serves as President of Synagogue 3000, a catalyst for the creation of synagogues that are sacred and vital centers of Jewish life. Widely known for his passionate, insightful and often humorous presentations, Wolfson is the author of numerous works, including "God's To-Do List: 103 Ways to Be an Angel and Do God's Work on Earth" and "The Spirituality of Welcoming: How to Transform your Congregation into a Sacred Community.

During the weekend of February 8, Congregation Beth Emek will offer activities for the entire community:

Friday night, Wolfson delivers the sermon at Beth Emek's Shabbat service. Saturday afternoon, he speaks on "God's To-Do List.'

Saturday evening, Beth Emek hosts a community-wide Havdalah (post-Shabbat celebration) with games, dancing and

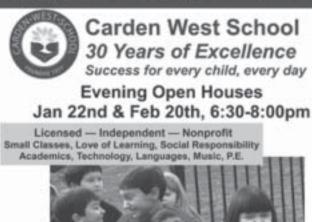
singing, and gourmet desserts. Sunday morning, Beth Emek hosts a family-focused "Mitzvah Fair," during which participants will have an opportunity to perform various "acts of kindness" to benefit local organizations within their broader community.

For the full schedule of events and to reserve a seat at the events that require advance signup, visit www.bethemek.org/scholar or call (925) 931-1055, x11.









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Worthington Gallery West will have Pleasanton writers, multi-media artists and musicians, together for a Pleasanton past, present and future themed The exhibit at Worthington West, at 739 Main Street in downtown Pleasanton, runs from February 8 – March 29. There will be an artist reception on February 7 from 6 – 8pm during the Pleasanton Downtown Association special event

For more information, call 925-485-1183, wgallerywest@sbcglobal.net, or the website at www.worthingtongallervwest.com. The gallery is open Tuesdays to Saturdays from 11 am to 6 pm, except Fridays from Noon to 8 pm and other times by appoint-

Chorus Performs Program: 'Love Changes Everything

Pleasanton Playhouse Broadway Chorus presents three performances of "Love Changes Everything," Feb. 8, 9 and 10.

The concert will be filled with many of the favorite love songs from Broadway's romantic musicals. Some of the selections include: You Made Me Love You, Where or When, Steam Heat, selections from Kismet and many of Gershwin's love songs, including Embraceable You, I Got Rhythm, Nice Work If You Can Get It and, of course, My Funny Valentine.

The Pleasanton Playhouse's Children's Chorus will perform songs such as Where is Love and Young at Heart.

Performances are Friday and Saturday, February 8 and 9 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, February 10 at p.m. in the Livermore High School Performing Arts Theater, 600 Maple Street, Livermore.

Tickets are \$15 adults, \$13 seniors and \$10 for juniors (under age 18). Tickets are available by calling the Pleasanton Playhouse Box Office, or online. Call 925-462-2121 or log on to www.pleasantonplayhouse.com

Evening of Beatles Hits in San Ramon

San Ramon Valley High School will present a concert featuring the Sun Kings. Special appearances will be by SRVHS Instrumental Music Students. The concert is Feb. 9 at 7 p.m.

Hailing from Alameda, California, the Sun Kings nail the feel and sound of the Beatles music from 1963 to 1970. This will be an evening of Beatles hits and classic album cuts.

Proceeds will benefit the San Ramon Valley High School Instrumental Music programs.

Doors open at 6:15 p.m. at the

SRVHS Performing Arts Center, 501 Danville Blvd., Danville.

General admission tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door; gold circle tickets \$40; students and staff \$10. For information or tickets, call 229-2710 or go to www.communityconcerts.com.

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Final Children's Benefit Concert Slated at Amador Theater

The Amador Theater will host an afternoon of music at the 9th annual Children's Benefit Concert on February 10 at 2 p.m. This will be the "last" concert in this series of benefit events. The proceeds benefit children at a street children's shelter in Can Tho, Vietnam, as well as a scholarship program in the Mekong Delta.

Performing will be Chi and Truc Nguyen; renowned Vietnamese instrumentalist Van Anh Vo; professional musicians, including pianist Ellen Wasserclarinetist Bill mann, Wohlmacher, violinist Philip

In October 1998 at the age of ten, Chi Nguyen began raising money with her sister Truc for street children in their parents' homeland, Vietnam. Since 1998, the two sisters have organized eight benefit concerts and sold homemade almond toffee and Chi's personal collection of Beanie Babies. 2008 will mark the tenth anniversary of Chi and Truc's fundraising.

After this concert, the sisters plan to expand their projects into a new phase. Although 2008 is the last opportunity to attend the annual Children's Benefit Concert, patrons can expect to participate and contribute during campaigns of different formats in the coming years. Interested supshould e-mail porters worldinterchange@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list to

be notified of these upcoming

Funds raised through Chi and Truc's concerts provide clothing, meals, books, literacy classes, and basic medical needs for about 100 street children annually. To date, the projects have touched the lives of over 1,000 Vietnamese children, offering orphaned and homeless children a sense of community and family and the opportunity for a better life. Each year, Bay Area residents attend the concert to show strong support for both the music and the Vietnamese children.

Chi has been recognized by several organizations, including Target, the Tiger Woods Foundation, and NetAid. Together with Tiger Woods, Chi has been featured on national television and newspaper advertisements promoting the sisters' ongoing efforts for Vietnam and Target's programs. Chi has also been interviewed by CNN, NBC11, National Public Radio (KQED), USA Today, the New York Times Upfront, Scope magazine, and

In June 2007, Chi and Truc visited Vietnam for the third time. Their goal with this concert is to support the projects and people they visited on their trip. They will continue to sponsor the street children's shelter in Can Tho and to expand a scholarship program in colleges in the Mekong Delta in southern Vietnam. They hope to raise over \$15,000.

All proceeds will be donated to VNHELP (Viet Nam Health Education and Literature Projects at www.vnhelp.org), a non-profit organization helping children and communities in Vietnam. Tickets are \$14 presale/ \$17 at the door. They can be purchased at Towne Center Books, Pleasanton, 846-8828; House of Woodwinds, San Ramon, 831-8341; VNHELP office, San Jose, 408-885-1791, or at the door.

For more information, contact 275-9250 worldinterchange@gmail.com.

Early Registration Begins for Poetry, Prose and Arts Festival

Early registration for the Seventh Annual Poetry, Prose & Arts Festival is available. The festival will be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 5 and 6.

The Festival will be held at a new venue, the Pleasanton Senior Center located at 5353 Sunol Boulevard in Pleasanton. It is hosted by the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council and City of Pleasanton Civic Arts

The two-day festival will open with a keynote address by award-winning poet, essayist and translator Jane Hirshfield and will include workshops, contests, authors' reception and book signing and Literary Row. A free fine arts exhibition will be provided by the Pleasanton Art League and regional artists while musical entertainment will be offered by classical guitarist Jim Steinke, PhD. An evening awards banquet will feature the reading of prizewinning poetry and prose and entertainment by Music Con Moto.

This year's event will feature 12 workshops, including Saturday-Sunday mini-courses for adults, which are new this year. They will be led by Kim Addonizio (poetry) and Martha Alderson (prose). Additional adult poetry workshops will be led by Kevin Hearle and Kathleen Lynch. Adult and teen prose workshops will also be held by Maureen Boyd Biro and Nina Schuyler. Youth and teen poetry workshops will be conducted by Pleasanton Poet Laureate Martha Meltzer and Livermore Poet Laureate Connie Post, respectively.

A highlight of the festival will be a performance of When Tom Smith Caused the 1906 Earthquake by Word for Word, a production of Z-Space Studio of San Francisco. Following the performance, the Word for Word staff

will lead a workshop on trans-forming narrative into theatrical production. The workshop is limited to 20 participants and registration will be accepted on a first-come, first served basis.

"We're taking the Poetry, Prose and Arts Festival to a new level this year with its expansion to two days and the addition of the mini-courses, three workshops that build on each other," says Kirk Ridgeway, former Pleasanton Poet Laureate and event chairman. "We know that aspiring writers will learn from and be inspired by our outstanding workshop leaders. In addiexperiencing Jane Hirschfield's keynote speech and the performance by Word for Word are sure to be two highlights that will make the seventh annual event especially memo-

Early registrations for either

one or both days of the festival will be accepted through March 8, 2008. Late registration will end on March 25, 2008.

The Saturday-Sunday Mini-Course Registration fee is \$120 through March 8, 2008 and \$135 from March 9-March 25. It includes two Saturday and one Sunday workshop, all meals through breakfast on Sunday, the Saturday evening banquet, the Word for Word performance and all free activities.

The Saturday Adult Poetry and/or Prose Workshops Registration fee is \$95 through March 8 and \$110 after. It includes two workshops, breakfast and lunch, the evening banquet, Sunday's Word for Word performance and all free activities.

The Saturday Youth (12 years and younger) Poetry Morning Workshop Registration fee is \$10 through March 8 and \$15 after. It

includes one workshop, break-fast, the Word for Word performance, and all free activities.

The Saturday Teen Poetry/ Prose Workshops Registration fee is \$15 through March 8 and \$20 after for *one* workshop. It is \$25 and \$35, respectively, for two workshops. Registration also includes breakfast, Word for Word and all free activities.

Poetry and prose contest entries must be submitted with early registration, postmarked no later than March 8, 2008. The contest is open only to those attending

Registration forms and information may be obtained from the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Counwebsite www.pleasantonarts.org or by contacting Michelle Russo at 931-5350 mrusso@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

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 931-3472 or lvalenzin@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

Auditions are scheduled for City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Stage Company 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 Wednesday, 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. 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 Scarts Bits Boad in Placearton 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 9:00 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. **The Wizard of Oz**, Pleasanton Playhouse musical production, Jan. 18-Feb. 3, 8 p.m. Fri. and Sat. (except Feb. 2), and 2 p.m. Sun. and Feb. 2. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore, www.pleasantonplayhouse.com.

Bus Stop, Role Players Ensemble The are presents Bus Stop by William Inge. A classic American play in which bus passengers and locals stranded in a 1950s Topeka diner in a snowstorm grapple with the challenges of loneliness and connection, romance and reality. Directed by Dana Anderson. Jan. 18 thru Feb. 9. 8pm Thurs-Sat. 2pm Sundays at the Village Theatre, 233 Front St. Dan-ville. Tickets \$15-25 314-3400 or www.villagetheatreshows.com. Further information at 925-820-1278 or www.danvilletheatre.com..

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, turing the Big Money in Gumbo Band at 7 p.m. (limited seating). New Orleans party music and dancing, "Royal Street" featuring collector's masks, artists and street vendors as well as palm reading and fortune telling. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street, Livermore. There is a \$10

door, which includes one beverage: a \$20 cover charge includes Preservation Hall jazz concert and one beverage. Purchase tickets in advance at the Bankhead Theater Ticket Office, 2400 First Street, 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. Ticket office open Monday through Saturday from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. 373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

One Nation Under Blog by The Second City will appear at the Amador Theater on Saturday, February 2, at 20:00 p.m. The Second City has

8:00 p.m. The Second City has spawned such renowned comedians as Bill Murray, Dan Ackroyd, Gilda Radner and John Candy. The show is appropriate for Adult Audiences. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. City of Pleasanton prices are \$20, \$25 & \$30. www.civicartstickets.org or 931-

Century 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

Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton, Pianists Mark Anderson & Tamriko Siprashvili concert on Saturday, Feb ruary 16, at 8 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Anderson and Siprashvili will perform two piano, four hand classical selections including such composers as Rachmaninoff, Kreisler and Mozart. City of Pleasanton Civic Arts and Pleasanton Cultural Arts will host. Tickets to the event are \$15, \$20 & \$25. Tickets can be purchased on line at www.civicartstickets.org, by phone at (925) 931-3444 or in person at the Amador Theater Box Of-

The Heat Is On, Feb. 2 at 8 p.m. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 10550 Albion Rd., San Ramon. The show examines the life loves and career of Rita Hayworth one of Hollywood's most electrifying screen sirens. Starring Quinn Lemly. Tickets are \$35. 973-ÅRTS www.sanramonperformingarts.com Sixth Annual Youth Music Festival **on Friday**, February 15, 8 p.m. at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita

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Oh Pleasanton! Show is a celebration of the Pleasanton Firehouse Arts Center fundraising and public awareness effort. Feb.7-March 29. Feb. 7th opening and artists reception. Worthington Gallery West Fine Art, 739 J. Main St., Pleasanton. Call 485-

1183 or go to www.worthingtongallerywest.com.

Watercolors and Painted Glass, work by Robin Purcell & Diane Pruett exhibit at Alamo Danville Artists Society Pioneer Art Gallery and Studios, 524 Hartz Ave., Danville. Reception on Saturday, February 2nd (4-7pm) Exhibit runs January 29 - February 11.

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(continued from page one) 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 7:30 p.m.

For information on Truffles. Tidbits & Wine Tasting or the Campana Festival's "Weekend of

www.pleasantondowntown.net or call the Pleasanton Downtown Association at 925-484-2199, ext. 4#

RAVI COLTRANE

Saxophonist, bandleader and composer Ravi Coltrane will perform on Friday, February 8.

The City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Presents will host the 8 p.m. performance at the Amador The-

Named for Indian sitar artist Ravi Shankar, Coltrane is the son of music legends John and Alice Coltrane. He grew up hearing a variety of music and began playing clarinet in middle school.
"My mother played piano and

organ at home every day and she took us to recording sessions," Coltrane says. "She played my father's LPs and recordings of classical music. I also listened to a lot of R&B, soul, popular music of the day as well as symphonic music and was a big fan of film scores. Jazz was something I appreciated, but I had to reach my late teens and go through profound family changes before the music became a dominant force in my life."

Coltrane pursued musical studies at the California Institute of Art and, in 1991, began playing with Elvin Jones, his father's drummer from the 60s. He moved to New York City and played with a variety of artists, including Steve Coleman, who was particularly influential.

In 1997, after performing on more than 30 recordings as a sideman, Coltrane recorded his first album as a leader, Moving Pictures. In 2002, he established his own recording company, RKM Music. That same year, he produced Legacy, a four-disc thematic study of his father's career for Verve. He continues his role as family archivist of the senior Coltrane's unreleased material and is working on new projects with Verve.

Over the past decade, Coltrane has led a number of jazz ensembles and brought his mother out of a 26-year performing hiatus with their recording, along with several other notable artists, of Translinear Light. Of Coltrane' fourth album, In Flux, the New York Times wrote, "He's fascinated on one hand by miniatures and on the other by the idea of longer songs that sound like collective improvisation from start

to finish. Coltrane adds, "I want to be involved in music that is truly honest; that's not trying to follow trends or fit into someone's idea about what jazz is. My aspiration is to acknowledge with love my influences while attempting to move forward; to be open and receptive to shifts in the musical terrain; to make music that is relevant to my present

day experience."

Tickets to the Ravi Coltrane performance are \$30, \$35 & \$40 for adults and \$20, \$25 & \$30 for students with identification. 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, 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 Amador Theater is located at 1155 Santa Rita Road,

Pleasanton. **CAMPANA FESTIVAL**

Amador Friends of Music and the Amador Valley High School Music Department will host the 33rd Annual Campana Jazz Festival (CJF33) to be held on Saturday, February 9, at Amador Valley High School.

Designed as an all-day educational jazz festival, it will bring together 42 ensembles from 24 schools, with over 700 participating students. These high school and middle school ensembles, participating in big band, combo and vocal divisions, will take part in adjudi-

cated performances, instrumental workshops and master classes. Over \$7000 of scholarships to regional, state and national jazz camps will be awarded at two awards concerts held at the end

The public is invited to spend the day attending the performances and award concerts. A nominal entrance fee provides admittance. Additional information and schedules will be pro-

vided on www.amadorband.org. PLEASANTON LIBRARY

The focus on jazz concludes Sun., Feb. 10 with a performance by the Silver Moon Swing Band and Jazz Caliente Latin Band at the Pleasanton Library. The concert will be 1:30 to 5 p.m. on Sun.,

The Silver Moon Band will kick off the afternoon of free jazz at the Library at 1:30 pm. with favorite swing ballads.

At 3:30, Jazz Caliente will take the stage. From samba to mambo, bossa to bolero, and bebop-to Lee Waterman's original compositions, Jazz Caliente percolates with West Coast Cool and strong Afro-Cuban and Brazilian influence. All of the band members are terrific ensemble players and brilliant soloists.

All library programs are free and open to the public. No registration is required. For more information, please call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.

(continued from page one) vided by Brad Kinney Productions will top off the evening.

Event Committee Chair Joyce Shapiro notes, "The Firehouse Arts Center will be a wonderful addition to our downtown. I encourage everyone in the community to support the project. One way to do this is by attending the 'Wonderful Evening of Oz event we are planning. We will be providing our guests with an extraordinary experience, while raising needed funds for the Firehouse Arts Center.

Tickets are now on sale at

\$125 per person or \$1,000 for a table of 8. Corporate sponsorship opportunities are also available.

To find out more, purchase tickets or discuss sponsorship opportunities, contact Debbie Look at (925) 846-1007.

The Firehouse Arts Center will provide a public visual and performing arts venue for Pleasanton residents. It will include a 240-seat theater, art galleries and classrooms.

For more information, visit pleasantonartsfoundation.org.

The Artists' Universe at Library

Journey beyond the boundaries of this world and experience the imaginative universe as seen through the eyes of the artist. The Artists' Universe is a juried traveling exhibition of 28 astronomical artworks by members of the International Association of Astronomical Artists.

This exhibit will be on display throughout the month of February 2008 in the Library Gallery at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue.

This exhibit is part of Livermore Reads Together: The Dune Books, a community-wide reading program, featuring Frank Herbert's classic science fiction series Dune, as well as related series titles by Brian Herbert and Kevin J. Anderson. The community of Livermore is encouraged to join their neighbors by participating in the Livermore Reads Together book discussions and free events for children and adults during the month of February 2008. Copies of books and event schedules are available at all Livermore Public Library locations.

Livermore Reads Together: The Dune Books is sponsored by The Friends of the Livermore Public Library. For additional events view the library's website at www.livermore.lib.ca.us. For more information contact Rosemary Dukelow at 925-373-5514.

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

/s/: Hamid M. Asem This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on January 8, 2008. Expires January 8, 2013. The Independent Legal No.2278. Publish January 24, 31, 2008,

February 7, 14, 2008. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 405318 The following person (s) doing business as: elephanttails.com, 6151 Sunnybrook Way, Livermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Russell W. Sims, 6151 Sunnybrook Way, Livermore

CA 94551 Kanda Chusook, 6151 Sunnybrook Way, Livermore CA 94551 This business is conducted by:husband and wife Registrant has not yet begun

to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed. Signature of Registrant: /s/:Russell W.Sims and Kanda Chusook

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on January 7, 2008. Expires January 7, 2013. The Independent Legal No. 2279. Publish January 24, 31, 2008, February 7, 14, 2008.

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rina Ave., Livermore Ca

94550

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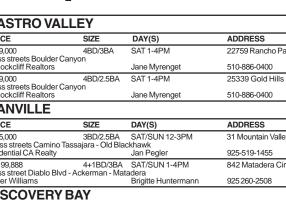
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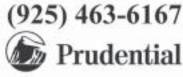
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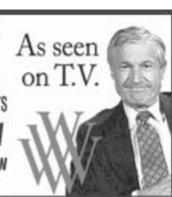
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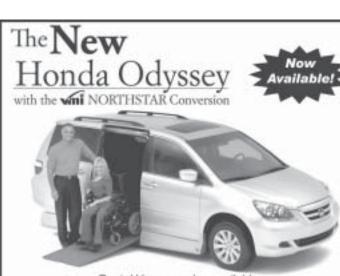


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aid and how to apply for it.
All high school seniors attending the workshops will qualify for a \$1,000 Cash for College scholarship if they file a FAFSA and a Cal Grant GPA Verification before March 2nd.

Financial aid can help students pay for college and may be available for either full or part-time students. In addition to grants and scholarships, aid may include fee waivers, work-study positions, and student loans. These funds can help with such student ex penses as transportation and personal expenses as well as tuition and fees, room and board, and books and sup-

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out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application.

An important goal of these sessions is to insure that applicants don*t miss the critical March 2nd Cal Grant Entitlement deadline titlement deadline.

The Cash for College workshop

schedule is as follows:
Thursday, January 31, 7 p.m.,
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Tuesday, February 5, 6:30 p.m., Dublin High School, 8151 Village Parkway, Dublin Thursday, February 7, 7 p.m., Vil-lage High School, 4645 Bernal Ave.,

Sunday, February 10, 12 p.m., Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore This session will be held in Room 2420, in the new Multidisciplinary Building. A concurrent drop-in FAFSA lab will be held this same day from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., in the Computer Lab, Room 2412, to assist applicants with the FAFSA application Personal assistance will be provided in English, Spanish, Portuguese and Mandarin. Participants are asked to bring a pen, their 2007 W-2 forms (or federal tax return) and all other pertinent income and asset information.

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

Ala Costa Centers Benefit

The Crow Canyon Country Club at 711 Silver Lake Dr. in Danville will take a turn towards Bourbon St. on Feb. 9. That's when the Ala Costa Centers for students with developmental disabilities in the Alameda and Contra Costa counties hosts its annual Mardi Gras dinner and dancing. Festivities are from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Tax deductible tickets are \$95. They

are available by calling 510-856-6771

or email Sheila@alacostacenter.org. Ala Costa Center personnel work with children in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties outside of school hours to help them succeed academically. Retiring Lead anchor Dennis Rich-mond of the award-winning KTVU 10 O'clock News and his wife Deborah will be designated King and Queen of the Mardi Gras. Ala Costa and the Richmonds will help honor Joe and Donna Rodrigues, owners of Valley Catering in Dublin, as Humanitarians of the Year.

Margie Bennett of Hayward will be recognized as the 2008 Educator of the Year for her work with the 13-18 year olds in Ala Costa's enhanced

learning program.

Ala Costa will hold a silent auction before dinner and a live auction during dessert. Donated items include a Ha waiian vacation. Southwest Airlines air travel, Oakland A's tickets, an evening at the San Francisco Opera and autographed sports memorabilia. The official auctioneer of the Playboy Mansion, Damon Casatico of Charity Benefit Auctions, will help maximize bidding. To view these and other items and bid online, please visit www.alacostacenter.cmarket.com. Dancing in the Voodoo Lounge will complete the evening.

Raising Kids

The Pleasanton PTA Council will host a free workshop for parents on Mon., Feb. 4 from 7 to 8 p.m. Topic will be "How to Raise Kids in 24/7 Digital World." The workshop will be held in the Bernal Room at the Pleasanton Unified School District office, 4665 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

Parents will learn about the influ-

ence of media on how kids think, feel, act, socialize and make decisions. Parents will be provided with practical tips on what to do about it.

The workshop is presented by Common Sense Media, a nonprofit dedicated to helping families find the media that is right for them. For more information and to RSVP email information@pleasantonpta.org.

Name the Fudge

Candy Bouquet is re-opening in downtown Livermore.

The store is now making its own cream and butter fudge. They are looking for a name for the fudge. People are invited to stop by the store and enter to win free fudge for a year

The store is located at 1744 First St. **View Planetarium**

Take a trip to the stars courtesy of

the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District and TOPScience, an organization of retired scientists and engineers who volunteer in Livermore

schools to support science education. The *Planetarium of the Stars* is a mobile planetarium composed of an air-inflatable dome and a computer-controlled projector to display the night sky. The planetarium will be available for viewing on Saturday, February 9, from noon to 4:30pm, and on Sunday, February 10, from 1 pm to 5:30 pm at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. There is no charge for this event.

This program is part of Livermore Reads Together: The Dune Books, a community-wide reading program, featuring Frank Herbert's classic science fiction series *Dune* as well as related series titles by Brian Herbert and

Kevin J. Anderson.

Livermore Reads Together: The Dune Books is sponsored by The Friends of the Livermore Public Library. For additional events check the library's website at www.livermore.lib.ca.us. For more information contact Rosemary Dukelow at 925-373-5514.

Wine and Chocolate

Tesla Vintners will host a Valentine Celebration featuring a chocolate and wine pairing on Feb. 9 and 10 from noon to 5 p.m. both days. Tesla Vintners will also be welcom-

ing a new winery, Marr Cellars. Marr offers some favorites like Zinfandel and Petite Sirah. Bob Marr founded Marr Cellars in 1997. In his first year, Bob produced a Sonoma Old Vine Zinfandel and a Rhone blend. He named this wine Cuvee Patrick after his son. Then in 2004, Bob produced Cuvee Selena, naming that wine for his daugh-ter. Bob works in Sacramento and has a small winery in Woodland, just north of Davis, where he resides. Today, Marr Cellars averages from 800 to

1,000 cases of wine per year.

There is no charge for this event.

Tesla Vintners is located at 5143 Tesla Rd., Livermore.

Book Events

Towne Center Books is hosting the

following events:
• Lunch with Carol Gilligan on Thurs., Feb. 7. Gilligan, named one of Time magazine's twenty -five most influential Americans. She held Harvard's first chair in gender studies and is known for her pioneering work in psychology. The author of the bestseller "In a Different Voice," Carol now teaches at NYU. 11:30 social; 12:00 lunch; \$30.00 book and lunch;

\$15.00 lunch only.

• Feb. 13, 7:30, book party for Margaret Grace (aka Camille Minichino) to celebrate the launch of her new mystery series the Dollhouse Mysteries.

• Feb. 20 at 2:00, Barbara Egbert, author of Zero Days, will talk about her adventures hiking the Pacific Coast

Trail with her family.

Towne Center is located at 555
Main St., Pleasanton.

Family Storytimes

Livermore Reads Together invites adults and teens to read books from the Dune series, chapter book readers in grades 3-6 to read the City of Ember and families to join us for Far-Out

and families to Join us for Far-Out Stories in February. Earth people who find themselves in space? Space people who find themselves on earth? Storyteller John Weaver is planning a far-out storytime for Far-Out People at the Springtown Branch Library on Saturday, February 12, at 11:00 AM. The Springtown Branch Library is located at 998 Bluebell Drive next to the duck pond in

Robots, spaceships, vacuum cleaners that run themselves? John continues his space theme with FAR-OUT MA-CHINES at the Civic Center Library on Monday, February 11 at 7:00 PM. The Civic Center Library is located at 1188 S. Livermore Avenue.

Far-Out Creatures at the Rincon Far-Out Creatures at the Kincon Branch Library on Saturday, February 16 at 11:00 AM wraps up a month of spacey silliness. There will be enough silliness - enough for the entire family - stretching to Pluto and back. The Rincon Branch Library is located at 725 Rincon Avenue in May Nissen Park and Swim Center.

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

Ask the Doctor

Heart disease is the number one killer of men and women in the United States. Television viewers in the Tri-Valley will have the opportunity to ask doctors how to improve their heart health on TV30's Ask the Doctor show to be broadcasat live on Wednesday,

TV30, Channel 30.

John Vu, M.D., cardiologist, and Calvin Lemon, M.D., internal medicine specialist will be guests on the show. They will discuss the signs and vides of heart discuss high sheart discuss high sheart discuss risks of heart disease, high cholesterol, new treatments and medications, and more. Robert Litman M.D., family medicine specialist, will serve as the medical commentator.

Viewers can phone in their questions for the doctors by calling (925) 462-3030.

The show will rerun February 13, February 20, and February 27 at the same time. Ask the Doctor is sponsored by San Ramon Regional Medical Center. The show will be available through a live Web cast or past shows on www.tv30.org.

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-

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

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

Whale Bus

The Marine Mammal Center of Marin comes to the Pleasanton Public Library on Saturday, February 9. Presenting "Marine Mammals of Califorsenting "Marine Mammas or cannon nia," the Center's educators invite participants to an interactive, hands-on introduction to the whales, seals, otters, and other marine mammals that populate the coast and to the bigger picture of caring for the ocean environment.

Registration is required for these two 1-hour programs, which are specifically tailored for different ages. The

program for grades K - 3 will be at 11 a.m., and the 4th - 8th grade program will be at 1 p.m. As these are designed as interactive learning sessions, attendance is limited to 40 children each. However parents or others are welcome to observe quietly from the back

of the room.

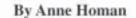
Please be on time, as doors will be closed to late arrivals once the program begins. For more information, please call the Children's Desk at (925) 931-

Sousa New Manager

Axis Community Health has promoted Amie Sousa to manager of its Teen Drug & Alcohol Recovery Program. She replaces Debra Eberhart, who resigned to take a new position in San Francisco.

In her new position, Sousa will oversee all aspects of the Teen Drug & Alcohol Program. The program includes an outpatient treatment program, extensive community and school outreach through small group meetings, and school-wide activities such as the Choices program and Red Ribbon Week. She will represent Axis in col-laborative efforts with other youth services organizations such as SARB (School Attendance Review Board), CVCAN (Castro Valley Community Action Network), Youth To Youth, and Horizons Family Services.

Do You Remember?



St. Paul's Hospital

Many people in Livermore remember that they were born here in St. Paul's Hospital. Paul E. Dolan came to Livermore in 1916 after his graduation from the Oakland College of Surgeons. He soon became acquainted with Veronica Concannon, daughter of the couple who established the Concannon Vineyard in Livermore. The chaplain at the Camp Kearny base hospital married them at St. Joseph's Church in San Diego on 22 June 1918 while Paul Dolan was serving in the U.S. Army Hospital Corps. After the war in August 1919, Dolan joined the practice of Dr. James Kyle Warner in his offices at Second and J Streets. When Dr. Warner retired in the early 1920s, Dr. Dolan continued with their practice.

At this time there were many little "hospitals" scattered around Livermore. From 1923 until 1935, Dr. William E. Judson operated a hospital in the old Pitcher residence at Fifth and South L. Anyone could set aside several rooms for patient care in a private home and call it a hospital. Evelyn Mulqueeney Griffith remembered that Mrs. Aylward's house at South K and Eighth Street was used as such a hospital. Every now and then, surgeons would come to town and use her home for operations. Despite the opportunity for such local health care, Evelyn and her mother and brother traveled to San Francisco to have their tonsils out, all on the same visit. Dr. Grace Devnich remembered 13 or 14 little places such as Mrs. Aylward's still in business when she came here in 1948.

Dr. Dolan decided to upgrade the town's ability to handle emergency medicine and maintain sterile operating facilities. He had St. Paul's Hospital built in 1927 at Eighth and J. The original building measured 46 by 96 feet and was made of cream-colored stucco with a red tile roof at a cost of \$20,000. Nearly 1,000 people attended the opening ceremonies on June 5, including the Livermore Band. Dr. Dolan performed the first operation the following week, a tonsillectomy on four-year-old Mary Gray. Additions were made twice, the last one a modern nursery in 1940. By then the private surgical hospital had 24 beds. When Betty Hock returned to Livermore after World War II, she had served in large city hospitals and U.S. Army hospitals during her nursing training. At first she was shocked at tiny St. Paul's. She soon learned, however, as she worked there as a private duty nurse, to admire the excellent care available. After all, this was the only major facility between Stockton and Oakland for accidents and emergencies. Betty recalled that Mary Twohey was the cook and prepared delicious meals with the help of local high school girls.

A Roman Catholic, Dr. Dolan was opposed to the use of any artificial form of birth control. When local women wanted a diaphragm fitted, for example, they had to change doctors. St. Paul's served all the physicians in the city, so although she was the patient of another doctor, Virginia Bing went to St. Paul's in 1954 to have her baby. The place was so crowded that she had to go through labor in a screened-off area in the men's ward. Everyone was amazed, including the doctor, when she had not one boy but twins. She had some difficulty after the birth and had to stay at the hospital longer than usual. Hospital rules did not allow children to visit the wards, so her husband, George, brought their other two little boys and held them on his shoulders near the window to see Virginia. She remembered the younger boy calling, "Come home, Mommy, come home!" Dr. Grace delivered many babies at St. Paul's; one of them was her favorite preemie that the nurses nicknamed "Tiny Tim." "One night," Dr. Grace said, "I just felt I had to go to the hospital. I walked in the small door at the rear, and a nurse came over to me and said, 'Tiny Tim died.' I went immediately to the nursery and picked him up. He took a breath! Those nurses couldn't believe it. When he was a year old, his mother sent me a photo of a fat little baby.'

A sketch of Dr. Dolan's life in St. Michael's centennial publication reads in part: "He was very community spirited, a member of a number of service organizations, and a trustee of Livermore High School for many years. In 1950, he received the Eagles' Outstanding Service Award. ... He could get gruff, but he had a heart of gold." Dr. Dolan retired in 1951 and died in August 1958. Six of his former nurses attended his funeral in their uniforms, and the city flag flew at half mast. Dolan Park, at the corner of Ladd and Junction Avenues, was named in his memory in 1959.

Valley Memorial Hospital opened in 1962. When St. Paul's Hospital closed in the fall of 1965, Valley Memorial Hospital bought the facility to insure an adequate number of beds in the valley. After an addition to Valley Memorial in 1968, St. Paul's was closed and sold. The building, still at 813 South J Street, survived a threatened demolition in 1992 and is now Quail Garden, the fourth residential care home to use the facility after it closed as a hospital.

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

Sousa graduated from the University of Phoenix with a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Services (BSHS). She initially came to Axis through an 80-hour internship program while working toward her degree. While working with clients and families in the Behavioral Health Division, she led teen groups in developing life skills, conducted face-to-face in-

terviews, drug testing and crisis intervention and assisted with the Proposition 36 court-mandated program. In 2006, Ms. Sousa was hired as a counselor in Axis' Teen Drug & Alcohol Recovery Program, which, last year, served 159 teens in treatment and 6,000 additional teens in primary prevention activities at assemblies, school visits and the Parent Project.



Amador Valley High School will host the 2008 Winterguard Show on Feb. 2. This year's color guard is performing to the music "Oh What A World" by Rufus Wainwright. The color guard is instructed by Jason Davis, Jeremy Cazes and Lisa Lesley. Guard captains are senior, Kate Dowdy and junior, Rachel Silva with 17 members in total. The public is invited to attend. Events start at 9 a.m.



Granada High Competition Cheerleaders are Grand National Champions. They took part in a 2-day Athletic Championship competition held at the Expo Center in San Mateo this past weekend. The Granada squad earned the title of Grand National Champions by scoring the highest in the school division. They are headed off to Disneyland on February 1st where they will compete for another National Title on Saturday, Feb. 2.





Kindergarten Open House

Thursday, February 7th at 6:30

School of Imagination, Room 104 6444 Sierra Court in Dublin



Parents will be given information on Kindergarten readiness and learn about the School of Imagination's Kindergarten.

Parents will also get to meet our Kindergarten teacher, Debbie Von Bergen, as well as hear from parents whose children are currently enrolled in our Kindergarten program.



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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

subject. Phone number and contact person should also be included.

Spring Fashion Show, staged by Amador Valley High School Fashion Club on Sat., Feb. 23 starting at 4 p.m. in the school library, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. 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.

Call (925) 931-0628 to order tickets.

Livermore Rodeo Queen Contest, Sun., March 16 at the covered arena at Robertson Park/Livermore Rodeo Grounds. Robertson Park/Livermore Rodeo Grounds. Competitor sign up by March 1; orientation March 6. Sign up by calling Cindy Goltz at 373-7358, the LSRA office at 447-3008, send an email to livermorerodeo@earthlink.net, or mail interest by March 1 to LSRA, c/o Queen Contest, PO Box 180, Livermore, CA 94551-0180

Overeaters Anonymous, meets in Livermore 7 to 8 p.m. at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. Book study. Newcomers welcome. Contact Georganne, 361-7224.

Retired Public Employees Association Tri Valloy Chanter 675, meets 10:45

tion, Tri-Valley Chapter 075, meets 10:45 a.m. Thurs., Feb. 7 at Emil Villa's Hickory Pit, 3054 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Speaker will be Harvey Robinson, director of health benefits for RPEA. Brunch \$5 per person. For further information, contact Bob at 845-6563 or June at 461-0315.

Baby Boot Camp offers a unique 75minute workout designed to help new moms
get back into shape after having a baby.
Certified personal trainer Rechea Fallis brings
the national franchise to Bruno Canziani Park
in Livermore. The class meets 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. For complete details visit http:/

/babybootcamp.com.
Special Events Coordinator needed for the Jeremy Brigham Make A Difference Foundation 6th Annual Golf Tournament. The Foundation is looking for someone special to organize this event scheduled to take place on June 30, 2008 at the Ruby Hills Golf Course. For more information, please contact Jeremy Brigham at (510) 415-1677

www.makeadifferencefoundation.com.

Community Emergency Response
Team (CERT), Are you prepared to be selfsufficient for the first 72 hours until emergency personnel arrive? CERT Training pre pares a person to help the family and neighborhood in the event of an emergency or disaster. Receive hands-on training in disasdisaster. Receive ladius on tailing in disaster, first aid, disaster preparedness, basic fire fighting, light search and rescue, utility control and damage assessment. Instructors are provided by the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department. Class held at Fire Training Tower 3301 Busch Rd., Pleasanton. Fee \$30. February 6-March 12, 6:00pm-9:30pm. Call Livermore Adult Education for more information (925)606-4722 or register online at www.livermoreadulted.org.

Food Donations, Lady Hustle and Diablo Sports Acamdey have joined forces to fight hunger. Alameda County Food Bank is the main clearing house for food in in Alameda County.. They deliver food to other organizations throughout the county, including organizations in Livermore. Donations to the food bank provide food for 40,000 low-income Alameda County residents each week, which includes 14,000 children and 7,000 seniors. Donations may be left at Double Diamond Sports Academy, 2272 Research Dr., Livermore. There is a food bin located in the lobby for your convenience. The following items are desperately needed: canned fruit & vegetables, canned meats & fish, pasta, beans, rice, canned soup, dry cereal &

oatmeal, tomato sauce, and powdered milk.

Computer Training, Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Introduction to the Internet class on Saturday, February 2 from 10:15 am to 12:15 pm. Searching the Internet on Saturday, February 9th from 10:15 am to 12:15 pm. E-Mail Basics on Saturday, February 16th from 10:15 am -12:15pm. Classes are hands on, first come first served, and take place in Community Meeting Room B. Stop by the Civic Center Library Adult Information Services Desk or call 373-5505 for further information about the classes. There is no charge for the classes.

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society, meets 7:30 p.m. Tues., Feb. 12 at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct., Pleasanton. Kay Speaks will talk on the topic, "Ancestry.com: Review and What's New?" Visitors welcome. Marie Ross, 447-

St. Philip Lutheran School will hold an open house on Tuesday, February 5. All are welcome to meet the staff and visit the classrooms. There will be a general assembly from 7:00 -7:30pm, open classrooms from 7:30 - 7:30 pm and fellowship in the gym from 8:30 - 9:00pm. St. Philip Lutheran School has served the Tri-Valley area since 1984 with a quality academic program and credentialed teachers for children Pre School 8. Applications accepted from new families for Fall 2008 starting on 2/19 at 8:30am. For more information, call 925-829-3857, e-mail info@stphilipchurch.com or go to www.stphiliplutheranschool.com.

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

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., Feb. 2, 30 miles Cinderella training ride from Donlon School in Pleas-anton to Livermore, meet 9 a.m., Bekki Livingston. Sun., Feb. 3, 25 miles from Dublin to Sunol, meet 10 a.m. at Shannon Center, Alaine Nadeau, 361-7972. Wed., Feb. 6, 30 miles explore Coyote Hills Park and the Alameda Creek Trail, meet 10 a.m. at staging area at the east end of the trail, Linda Longinotti, 510-313-2631. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader

for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Crab Feed and Silent Auction, in support of Valley Christian High School athletic program; Fri., Feb. 8, 6:30 p.m. in the school gym. Football starts at the school this fall. Dinner includes crab, spaghetti and

salad. Auction items include a Rolling Stones guitar, a behind the wheel NASCAR experience, tickets to pro sports events and items from Tiger Woods and Wayne Gretzky, among others. Tickets to the event are available on line at vcathletics.com or call the athletic department at 560-6226. 7500 Inspiration Dr., Dublin.

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

Tri-Valley Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind on Saturday, February 2 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Meeting in cafeteria 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)

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 organiza-tion. Information at 447-2727 or JW@MosaicLodge218.org. The next meet-

Ohlone Audubon (Alameda Chapter 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, and Western Field Ornithologists). Information, call 510-507-3383.

Amador Valley Quilt Guild will meet

at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 9, at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Avenue, Pleasanton. Fiber artist Linda Schmidt, noted for her innovative use of fabric and textiles in quilting, will be the guest speaker. Linda, who is an internationally acclaimed artist and teacher, will conduct a workshop the following day. The guild is a nonprofit educational association for quilters of all skill levels. Anyone interested in quilting may attend. For further information about the guild or upcoming speakers, please visit our website, http://amadorvalleyquilters.org. 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 www.trivalleyyouthcourt.com.

Watch the Super Bowl on a Big Screen! Indoor "tailgate" party at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd.

Play fun games of skill and trivia. Win prizes. 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 College, Livermore. Sat., Feb. 9, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$79 class fee plus \$25 book fee. 925-424http://

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. ticket information. For more information on this event contact Foothill High School at 925-461-6600, or Becky Yeffa, 426-2347 or 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 980-8164 ore-mail BloodDrive@asburylive.org. 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 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, at 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.

3 p.m. Saturday.

Share the Gift of Reading & WritingNew tutor training and orientation: Feb.

2, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Pleasanton Public
Library needs adult volunteers to provide free 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. Janice Bauman, 931-3411 or mail interests as well as the provided of the provi

be provided. Janice Bauman, 931-3411 or email jbauman@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

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 Pleasanton Senior Center as the Alzheimer's Association adverses our formal dutitudes obsultments. dresses our fears and attitudes about memory loss. 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton on Tuesday, February 12 at 10am. \$1.50 Residents/\$2 Non-residents.

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Step One Groups, support and growth groups on a variety of topics offered by CrossWinds Church starting Tues., Feb. 19, 7 to 9 p.m. Groups meet ranging from 8 to 14 weeks. Fee \$40 per person includes all materials; child care for children under 12 is \$5 per child per night. 6444 Sierra Ct., Dublin. Register at www.crosswindschurch.orgorcontact Denise Croephan. 560-3835. Croghan, 560-3835.





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Our Savior Lutheran School in Livermore held its annual middle school Talent Day Fair. Each student has selected one

of the following areas for a project: art, literature, history or

science. One of the science entries was a ferris wheel powered



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LIVERMORE

By Appointment Beautiful open plan with 1,772+/-sf, built in 2002, three large bed-rooms and a bedroom-sized loft! No homeowners dues.



Beautiful Sandhurst home offers 5bd/3ba and 2,837+/-st of living snace. Rarely available court location. Light and bright!



784 Alexander St. Open Sat 1-4 Beautiful 3bd/1.5ba home in Sunset West with updated baths, hardwood floors and much more.



4293 Bellmawr Drive Open Sat 1-Pulte home has 4bd/2.5ba, 2,483+/-sf home on a 9,419+/-sf lot. Granite in spacious kitchen. Decorator tile in entry.



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Beautiful single story end unit.
2bd/2ba, 944+/-sf, Vaulted
ceilings and fireplace in living