



Lawrence Kohl

Music by Bartok And Mozart on Symphony Program

The Pacific Chamber Symphony will perform a program of music by Bartok and Mozart on Fri., Feb. 8 at the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore.

Featured will be Bartok's Music for Strings, Percussion and Celesta and Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante for Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon and French Horn. The concert begins at 8 p.m.

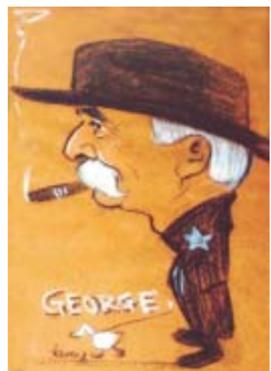
Lawrence Kohl will conduct. Three of the Pacific Chamber Symphony's principal winds will be joining Maestro Kohl on the clarinet as soloists for the Mozart Sinfonia Concertante. They are Robin May on oboe, Karla (See PERFORM, page 13)

Pleasanton School District Goes Solar

Just recently, the Pleasanton Unified School District became the first operational "solar school district" in California. Seven schools in the district are being equipped with solar arrays as part of an energy generation system developed in conjunction with Honeywell Corporation.

On January 23, critical links in the systems at Walnut Grove Elementary School and Harvest Park Middle School were activated, allowing the energy generated from panels on the schools' roofs to be converted and flow back into the state energy grid.

Even though it was a cloudy and rainy day, energy was being produced at both schools. The system at Walnut Grove is rated with a maximum of 10.5 kilo-



Drawing of George Fitzgerald, Alameda County Constable 1910 is just one of many that members of the Livermore Heritage Guild are trying to identify. For the story, see Anne Homan's column on page 8.

Heritage Guild Considering Updated Mission

The Livermore Heritage Guild is in the process of self-examination in an effort determine a future direction and how to get there.

A mission has been defined and the vision, or motto, changes. The Heritage Guild Board of Directors voted on the changes at its meeting Wednesday. The meeting was after The Independent's deadline.

The proposed motto now reads, "Saving Yesterday for Tomorrow," the word helping has been removed.

Jeff Kaskey, president of the Heritage Guild, noted we wanted to focus on the Guild as the organization that leads the way when it comes to historic preservation, not helps or coordinates the effort. The new mission also reflects that view. It includes a new concept, one of public advocacy. "The goal is to come up with a strategic plan that could be a 3 to 5 year effort. We collected

(See HERITAGE, page 4)

Oak Grove Campaign Finance an Issue

The Keep Our Park Committee spent \$61,174.25 in an effort to keep a referendum targeting the Oak Grove development in the southeast hills of Pleasanton off the ballot.

At the same time, supporters of the Oak Grove project have charged that opponents of the project have violated state campaign finance laws. In a press release issued Monday, the Keep Our Park Committee stated that the opponents, Save Pleasanton Hills, had failed to report thousands of dollars in political contributions and expenditures.

Keep Our Park reported

\$61,174.25 in monetary and nonmonetary contributions. Of that total, all but \$100 came from the developer of Oak Grove, Charter Properties and from Hong Ho Lin. The nonmonetary contributions were listed as website fees, advertising, mailers and yard signs paid for on behalf of Save Our Park. There was one other contributor, Margene Rivara, who gave \$100 to the committee.

"Our committee has disclosed every cent we received and spent. The opponents of Oak Grove have disclosed nothing. Secretive campaign financing is

a slap in the face to us and the public," declared Jerry Pentin, chairman of the Keep Our Park Committee.

Pentin said that the Keep Our Park Committee would be exploring its options to force disclosure of finances, including filing a complaint with the Fair Political Practices Committee. It was pointed out that state law requires that individuals and committees who raise a minimum of \$1000 disclose the source of the funding and how much each contributor gave.

Kay Ayala, former councilmember and one of the

leaders of Save Pleasanton Hills, sponsors of the referendum, said the group has collected zero dollars.

Assistant City Attorney Larissa Seto said according to state law, once a group starts collecting and spending money the threshold for reporting is \$1000. Supporters of a referendum receive a ballot title and summary from the city. They then file a 401 with the Fair Political Practices Committee.

"We can't speculate as to how much money has been raised by any group," she added.

Keep Our Park estimates that

Save Pleasanton Hills had spent at least \$8000 on its activities, including costs for signs and copies of the ballot qualification petition, a website and full page color advertisements in a local newspaper.

"Voters and the citizens of Pleasanton deserve to know where the money is coming from, who is funding the opposition to this project and what their interests are," Pentin said.

Ayala said the group is in the process of forming a committee and filing with the FPCC. There is both an initiative and a refer-

(See OAK GROVE, page 4)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Students from Walnut Grove Elementary School have been learning about the culture of Liberia. They demonstrated some of the dance movements during a recent assembly.

Walnut Grove Reaches Out To Liberian Schools

By Ron McNicoll

Despite the potential crimping of school budgets from a tighter state budget this year, California schools have it easy compared to public schools in Liberia.

Liberia, a country of 3 million people on the west coast of Africa, was founded by freed American slaves in the 19th century. Over the span of a few years until 2003, Liberia was engaged in a protracted civil war that left many schools burned to the ground and looted for their equipment. Textbooks are almost non-existent. Children are lucky if they can get a fifth grade education, because

they must labor with their families to avoid starvation.

Sharon Tangney, a counselor at Walnut Grove elementary school in Pleasanton, was a Peace Corps volunteer in Liberia from 1969 to 1971, long before the civil war started. She remembers a nation that was poor, but had happy people who shared their meager goods with guests.

Tangney thought that Liberians deserve better than they are getting, so she formed Hands Across the Water in 2001, to help the schools in Liberia. The group is comprised of fourth and fifth-graders at Wal-

nut Grove, and their volunteer parents.

The students learn about the lives of the Liberian students through pen-pal correspondence. Lifestyle scenes from pictures sent from Africa even were interpreted into drawings on quilts made by Hands Across the Water members. Tangney uses the quilts to show people what life is like in Liberia, and occasionally sells one for fund-raising.

The group's donations have helped buy a generator, develop a computer learning center, and establish a library. The group has

(See WALNUT GROVE, page 14)

Funding for Bus Rapid Transit in Federal Budget

The Federal Transit Authority has recommended providing \$7.99 million in "Small Starts" funding in its FY 2009 budget for the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project.

"That's great news," declared Livermore City Councilmember Marj Leider, who represents the city on LAVTA.

LAVTA is proposing to construct and operate a 12.0-mile BRT line taking Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin residents to the BART station. The BRT would generally use the current number 10 bus route. The proposed project includes 34 new stations, signal prioritization, and the purchase of 14 electric-hybrid vehicles. The service would operate with ten minute headways during the peak-period and 15 minute headways during the weekday off-peak.

On Tuesday, the LAVTA Board voted on a route for the BRT that does not include Pleasanton. Leider said the proposed route upon leaving Livermore would

be Isabel to Jack London and El Charro Road and finally along Dublin Blvd. to the BART station. Jack London Blvd. has not yet been extended to El Charro. Leider said there is the potential to use the freeway for a short distance until the connections were completed.

Pleasanton had wanted the route to use Neal Street and go through the downtown. Other board members felt that route would have defeated the purpose of rapid transit, because stop signs and traffic signals in the downtown would add extra time to the trip. Originally, the proposal was to use Old Stanley Blvd. However, residents objected to the idea out of concern over their street becoming a parking lot for those using the bus.

Further study on the cost of the new route will be needed. The original project was estimated to cost \$21.66 million. Congress has appropriated \$2.94 million for the project through FY 2008. FTA recommends

(See BRT, page 4)

Pleasanton City Council Tables Home Depot Issue

The Pleasanton City Council voted Tuesday to table the second reading of a controversial project at the corner of Valley, Stanley and Bernal.

The controversy centered around plans to build a Home Depot as part of a retail shopping center.

The project had received approval to move forward. However, at the second reading city staff recommended a delay pending further analysis of traffic and economic impacts. The analysis indicated there would be a negative economic impact on home

(See TABLES, page 4)

Global Warming Would Impact Future Water Supply

By looking at air temperatures, river flow and snowpack over the last 50 years, a team of scientists has determined that the human-induced increase in greenhouse gases has seriously affected the water supply in the West. The future brings more of the same.

The predicted changes are seen as a wake-up call to officials that the water supply infrastructure needs to be updated now, as opposed to waiting until the situation is urgent.

Already the Rocky Mountains have warmed by 2 degrees Fahrenheit. The snowpack in the Sier-

ras has dwindled by 20 percent and the temperatures there have heated up by 1.7 degrees Fahrenheit.

All could lead to dire consequences for the water supply in the Western United States, including California.

Scientists have noted that water flow in the West has decreased for the last 20 to 30 years, but had never explained why it was happening.

Scientists from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's Program for Climate Model Di-

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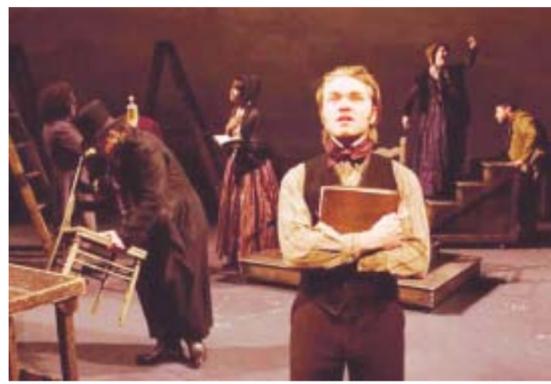


Photo - James Culp for the Acting Company

Timothy Sekk plays the role of Ishmael in 'Moby Dick' Rehearsed." For the story, see page 9.

Stoneridge Extension Continues to Be Point of Contention

The Stoneridge Drive extension and traffic on Valley Avenue continued to be the main issues in discussions of Pleasanton's draft circulation element, as part of the general plan update.

In the minds of many, the two issues are linked. Residents living along Valley Avenue believe building the Stoneridge extension would reduce traffic on Valley by providing another route out of Pleasanton to the east. The main concern of residents who would live along the Stoneridge extension has been that the road would become a second freeway, pouring more traffic through Pleasan-

ton. They say that if the freeways were "fixed," cars would be likely to stay on them.

The city council reached a consensus on how to proceed with Stoneridge Drive by including the option for residents to either referend or launch a petition drive to overturn any future decisions on a plan to build or fund the extension.

The council was unanimous in its agreement that the city should work with regional partners to come up with a plan listing the timing, sequence and funding of regional infrastructure so that the city would feel

comfortable in building the Stoneridge extension.

City Manager Nelson Fialho noted that although the city would see the lowest level of building permits ever. "My sense is that the majority of traffic impacts are coming from the rest of the Tri-Valley and beyond. The region will continue to grow and continue to cut through Pleasanton. If we assume no regional improvements, traffic will follow the path of least resistance; that's through Pleasanton."

The regional agreement would come back to the council for ratification.

Matt Sullivan, Cindy McGovern and Jennifer Hosterman favored inclusion of the potential for citizens to overturn future council decisions regarding the extension, including the regional agreement. The city attorney was directed to draft language that would make it possible. Earlier, Michael Rousch had expressed the opinion that action on the extension would not be referendable since the decision would be characterized as an administrative rather than legislative action.

Sullivan was the main proponent. (See STONERIDGE, page 4)

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PET OF THE WEEK

Clay is a 2-year-old cat with a fabulous, laid-back personality. He is a handsome, solid boy who likes to play and nap. He would be fine with other cats, dogs, and children. Clay is just an all-around great cat who is looking for a home. To visit with Clay and all of Valley Humane Society's adoptable kitties, visit VHS Wed. to Sun. from 11AM to 5PM at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Also, visit THE web site at www.valleyhumane.org, or call 925-426-8656.

SHORT NOTES

Police Academy

Enrollment is now open for the Spring 2008 session of the Pleasanton Police Department Citizen's Police Academy. It begins Thurs., March 6 and concludes on June 12. This is the 16th academy the department has presented since its inception in 2000.

The goals of the program are to create closer partnerships with the public, explain law enforcement procedures, and discuss the importance of public involvement in the policing process.

All fourteen segments of the academy will be held Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Police Department, with the exception of March 27 to coincide with Spring Break for the Pleasanton Unified School District. Classes are primarily taught by department personnel. They cover a wide variety of topics including community policing, patrol procedures, radio communications, SWAT, narcotics investigations, crime prevention, traffic enforcement, K-9s, evidence collection, use of force issues, animal services, and the DARE program.

The academy is open to adults only. Applicants will be carefully screened. Participants must live or work in the City of Pleasanton. They must be free of any felony convictions, have no misdemeanor arrests within one year of application, successfully complete a background investigation check, sign waiver forms, and be approved by the Chief of Police.

Fun with Fungi

Fun with Fungi will be presented by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District rafter staff. The Fungi program will be held Sat., Feb. 9. Meet Ranger Amy Wollitzer at 2 p.m. at Veterans Park.

The ranger will lead a hunt along trails, on dead logs, in fields and under trees for weird and wonderful fungi. Mushrooms, puffballs, toadstools, slime molds and fairy rings. Participants will learn about the things that make mushrooms and their kin so different from plants and animals. The focus of this program will be not so much on identification as on appreciating the incredible variety of fungi that we find. Program will be held rain or shine.

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

Double Gold Wine

Crooked Vine Winery won six medals at this winter's San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition, the largest contest for American wines.

The featured winner was a 2004

Cabernet Sauvignon which earned double-gold recognition, meaning every judge felt it was the best in its class. This wine retails for \$38 per bottle. The grapes came from Livermore's Del Arroyo Vineyard, which is owned by Crooked Vine owner Rick Corbett.

Crooked Vine also won silver medals for its 2003 Port (\$25) and 2004 Syrah (\$28) and bronze medals for a separate 2004 Cabernet from a different vineyard (\$32), its 2005 Harriet's Merlot (\$28) and its Chardonnay/Viognier blend called Charve that retails for \$22.

All Crooked Vine and Stony Ridge wines can be sampled at the tasting room at 4948 Tesla Rd. in Livermore. Winter hours are 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays, and by appointment other days. The weekend before Valentine's Day will feature pairings with chocolate and souvenir wine glasses. There will be a wine and cheese tasting on Presidents' Day Weekend.

Information on Crooked Vine is available by calling 925-371-8156 or visiting www.crookedvine.com.

Native Californian Class

A multi-media Saturday morning class on the First Californians will be presented February 23 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Village High School in Pleasanton, Room 602.

Participants will be able to feel hands-on material, taste some of the food which native Californians ate, see how they lived on the land, respecting it, hear how they met European explorers, missionaries, and the Gold rush settlers, and learn about the situation of California native people today.

Instructor is Patricia Belding. The class fee is \$25, which includes an optional one hour DVD after the class. To register, go online at www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/adulted or call 925-426-4280 and ask for the same number and title.

Zintastic Month

Zintastic February is back featuring all the John Christopher Cellars Zins paired with food samples.

Each weekend in Feb. one of the Dry Creek Valley Zins will be featured, starting with the food friendly 2002 Zin. Over Presidents Day Weekend (Feb 16-18) there will be a Blind Zin Wine Tasting event. Participants taste 3 varietal Zins and one Zin blend wine. Choose the wines correctly and receive additional wine discounts and other prizes.

Zintastic February is open to everyone. There is no charge to participate. Tasting fees apply, but are waived upon wine purchase. There is no charge to participate in the Blind Wine tasting, though you must be 21 years of age or older and only one Blind Tasting per person. Please check the website at www.johnchristophercellars.com for

additional details.

John Christopher Cellars is located at Blacksmith Square in downtown Livermore.

Advocate for Education

The Governor's budget proposal includes cuts to education. However, there's still more to be done to improve education in California. Part of the Governor's plan for education states that "...over the next year, Governor Schwarzenegger will hold hearings statewide to discuss a framework for education reform with the purpose of developing solutions and a long-term action plan.

Through a privately funded research project, the University of Stanford released Getting Down to Facts - a report examining California's school governance and finance systems. For the past few years concerned parents, educators, and community members of Livermore have joined together for a trip to Sacramento. Our annual Advocacy Day trip allows the community to let our legislators and Governor know that education reform is necessary to help our students, and State, succeed and be competitive nationally and globally! The strength is in our numbers.

The goal is to fill the 55 passenger bus with concerned members of the Livermore community. Confirmed speakers/presenters: Diane Levin, Policy Director for the Office of the Secretary of Education (this office, created by the Governor, is charged with the mission of proposing/implementing education reform); Kevin Gordon, School Innovations and Advocacy; Adonai Mack, Governmental Relations Department, Association of California School Administrators; Assemblypersons: Guy Houston, Sandra Swanson, Loni Hancock and Senator Tom Torlakson.

Advocacy Day is February 27. The bus departs 7:15am and returns 4:30pm, cost is \$65. Download the Registration Form from the Livermore Valley PTA Council website: www.lvptac.org. Contact the Council Advocacy Chair, Dawn Whalen, with any questions: 925-373-4898 or radvocacy@lvptac.org.

Wigged Out

Hats Off America is sponsoring a performance of "Wigged Out" at Hair On Stage, a comedy revue, on Sat., March 8 at 520 San Ramon Valley Blvd, Danville.

Tickets are \$40 per person. Proceeds benefit for Hats Off America, a nonprofit organization. For tickets and information, call Sparky George, Hats Off America, (925) 855-1950. A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, benefit the families of American soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom in Iraq and Afghanistan.

For information or to register or volunteer, contact Sparky George at (925) 855-1950 or thebearflagrunner@yahoo.com. Visit www.hatsoffamerica.us. The site includes links to other organizations that support our troops. Hats Off America is a nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization.

Wente Celebrates

Wente Vineyards marks its 125th anniversary this year! In celebration a full year of seasonal and anniversary events is planned. Events will be posted

at www.wentevineyards.com/events.asp as they are finalized.

Members of the fourth and fifth generations of the Wente family will host an evening of celebration in honor of the 125th Anniversary on Thurs., Feb. 28. A portion of the proceeds from this evening will benefit Las Positas College Viticulture Program. Hors d'oeuvres and music set the tone, followed by a three-course wine dinner featuring specially paired library wines, including a rare vintage Riesling. Club Wente members have advance reservation rights, and the dinner is expected to sell out in advance. The festivities are 5:30 to 10 p.m. The cost is \$125 per person, excluding tax and gratuity. For reservations and Club Wente membership information, call 925-456-2400.

Romance, Wine and Chocolate will be the theme of a Sun., Feb. 17 event. Five chocolate and wine pairings chosen by Karl Wente and prepared by Wente Vineyards' pastry team will be featured. Limited space available. Classes are at noon and at 3 p.m., each approximately 1 hour. The cost is \$20 for Club Wente members/\$25 for general admission. For reservations call 925-456-2400 or online at www.ticketmaster.com.

Tastes of Wente Vineyards 2005 The Nth Degree Cabernet, 2006 Small Lot Pinot Blanc, and 2006 Small Lot Petite Sirah will be offered Sat., Feb. 9, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Estate Tasting Room, 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore. These limited releases sell out and are only available from the winery. For more information please call 925-456-2305.

Love of Crustaceans

Poppy Ridge Golf Course will host a special dinner, "For Love of Crustaceans."

It will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. on Feb. 23. The menu includes a variety of shellfish including lobster, clams, mussels, oysters and prawns.

The cost is \$48 inclusive. Poppy Ridge is located at 4820 Greenville Rd., Livermore. For reservations, call 447-6779.

Cardio Kickboxing

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) is offering a 45-minute Cardio Kickboxing class which combines elements of boxing, martial arts and aerobics. Class begins with a quick warm-up, launching into a calorie burning party that is sure to lower stress, improve flexibility, cause weight loss and make for an all around good time. Experience an ultimate total body workout, kicking and punching your way to a stronger more self-confident you.

Classes begin March 3rd in the Robert Livermore Community Center (RLCC) Gym. They are held Monday-Wednesday-Friday. Beginners: 9-9:45 a.m.; Advanced: 10-10:45 am. Fee is \$180. Register now - call LARPD (925) 373-5700.

Recycle Program

Clif Bar and TerraCycle are proud to announce the nation's first program designed to reduce the amount of energy bar wrappers going into landfills, while educating people about the benefits of reusing waste materials. Together the companies have created the Wrapper Brigade, which will donate 2 cents to charity for every used wrapper collected by individuals and organizations.

The collected wrappers will be fused and woven into a strong material, which will then be used to make backpacks, gym totes and other products. These items are expected to be available at major retailers by early next year.

Clif Bar is sponsoring the program. TerraCycle is providing product collection and reuse expertise.

Anyone can sign up for the Wrapper Brigade program by visiting www.terracycle.net/brigades. There is no cost to participate.

Autism Fundraiser

Cher Orio, owner of It's Only Natural, a downtown Pleasanton spa and boutique, announced that the business will celebrate the anniversary of its 15th year in Pleasanton with a fundraiser to support autism early detection and therapy.

The event, at the business's location at 555 Peters Street, Suite 210, will begin on Thursday, February 7 from 6 to 9 pm, to coordinate with the Downtown Pleasanton Wine Stroll. Refreshments, including wine from

Livermore's Tamas Estates, will be served.

The fundraiser will continue through February 14. Fifteen percent of the week's proceeds from nail care and retail sales will be donated to Bright Beginnings, an autism early detection screening, education, and support program sponsored by Dublin-based Happy Talkers. Call 925-846-1115 for business hours, which vary by day, or to make an appointment for a hand and/or foot treatment.

HOPE for Food

On February 14, Pleasanton chiropractor David De Bonis will sponsor the second annual Valentine's H.O.P.E. Day, a benefit for the Alameda County Community Food Bank. De Bonis will donate his services in exchange for donations of non-perishable food.

Valentine's H.O.P.E. Day is co-sponsored by the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and Zippes of Pleasanton. Donations of non-perishable food, including canned fruit, vegetables and meat, pasta and canned sauce, rice, beans, peanut butter, nutritious cereal, and powdered milk, can be made at De Bonis' office located at 4625 First Street, Suite 100 from February 11 through the 15. In exchange for the food, all chiropractic services, including consultations, exams, and adjustments, provided on February 14 will be at no charge.

Both new and existing patients are welcome. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (925) 223-7143.

BANKHEAD THEATER

MOZART AND BARTOK
Pacific Chamber Symphony Concert
February 8 • 8pm
\$26, \$32, \$38

The principal winds display their virtuosic talents joining Maestro Kohl on the clarinet in W.A. Mozart's joyous Sinfonia Concertante for oboe, clarinet, bassoon, French horn and orchestra. With this work Mozart transforms the Baroque concerto into a classical masterpiece.

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Livermore Sets Growth Rate for Next Three Years

The Livermore City Council set the city's growth rate for the next three years at 450 units per year.

That is the same rate as the previous three year cycle. The growth rate is established, based on the State of the City report.

Scott Lee, senior planner, stated that the report concludes there are no growth limiting factors for the next three years. However, he noted there is one potential limiting factor in the Delta water supply. In addition, storm water capacity has the potential to limit growth in specific areas. Lee said that the city would address those issues on a project basis.

Of the 450 units, most are already allocated for specific uses: 200 per year over three years are guaranteed for the downtown; 100 reserved for the transfer of development credit (TDC) program for the first two years and 200 in 2010. In addition, the city borrowed 264 units for the Shea Homes project near Las Positas College. Those would need to be

paid back over the next three years.

That leaves very few units left to take part in a competitive process, the Housing Implementation Program (HIP). In 2008 and 2009, there are 29 units available and in 2010, 28 units. "Most major residential development will take place in the downtown or participate in the TDC program," said Lee. "The HIP would be for small infill projects."

There are three areas of emphasis under which projects could receive priority for the competitive units. They are

green building, affordable housing, and small units (over 80 percent of the units at less than 1300 square feet).

Lee explained that if two projects were considered outstanding, the one that includes an emphasized area would receive priority.

ART PROJECT

The council voted to rescind approval of \$30,000 to participate in Art Takes Place. The valleywide project was canceled due to lack of funding.

A replacement project, a proposed Bus Obscura regional art

experience, had been considered at a cost of \$10,000 for each city. Prior to the Livermore's decision, Pleasanton and Dublin agreed to fund the entire Bus Obscura.

The council had delayed the vote at its last meeting on canceling Art Takes Place and funding Bus Obscura. The council wanted time to allow for representatives from the Commission for the Arts to explain why the city should spend the money on the Bus Obscura. Instead, the commission recommended withdrawing from the program.

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

VA Mileage Increase

Congressmen Jerry McNerney (CA-11) announced last week that veterans will see their mileage reimbursement for travel to VA medical facilities more than double.

"In order to access the VA services they've earned, some veterans are forced to travel many miles," Rep. McNerney said. "With gas prices as high as they are that can be a huge burden. Increasing the mileage reimbursement is long overdue and I am proud that we included funding for it in this year's budget."

Beginning February 1, the beneficiary travel reimbursement rate will increase from 11 cents per mile to 28.5 cents per mile. This is the first mileage reimbursement increase in 30 years.

Funding for the mileage reimbursement increase was included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2008, H.R. 2764.

Mercury Mine Cleanup

Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11), Congressman George Miller (CA-7), and Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher (CA-10) announced that Contra Costa County will receive \$517,000 for the cleanup of the Mount Diablo Mercury Mine in eastern Contra Costa County.

Funding will be used to help clean up the abandoned Mount Diablo Mercury Mine in eastern Contra Costa County by funding the preliminary design and planning studies for cleanup. Currently, due to the condition of the facility, mercury from the abandoned mine is washed into the Marsh Creek Watershed, near the eastern Contra Costa cities of Oakley and Brentwood, and ultimately downstream into San Francisco Bay.

The Bay Area Representatives are responsible for securing this funding, which was the County's number one priority funding request for 2008, through the Army Corp of Engineers.

"Cleaning up this abandoned mine will make a big difference in the health of eastern Contra Costa communities and, ultimately, for much of the Bay Area. After all, runoff into the Marsh Creek watershed eventually ends up in the Bay," said McNerney.

Tauscher commented, "The mine clean-up is simply something that needs to be done. Reducing mercury levels washed into the Bay and surrounding communities will contribute to our overall health and that of the environment. The communities of Eastern Contra Costa County and the surrounding areas made this clean-up a priority and my colleagues and I shared their sentiment; it's this type of unified approach that gets things done."

EBRPD Appointment

Erich Pfuehler has joined the East Bay Regional Park District as its Legislative Administrative Manager. In his position with the Park District, Pfuehler will be instrumental in the District's formulation and achievement of legislative and governmental affairs programs. He will also facilitate the activities of the District's volunteer Park Advisory Committee and support the Board of Directors regarding special district issues and organizations.

Pfuehler has over 14 years of experience working as a Congressional Aide. Most recently, he served as District Director for first-term California Representative Jerry McNerney. His prior legislative experience was in Washington D.C. as an aide to former U.S. House Democratic Whip David E. Bonior, serving as his Chief of Staff and Executive Policy Advisor for Bonior's 2002 Michigan gubernatorial bid. As a member of U.S. House leadership staff, Pfuehler was specifically responsible for working within the Democratic Caucus to gain support for protecting the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska and enacting legislation to tighten the standards on arsenic in our drinking water. Mr. Pfuehler was Rep. Bonior's primary environmental advisor for 10 years.

County Historic Preservation

The Alameda County Parks, Recreation and Historical Commission will hold a workshop on

a proposed Alameda County historic preservation ordinance.

The workshop is Feb. 7 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at 224 West Winton Ave., Hayward.

There will be a discussion concerning the process for developing the ordinance for unincorporated areas of the county, and the intent, need for and requirements of a historic preservation ordinance.

If approved, the ordinance would codify the following: how the Register of Historic Resources is defined, maintained; how properties can be added or removed from the Register; which alterations to the historic properties, if any, are subject to review; and incentives that may apply to historic properties.

For information, contact Angela Robinson Pinon, planner, at 510-670-5400 or angela.robinsonpinon@ac.gov.org.

Concannon Building

Shames Construction is building the new Concannon Vineyard facility. Barry Shames, Chief Executive Officer, noted, "We just celebrated our 20th year in business and are very proud to have built this beautiful building that is a great addition to the Livermore Wine Country."

Increase in Thefts

The Livermore Police Department has seen an increase in thefts from vehicles.

The most common method of entry has been to open unlocked vehicles. Generally, items stolen from the vehicles are not the vehicle radio but personal items left in plain view. These items consist of purses, backpacks, gym bags, cell phones, i-pods, GPS units, laptops and CD's.

The police remind residents that the easiest way to prevent thefts from happening is first, to remove these items from a vehicle or secure them in the trunk and second, to lock the vehicle.

Please report any suspicious activity to the Livermore Police Department at (925) 371-4978.

Water Sources

Alternative Water Sources for California conference will be held March 6 and 7 at the Hyatt Regency Sacramento in Sacramento.

The most accessible new water sources are from conservation and efficiency, water recycling and desalination. This conference will explore how to finance and implement these programs, as well as how to navigate the regulatory challenges when working to add recycled or desalinated water into a water supply portfolio.

Regulators, agency staff from water districts and cities with a track record of successful programs, engineers and specialty consultants, lawyers and financial experts will speak. The Department of Water Resources, Department of Public Health, Metropolitan Water District, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, Marin Municipal Water District, and West Basin and Central Basin Water District will all be represented.

The Seminar Group, an educational organization providing quality professional education throughout the United States, sponsors this conference. Approved by the State Bar of California for 12.25 general CLE credits.

For more information and registration, please call (206) 463-4400 or toll free (800) 574-4852.

Car Burglary Suspect

Pleasanton Police arrested 27-year-old Horacio Gutierrez of Newark after receiving a call from a resident who reported seeing someone break into her car.

Police stopped the suspect driving from the area. The suspect had a felony no bail warrant for possession of illegal drugs. The passenger in the car, 24 year old Holly Pigeon from Newark, was a parolee at large with a no bail warrant.

Based on property recovered from the car and witness statements, investigating officers were able to connect Gutierrez to five auto burglaries in the Valley Trails subdivision. He had targeted cars where objects were left in plain sight.

SOLAR

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watts (kw)—enough to power about one hundred 100 watt light bulbs. Harvest Park, with more panels installed, is rated at 29.8 kw. Coming on line soon will be Pleasanton Middle School, rated at 35 kw. Other schools in the District which will be completed by June include Foothill High School (175 kw), Hart Middle School (30 kw), and Hearst (185 kw) and Lydiksen (100 kw) elementary schools.

The District has entered into a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Honeywell. The agreement allows Honeywell to sell the energy generated by the solar panels at market rates. The company will also sell energy to Pleasanton Unified at a discounted rate.

On an average day, all schools consume more power than is generated on the solar panels. However, during the summer when there is peak production and minimal use, the amount put back on the grid should exceed usage at the site. It is estimated that PUSD will save upwards of



Flipping the switch are (from left to right) Larry Lagatta, PUSD Director of Maintenance and Operations; Michael Moriarty, Honeywell; Bill Radulovich, Principal, Walnut Grove Elementary School; and David Brown, SPG Solar.

\$125,000 per year in energy costs.

Additionally at Walnut Grove, SPG Solar will be installing a kiosk with its SunSpot®

monitoring program. The kiosk will allow students at the school to monitor the solar energy generation in real time.

Lab Introduces New Gift Program

Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC (LLNS) has announced the formation of a \$100,000 annual gift program for local and area non-profit organizations.

The new program will provide up to \$100,000 in funding to support organizations addressing science, technology, engineering and/or mathematics (STEM) education, community-service and philanthropic needs in communities having a large population of Lab employees. Nonprofit California educational institutions, IRS-qualified 501(c)(3) organizations, and government agencies serving Alameda, Contra Costa and San Joaquin counties are eligible to

apply. Gifts will be awarded in amounts from \$1,000 to \$20,000.

"LLNS is committed to being a good neighbor in our local communities and is proud of the generous support of employees to those in need," said George Miller, LLNS President and LLNL Director.

All organizations interested in applying for LLNS Community Gift Program must submit a gift application to LLNS by March 14, 2008. To be eligible, organizations must be sustainable and financially viable and accountable for spending and program results. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their proposal by May 2, 2008. More information on LLNS

and its Community Gift Program is available on the Website, www.llnslc.com.

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EDITORIALS

Upbeat College News

A couple of important announcements concerning Las Positas Community College have brightened the pages of this newspaper in recent weeks.

Las Positas is one of four California community colleges selected this year for a nationwide program aimed at helping women get into the trades. Four other colleges were named last year. The National Science Foundation recently made a \$2 million grant to support the eight colleges.

At Las Positas the focus will be on careers in the automotive and welding fields. Participants will receive intensive technical training.

Spokesmen say the need for skilled workers is enormous. "Given the need, how can we disregard 50 percent of the potential workforce by failing to recruit women? ... these are high-wage, high-skill positions that provide students with a meaningful career path," observed Birgitte Ryslinge, Las Positas's vocational education dean.

The college also announced that the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has named the Chabot/Las Positas district as one of eight new OSHA Training Institute Education Centers. The first classes will be held May 6-9 at the district office in Pleasanton.

The program will train men and women to administer OSHA's workplace standards. Here, as with the abovementioned women-in-trades program, the need for skilled workers is said to be critical.

The first classes will deal with general industry and construction. OSHA has 28 courses in all and Chabot/Las Positas intends to offer them all. The center will serve a vast area embracing Northern California, Nevada, Hawaii, Guam and American Samoa.

These programs show that our local community college is assuming nationwide leadership in the vocational education field. We have a dynamo at work, creating vibrant partnerships with business and industry and expanding the horizons of job opportunities.

HERITAGE

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ideas that could go into the plan," continued Kasky. He noted that one of the hot topics was a dedicated museum. There was also a lot of emphasis on recruiting, using and retaining volunteers and members. He pointed out that without members and volunteers, no plan could be carried out.

Other topics on the list are the history mobile, Duarte Garage, Midway School, and the Railroad Depot. "It is a long list," declared Kasky.

The goals and mission were in response to the results of a survey conducted to learn more about how people viewed the Guild and what it might focus on in the future.

The survey did not represent a cross-section of Livermore. It included people who were thought to have been touched by the guild.

The main findings were that there needed to be a vision and a focus in order to set goals and then plan how to achieve those goals. More volunteers are needed to replace an aging membership/volunteer network. Many of those present stated that if there were more volunteers, the Guild could accomplish more.

Most of those responding, 55 percent, were between the ages of 60 and 79; 33 percent were between 40 and 59. The majority were female. Most had visited one of the Guild's facilities or been exposed to a program.

Preservation, education and the promotion of history were perceived as the roles of the Heritage Guild.

On a scale of 1 to 5, the Guild received a three for effectiveness, which Deborah Fields, chairman of the upcoming Legacy Home Tour, pointed out left room for improvement. Fields led the discussion.

The Guild received a higher ranking, 4.5 on a scale of 1 to 5, on how important the public viewed its activities.

Jeff Kasky, the president of the Heritage Guild, stated, "Some of the numbers aren't where we want them to be. Three out of five means we need to pay attention. It says we're not feeling so good about the effectiveness of the organization."

Kasky noted that the Guild has had some good leaders. "Having a good president is important. The board manages the day-to-day task of the guild. What we don't have is an organization that manages relationships with outside groups such as the city."

Fields added there are too many projects and not enough people. "We don't have a focus on priorities."

The survey asked what respondents felt were the strengths,

weaknesses, opportunities and threats of the Guild.

The main strength was seen as the dedicated and talented volunteers. Others were the archival collection, documents and publications, the desire to teach and share, and real estate operated by the Guild such as the Carnegie Building and Duarte Garage.

The main weakness was marketing/publicity. Others were community outreach, recruiting volunteers, leadership and relationships with partners.

It was pointed out that the Guild was in danger of losing collections, because it has no room to store them or display them properly.

The top opportunity on the list was a museum. "We heard over and over again the need for a dedicated space," declared Fields.

Other opportunities identified in the survey were to engage youth and the public more, fundraising and grant attainment ("If we're going to have a museum, this is something we will need"); partnering to accomplish goals, and public awareness and support.

Fields felt there was great interest on the part of new residents to learn more about the community. "There are ways to engage people."

Kasky noted there are other organizations that want to partner with the Guild. The Livermore Cultural Arts Council was "thrilled to have us at the most recent meeting. The Commission for the Arts wants to make sure the Guild is involved with planning."

One criticism raised by a member of the audience during the discussion was the name of the organization. It was suggested that it should be called the Livermore Historical Society; that says what the group is about.

The survey also asked about threats. They were an aging membership, lack of focus, pessimism, ineffective teamwork, and lack of public interest.

When it comes to membership, volunteers and the future, Fields commented, "There is someone for everything. People will stay if they can follow their passions." She used as an example of the need for focus major companies that provide badges with company vision and goals. "Everything they do needs to tie back to the goals."

Kasky added, "I love the fact that we have a lot of things going on. We don't want to stop, but we want to set goals and provide ways to integrate personal interests in achieving those goals."

STONERIDGE

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ment of the provision. Similar wording was included in the 1996 general plan for the West Las Positas interchange.

Cheryl Cook-Kallio voiced opposition, noting that the Stoneridge extension is a divisive issue. It is up to the council to make decisions that are in the best interest of the entire city. "Some will be happy, some won't. In voting on issues, people tend to do so with their hearts. They do not see the entire picture. What we've done is closed doors, if we keep doing that we will have gridlock that no amount of mitigation will stop."

Cook-Kallio was in support of a public hearing process to determine whether or not to proceed with the extension. She felt it was also irresponsible not to let Alameda County, which owns Staples Ranch, and the developers pay for the road. The road could be blocked off until regional improvements are in place, with perhaps use as a transit route.

She felt it was important for the council to finally make a decision on the extension, rather than keep the issue going.

Sullivan viewed retaining the extension in the general plan as a major compromise on his part. "I've come to understand there are benefits to eventually extending it. We need that regional plan that addresses the big traf-

fic picture before we extend the road."

Sullivan felt that providing the public an opportunity to overturn a council decision is part of the democratic process. "It has to be a part of the policy." He added, "I've gone so far off my original position, that I think it's time for other people to come to the middle."

Cook-Kallio wondered why just one policy in the general plan should be singled out for referendum or initiative action.

"Because it's the 800-lb gorilla in the general plan," replied Sullivan.

McGovern pointed out that voters had set policy in the past, including the housing cap and urban growth boundary. "I want to make sure the public has a right to vote on this issue."

Other issues discussed by the council were these: adding a third left turn lane from Santa Rita turning east onto Valley; removing the West Las Positas interchange from the general plan; prohibiting gated communities; removing Bernal/Valley/Stanley intersection designation as a gateway, and wording concerning level of service (LOS).

The third left turn lane is opposed by residents living in the area. They see it as a safety issue. With three schools in the area, many children cross the road. In

addition, they argue it would cause more congestion on Valley Avenue, because cars would have to squeeze back into two lanes after making a turn.

City staff had recommended including the third turn lane to allow the city a mechanism to collect traffic impact fees from developers. The council would have the ultimate say as to whether the lane would be built. In the meantime, the level of service standard would be relaxed at the intersection. The general plan requires intersections be at LOS D.

Speakers chastised the council for even considering lowering the LOS at the intersection.

Sullivan noted that the level of service is a very important growth control policy in the city. "I don't like the idea of exempting an area on a case-by-case basis."

Fialho explained that the city cannot charge impact fees without identifying the improvement that would be funded.

Cook-Kallio pointed out that the LOS was already below "D" at the intersection.

The council approved language regarding LOS: "If there are no feasible mitigation measures, the city would withhold development approvals, including building permits, until the intersections exceeding LOS D are

at an acceptable LOS."

The council agreed to remove the West Las Positas interchange from the general plan. However, wording would be left in the general plan that allows residents to launch either a referendum or initiative drive to prevent construction of the interchange if a future council were to put it back in the general plan.

As for gated communities, the council said they should not be prohibited. The main reasoning is that the new senior housing on the Staples Ranch is slated to be gated.

A final decision was to remove Valley/Bernal/Stanley as a gateway to the city. Instead, El Charro to Stanley would become the gateway entrance.

Other changes in the draft include a new Happy Valley bypass alignment, and removal of the Rose Avenue extension. There is a greater emphasis on facilitating trips by transit, carpooling, bicycling and walking. The element calls for use of fuel efficient buses, implementation of a bicycle share program, and adding bike lanes.

Sullivan offered the observation, "This is a very progressive circulation element. For the first time there are policies about bicycles, pedestrians, safety and neighborhood traffic."

WATER

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agnosis and Intercomparison in collaboration with Scripps Institution of Oceanography have pinpointed the cause of that diminishing water flow on a regional scale: humans.

The research appeared in the Jan. 31 on-line edition of Science Express. The findings also were presented at last year's annual fall meeting of the American Geophysical Union.

"We looked at whether there is a human-caused climate change where we live, and in aspects of our climate that we really care about," said Benjamin Santer of the Lab and co-author of the paper. "No matter what we did, we couldn't shake this robust conclusion that human-caused warming is affecting water resources here in the Western United States."

The team scaled down global climate models to the region and compared the results to observations over the last 50 years. The results were solid, giving the team confidence that they could use the same models to predict the effects of the global scale increase in greenhouse gases on the Western United States in the future.

By 2040, most of the snowpack in the Sierras and Colorado Rockies would melt by April 1 of each year because of rising air temperatures. The earlier snow melt would lead to a shift in river flows.

The shift could lead to flooding in California's Central Valley. Currently, state reservoirs are filled during the rainy season. As the water is drawn down, the reservoirs are replenished with snow melt from the Sierras.

If that snow melts earlier, as predicted in the climate models, the reservoirs could overflow.

"We are headed for a water crisis in the Western United States

that has already started," said Tim Barnett of Scripps and a co-author of the paper. "A couple of decades ahead, we might not have that snowpack, making us more susceptible to flooding."

Santer said the increase in predicted river flow should be a wake-up call to officials that the water supply infrastructure needs to be updated now, as opposed to waiting until the situation is urgent.

As for the warming, with the existing greenhouse gas in the atmosphere, the Earth will continue to warm for the next 80-100 years.

"For someone who has seven grandchildren, that scares the hell out of me," Barnett said. "I've seen the future and I don't like it."

Other Livermore contributors included Celine Bonfils, Govindasamy Bala and Art Mirin.

Jill Duerig, Zone 7 Water District manager, said a study was conducted about a year and a half ago to determine how global warming could impact water supplies. The Department of Water Resources is in the process of updating the study. Duerig said the initial modeling assumes there would not be much impact.

The new study will be ready sometime this year.

Duerig said that Zone 7 felt that the impact was not enough to change its approach. Generally, that involves the use of recharging to maintain groundwater basin levels. During very wet years, the district takes additional water from the state water project to use in the recharge. Currently, the water flows down arroyos and streams. In the future, it would

go into lakes created when gravel mining ends in the area.

In addition to the local groundwater basin, Zone 7 stores water in the Kern County water basin. In dry years, Kern County would use the stored water, while Zone 7 would take that county's water share out of the Delta.

Delta water is an ongoing issue. There are negotiations over when and how much water can be removed and at the same time protect habitat.

Two local water districts, San Francisco and EBMUD, are not impacted by the pumping issue. Those two take water out of the system before it reaches the Delta. The water is stored in reservoirs. The amount they take is based on past water rights agreements. The most recent judgment that prevents water from being removed to protect the endangered smelt does not impact those two districts.

There are two efforts to resolve the issue of how to protect habitat for endangered species and maintain a reliable water supply.

One is the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. Duerig called it a habitat conservation plan. It is talking about all species. "Zone 7 is heavily involved in this. It is looking at what might be done better, such as better pumping facilities or an extra canal," she said.

The other involves operating criteria for existing facilities. This aspect is being renegotiated as part of a court settlement. Duerig said that although the smelt has been the focus, the negotiations are looking at the full range of endangered species. The main focus has been on pumping schedules.

Environmentalists believe huge Tracy-area pumps used by the State Water Project and federal Central Valley Project suck up smelt, killing huge numbers of them. Those water systems redistribute delta water to parts of the Bay Area, the San Joaquin Valley and Southern California.

TABLES

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improvement businesses in Pleasanton. As a result, the council told the developer to come up with another option.

On Tuesday, the developer asked that the council table the issue until meetings could be held with the neighborhood to determine what retail uses might be acceptable.

The vote was 3 to 2 to table the second reading. Tabling the reading allows the developer to amend the original application and come back for approval, rather than starting from scratch through the approval process.

Matt Sullivan and Jennifer Hosterman were opposed. Hosterman wanted to vote on the second reading and deny the project. Her reason was that would put the Home Depot issue to rest.

Sullivan preferred to include the property in an upcoming eastside specific plan study. However, he said he would be willing to support an option proposed by staff to table the issue until after the general plan update was completed.

Pete Knoedler, sr. vice president investments for Regency Centers told the council, "It's a tough economic process carrying

the property." He added, "We have heard the council. There won't be a Home Depot."

Residents urged the council to include the property in the eastside study, to at least wait until the general plan was completed. Once completed there would be better information on traffic and land use impacts generated by any use on the site. Councilmember Cheryl Cook-Kallio said that tabling the issue simply allows the developer more time to work through the issues with the neighborhood in an effort to come up with a project that is supported. The council doesn't have to consider it until after the general plan update is completed.

It is anticipated the final vote on adopting a new general plan would occur late this year. Councilmember Jerry Thorne told Knoedler, "I can support tabling the issue as long as there is a clear understanding if you come back before the general plan is completed, your chance of getting an approved project is at risk."

Knoedler replied, "I understand. We'd just like to have the opportunity to proceed."

Kamena Has Collected Most Funds in Assembly Race

Scott Kamena, Republican candidate for the State 15th Assembly District, reported \$361,751 in total contributions during the most recent reporting period. He has raised more than all of his opponents for the third reporting period in a row. To date, Kamena is the only Republican candidate who has not loaned money to his campaign.

The reporting period covers July 1 to Dec. 31, 2007.

Currently Republican Guy Houston holds the seat. He would be termed out of office, if Proposition 93 were not approved by voters on Feb. 5.

Other Republicans in the race and their contributions during the reporting period are Judy Lloyd, \$105,385; Abram Wilson, \$75,828; and Robert Rao, \$36,031.

Joan Buchanan, San Ramon School Board Trustee and Democratic candidate for the 15th Assembly District, reported raising over \$166,000 from nearly 400 donors. Eight out of 10 donors reside within the district. With \$24,901 raised using

ActBlue.com, Buchanan leads all other California Assembly candidates who use the Democratic on-line fund-raising site.

Other Democrats reporting were Steve Filson, \$39,330; and Steve Thomas, \$350.

Candidates who did not file campaign finance reports were Democrats Davies Ononiwu and John Taylor and Republican Joseph Rubay.

Stockton Mayor Ed Chavez announced his support for conservative Republican businessman Robert Rao in the open 15th Assembly District.

"Robert Rao is not a career politician," said Mayor Chavez. "Rather, he is a proven business and community leader who will fight on behalf of taxpayers to bring fiscal discipline to Sacramento. Robert also understands that strong law enforcement must be a chief priority of government, and he will work to ensure that law enforcement and public safety take precedence in Sacramento. I am proud to support him."

Rao currently lives on Rao Ranch in Livermore with his wife Linda and two children.

State Senator Mike Machado this week endorsed Danville resident Steve Filson, Democratic candidate for the 15th Assembly Seat.

Senator Machado stated, "Steve Filson is the candidate that best understands the issues of the 15th District and California as a whole, particularly issues that affect the Delta region and our State's water challenges - an issue important to me, the 15th district, and all Californians. Steve will be a superb addition to the California Assembly and be a devoted public servant".

In addition Steve Filson has been endorsed by former 15th Assembly Democratic candidate Davies Ononiwu of Elk Grove who recently dropped out of the race.

Steve has been a long time Danville resident. He also ran for Congress in the Democratic Primary in 2006 against Jerry McNerney for the chance to take

on former representative Richard Pombo.

Democrat Fred Klaske has announced that he is formally withdrawing from the race for the 15th Assembly District. He stated, "I am pulling out of this race for one simple reason: I was not able to accomplish the fundraising results needed, in the time frame needed, to remain competitive as this race moves into the critical round of endorsements by recognized, professional political organizations that the voters in a primary such as this will depend upon. With the help of close to 200 folks, we were able to raise over \$20,000 in 11 months. As promised, I put \$100,000 from my pocket into that pile of cash, and I had finally located a highly qualified, professional, and very willing fundraising resource with 20+ years of experience and tons of references."

LARPD Adds Assistant General Manager

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) has hired John Lawrence as its Assistant General Manager.

Lawrence comes to LARPD from the City of Sunnyvale, where he served for the past 21 years in the capacities of Recreation Supervisor and Leisure Services Manager. Prior to that, he worked for the University of Colorado, the city of Boulder, CO and the YMCA of Boulder County, CO in various facility management and program supervisory capacities.

In addition to assisting General Manager Tim Barry with administrative duties, Lawrence will head LARPD's grants and development program and oversee the senior staff supervising the areas of park maintenance, capital projects and planning, open space parks and trails, fa-

cility maintenance, park and field scheduling and recreation programs in the areas of sports, aquatics, senior services, special events and volunteers.

LARPD has not had an Assistant General Manager since 1993.

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Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. The funds related to the RRW include advancing the design and evaluating options for possible future systems, including the RRW.

Tri-Valley CAREs issued a statement asking Congress to eliminate all funds for the RRW program in the upcoming appropriations process. "The Reliable Replacement Warhead program sends a signal to the rest of the world that the U.S. is intent on designing new nuclear weapons. This makes the United States and the world less, not more, secure," said Marylia Kelley, Executive Director of Tri-Valley CAREs.

According to Bodman, the budget calls for "significant investments in world class science," specifically President Bush's American Competitiveness Initiative. There is funding to increase energy, economic, and national security by focusing on accelerating technological breakthroughs, expanding traditional and renewable sources of energy, and increasing investment in scientific discovery and development.

Programs aimed at increasing domestic energy sources include biofuels, clean coal and nuclear power. Among the priorities is a request for \$1.4 billion to promote the expansion of safe, emis-

sions free nuclear power. The budget also requests \$648 million for increased research in clean coal technology and demonstration of carbon capture and storage for coal-fired power plants.

There is \$3.2 billion for programs described as efforts to reduce dependence on foreign sources of energy. These funds would be used in promoting the licensing of new nuclear power plants and conducting research on an advanced nuclear fuel cycle; furthering a robust vehicle technology program by developing lithium-ion batteries, plug-in hybrids, and drive-train electrification; and investing to make solar power cost-competitive with conventional sources of electricity by 2015.

The 2009 budget request of \$4.7 billion for the American Competitiveness Initiative (ACI) is approximately \$748.8 million above the FY 2008 appropriation. The money would increase basic research in the physical sciences. Included is \$100 million for the Energy Frontiers Research Initiative, a new initiative that would reward several small competitive grants annually to universities, labs, and leading non-profit organizations to advance energy research projects. This budget request also supports the

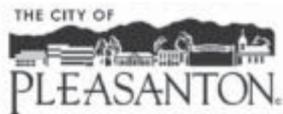
work of DOE's laboratories in High Energy Physics (\$805 million); Fusion Energy Sciences (\$493 million), and Basic Energy Science (\$1.6 billion).

In the NNSA budget, there is funding for cybersecurity and supercomputers.

Money would also be available to expand NNSA capabilities to improve the skills of today's workforce and better integrate the nuclear complex with scientific research, said Bodman.

The NNSA budget requests \$6.6 billion, a \$320.6 million increase over the FY 2008 appropriation, for its weapons program to meet the immediate national security requirements of the stockpile, and continue progress toward transforming the nuclear weapons complex to a much smaller size by 2030. Money is also included to move forward with a license application to operate Yucca Mountain as a nuclear waste repository.

The funding request for non-proliferation activities includes \$1.8 billion for detecting, securing, eliminating, and disposing of dangerous nuclear materials around the world as well as the installation of radiation detection equipment at an additional 49 foreign sites in 14 countries and at 9 additional Megaport locations.



NOTICE OF COMMISSION / COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The City of Pleasanton is now accepting applications to fill vacancies on the following commissions or committees:

- Civic Arts Commission
- Economic Vitality Committee
- Commercial Services Representative
- Biomedical Business Representation
- Environmental Community Representative
- Telecommunications Representative
- Parks and Recreation
- Human Services Commission
- Library Commission
- Youth Commission

NOTICE OF VACANCIES ON THE YOUTH MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

The City of Pleasanton and the Pleasanton Unified School District Liaison Committee is now accepting applications to fill the following vacancies on the YMPIC.

- Non-Profit Agency Representative
- Senior Citizen Representative
- Health and Crisis Representative
- Village High School Representative (2)
- Harvest Park Middle School
- Pleasanton Middle School
- Parent at Large (Pre-School)
- Parent at Large (Elementary)
- Parent at Large (High School)

Applications for commissions and committees are available at the City Clerk's office, 123 Main Street, Pleasanton or on the City's Website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us. For additional information, call the office of the City Clerk at (925) 931-5027.

Applications must be received no later than 5:00 P.M., FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2008. Postmarks are not accepted.

Persons interested in serving on various City Commissions or Committees for which there are no current vacancies are encouraged to complete an interest card located on the City's website www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us or from the office of the City Clerk.

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A friend of mine convinces me to give his doctor a try. This new doctor does an exam, takes some films, and then "adjusts" my spine. The adjustment doesn't hurt, it actually feels good. I get relief, my neck and head get better, and I can use my arm again. Chiropractic works so well for me, and I'm so impressed with the other 'miracles' I see in his office, that I eventually go to chiropractic school myself.

Now for Mateo, who is the older of the boys in the photo. A year and a half ago my wife and I noticed he had a weak, shaky eye. After I started to adjust him more often along with eye therapy, the eye started to get stronger, and now, a year and half later his eye rarely shakes. A week ago we went back to the eye doctor and they noticed a big improvement. That seems like a small thing, but it makes a huge difference to us.

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"Today, after the help of chiropractic, the pain in my back has gone. I am more flexible. I don't take pain pills anymore. Before I also always had headaches, but I do not have them anymore. I sleep



so much better now than I did before my treatments. I have more energy daily. I feel so much more alive!" (Garry C. - Livermore)

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Great care at a great fee...Please, I hope that there's no misunderstanding about quality of care just because I have a lower exam fee. You'll get great care at a great fee. My qualifications...I'm a graduate of Life Chiropractic College West. I've been entrusted to take care of tiny babies to pro body builders, and have even traveled to the heart of Mexico when those people needed care. After practicing in Livermore for six years; I opened my new office on East Avenue in 2006. I just have that low exam fee to help more people who need care.

My assistant is Brittany, and she is a really great person. Our office is both friendly and warm and we try our best to make you feel at home. We have a wonderful service, at an exceptional fee. Our office is called CONTRERAS CHIROPRACTIC and it is at 4200 East Avenue (we are next Rotten Robbie's gas station). Our phone number is 925-606-5490. Call Brittany or me today for an appointment. We can help you.

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--Gerardo Contreras, D.C.

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SPORTS NOTES

The Amateur at Wente

Golfers from throughout the Bay Area will be competing in a season-opening championship, The Amateur at Wente Vineyards, scheduled for February 23-24, 2008.

The 36-hole tournament consists of three divisions — Championship Flight, Net Flight and Senior Flight. A new champion is expected to be crowned, since 2007 winner Jack Paton of Hillsborough is now at the University of Oregon.

Paton captured the inaugural title as a senior in high school, with a 1-over-par 145 on the Greg Norman-designed course that this year celebrates its 10th anniversary. Paton was two shots ahead of George Candranata of Indonesia, now a junior on the University of California golf team, and three shots ahead of Michael Wilson of Pacific Grove, a Cal senior now playing pro tour golf.

An exemption into the open qualifying tournament for the Nationwide Tours' Livermore Valley Wine Country Championship again will be an added incentive in The Amateur. The player with a 2.0 index or lower who posts the best 36-hole total in The Amateur is exempt for the open qualifying tournament March 31, 2007, at the Stonebrae and Castlewood golf clubs.

Competition in The Amateur begins each day at 9:30 a.m. Besides golf, each participant receives luncheon and a competitor's package that includes wine and tickets to the Nationwide Tour event March 31-April 6.

Entry fee is \$240. Downloadable registration forms are available at www.wentegolf.com. For more information about The Amateur at Wente Vineyards, call Mark Wiese, tournament director, (925) 456-8149, FAX (925) 456-2490, or e-mail mark.wiese@wentegolf.com.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Amador Valley High School defeated Livermore High School in an EBAL varsity game, 81-49. An Amador fought for a rebound.

(#534) by a score of 29-28. SM/SC trailed the entire game and was down 24-10 at halftime. However, during the second half, strong defensive play by SM/SC began to turn the tide. With 4 seconds remaining in the game and St. Raymond's leading 28-27, Kevin Garcia drained a 20-foot shot to win the game for SM/SC. Kevin Garcia, Michael Pierce and Jared Buranis led SM/SC offensively with 8 points each, while Ben Morgan, Kamran Mosleh, Kyle Talley, Andrew Dawson and Patrick Miron contributed with solid defensive play.

SM/SC 5th grade girls American League team took on a spirited squad from St. Raymond's that was a close game in the early going. After a battle early, the girls pulled it together and pulled slowly away. Delaney Gill-Sommerhauser played a great game on defense and running the break. Rachel Braun had a great outing running the offense, running the floor, and playing solid defense in transition, and Shannon Rosemark put on a rebounding clinic to go with her 14 points. In the end, they were able to put the game away in the last half, winning 26-11 in a contest that felt far closer for much of the game.

St. Joan of Arc 508 defeated SM/SC 506 5th grade Warriors 21-9. The Warriors went down fighting with great defense and ball movement. Matt Franco played well in the middle and Garrett McDonald played well from the outside for the Warriors in a hard fought game by both teams.

SM/SC 3rd grade boys (319-Fireballs) defeated (323), 16 to 12. Both teams put together an outstanding hard played game. The Fireballs defensive player of the game was Nathan Coats, and the offensive player of the game was Ron Ngo. Nate Redditt, Lucas O'Brien, Kaine Montez, and Bryce Disbrow had the top rebounds and points of the game. Justin Allen had multiple steals, shots, and rebounds. Robert Sutter, Blake Downey, and Brandon Julku played a great game.

SM/SC 1st-2nd Grade: Farro Warriors vs. Heffron Warriors. Outstanding Offensive players for Heffron Warriors are: Reid Heffron, Trenton Green and Troy Wentworth. Outstanding Defensive players are: Conner Livingston, Michael Honeycutt and Anthony Barbanimando. Outstanding Offensive players for Farro Warriors are: Isabella, Bubba, Tyler, Francis and Kyle. Outstanding Defensive players are: Ryan, Michael, Gunnar, Sean and Jacob.

Pleasanton Seahawks

Pleasanton Seahawks swim team members competed in the Tiger C/B/A - SC Meet and the Pacific CAL Invitational on January 19.

A combined total of sixty-three swimmers participated.

Outstanding performance and great improvement were achieved by the following swimmers:

In the Tiger's meet, Lachance Wolfgang (7) swam eight events and improved his 25 free and 25 fly, Eva Chung (10) also swam eight events and achieved her first A time in 50 fly, Kayla Lindsay improved 18 seconds in her 200 IM, Regis Lachance (10) performed well in all eight events, Kevin McLaughlin (12) continued his great performance from past meets and improved his time in most of the events he swam and achieved several new time standards. Both Emma McGuiness (15) and Theresa Martin (15) were 100% best time in all the events they participated.

In the Cal Invitational, the following swimmers achieved new time standard and personal best in the event(s) they swam.

Catherine Breed (14), new standard and best time in: 200 Breast, 200 IM, Hannah Schmitz (15), new standard and best time in: 50 Free, 200 IM, Natalie Wong (14), new Standard and best time in 100 back, Brandon Fischer (19), new standard and best time in 200 back, 100 fly, David Grabarek (16), new standard and best time in 100 breast, Joshua Meints (16), new standard and best time in 100 fly, Andrew Seitz (14), new standard and best time in 500 free, 1650 free.

California Gymnastics

California Gymnastics Academy competed in the Tidal Wave Classic 2008 hosted by Peninsula Gymnastics in San Mateo, February 2-3.

RESULTS (by event):

LEVEL 6 Age Group: 10-11 yrs old FLOOR - Eric Beckerman, 7th place (8.75); Yianni Constantinides (6.7); Dvir Reif (6.0) POMMEL - Beckerman (4.25); Constantinides (3.0); Reif (3.0) RINGS - Beckerman, 7th place (8.2); Constantinides (5.6); Reif (5.4) VAULT - Reif, T8th place (9.2); Beckerman (8.8); Constantinides (8.7) PARALLEL BARS - Beckerman, T10th place (7.5); Constantinides (5.5); Reif (5.45) HIGH BAR - Beckerman, T6th place (8.7); Reif (7.5); Constantinides (6.6) ALL AROUND - Beckerman (46.2); Reif (36.55); Constantinides (36.1).

LEVEL 8 Age Group: 15+ yrs old POMMEL - Nicholas Canaparo, 2nd place (10.1) RINGS - Canaparo, 4th place (9.8) VAULT - Canaparo, 5th place (11.3);

LEVEL 10 Age Group: 14-15 yrs old FLOOR - Brandon Jessup, 1st place (14.0) POMMEL - Jessup, 2nd place (8.8) RINGS - Jessup, 2nd place (11.4) VAULT - Jessup, 2nd place (14.2) PARALLEL BARS - Jessup, 1st place (12.0) HIGH BAR - Jessup, 2nd place (12.1) ALL AROUND - Jessup, 2nd place (72.5); Age Group: 16-18 yrs old FLOOR - Nick Crowfoot (13.5) RINGS - Crowfoot (10.2) VAULT - Crowfoot (12.6).

Diablo Gymnastics

Diablo Gymnastics team competed in the Wine Country Classic sponsored by Rohmert Park Gymnastics over the weekend. The level 7 optional team came home with 2nd place, while Level 8 took 3rd place.

Vinessa Narvaez of Livermore competes on the Level 8 team. She placed fourth. Her scores were vault 9.05 (3T), bars 8.9 (8th), beam 8.85 (6th), floor 9.05 (7th), all around 35.85.

Sharks Tickets

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

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!

Spring Softball

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) is currently accepting team registration for the Spring Adult Softball League and will continue through Feb. 15th. Multiple divisions of men's, coed and business coed leagues are offered. Games begin April 7th. Individual players can place their name on the "Free Agent" list. For more information or to receive a registration packet, please call Beanie Lucivero (925) 373-5732 or email beanie@larpd.dst.ca.us

Roller Hockey

Valley Roller Hockey in Livermore will offer discounted Spring signups at the rink located behind Junction Ave. Middle School in Livermore on Saturday Feb 23rd and Saturday March 1 from 10am-1pm.

Leagues start the first week in April and end May 31. No experience necessary. Equipment can be borrowed for anyone needing to do so as long as players have their own skates. Age groups are: 4-6 Mites, 7-9 Squirts, 10-12 Pee Wee, 13-15 Bantam, High School League for Freshman-Senior.

For more info call Beau at 925-443-1500.

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 maxvb@hottmail.com. Team website is www.eteamz.com/colt45s.

Jr. Football Signup

The Livermore Junior Football League is accepting registration for the 2008 season. LJFL is founded under the principle that every Livermore child who wants to play football or cheer should have the opportunity.

LJFL is expanding to include all 5th through and 8th grade students for the 2008/09 school year. All football participants will learn the fundamentals of contact football in a safe and positive environment and play regardless of talent level or ability. All cheer participants will learn the fundamentals, cheer at games and compete locally. All games will be played in Livermore at the high schools' gridirons. All practices will take place in Livermore. The season begins on August 1 and concludes in early November. Online registration is now open at

www.livermorejuniorfootball.com. In person sign-ups will occur on Saturday, February 23, 2 to 4 pm, Wednesday, March 5, 6 to 8 pm and Wednesday, March 19, 6 to 8 pm at Round Table Pizza, 4098 East Ave, Livermore.

The cost is \$265 for football and \$100 for cheer. Registration will close when the league reaches 200 players. Players that are not able to register with LJFL will be given instructions to Pleasanton Junior Football League registration. LJFL intends to expand in the future to accept all Livermore children who wish to play contact football or to cheer.

For additional information, interested parents should visit: www.livermorejuniorfootball.com.

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 Norman-designed 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-in-one.

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.

Track Club

Athenian Athletics Track Club invites youth athletes ages 7-18 to participate in track and field practice sessions to prepare for the 2008 track and field season and Cal-Berkely All-Corner meets. Practices will be held on a voluntary/drop-in basis Monday through Friday. Adults of all ages and ability are also encouraged to come for a work out. For club membership, practice times and locations, please visit www.athenianathletics.com or call Coach Rik Richardson at 925-518-9356.

LHS Baseball Alumni Game

Livermore High is looking for all baseball alumni to come out and participate in the Annual Alumni game. It is scheduled for 10:00 on Saturday February 16 at the newly renovated varsity field. Contact David Perotti @ 925-606-4812 x2438 or dperotti@livermore.k12.ca.us if interested or just show up that day.

New Baseball Field

Livermore High will host an "Official Field Opening Day" for its new baseball field on Saturday March 1st. The Cowboys will play the very tough Bellarmine Bells (from the CCS) at 1:00. There will be a short ceremony before the game to thank all the people involved in the renovation of the field. A free lunch will be provided for all the fans in attendance. Community members, friends of the program, alumni, teachers, staff, and district employees are invited to come out and watch the defending EBAL Champs take on the Bells of Bellarmine in the official opening of the new field.

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 form from the website and mail in or fax to 435-603-7669; or register at All Star Sports on Hopyard Rd. in Pleasanton. For more information, email amo10@comcast.net.

T-Ball Baseball Registration

Granada Little League is still accepting registration for T-Ball only. Players must be 5 or 6 years old on or before April 30. For more information, please visit our web site at www.eteamz.com/granadal.

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

Shotgun Scrambles

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

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

For those new golfers, a shotgun tournament is formatted, all foursomes tee off simultaneously on every hole. Each player tees off and makes subsequent shots from

where best ball lands. There will be contests for everyone. Each shotgun tournament will be a themed event. For more information, call (925) 456-8202.

Training Day

Granada High Baseball Spring Training Day is open to ages 5-13. This is a skills-based camp at Granada High School varsity field run by varsity coaches and players on Sat., Feb. 23. Two sessions to choose from: 9:00-noon or 1:00-4:00. Cost is \$25 with lunch and a t-shirt included. For more information and registration, visit our website at granadabaseball.org.

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 looking 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 number (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

LPC Hawks Knock Off Top Ranked Team

After a woeful 1-5 start, the Las Positas College men's basketball team has turned its season around.

The Hawks scored their biggest victory to date when they knocked off top-ranked City College of San Francisco 78-75 last week in Livermore. The win evened the Las Positas ledger at 12-12 and 3-3 in the Coast Conference-North, a major turnaround from the 1-5 beginning.

It was the first conference defeat for City College and only the second game they'd actually lost on the court (the other loss was a forfeit).

"It was a huge win for us," said Coach Tony Costello. "It puts us back in the playoff picture. It helps our (strength of schedule) rating to go up and gets our program some name recognition that will help in recruiting."

The win over San Francisco marked the third victory for Las Positas over a ranked team. Earlier in the season, Las Positas defeated No. 3 Diablo Valley College and No. 7 Cabrillo College. The Hawks also won the Skyline and Chabot tournaments prior to entering conference play.

In the San Francisco game, Las Positas trailed by 6 with less than four minutes to go before going on an 11-3 run to post the upset win. Dominic Roberson hit a key three-pointer as well as three free throws down the stretch.

Las Positas was fortunate to be in the game in the half, turning the ball over 12 times and missing 11 free throws. Despite that showing, the Hawks trailed by just two at the half.

Jeff Ford led the Hawks with 19 points, one of five Las Positas players to reach double figures. He was joined by Roberson with 14, Marques Smith with 13 and Brandon Tatum and D'Juan Estis with 10 each.

The big upset didn't spawn a winning streak. Las Positas travelled to Skyline College in San Bruno on Friday evening and fell 77-69. The Hawks defeated Skyline in the conference opener last month before dropping four games in a row.

Las Positas will host Foothill Friday, Feb. 8. Tipoff is set for 7 p.m.

The Hawks are in their second season of basketball since the Las Positas physical education complex opened in the fall of 2006.

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OBITUARIES

Thomas Raison

Thomas Latham Raison died December 19, 2007 in Livermore.

He was born in Chicago, Illinois Nov. 3, 1921. In 1942 he enlisted in the Marine Corps and served 18 months in the South Pacific. Following his discharge, he worked for AT&T where he met Lorraine Coupe. After they married in 1948 in Berkeley, he went back to school and graduated from San Francisco State University.

In 1966 they moved to Livermore where he worked for the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory until his retirement.

Tom and Lorraine were active in many Livermore organizations, including the Livermore Amador Symphony Association, where he served on the board for 21 years and was president for two years.

He is survived by his brother Robert M. Raison and his wife Diane of Danuba, CA, a nephew Dr. Charles Raison of Atlanta, Georgia and a niece Margot Ann Raison of Bakersfield, CA. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lorraine.

A memorial mass will be celebrated at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 458 Maple St., Livermore at 11 a.m. on Feb. 9.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers donations to a favorite charity.

Esmeraldo Nazareno Cairel

Esmeraldo Nazareno Cairel, age 71, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on Saturday January 26, 2008.

Esmeraldo was born on February 11, 1936. He attended school in the Philippines. When he wasn't helping to maintain his family's farm, he enjoyed swimming, spear fishing, and being with his friends and relatives.

Esmeraldo came to the United States in April 1960, and settled in Livermore. He worked several jobs that utilized his talents of farming, landscaping and creativity. In 1975, he began working for the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District as a custodian. During this time, he dealt with health issues that resulted in his becoming a kidney transplant recipient in 1986. He faced this challenge with a strong, positive attitude and was able to return to his work. He retired in 1998 as a member of the United Public Employees Livermore Chapter Local 790, and a very well respected employee.

Esmeraldo is survived by his wife of 41 years, Salome Cairel and their children: James Cairel (Karen); Scott Cairel; Rosemarie Guerra (Anthony) and three grandchildren: Jacob Cairel; Emily and Gabrielle Guerra. He is preceded in death by his infant daughter Suzanne. He will also be greatly missed by his mother Dolores Cairel, nine siblings (Thomas Cairel; Arturo Cairel; Josie Cairel; Angie Palino; Evelyn Cabalbag; Stella Palino; Edmund Cairel; Roy Cairel; Joy Juan), and many nieces and nephews.

"Sam" or "Esming," as many knew him, was a much loved and well respected man. He was known for being a hard worker that never complained, and a very loyal and kind friend. His easy-going nature made him enjoyable to be around. He had a great sense of humor and loved joking with his many nieces and nephews.

Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated Feb. 5 at St. Michael's Catholic Church. Burial followed at St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery. Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

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Gavina Zambrano

Gavina Zambrano died January 27, 2008 in Pleasanton, with her children at her side. She was 79.

Gavina was born in Alleyton, TX on January 25, 1929. She remained a faithful Jehovah's Witness for 44 years. She saw it that all her children learned the truth from God's word, and was a very content person in Jehovah's Organization.

Gavina loved life and enjoyed sewing, embroidering, cooking, dancing, and socializing with her family and friends. She moved to Kottinger Place in Pleasanton in 1999 and lived there till 2007. As a resident of Kottinger Place, she often enjoyed gardening, visits from friends, and walks and shopping on Main Street. She taught her children and grandchildren by example what it means to be loving, kind, forgiving, and faithful. She will be greatly missed but leaves a legacy of love and faith behind.

She is survived by her children Janie Orozco of Paramount, Susan Valdez of Paramount, Gloria Zambrano of La Habra, Cosmo Zambrano of Richmond, TX, Lucy Casaba of Whittier, Sylvia Miranda of Vacaville, Elizabeth Cendejas of Pleasanton, her siblings Marcelino Gaitan, Anna Morales, Carmen Sustaita, her grandchildren Lisa, Jimmy, Robert Jr., Candace, Eileen, Andre', Jolene, Anthony, Fernando, Justin, Mario Jr., Dustin, Marteen, Samantha, Natalie and 8 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Gonzalo Gaitan, her son Jimmy Zambrano Jr., her mother Romana Gaitan, and sister Concepcion Garcia.

Friends and family are invited to attend a Memorial Service on February 9 at 1:00 pm at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 878 Herman Ave., Livermore.

Phyllis E. Waage

Livermore resident Phyllis E. Waage passed away January 27, 2008 in Livermore, at the age of 86.

She was born March 13, 1921 in Blanchardville, WI the daughter of Cora Beulah (Dammen) and Gustave Louis Lofgren. She was united in marriage to Col. Amos Waage on March 4, 1942. They shared 64 wonderful years together, before his passing on November 26, 2005.

Phyllis is survived by her sons Carey (Wanda) Waage and Rodney (Cindy) Waage; grandchildren Alan Crawford, Kenlynn Waage-John, Carey Waage Jr., Christopher Waage, Alex Waage, Nicole Harmon and Devin Waage; great-grandchildren Lauren and McKenzie John, Brock and Brynne Harmon, and Ryan Waage; and sisters Lois Gorde and Irene Mason. Phyllis touched many people's lives and will be deeply missed by all of her family and friends.

A memorial service and burial will be held on Friday, February 15, 2008 at 11:00am at Yellowstone Lutheran Church in Argyle, WI. Erickson Funeral home in Argyle is serving the family.

Victor Charles Houck

Victor "Vic" Charles Houck, long time Livermore resident, passed away February 4, 2008 at Valley Care Medical Center in Pleasanton. He was 65.

Vic was a U.S. Air Force veteran, serving from 1960 to 1964. After the military, he moved on to PG&E, retiring after 25 years of service as a welder. For the past 12 years, he was employed at Orchard Supply Hardware in Livermore. An avid golfer, he could often be found at the golf course engaging in rounds of golf with many

of his friends.

He is survived by his wife of 15 years, Gayle Houck, son Joseph Houck, stepson, Barry Durnal, stepdaughter Amber Durnal; sisters Carol Marcelino and Charleen Houck and three grandsons, Blade, Alec and Chance.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Feb. 7 at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore. Funeral services with military honors will be held at 11 a.m. on Fri., Feb. 8 at the same location. Burial will be at a later date at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon.

Deborah Lynn Gill

Deborah Lynn (Mellott) Gill, 56, a Livermore, business woman and holistic therapist for the past 24 years lost her valiant battle with cancer on Monday, February 4, 2008 at her home in Livermore.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother, Marion and Dorothy Mellott and brother Larry of Wintersville, OH. She is survived by her husband Tom Gill of Livermore; sisters, Vera Eloise Pompa (Danny), and Carol Castner (Donald) of Wintersville, OH; and her two sons and their families, Brian and Christina Strohmeier of Paso Robles, CA and Kevin and Jennifer Strohmeier of Lafayette, CA, with granddaughters, Kathryn and Molly.

A Memorial Service will be held on Fri., Feb. 8, 2 p.m. at Callaghan's Chapel, 3383 East Ave. Livermore.

In lieu of flowers, donations are being accepted by Hope Hospice at (925) 829-8770.

Ruby Fern Byrne

Ruby Fern Byrne died February 3, 2008. Ruby was born September 9, 1935 in Hydro Okalahoma to Wendell and Addie Lawson. She lived there for 9 years when the family moved to Pomona California. She graduated from Chafee High School in Ontario California and went on to work as a Dental Assistant for 2 1/2 years. She met her husband, Ken, as a High School Junior and dated for 3 years until they married during his Christmas break from college in 1954. They moved to Seattle Washington where they lived for 2 1/2 years before moving to Albuquerque New Mexico. After moving to Livermore in 1958 they began their family.

In the last 18 yrs, since her husband retired, she traveled all over the world getting to see places such as Australia, New Zealand, Germany, England, Ireland and most of the United States including Alaska and Hawaii. She enjoyed traveling, singing and spending time with her family. She will be greatly missed by family and friends.

She has always been and will always be a source of wisdom and strength to her family.

She is survived by husband Kenneth Byrne of Livermore, son and daughter-in-law Joseph and Annette Byrne of Ceres, daughter and son-in-law Carla and Edward Goody of Peoria AZ, son and daughter-in-law Glenn and Victoria Byrne of Livermore, grandchildren Jacob Byrne, Addam Byrne, Amanda Goody and Andrew Goody, two brothers, Walter Lawson, Gerald Lawson, and sister, Alice Fullerton.

A memorial service will be celebrated February 9, 2008, 1:00 pm, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livermore. Memorial donations in her name may be sent to Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd., Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568-3151.

BULLETIN BOARD

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

"Have A Heart" Round Up 2008, February 9, at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore, benefit for Open Heart Kitchen. 6 p.m. cocktail reception catered dinner, line dancing instruction, live auction and dancing to music of the California Cowboys. 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.

Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club meets Tuesday, February 12, 7:00 p.m. at Walnut Grove School, 1991 Harvest Road, Pleasanton. The speaker is Aerin Moore, owner of Magic Gardens Nursery, Berkeley. Moore's topic will be "Plants for Structural and Architectural Solutions in the Garden." Visitors are welcome. Call Sally at 417-8809.

Tri-Valley Holistic Moms Network Discussion will be facilitated by Blaine Carman, M.A., MFT. Meeting on Monday, February 18, at Crosswinds Church located at 6444 Sierra Court in Dublin at 7PM. Anyone curious about the group is invited to attend with no obligation to join. Regular meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at the same time and location. For further information, please visit www.holisticomoms.org or e-mail Tri-ValleyHMN@hotmail.com.

Valley Spokenmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., Feb. 9, 30 miles to top of Mt. Diablo, meet 10 a.m. at Danville Railroad Museum. Mike Smith, 828-4333. Sun., Feb. 10, 32 miles Pleasanton to Livermore and through Sycamore Grove, meet 10 a.m. at Val Vista Park, Curtis Stallins, 922-2461.

Wed., Feb. 13, 40 miles Benecia to the Rockville Cafe, meet 10 a.m. in Benecia, Barbara Wood, 707-745-8533. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Senior Ball, "New York, New York," nightclub setting. Feb. 22, dinner/dance, Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Music by the USS Hornet Band. Doors open at 5:45 p.m.; 6 p.m. dinner, dancing at 7 p.m. Cost \$25 residents, \$28 nonresidents. 931-5365.

Armchair Travelers, Livermore Civic Center Library on Thurs., Feb. 14, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Jack and Barbara Wall will give a presentation about their Atlantic Ocean crossing on the Queen Mary 2, the world's largest ocean liner. Adults are invited to this free program on the second Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Rooms of the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. 373-5500.

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

Food Donations, Lady Hustle and Diablo Sports Academy have joined forces to fight hunger. Alameda County Food Bank is the main clearing house for food 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. 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, 447-1806.

Volunteers are wanted for the Hats Off America Casino Night on April 19: the Muscle Car, Hot Rod, and Art Fair on May 16, 17, 18; the Red T-Shirt 10K runs/5K walks on June 7, September 13 and November 8, and the Danville 4th of July Parade. Proceeds from Hats Off America, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, benefit the families of the brave American soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom in Iraq and Afghanistan. Contact Sparky George at 925-855-1950. www.hatsoffamerica.us.

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.

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

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 Center (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 p.m. For more information, visit our website at www.trivalleyyouthcenter.com.

Livermore Area Blood Drive - Friday, February 15, 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore. The process takes 1-1 1/2 hours, and snacks and refreshments are served after you donate. You must be 17 years old, and have a form of identification with you. To sign up, go to www.GiveLife.org, and use ASDURY as the sponsor code. For more information contact Tom Petty at (925) 980-8164 or e-mail BloodDrive@asburylife.org.

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AAUW Scholarship available, American Association of University Women, Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin branch will award 20 more scholarships each between \$500 and \$1500 to women who live in Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin or Sunol, or graduated from a Livermore, Pleasanton or Dublin high school and are college undergraduates who will be juniors or seniors at the beginning of 2008 college fall term and plan to complete a full course of study at an accredited four-year college or university. Deadline to apply is 3/15/08. For application form and further information, contact Pamela Copeland/Joan Leighty, AAUW LPD Scholarship Coordinators, 4634 Almond Circle, Livermore, CA 94550. Pamcop@aol.com or 443-6165.

Ravenwood tours, Free public tours of Ravenwood Historic Site are given on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, (except March 23, May 11 & Dec. 28, 2008). Tours are conducted by docents in 1890's costumes and include the two 19th century houses and the beautiful grounds. Also open to the public are a gift shop featuring unique Victorian gift items and the Ravenwood Progress League's Tankhouse Tearoom. Hours are noon to 4:00 p.m. (last tour starts at approximately 3:15.) Ravenwood is operated by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District and is located at 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore. Call (925) 443-0238 for tour information, or visit the LARPD website at www.larpd.dst.ca.us.

RELIGION
Tri-Valley Unity Church meets at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin, Sunday service at 10 a.m. Dr. Richard Southern, Spiritual Leader, will focus on the theme of "Relationships: A Gift of the Heart" for February. Ongoing classes and groups. All are welcome. www.trivalleyunity.com or (925) 829-2733.

Weekend of Jewish Living and Learning, Congregation Beth Emek in Pleasanton hosts Ron Wolfson, educator and best-selling author, Feb. 8-10. Discussions, workshops, meals, Mitzvah projects, music and social activities for all ages. Information and on-line reservations at www.bethemek.org or 931-1055 ext. 11.

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.org or contact Denise Croghan, 560-3835.

Circle of Friends, Ministry to Unmarried Believers, will be showing a movie on the "single life," Friday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. at Parkway Baptist Church at 7485 Village Pkwy. in Dublin. Meetings are open to all unmarried believers. Feel free to bring snacks to munch on! For directions and information contact Rose Kuo at Rose.Kuo@timebyte.com or 925-648-3295.

Tri-Valley Aglow Fellowship, meets Feb. 9, 9:30 a.m. to noon, Christian World Church (3820 East Ave., Livermore). Michelle Lewandowski will be speaking. For further information call Shannon Granada 1 (925) 980-0431 or Sandra Diaz 1 (408) 829-5300.

The Way of the Cross, Road to Calvary, St. Augustine Catholic Church, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton, Friday evenings in Feb. and March 7 and 14 at 7:30 p.m. except Feb. 15 which will be 6 p.m.



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All RFP documents are on ACTIA's website and may also be obtained at the ACTIA office located at 1333 Broadway, Suite 300, Oakland, CA 94612 or by contacting ACTIA staff at (510) 893-3347. All questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to ACTIA no later than February 13, 2008. Fact sheets for each RFP are available on the ACTIA website (www.actia2022.com) and in the ACTIA offices.



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Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan



Please Help Us with This Puzzle

Some months ago, Dick Finn learned from Betty Holdener that her brother-in-law, Dan Berry, owned an historic collection of caricatures of Livermore men. Dick, a fellow member of L-AGS (the local genealogy group), and the Livermore Heritage Guild, invited me to look at the collection with him. Dan's father and grandfather, also named Dan Berry, were saloonkeepers in Livermore. His father and Jack Reimers collected the caricatures, which used to hang in his father's saloon, Dan's Place.

Dan owns 43 of the crayon caricatures, all drawn by "Vasco" in 1910. An article in the March 26, 1910 issue of the *Herald* noted: "The Hub saloon has an art exhibit which attracts a great deal of attention. It is a gallery of local celebrities executed in crayon by Vasco Loureiro. The likenesses of most of them are excellent." Probably the portraits started out at the Hub and then traveled over to Dan's Place when the Hub closed down. Dick and I have undertaken the project of identifying the men. I call this a 43-piece puzzle, because the artist wrote very few of the men's full names on the portraits. Please note that none of them are of women, who were not allowed in saloons. Many of them are portrayed with cigars, a few with cigarettes or pipes. Evidently, smoking was enjoyed in saloons.

Some of the men can be identified from their career or their connection to Livermore city government. For example, one is labeled "our judge," in 1910 that would be Daniel J. Murphy, at that time the Livermore judge. Later, he became an Alameda County Supervisor. Another says "our post master." In that year, the post master was Thomas E. Knox, a cement contractor, who served as mayor of Livermore for two terms, from 1903-1909 and from 1918 to 1921. "George" is portrayed as a lawman, with a star on his suit; this would probably be George S. Fitzgerald, who was the Alameda County constable in 1910. "Our marshal" was Charles P. Lefever, an oil well driller.

"President of the horse show" in 1910 was Hans M. Christensen, who held that position for a number of years until the last show in 1914. "Max Berlin" was the treasurer of the horse show and also an owner of several local businesses. The "secretary of the horse show" that year was Theodore Gorner, who owned a harness business and later a drygoods and furniture store in the IOOF building on First Street—his name is still in tiles in the sidewalk in front of the building. The next man in this set of portraits was "the colonel." I am guessing that he was Francis (Frank) Fennon, who for many years was the marshal of the horse show parade, making sure that all the horses were lined up in proper order for the judging.

"Our center," who is holding a basketball, has to be Anthony "Doc" O'Donnell, according to several Livermore oldtimers. Roy Beck, who worked at his father's grocery store, was identified with the name "Tod Sloan." Sloan was a jockey, and Beck was known for his small stature. His father, "oily George," was George Beck, who ran his grocery business in Livermore from 1889 until 1924. He also served as a high school trustee, the Livermore post master, town trustee, and from 1913-1916 he was a Democrat in the California Assembly.

"Mike, the mayor of Midway," was Mike Mulqueeny, rancher out on Patterson Pass Road. The entrance to the ranch is still visible near the old site of the town of Midway. "Jesse, the mayor of Altamont," was Jesse Young, who farmed and ran stock in the Altamont Hills. "Brunswick" was probably Franklin C. Duncan, who was the proprietor of the Brunswick Billiard Hall in the Masonic Building. A further clue to his identity was the inclusion of a little pool table in the drawing's background.

"Norm" was most likely Norman McLeod, saloonkeeper at the Hub. "McLeod Street" is named for his father, Andrew, who filed a plan in 1875 for city development of 18 blocks on the east side of South Livermore Avenue. The other Hub saloonkeeper was Fred Sangmaster. His portrait has "O.U. Fred" on it, indicating, according to Dan Berry, that he still owed Vasco Loureiro for the art work. Jack Reimers is drawn with a toy white horse. In 1910, he owned a livery stable. Later, he had a mortuary that eventually became the Callaghan Mortuary.

"H.P." is drawn sitting on top of a sugar barrel. H.P. (Harry) Winegar owned half of the Livermore Commercial Company, a general store that was near the Hub. His partner, "Charlie" Beck was portrayed holding a list of groceries. "Manager of the Buckeye" was most likely David McDonald, who was the manager of Camp Buckeye, out on Mines Road. Dan Berry's father was drawn wearing a white suit; Dan said that this was the customary clothing for a saloonkeeper in those days.

Some of the men we have been unable to identify. In these cases, there are no names, and we do not understand the clues. We know that this collection is incomplete, and we would like to find more of the drawings. The Livermore Heritage Guild has a copy of one caricature by Vasco of "Simon," no doubt Simon Foscalina. We need the public's help—does any reader have or know of someone who has another crayon portrait by Vasco? Also, if you have a chance, drop by the Carnegie Building to see if you can recognize the unidentified models. Perhaps you'll find great-uncle Felix. Please help us with what is now a 44-piece puzzle!

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

Chinese New Year Celebration Offers Variety of Activities

To celebrate the 2008 Chinese New Year and promote Chinese cultural heritage, Chinese American Cooperation Council (CACC) is hosting its 5th Tri-Valley Chinese Culture Day on February 17, at Amador Theater and Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton.

This year's celebration features three programs:

- Major Regional Chinese Cuisine Competition and New Year Pot-luck Luncheon: 12:00pm to 2:00pm, Amador Valley High School. Pre-registration required at www.caccusa.org.
- Festival Gathering, Vendor Booths, and Carnival Games: 2:30pm to 5:00pm, Amador Valley High School. Free Admission. From 2PM to 4PM, CACC based stage will put on shows ranging from music to singing to dancing. This show is free and will be located in the Gym along with Vendor booths and games.
- Evening Gala: 7:00pm to 9:30pm, Amador Theater. Ticket (\$10-\$15) sales in the Chinese School office (room Q205) on Sundays. Online/mail ticket ordering is also available. The show will present professional acts featuring the Chinese arts.

Please check details at www.caccusa.org or call Lina at 925-249-1298.

'Geothermal Energy' Kicks Off Lab's Science on Saturday Programs

The Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's lecture series, "Science on Saturday," returns Feb. 9 and runs through March 8. This year's talks explore an array of topics - geothermal energy, what makes up the universe, the world's largest laser and our energy future, greenhouse gas reduction and protecting our nation's livestock. Lectures will be held in a new location - the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St. in Livermore.

Two presentations are offered each Saturday at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Seating is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis and there is no pre-registration. Admission is free of charge.

Each presentation in the series is a collaboration of Lab scientists and a science teacher and highlights cutting-edge Lab science that is aimed at the understanding of students. The lectures are sponsored by LAB's Science Education Program.

Kicking off the series on Feb. 9 is "Geothermal Energy: Harnessing the Heat Beneath your Feet," presented by John Ziagos and Carol Bruton, Lab scientists, and Ken Wedel, a Tracy High School teacher. This lecture explains how a source of renewable energy lies below our feet and is largely untapped. It heats groundwater by conduction and convection as it travels toward the surface of the earth. During the lecture, attendees will learn how geothermal energy can be used to generate electricity or heat buildings.

The series of five free lectures and demonstrations is targeted at middle and high school students.

In addition to the Feb. 9 lecture, the following talks are offered:

- Feb. 16 - "Our Dark and Messy Universe: How One Particle Might Light the Way," presented by Steve Asztalos, Lab scientist, and Tom Shefler, Granada High School teacher.
- Feb. 23 - "From the Sun to the Sun: The Story on the National Ignition Facility and Our Energy Future," presented by Edward Moses, Lab scientist, and Dan Burns, Los Gatos High School teacher.

- March 1 - "Greenhouse Reduction: Underground Storage of Carbon Dioxide," presented by Julio Friedmann, Lab scientist, and Bret States, Tracy High School teacher.
- March 8 - "Protecting the Nation's Livestock: Corraling Foreign Diseases," presented by Pamela Hullinger, Lab scientist, and Patti Carothers, Monte Vista High School teacher.

All lectures are open to the public and held at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Teachers attending the presentations will receive a copy of the PowerPoint slides used in the lecture, and a DVD with the movie from the talk. For more information about Science on Saturday, directions and a map, go to the Web at <http://education.Lab.gov/sos/> or contact Richard Farnsworth at (925) 422-5059.

Science Bowl Competition at LPC

On Saturday, February 9, some twenty-five high school teams will converge on the Livermore campus of Las Positas College to answer questions such as, "Laser is an acronym for what?" (Answer: Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation.)

Teams from the Tri-Valley to San Francisco to Milpitas and points in between will be challenged as Las Positas College (LPC) hosts the regional Science Bowl competition. Participation in this competition, is the largest the college has ever had.

The event, co-sponsored by Sandia National Laboratories, is one of 64 regional competitions in the nation, where high school teams vie to advance to the national competition hosted by the U.S. Department of Energy in Washington, D.C. later this spring.

Participating teams hail from Granada High School (Livermore); Livermore High School (Livermore); Foothill High School (Pleasanton); Albany High School (Albany); Chinese Christian Schools (San Leandro); Milpitas High School (Milpitas);

Mission San Jose High School (Fremont); Monta Vista High School (Cupertino); San Francisco University High School (San Francisco) and Santa Teresa High School (San Jose).

Students and coaches will spend the morning in round robin elimination matches, with final rounds leading to a winner in the afternoon, following lunch. The schedule follows:

8:45 a.m.: Welcome, Announcements and Drawing for Team Pairings at the LPC Little Theatre

9:20 a.m.-12:00 p.m.: Round-Robin groups of 5 teams each will play the other 4 teams within their group. The top two teams from each bracket will advance to the final elimination rounds after lunch. Head to head competition occurs in various classrooms around campus.

12:00-1:00 p.m.: Lunch (and any necessary tie-breakers)

1:00-3:30 p.m.: Elimination Competition

3:30-4:00 p.m.: Awards Ceremony

Las Positas College is located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore.

7th and 8th Grade Girls Invited to Learn about Science & Math Careers

Seventh and Eighth grade girls and their parents are invited to the 5th annual Reflections on Your Future event to be held at Livermore High School in the Student Union, 600 Maple Street, Livermore, on February 20, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program and the Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore school districts, Reflections on Your Future is an introduction to the GetSet (Girls Exploring Technology, Science and Engineering Together) program offered to high school girls in the three districts. GetSet (formerly known as MECCA) is an extra-curricular enrichment program designed to encourage girls to pursue their interests in Technology, Science and Engineering.

Reflections on Your Future will showcase a preview of the GetSet program and then, using the GetSet model, offer hands-on workshops. Students may choose to attend one of four workshops: *DNA Extraction*, *Exploring Pi*, *Invasion of the Bugbots* or *Finding Your Way Out of the Darkroom - First Steps of Photography*.

Advanced registration with choice of workshop (please rank choices 1-4) by February 15th is required. For additional information and to register please contact Kathy Adelman, GetSet Contact and Career Education Specialist at Livermore High School, (925)606-4812, ex. 2330 or kadelman@livermore.k12.ca.us



James E. Simmons, Head, Office of Community & Civil Relations of Sandia National Laboratories/ California, presented Executive Director Sharon Burnham with a check in the amount of \$4,000 to support Tri-Valley Conservancy's (TVC) effort to advance the mission and effectiveness of the only land conservation organization in Alameda County. TVC's sole mission is to protect working ranches and productive farmland, habitat for rare and endangered plants and animals, and scenic vistas in the Tri-Valley Area.

'Witness to Roswell' Author to Speak at Livermore Library

Find out what really happened, when Donald R. Schmitt, author of *Witness to Roswell: Unmasking the 60 Year Cover-Up* presents his discussion about the Roswell, New Mexico mystery at the Livermore Public Library.

Schmitt is the former co-director of the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies, and is considered one of the best investigators in his field.

This free event will take place at 7pm Tuesday, February 12 at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue.

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. 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 check the library's website at www.livermore.lib.ca.us. For more information contact Rosemary Dukelow at 925-373-5514.

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Einstein, the Man, Is Focus of Performance

Ed Metzger will bring his portrait of Albert Einstein, the "Cosmic Comedian," to the Bankhead Theater for a 2 p.m. performance on February 10.

Metzger's portrayal shows the human side of this man who perceived everything differently than anyone before him, and transformed human understanding of the nature of time and space.

The first act of "Einstein, The Practical Bohemian," will feature Reflections and Memories in Europe. Following the intermission Metzger will delve into Reflections and Memories, The Years in America.

The show, which has been touring since 1978, has drawn positive reviews. The Los Angeles Times wrote, "With a shock of frizzy hair, holes in his sweater, sneakers without socks, meet Ed Metzger's brilliant portrayal of the original absent-minded professor."

Following the performance, Metzger will return to the stage



Ed Metzger as Albert Einstein.

after a 5 minute break for an Audience Talk.

The show is filled with anecdotes from Einstein's life. One story Metzger reportedly likes to tell occurred when the mayor of New York decided to have a ticker-tape parade to honor Einstein. He and the mayor rode in a convertible car down Fifth Avenue. "Einstein was so sur-

prised of people's adoration, he turned to the mayor and said, 'I never knew so many people understood the Theory of Relativity.'

The show was created in 1978 by Metzger and his wife, producer Laya Gelff. They talked to Einstein's son about the man, not the scientist. As a result, they have put together what is described as an evening of theatre, not a scientific lecture. The audience will learn that he loved ice cream and sailing.

The Seattle Times writes, "He brings to life the unbridled curiosity that drove Einstein to seek answers to the mysteries of the universe."

Metzger, actor and writer, has been in films, on television, the Broadway stage and played major theaters throughout the country. Films include *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*, with Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchette; *Pups* with Burt Reynolds; *Car Wash* starring Sully Boyar, Director, Michael Schulz; *Reflections*

in a *Golden Eye* with Marlon Brando, Director, John Houston; and Al Pacino's *Dog Day Afternoon*. Broadway credits include *Arturo Ui* with Al Pacino, *Uncle Vanya*, *Brecht on Brecht*, *Night Hawks* and *The Bear*.

When Ed was a student at The University of Alabama and The University of Florida, his major was medicine. However, the acting bug bit him, and he moved to Los Angeles for drama training at the prominent Pasadena Playhouse.

Laya Gelff Metzger, producer, director, co-writer, began her entertainment career as an Associate Producer for NBC News. She was the first woman to have the prominent position for many years of Awards Director for the National Emmy Awards.

Tickets are \$21, \$26, \$31 (\$11 students) at the Bankhead Theater Box Office, 2400 First St., Livermore, or call 373-6800 or go to the website at www.livermoreperformingarts.org for tickets and information.



Photo - James Culp

Seth Duerr and Michael Stewart Allen appear in 'Moby Dick Rehearsed.'

Orson Welles Vision of 'Moby Dick' Coming to Bankhead

Only a fool - or perhaps a genius - would adapt one of the greatest American novels for the stage.

Orson Welles was a bit of both. Livermore theater enthusiasts will have an opportunity to see what Welles has created out of the tale, "Moby Dick." It will be performed by The Acting Company on Feb. 16 at 8 p.m. at the Bankhead Theater.

This hybrid of Herman Melville's story has been adapted to draw a parallel between Shakespeare's King Lear and Melville's Captain Ahab. In the presentation, a troupe of actors abandons their rehearsal of a play about an unforgiving, vengeful, obsessed man, Lear, to recreate another of the same emotional stripe, Ahab. Set in an empty theatre, a tyrannical actor-manager, reminiscent of Welles himself, leads his crew and transports the audience to Captain Ahab's fateful voyage across open seas in search of the great white whale, Moby Dick.

Noted theater critic, Kenneth Tynan wrote about the original 1962 Broadway production, "With this Moby Dick, the theater becomes once more a house of magic."

The Acting Company's Director Casey Biggs and a team of actors and designers create a theatrical tour-de-force.

Founded in 1972 by John Houseman and Margot Harley, The Acting Company has been honored with TONY, Obie and Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle Awards. Hundreds of actors, including Kevin Kline, Frances Conroy, Patti LuPone, David Ogden Stiers, David Schramm, Jeffrey Wright, Tom Hewett and Rainn Wilson began their careers touring with The Acting Company.

Tickets are \$28, \$31, \$36 (\$11 students). The Bankhead Theater ticket office is located at 2400 First Street in Downtown Livermore. It is open Monday through Saturday from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. On performance days the ticket office remains open through intermission. To purchase tickets call 925-373-6800, or visit the LVPAC website at www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Las Positas College Debuts New Magazine

The Las Positas College Journalism Program will present its new magazine, "Naked," at a special debut party on Thursday, February 7th at 6 p.m. in Room 2401 on the Livermore campus.

The magazine focuses on members of the Las Positas College community and is designed to present the diversity of the college by digging deeper into students' lives and presenting more information about them.

"The magazine was created by

students and all content was produced by students," said Melissa Korber, journalism instructor and faculty adviser to the magazine. "The name came from the idea that students have many facets in their lives. The magazine strips away layers, just like peeling an onion."

The first edition features articles on current students, alumni and two faculty members.

The first hour of the debut party will be a silent auction.

Auction items include tickets to a Golden State Warriors game, tickets to Shakespeare's Associates' production of "Proof," dinner for two at a Thai restaurant, tickets for rock climbing at Valley Rock Climbing Gym, art welding sculptures and more.

Proceeds from the silent auction will be used to support future editions of the magazine.

The event is free to the public, but donations to support the magazine are suggested.

After the silent auction, a ceremony celebrating the debut edition will be held. Three bands featuring Las Positas alumni will entertain. The bands are Frequency 8, Sounds of Rebirth and Helepolis.

Coffee donated by Starbucks and desserts (some donated by the Restaurant at Wente Vineyards) will be served.

Las Positas College is located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore.

'Old West Cattle Drives & Cowboy Poetry'

"Old West Cattle Drives and Cowboy Poetry," a lecture by Livermore resident Lynne Owens, will be presented at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, February 21, at the Museum on Main Street, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton.

Owens enjoys writing cowboy and American Civil War poetry. Two of his poems "A place far away" and "Battle of Franklin, Tenn." were accepted by the Confederate Museum in Richmond, Virginia under their new literature program.

He writes under the pen name of Waddie "O", waddie being an old west term to describe a cowhand and wrangler on the old cattle drives.

Owens says he writes for his own enjoyment. However, he stated, "Nothing is more thrilling than having someone listen to your poems and enjoy your work."

He is the Camp Commander

of the Alfred Pleasonton Camp #24 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He is always looking for people who may want to join the organization to honor their Civil War ancestors and learn more about the American war.

Owens and his wife Linda have studied the American Civil War and Cowboy western collectibles for over 30 years. They make themselves available to speak to school children or adult groups on the Civil War and the American West.

Owens is a retired division fire chief of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department and served 32 years with the fire service in the Livermore Valley.

Reservations are requested for the talk. Admission is \$5 for museum members and \$10 for non-members. Call (925) 462-2766. Memberships will be available for purchase at the event.

Last Teen Comic Competition Winner

Stephen Weighill is the winner of the Livermore's Last Teen Comic Competition. The

competition was hosted by the Livermore Library.

During the final round of the competition, on Friday, January 25, Stephen entertained the audience and Young Adult Volunteer judges with his impression of Arnold Schwarzenegger and a variety of original stand-up comedy. As Stephen received his grand prize trophy, he stated, "I can't wait to put this next to the Oscar that I'm going to win someday."

Levi Matsushima, the second place winner, portrayed his best acting skills with a hilarious comedy sketch about taking his date to a restaurant.

For information regarding future teen programs, please visit TEEN SPACE at www.livermore.lib.ca.us or call 925-373-5504.



Stephen Weighill



Photo - Eric Wood

The cast of 'Urinetown' includes Liz Caffrey (Hope) and Steve Yates (Cladwell)

Musical Comedy, 'Urinetown' Opens in Pleasanton

What has been described as one of the most uproariously funny musicals in recent years, *Urinetown*, is Pleasanton Playhouse's next production.

The show opens Feb. 15 at the Studio Theatre in Pleasanton.

Urinetown is a tale of greed, corruption, love, and revolution in a time when water is worth its weight in gold. In a Gotham-like city, a terrible water shortage, caused by a 20-year drought, has led to a government-enforced ban on private toilets. The citizens must use public amenities, regulated by a single malevolent company that profits by charging admission.

Amid the people, a hero, Bobby Strong (Danny Cozart) decides he's had enough, and plans a revolution to lead them all to freedom.

Inspired by the works of Bertolt Brecht and Kurt Weill, *Urinetown* is an irreverently humorous satire in which no one is safe from scrutiny.

Praised for reinvigorating the very notion of what a musical could be, *Urinetown* has been described as catapulting the "comedy romp" into the new millennium with its outrageous perspective, wickedly modern wit, and sustained ability to produce

gales of unbridled laughter.

Also starring Steve Yates as Caldwell B. Cladwell, Allison Ward as Little Sally and Liz Caffrey as Hope Cladwell. Rounding out the ensemble cast are Eric Neiman, Amanda Morin, Gary Foley, Suzie Shepard, Annika Bergmann, Kyle Burgess, Ned Hansen, Woody Peifer, Anna Albanese, Nickolas Quintell, and Marisa S. Borowitz.

Urinetown is written by Greg Kotis with music by Mark Hollmann and lyrics by Mark Hollmann and Greg Kotis. The show is produced by Kathleen Breedveld and directed by Eric Neiman, with musical direction by Min Kahng, and choreography by Liz Caffrey.

Performances are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays Feb 15 - Mar 22, 2008 (6 weekends) at the Studio Theatre, 1048 Serpentine Lane, Suite 309, Pleasanton, California. Note that there will be no performance on Easter Sunday, March 23.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors age 60 and older and \$18 for juniors 18 and younger. There is a substantial discount for group purchasing 20 or more tickets. For tickets, call 925-462-2121 or go to www.pleasantonplayhouse.org.

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Youth in Spotlight

The Sixth Annual Pleasanton Youth Music Festival will feature a variety of performances including solo vocalists, instrumentalists, and vocal and instrumental ensembles age 18 and under.

City of Pleasanton Civic Arts will present the concert on Friday, February 15, at 8:00 p.m. at the Amador Theater, 155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton.

The performers represent many East Bay communities including Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, San Ramon, Danville and Berkeley, Calif.

Among the young performers are harpist Katerina Campisi, age 11, vocalists Olivia Hytha and David Kahawai, ages 10 and 12, respectively, and the vocal/keyboard ensemble of Amit Sanjeev, Medha Gautham, Shruti Ganesh and Lakshana Anand, ages 6, 6, 6 and 7, respectively.

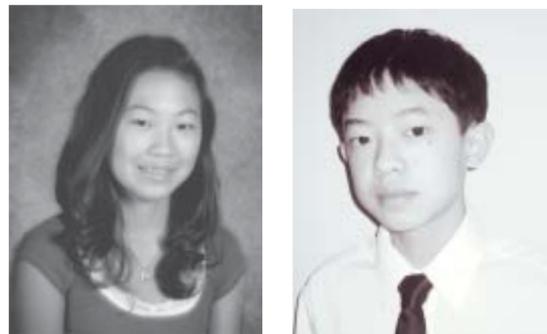
Katerina, a sixth grader at Sunol Glen, has been studying and playing the harp for four years. She initially chose that instrument because she "wanted to be like an angel". The Pleasanton Youth Music Festival will be her first performance before an audience, outside the harp master class she attended at Cal State East Bay.

Olivia and David met and became friends while performing in *The Music Man* with Diablo Light Opera. Olivia, who lives in Berkeley, is in fifth grade at Berkeley Arts Magnet School and David, from San Ramon, attends Charlotte Wood Middle School. Both sing with choirs and choruses, but the Festival will be their first performance as a duet.

Amit, Medha and Lakshana are first graders at Mohr Elementary School and Shruti attends first grade at Fairlands School in Pleasanton. They share a common music teacher, Sridevi Iyengar, and have performed together for about a year. They will perform *Namaste Namaste* is from a popular Indian children's audio book, *Karadi (Bear) Tales*. According to Mehda's mother, they selected this song, which they sing in English, because it "speaks for India."

"Again this year, we had many incredibly-talented young musicians audition for our Festival," says Youth Program Coordinator Mark Duncanson. "We've selected 24 acts to perform on February 15 in our most culturally diverse production yet."

Tickets to the event are \$7.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door. They may be purchased on line @ www.civcartickets.org, by phone @ (925) 931-3444 or in person at the Amador Theater Box



Michelle Lee (left) and Cory Chang will solo with the Symphony.

Winners of Young Musician Competition Perform with Symphony

The Livermore-Amador Symphony will feature winners of the 2007-2008 Competition for Young Musicians as part of the Feb. 9 program.

The concert will be performed at the Bankhead Theater at 8 p.m.

The winners who were selected to perform with the Symphony will be playing the same music with which they competed, Michelle Lee, a ninth grader at Dublin High School, will play the first movement of Violin Concerto No. 5 by Vieuxtemps, and Cory Chang, a junior at Granada High School, will perform Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 4, first movement.

The program will include the following: Malcolm Arnold, A Grand, Grand Overture; Georges Enescu, Romanian Rhapsody No. 1; Edvard Grieg, Lyric Suite; Leonard Bernstein, "On The Town" Three Dance Episodes; Reinhold Gliere, "Russian Sailor's Dance" From The Red Poppy ballet; Henri Vieuxtemps, Violin Concerto No. 5 1st Movement featuring Michelle Lee, violinist; Ludwig van Beethoven, Piano Concerto No. 4 1st Movement featuring Cory Chang, pianist.

Tickets are \$21, \$26 and \$31. They can be purchased at the Bankhead Theater box office, 2400 First St., Livermore. For tickets or information go to www.livermoreperformingarts.org or call 373-6800.

Broadway Chorus Performs '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 2 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

Albers Trio an A-Plus Ensemble

by Susan Steinberg

They walked from the wings of the stage like a trio of young Greek goddesses: tall, slim, and poised, their long silky gowns falling in classical folds. As they settled into their chairs, no one in the audience could have predicted the mature technical mastery and interpretation of their performance.

From the first notes of their opening piece, however, the Albers Trio focused everyone's attention on their music-making. Beginning with Ernst von Dochnanyi's 1902 "Serenade in C Major", the sisters immediately displayed their strong individual voices as well as an exquisitely blended sonority.

Dochnanyi's turn-of-the-century composition draws from many earlier sources, including 19th Century romantic passion, the lush decadence of the old Austro-Hungarian Empire, and the unique haunting echoes of Czech traditional music.

There are also intimations of the new modern trends in some of his spare passages and unsettling, even eerie, dis-harmonies. Like a preview of Stravinsky's better-known "L'Histoire du Soldat," Dochnanyi writes devilish runs at breakneck speed, (played by the sisters in astoundingly perfect unison), and even a Witches' Sabbath Dance effect.

The fourth movement, beginning with the exquisitely drawn-out harmonies of a Schubert quartet, added overtones of Slavic moodiness - the unworldly "moonlight-on-a-mystical-lake" heard in Dvorak's recent opera "Rusalka."

In a complete change of pace, the final Rondo featured scampering strings chasing each other in a fugue-like effect. The music's propulsive quality swept listeners into a rushing stream of rap-

idly-cascading notes, building suspense with their energetic forward motion, and climaxing in the flourish of a goal triumphantly reached.

Audience response to this piece new to most ears was positive and sustained. Veteran musicians were equally enthusiastic over such a polished performance, especially of the "fiendishly difficult" middle section. "They make it seem so easy," remarked one, "and I KNOW it isn't because I've played it!"

An even more unusual work for local audiences was the Hindemith Trio for Strings #2. While far from the composer's most radical style, it still presented a completely modern score (for 1933) of seemingly random notes and phrases, as well as separated musical lines with different tempos, and no well-defined melodic themes or harmonies.

Again, the Albers Trio's strong commitment to the music and their precise timing of each individual entry was impressive to the audience, from novices to professionals. Many skeptics were listening attentively to this new sound with "open ears", and enjoying the intriguing experience, as evidenced by their hearty applause and excited intermission conversations.

In the program's second half, we were back in the comfortable world of classical chamber music with Beethoven's Trio in G Major, Op. 9, No. 1. This was not yet the Beethoven of thundering symphonies, passionate sonatas and concertos, or anguished late quartets. Instead we experienced the well-regulated elegance of court drawing-rooms and private musical salons of the late Eighteenth Century, with well-defined traditional movements sounding simple and reassur-

ingly familiar.

Memories of classical Mozart and Haydn abound. (After all, as Leonard Bernstein famously observed, "Late Mozart sounds more like Beethoven, and early Beethoven more like middle Mozart.")

All is in good taste and politeness, with no shocks or surprises until the final fourth movement. Suddenly all three players break into a maddeningly rapid "moto perpetuo" (perpetual motion) pace which continues, unbelievably, without let-up, to the finale. Throughout this "endurance race" the sisters played in perfect unison, as amazing as any I've ever heard.

Everyone expected the final selection would be something sweet and graceful after such a demanding workout for arms and wrists. Instead the trio offered a much livelier treat: a medley by Mark O'Connor. O'Connor is a contemporary composer of folk, jazz, and classical music, with collaborations ranging from James Taylor to Renée Fleming, and Yo-Yo Ma to Ken Burns. He is also a master fiddler in the old Appalachian tradition.

The medley is based on a number of familiar folk tunes, including the Irish Jig and Sailor's Hornpipe, played in "country-fiddlin' style." But in O'Connor's score and the hands of the Albers Trio, the folk material becomes an apotheosis of the genre - fast and furious, but also impeccably clean and accurate.

The riffs and wildly inventive variations sounded straight out of the exciting "challenge" performances I've only heard at Fiddlers Competition Festivals in Tennessee. Instead of one inspired player dazzling the audience, however, here there were three, who had to stay in perfect unison throughout the wild ride

- a triply-difficult assignment. Again, the lightning-fast bowing was an obvious challenge, especially after the demands of the final Beethoven Presto movement.

The audience virtually erupted in a long ovation, with many standing in tribute to the impressive performance. Again I asked veteran musicians around me for their reactions, and heard only comments of profound admiration. Had I missed any problems they had noticed, I wondered. Apparently not, even from some generally critical listeners with more experienced professional ears than mine.

Perhaps the most amazing part of the evening was seeing all three sisters in the lobby, still lively after their strenuous performance. Enjoying extended conversations with appreciative audience members, they were especially attentive to the young children who had sat so politely through the long evening.

Musicians themselves from the age of 2, these sisters have obviously developed an extraordinary rapport, and play as though they have been an ensemble for many years. Actually, with very separate careers and locations, they only began to concertize together last year, with 2 performances. This season they are squeezing 15 dates into the few months between regular professional obligations.

Livermore is fortunate indeed to have been among their few scheduled appearances. Dozens of concertgoers expressed the hope of having them return, as did this appreciative viewer. Thanks to the discerning members of the Del Valle Fine Arts Concert Board for selecting the Albers Trio to broaden our local musical horizons so pleasurably.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

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.

Free opera performance, Feb. 11, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Mon., Feb. 11 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. The Livermore Valley Opera will perform arias from "Carmen" by Bizet, with selected arrangements for flute, clarinet and piano. Performers will also give brief explanations of each song and answer questions from the audience. For more information, please call (925) 931-5365.

A Wonderful Evening of Oz, Fri., Feb. 29, 7:00 pm at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation fund-raising for Firehouse Arts Center. Hosted bar and hors d'oeuvres, live entertainment, display of art by local artists. The dinner and program will begin at 8:00 with a sit-down gourmet dinner catered by "A Taste of Affair." Live auction featuring unique items and experiences. Dancing to the music provided by Brad Kinney Productions. Tickets \$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.

Livermore Art Association (LAA) and Pleasanton Art League (PAL) meeting and art demonstration, featuring painter Helene Yu-June Rice, Mon., Feb. 11. In her native Taiwan, Helene learned Chinese brush paint-

ing and later studied western styles of watercolor painting at the California College of Arts and Crafts, where she earned a B.F.A. degree. The program will begin at 7:30 in the Almond Room, Almond Avenue School, 1401 Almond Avenue in Livermore. Parking at the rear of the school. The program is free and the public is welcome to attend. For more information, go to www.livermoreartassociation.org.

Diablo Symphony, Sonos Handbell Ensemble premieres, "Ragtime Stew," a selection for bells and orchestra based on the works of Scott Joplin, by Oakland composer Ellen Hoffman. Joyce Johnson Hamilton conducts the symphony in works by Berlioz and Mahler. 2 p.m. Feb. 17 Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. \$12, \$18, \$20, 943-7469, www.diablosymphony.org.

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Franc D'Ambrosio, Saturday, February 23, 8:00 p.m. Grand Theatre Center for the Arts, 715 Central Avenue, between Seventh and Eighth Streets, in downtown Tracy. Franc D'Ambrosio, the longest-running "Phantom" with 2600 performances, will take a nostalgic look at favorite Broadway musicals and perform songs from Les Miserables, Brigadoon, Chicago, Sweeney Todd, and Ziegfeld Follies as well as The Phantom of the Opera. Tickets are \$35, \$40, \$45, \$55, & \$60. Tickets

can be purchased online at www.athegrand.org, by phone at (209) 831-6TKT (6858) or in person at the Grand Theatre Center for Arts Box Office. Box office hours are Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and one hour prior to each performance.

9th annual Children's Benefit Concert on February 10, 2 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. 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 Wassermann, clarinetist Bill Wohlmaier, violinist Philip Santos. 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 or worldinterchange@gmail.com.

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 Man-

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California Writers Club Offers Critique Session

The California Writers Club-Tri-Valley Branch offers writers of all genres and experience levels the opportunity to learn about their craft and share their work. The next meeting is on Saturday, February 16 from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm at Oasis Grille, 780 Main Street, Pleasanton.

The February meeting offers something different: a critique session providing a chance for both experienced and aspiring writers to share a manuscript and get help from other writers to polish it.

Writers of all genres are invited to bring a maximum of five double-spaced pages of their writing to share. It can be one piece of work, or multiple pieces, but no more than five pages to-

tal. Participants need to bring four copies so others can read the work and mark comments on the manuscript.

Writers will divide into mixed-genre groups, each with three or four people. Groups will quietly read the manuscripts, and each author will receive feedback, both written and oral, from other members of the group. After a designated period of time, everyone will switch to another group, this time genre-specific to give the writers the opportunity to hear feedback from people familiar with their genre and discuss current publishing and marketing trends.

At the February 16 meeting, participants will also learn how to submit their work to the Pleas-

anton Poetry and Prose Festival writing contest. The deadline for entries is March 8, 2008. For more information about the Festival, to be held April 5 and 6, or for contest guidelines, go to www.PleasantonArts.org.

The Writers Club meeting cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for nonmembers. Anyone curious about the group is invited to attend with no obligation to join. Reservations are required however. To make a reservation, please contact Fred Norman at Fnorman300@aol.com or 925-462-7495 by Wednesday, February 13. For more information on the California Writers Club-Tri-Valley Branch, contact Kathy Urban at 296-0447 or go to www.trivalleywriters.com.

'City of Ember' Book Selected for Kids as Part of Livermore Reads Together Program

City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau is the book chosen for kids to read this year during February's *Livermore Reads Together* month.

Set in the future, Ember is a city located deep underground. It was designed by the Planners, who built the city knowing there was the possibility of a catastrophe on earth. The Planners were convinced that survival would be unlikely on the surface of the planet. Two hundred years later, the electricity in the City of Ember is failing - the lights are going out. Lina and her friend Doon are afraid that the darkness will be forever. Can they follow clues to find a way out for themselves and their town?

On Saturday, February 16 at 1 p.m., children in grades 4-6 are invited to visit the City of Ember at the Civic Center Library to explore the city, finish the word puzzle begun in the book, and search for a hidden notebook in the library. Flashlights are recommended.

This program is part of *Livermore Reads Together: The Dune Books*, a community-wide reading program, featuring Frank Herbert's classic science fiction series 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 check the library's website at www.livermore.lib.ca.us. For more information contact the Youth Services Desk at 925-373-5504.

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Pacific Chamber Symphony will present a concert at the Bankhead Theater.

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Ekholm on bassoon and Alicia Telford on French horn.

Also on the program is Bartok's ground breaking 20th Century masterpiece, the Music for Strings, Percussion and Celesta. Both works make use of the concerto grosso format as adopted and modified to bring the baroque form into the classical and modern eras. According to Kohl, "Mozart's work follows the classical format of movement development, with themes interchanged between the soloists and the orchestra. Mozart gives the orchestra ample thematic materials in addition to their supporting role for the soloists. Bartok truly makes the orchestra an equal partner, as indicated by his giving the Strings the first place in the title. The Bartok has its own inner logic, exploring Slavic expressions of the hauntingly beautiful and the rhythmically energetic."

Telford, French horn, a native Californian born in Eureka, has college degrees from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music and San Francisco State University, where she studied with David Krehbiel. She plays with many ensembles in the Bay Area, and enjoys playing with her chamber music groups, coaching chamber music, and teaching students of the Horn on a regular basis. When not working, Telford loves to amble in the Berkeley Hills with her husband and two dogs.

Oboist Robin May, a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley and Hastings College of the Law, has been a member of the Oakland Symphony, the San Francisco Ballet Orchestra and Festival Orchestras in Tanglewood, Cabrillo, Lake Tahoe, and Levico, Italy. He has performed with the San Francisco Symphony and Opera Or-

chestras.

Karla Ekholm, bassoon, is principal bassoonist of the Pacific Chamber Symphony, San Francisco Chamber Orchestra and San Francisco Lyric Opera, as well as second bassoonist with the Marin Symphony and Santa Rosa Symphony. She freelances throughout the Bay Area and enjoys performing in schools with her quintet, The Five Chairs. She summers in Greensboro, N.C. where she is a faculty member of the Eastern Music Festival. Karla holds degrees from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music and Temple University. Her major teachers include Walter Green, Stephen Paulson and Bernard Garfield.

Tickets for the Feb. 8 concert are \$38, \$32, \$26 and \$7 for students. Call 925-373-6800 or go to www.livermoreperformingarts.org for tickets and information.

'Arts in the Schools' Benefits from Concert

Mark Anderson and Tamriko Sipsrashvili will perform a four-hand, two-piano concert on Saturday, February 16, at 8:00 p.m.

The concert, benefiting PCAC's Arts in the Schools program, will take place at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. The concert is hosted by the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council.

This year's concert program will begin with Rachmaninoff's Suite No. 2 Opus 17, followed by Kreisler's Liebesleid and Liebesfreud, arranged by Guy Maier.

After intermission, the concert will continue with Mozart's Eine Kleine Nachtmusik, arranged by Richard Sim, and Debussy's Linderaja. The concert finale will be The Garden of Eden, 4 rags for 2 pianos, by William Bolcom. Its four movements include, I-Old Adam, II-The Eternal Feminine, III-The Serpent's Kiss and IV-Through Eden's Gates.

"Our concert is right after Valentine's Day and the beginning of the program reflects that," says Mark Anderson. "Rachmaninoff's Suite No. 2, Opus 17, is a passionate piece which is very demanding and emotional, and Kreisler's works, Liebesleid and Liebesfreud, translate literally to 'love's sorrow' and 'love's joy'."

"The second half," Anderson continues, "features pieces that are familiar, moving and fun. The Mozart selection is a favorite among music lovers and the Debussy piece is one of his more exotic works that we know the audience will enjoy. The final selection, The Garden of Eden is by William Bolcom, who is a very successful contemporary composer, a Pulitzer Prize and Grammy Award winner and a graduate of Mills College. It depicts the death of Ragtime and contains many unorthodox elements like tongue clicking, piano knocking and stop time. It'll



Mark Anderson and Tamriko Sipsrashvili

be a lot of fun to listen to and watch."

Mark Anderson, who was raised in the Tri-Valley, and Tamriko Sipsrashvili, a native of Georgia in the former Soviet Union, have received international recognition for their performances as soloists and duo pianists. They met at the Leeds piano competition in England and eventually married and settled in Pleasanton.

In 2005, the couple opened the Anderson Sipsrashvili Music Academy in Pleasanton, which combines a comprehensive keyboard, guitar, voice, strings, woodwinds and theory curriculum, using technology as an edu-

cational tool.

"We're proud to say that ours is one of the fastest growing music academies in the Bay Area," adds Anderson. "We now offer Saturday classes. On March first, we will begin offering daytime fine art classes in addition to music."

Tickets to the February 16th concert are \$15, \$20 and \$25. They may be purchased online at www.civictickets.org until 5:00 p.m. the day of the performance; by phone at (925) 931-3444, and at the Amador Theater Box Office. The box office is open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. weekdays and for two hours prior to the performance.

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ager, Larry Valenzin at 931-3472 or lvalenzin@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 (925) 314-3400.

Bay Area Dance Company, Livermore's professional jazz dance company, is gearing up for their next performance on Friday, Feb. 29th at 7pm at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. BAD Company will present five new works from various choreographers and 2 popular pieces from their repertory FLIP and GRAVITY. Tickets are on sale now at the Bankhead Theater box office, 2400 First St., Livermore. Discounts available for seniors and children.

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Grand Gallery new exhibitions, Automotive Reflections: Acrylic Paintings by Barbara DeVol and Unfinished: works by Andy Vogt, Krishna Khalsa & Scott Oliver. Automotive Reflections runs Jan. 19-Feb. 9, and Unfinished runs Jan. 19-Mar. 22. Grand Theatre Center for the Arts, 715 Central Avenue, Tracy, 209-831-6858. No admission charge. DeVol will present a Gallery Talk on

February 2, at 1:00 pm in the Matthews Gallery.

New Orleans Bash at the Bothwell Arts Center, Sat., Feb. 9 from 6 to 10 p.m. The evening includes Louisiana-style food, various beverages, "Preservation Hall" style concert featuring the Big Money in Gumbo Band at 7 p.m. (limited seating). New Orleans party music and dancing, "Royal Street" featuring collector's masks, artists and street vendors as well as palm reading and fortune telling. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street, Livermore. There is a \$10 cover charge in advance, \$15 at the door, which includes one beverage; a \$20 cover charge includes Preservation Hall jazz concert and one beverage. Purchase tickets in advance at the Bankhead Theater Ticket Office, 2400 First Street, Downtown Livermore, call 925-373-6800 or go online at www.livermoreperformingarts.org. **SmartsUnlimited open house**, 53 Wright Brothers Avenue, Suite D, Livermore, Feb. 20, 6:0 to 9 p.m. Hands on demonstrations of how various classes work will be open to the public. This includes piano, opera, brass, percussion, theatre and film classes. There will also be a raffle in which winners receive free registration. Additional info at 1-925-245-0283 or www.smartsunlimited.com.

Livermore Reads Together, community-wide reading program in 2008. The read will feature the science fiction series *Dune*. The community of Livermore is encouraged to read one of the books in the Frank Herbert, Brian Herbert, or Kevin J. Anderson series. There will be 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. **Witness to Roswell, Donald R. Schmitt, author of Witness to Roswell: Unmasking the 60-Year-Cover-Up**, Tuesday, February 12, 7pm, Civic Center Library. **The Science of Dune**, Kevin Grazier, author of The Science of Dune: An Unauthorized Exploration into the Real Science Behind

Frank Herbert's Fictional Universe, Sunday, February 17, 2pm Civic Center Library. **Anime in Science Fiction**; Gilles Poitras, author of Anime Essentials: Every Thing a Fan Needs to Know will discuss and present his work of anime in science fiction. Bob Borden, owner and manager of Fantasy Books and Games in Livermore, will be at the program. Thursday, February 21, 7pm Civic Center Library. **Space Music** by Robert Rich: Electronic ambient music, Saturday February 23, 2pm Civic Center Library. **An Exploration of Dune: A discussion with Kevin J. Anderson**, author of Sandworms of Dune, and other books in the Dune series, Sunday, February 24, 2pm, Civic Center Library.

Pianists Mark Anderson & Tamriko Sipsrashvili concert on Saturday, February 16, at 8 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Anderson and Sipsrashvili 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 online at www.civictickets.org, by phone at (925) 931-3444 or in person at the Amador Theater Box Office. Box Office hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., and two hours prior to show time. For more information, please call (925) 931-3444.

Rumors, Asbury Players, March 7, 8, 9. Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. Curtain time is 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$7 general admission, \$5 for seniors and children under 12. Dinner show Saturday, March 8, additional \$12, limited seating, reservations required. Show tickets can be purchased at Country Charm, 1601-B Railroad Ave., Livermore. For addition ticket information or dinner reservations, please call 455-1048.

Pushcart Players in "Stone Soup" on

Friday, February 8, at 11:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.. The performance will take place at the Grand Theatre Center for the Arts, 715 Central Avenue, between Seventh and Eighth Streets, in downtown Tracy. Ticket prices for this City of Tracy event are \$7. Tickets can be purchased online at www.athegrand.org, by phone at (209) 831-6TKT (6858) or in person at the Grand Theatre Center for Arts Box Office. Box office hours are Monday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., and one hour prior to each performance.

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

Jewish Film Series, Tri-Valley Film Festival Livermore Vine Cinema, March 2 to 6. Details at eastbayjewishfilm.org.

Sixth Annual Youth Music Festival on Friday, February 15, 8 p.m. at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Solo vocalists, instrumentalists, and vocal and instrumental ensembles, ages 18 and under, will perform. Hosted by City of Pleasanton Civic Arts. Tickets are \$7.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door. Tickets can be purchased online at www.civictickets.org, by phone at (925) 931-3444. For more information, please call (925) 931-5353.

Oh Pleasanton! Show is a celebration of the Pleasanton Firehouse Arts Center fund-raising 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 925-485-1183 or go to www.worthingtongallerywest.com.

How I Learned to Drive, by Paula Vogel, staged by Hapgood Theatre Company, February 20 - March 8.

Vogel tells the tale of a young woman's journey into adulthood through the lens of her relationship with an older man. Shows Thurs-Sat 8pm; Sun 4pm. Nick Rodriguez Theater, 213 F Street, Antioch. Tickets \$38, half price student tickets. (925) 219-8545 or www.hapgoodtheatre.org.

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. Exhibit runs through February 11.

Pacific Chamber Symphony, Feb. 8, Mozart and Bartok, 8 pm, Program: "Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante for oboe, clarinet, bassoon and french horn and orchestra;" Bartok's "Music for Strings, Percussion and Celeste." Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Ticket office open Monday through Saturday from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. www.livermoreperformingarts.org. **Pleasanton Playhouse Broadway Chorus**, "Love Changes Everything," Livermore High Performing Arts Theatre in Livermore on Friday, February 8 at 8 pm, Saturday, February 9 at 8 pm, and Sunday, February 10 at 2 pm. 462-2121. www.pleasantonplayhouse.com.

Ravi Coltrane, jazz musician and composer. Fri., Feb. 8 at 8 p.m. Pleasanton Civic Arts Presents, Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. www.civictickets.org or 931-3444.

Amador Valley High School Campana Jazz Festival, competitions and awards. Feb. 9 starting at 7:30 a.m. at the school, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Information www.amadorband.org.

Livermore Amador Symphony, "Sailors Gotta Dance," Saturday, February 9, 8 pm. Dr. Arthur P. Barnes, Music Director. Program: Arnold: A Grand, Grand Overture; Enescu: Romanian Rhapsody No. 1; Grieg: Lyric Suite; Bernstein: On the Town; Three Dance Episodes; Gliere: "Russian Sailor's Dance" from The Red Poppy plus solos by the winners of

the 2007-2008 Competition for Young Musicians. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets and information 373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Science on Saturday, Feb. 9, 9:30am/11am, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Ticket office open Monday through Saturday from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. 9 2 5 - 3 7 3 - 6 8 0 0 . www.livermoreperformingarts.org. **Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society**, meets 7:30 p.m. Tues., Feb. 12 at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct., Pleasanton. Kay Speaks, guest speaker. "Ancestry: Review and What's New." Visitors welcome. No charge. www.L-AGS.org/maps/PL-BethEmek.html.

Pleasanton Civic Arts Youth Festival, Fri., Feb. 15, 8 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Advance tickets \$7, at the door, \$10. www.civictickets.org or 931-3444.

Moby Dick, The Acting Company. Sat., Feb. 16, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Call 925-373-6800 or go to www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Two piano concert, featuring Mark Anderson and Tamriko Sipsrashvili, Feb. 16, 8 p.m. Amador Theater. Information 931-3444 or www.amadortheatre.org.

Pleasanton Chamber Players, concert Sun., Feb. 24, 3 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Pleasanton musicians will entertain with beautiful masterworks for strings, clarinet, flute, piano, harp and voice. Sponsored by the City of Pleasanton's Civic Arts Presents. All tickets: \$15, \$20, \$25. Information: www.civictickets.org or 931-3444.

Jazzed About Pets, concert featuring Craig Chaquico, Terry Disley will open the evening. Sat., March 1, 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Palm Event Center, 1184 Vineyard Avenue, Pleasanton. Fund-raiser for the Valley Humane Society. \$85 per person. www.valleyhumane.org.

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WALNUT GROVE

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Members of the Dehcontee Dance Troupe performed African dances for Pleasanton students.

an on-going connection with a school in Johnsonville, and takes on a different school for a project each year.

The second school this year is one also being helped by the Dehcontee Liberian Dance Company, an Oakland group. They are raising funds to build a learning resource center in the capital city, Monrovia. It would offer extra learning opportunity after school, and be a place where students can have access to books and other learning materials.

Many students in Liberia have no books, said Tangney. She was glad that the Pleasanton school district recently donated five pallets of used textbooks.

Hands Across The Water's current fund-raiser is the sale of compact fluorescent light bulbs, which were donated by PG&E. So far, the club has sold \$200 worth, but wants to hit a goal of \$500 by the end of the month. The money will join funds raised by the Dehcontee troupe and another Liberian group to finance the \$5000 rental of a ship container to transport donations to Liberia. Tangney said she

hopes that Pleasanton residents will reach out to the club and help raise money.

The Dehcontee troupe gave two performances of African dancing and drumming on Jan. 31 in Pleasanton as part of the fund-raising effort. Walnut Grove saw the show in the afternoon and Amador Theater at night. The Amador show was produced by the Amnesty Club at Amador Valley, which focuses on international understanding.

"One thing that people took

away from the concert was how friendly the Liberians are. They called the Amador Amnesty students to the stage to dance for the drummer," said Tangney. That friendliness is typical, said Tangney. "When I was living there, I always felt included by everyone in the village. They were poor, and they had little to eat, but they would always invite the stranger to sit at the table.

"My memory is of a peaceful nation (circa 1970). To know what has happened, and the

physical and psychological damage to children, my heart is so much in Liberia now. It's important to find ways to provide resources for them," said Tangney.

Janice Pementel "Thanks Dad"

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