



Jerry Pentin

Pentin Named to PCAF Board

Jerry Pentin is the newest member of the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation (PCAF) Board of Directors.

Board president Greg Reznick made the announcement last week.

A media producer for the past 25 years, Pentin is the owner of Spring Street Studios located in Pleasanton. He has been a resident of Pleasanton since 1991 and lives with his wife, Josine and daughter, Joi.

Pentin started his production company in 1982, moving it to Pleasanton in 1991. Over the past 25 years he has produced many corporate videos for the likes of Apple, Inc., Dell, and Novell. Although he shoots in the air and on land, his specialty is as an Underwater Director of Photography. He helped produce the television series, "Destination Diving" shown on PBS and shot in locales such as the Philippines, Fiji, and the Arctic.

Pentin has been involved with the PCAF over the past year as he produced the "Firehouse Arts Center" Video, a 7-minute presentation covering the history of

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VFW Post Earns Community Service Award

The Pleasanton City Council presented a proclamation to David Hamm, commander of Ambrose D. Regalia VFW Post 6298 at Tuesday's meeting. The proclamation was issued in recognition of the local VFW's having been named recipient of the national Community Service Award.

There is only one such award handed out each year. The competition is among every VFW post throughout the world.

VFW member David Hamm proudly announced, "Our post has won it twice in the last three years. It's a big deal to us. Our members have to do a lot of things to get there. We're out doing things for our community."

The Pleasanton post is the first in the state to achieve the award twice in a three year period.

The proclamation mentioned just some of the projects the post has undertaken. They include Adopt-a-Unit, helping with the annual Stand-down, assisting veterans to compete in the annual Wheelchair Games, volunteering at the Livermore VA facility, and taking part in various parades and ceremonies throughout the year. The group also organizes welcome home ceremonies for service personnel returning from service in Iraq and Afghanistan.



Aspen Santa Fe Ballet in One Performance

One of America's leading contemporary dance companies, Aspen Santa Fe Ballet, will present one performance in Livermore at the Bankhead Theater on Sun., March 2 at 2 p.m.

The company performs an eclectic repertoire from 20th-century classics to new works. Nationally renowned as a bold, original company with a solid foundation in classical ballet, Aspen Santa Fe Ballet has made a lasting impression with its touring company of ten versatile dancers performing a sophisticated repertoire featuring some

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Pleasanton Eyes Parcel Tax to Keep Programs

A parcel tax, once contemplated to advance Pleasanton schools' achievement even further, is now a goal to enable the district to keep the current programs intact.

The state budget deficit, called the worst in history for California schools, is likely to continue for at least two or three years, according to lawmakers.

Pleasanton trustees at their meeting Feb. 12 said that the dismal outlook shows the need for the district to come up with its own revenue source to retain programs.

The budget proposed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger will re-

quire Pleasanton to cut \$4.5 million from the next school year to balance the budget. In past fiscal crises, the Legislature was able to soften the blow of the early budget estimate. No such hope is being held for this year, or the next several years, said trustees.

Elimination of class size reduction, at least in some grades, and cutting out reading specialists and other teachers who have made a difference for many students likely would be a large part of balancing the budget, if there were no further revenue, said superintendent John Casey.

The district could save \$3.6

million by laying off 4 percent of each of the three employee groups. That would send pink slips to 28 teachers, 16 classified employees, and three management level employees, said Casey.

After hearing from special education teachers, reading specialists, and a classified employee representative, trustee Pat Kernan said that the district should put a parcel tax on the ballot in November. "I can't in good conscience rip one of these programs out," he said. If the business community, religious leaders, the unions, and parents, pull together, the community can

pass the tax, he said.

Trustee Chris Grant lent support to the parcel tax idea by pointing out that 15 Alameda County school districts have put parcel taxes or bonds on the ballot, and 13 have passed. It shows a good climate right now for Pleasanton to do the same, he said. Pleasanton has an assessed valuation 20 to 30 percent higher than neighboring communities. The schools are a chief reason that people move to the city, said Grant. It follows that residents would support a parcel tax, he said.

"We need to eliminate some expenditures away from the class-

rooms, and then go to the community and say, 'These are the essentials,'" said Grant. He mentioned a figure of \$150 for a parcel tax. However, there was no discussion of fixing any amount.

There was no vote at the meeting to proceed with a parcel tax.

The board also wants to know what programs the community would prefer to cut, since some cuts will be necessary, even if a parcel tax were passed. It's also clear that if staff were laid off for next year, notices must be sent by March 1, which means the only remaining regular board meeting for trustees to devise a

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

All tucked in and ready to listen to stories at Croce Elementary.

Croce Parent Tests out New Book at Story Night

By Patricia Koning

Last week the Croce Elementary School community got a sneak peak, or rather a sneak listen, at what may be the next hot new children's book. At the school's Family Story Night on Feb. 13, parent Christie Wayne read her unpublished book "I.M. Furst: A Story of Isabelle Marie."

The book is a story told in rhyme of how the title character, Isabelle Marie, learns that being first doesn't always pan out the way she expects. This is actually Wayne's second children's book; she wrote the first, called "Here Comes Billy Beaver," last year.

"I never wanted to be a writer," she says. "But I was inspired by my own kids and reading so many children's books over the years."

Wayne has five children in a blended family, four of whom attend Croce (the fifth is a preschooler). She wrote the first book for fun and was very surprised by the reaction when she read it in her children's classrooms.

"I didn't tell the students I wrote the book and when the teachers had them critique it, the comments were so positive," she recalls. "I think the only nega-

tive was that it wasn't long enough."

Another surprise was how many students remembered "Billy Beaver" a year after she read it. That reaction, says Wayne, inspired her to seek out a publisher for both books.

She entered the book in the San Francisco Writer's Conference contest and was chosen as a finalist. Wayne is hoping that exposure from the conference, which took place over the President's Day weekend, will help her find an agent or publisher.

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Lab Short of Funds For Clean-up Effort

Full funding to clean-up contaminated groundwater and soil at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory was left out of this fiscal year's budget. The fiscal year began Oct. 1.

Exactly how that could impact the clean-up effort depends on how long the treatment facilities can be kept operational.

John Bellardo, director of the Office of Public Affairs of the Department of Energy's (DOE) National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) at the Lab, stated, "There is the potential to delay the cleanup. However, it's hard to speculate what the impact would be, because it depends on how many of the facilities breakdown."

"Currently all of the treatment facilities are operating. There is the potential for these to breakdown. At that time, we would not have the funds to repair the facilities. That's not to say they would breakdown. If we're lucky,

we will get through the year without malfunctions."

Without additional funds, there would be no money to provide maintenance for the treatment facilities. Bellardo said there would be cuts in regulatory reporting as regards data analysis and in groundwater monitoring. In order to proceed with the cleanup, Bellardo said workers need to be able to analyze the work to be done, to identify the areas that need to be clean.

The request was for \$12 million. Only half of that amount was approved. Bellardo said consideration is underway in Washington, D.C. to ask for some reprogramming of funds. However, no official decision has been made to pursue funding.

There was speculation on the part of some that the funding was left out of the budget by accident. Bellardo said that perception comes from the fact that pre-

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Charter School Moves Kindergarten Cutoff Date

By Patricia Koning

This fall, kindergartners at the Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS) will be a bit older than their counterparts at other schools in Livermore and across California. That's because to start school at LVCS, entering kindergartners must have turned five by September 1, three months and one day earlier than California's

cutoff of December 2.

"For educators, this is a perennial issue - just how old should children be when they enter kindergarten?" says LVCS principal Tara Aderman. "Our experienced faculty has determined that children with a September first birth date are

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New Group Interested In Pleasanton's Old Look

A new Pleasanton association is organizing to help preserve the city's historic downtown look, and to aid property owners in restoring their buildings as authentically as possible.

The Pleasanton Heritage Association is still in the formation stage. However, its dozen or so members have already been advising city staff on what they would like to see in new downtown development and old building restoration.

The association's spokesperson, Linda Garbarino, said the group has been meeting with city staff and downtown developers to work as a team in bringing forth a good aesthetic in keeping with the area's history. "We see their plans

and provide feedback. We hope to offer suggestions toward what the goal will be, whether it's a single home or three or four buildings sold as individual condos," said Garbarino.

The job of meeting standards is relatively easy, because the city already has spelled out such things in its downtown plan, said Garbarino. However, there are judgment calls about the actual designs. The crucial part is to make sure that at the early stages planners have input about design issues from the group, she said.

The group was organized from the same dozen or so downtown homeowners who showed

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Pleasanton Schools Pulled Recalled Beef

A recall of beef and beef products from the Westland Meat Co. caused the Pleasanton school district to quit serving the firm's products as of Feb. 4, according to district spokesperson Myla Grasso.

The recall was ordered by the USDA, which inspects meatpackers. The reason had nothing to do with contamination. There was no danger to beef consumers, said Grasso. However, the USDA was concerned that Westlands apparently was not following processing regulations fully.

A humane society had reported Westland to the USDA about its treatment of cattle during the slaughterhouse process. That launched the investigation. The USDA recall was for the purpose of revoking the department's seal of inspection for the meat.

The Pleasanton district was first advised by the California Department of Education about a hold order on the beef. The district quit serving the beef then. Later, the USDA instituted the recall. Meanwhile, Pleasanton

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Foothill High School's Nnamdi Elendu goes up for two over Amador Valley defenders in a varsity match up at Amador. The Dons came away with the win, 47 to 27. Both teams moved onto the NSC Division I playoffs. Foothill took on Pittsburg, while Amador faced Berkeley on Tuesday. The Amador girls also advanced to the playoffs, facing San Ramon Valley, also in a Tuesday, Feb. 19 game.

Campaign News

Three Seats Open on Zone 7 Board

Filing opened Feb. 11 and will close March 7 for three seats on the Zone 7 Water Agency board.

Incumbents in the three seats are Jim Concannon, Jim Kohnen and Dick Quigley. Concannon has been on the board since 1984. The others are finishing their first term. They had no opposition four years ago, so all three were automatically reappointed by the board of supervisors.

Quigley told the Independent that he intends to run again. "I've had a lot of fun, and learned a lot. There is a lot yet to do," he said. Ensuring that the community has an adequate supply of good, healthy water is the mission, he said. "I've had a four-year education from my colleagues. It takes four years to pass muster," said Quigley, who is retired from LLNL.

Kohnen said that he isn't sure whether he will run again. Also retired, Kohnen said he has new duties as president of the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District. In addition, he is secretary of Dublin's sister city committee.

Concannon, who has served on the board since 1984, was unavailable for comment about whether he intends to run again.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Grateful is a 3-year-old brown tabby cat with very particular preferences! He would prefer to be the only cat in the household; since he was attacked by a cat when he was young, he does not really like other cats very much. He would love a quiet household where he is allowed to sleep on the bed. To visit with Grateful and all of the other cats at Valley Humane Society, visit us Wed.-Sun. from 11AM to 5PM. Animals can be seen at the web site: www.valleyhumane.org. Tickets are available to the upcoming fundraiser, Jazzed About Pets, featuring jazz musician Craig Chaquico, through the web site. Call us at 426-8656 for more info.

SHORT NOTES

Waiting for Daisy

Author Peggy Orenstein, author of "Waiting for Daisy," will be the guest speaker at the Pleasanton Library on Thurs., Feb. 28 at 7 p.m.

This is a tale of two continents, three religions, five infertility doctors, an Oscar(r), an atomic bomb, a romantic night, and one woman's quest to become a mother. It's about being a woman in a confusing, contradictory time. It's about testing the limits of a loving marriage. And it's about trying (and trying and trying) to have a baby.

Peggy Orenstein is the author of Schoolgirls: Young Women, Self-Esteem, and the Confidence Gap, and Flux: Women on Sex, Work, Love, Kids, and Life in a Half-Changed World

Library programs are free and open to all. No registration required. For more information, call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.

Indians of California

The Indians of California is the theme of a program to be presented by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff on Sun., Feb. 23.

Meet Ranger Darren Segur at 2 p.m. at Veterans Park.

The Ohlone originally occupied the Livermore Valley. They weren't the only tribe around. In fact, there were originally dozens of tribes in California, each with different customs and beliefs. These people were the original conservationists, preserving their environment for thousands of years. This program will explore the daily life of these early Californians. Participants will learn about some of the subtle differences and interactions between neighbors. The program includes a short walk to look at how some of the local flora and fauna were used. Canceled if raining.

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

Tip-A-Cop in Pleasanton

The Pleasanton Police Department will be hosting a Tip-A-Cop on Thurs., Feb. 21 at Chili's Restaurant at 4801 Hopyard Rd. from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Tip-A-Cop is a fund-raiser for Special Olympics Pleasanton Police Officers, volunteering their time while off duty, will assist in serving patrons their meals and assisting wait staff. All "tips" to the volunteer officers will be donated directly to Special Olympics. All the money raised in the course of this event will support Tri-Valley Special Olympic athletes.

Education Award

The Pleasanton PTA Council and Pleasanton Unified School District are seeking nominations for the 18th Annual Excellence in Education Award. The awards go to employees and teachers whose jobs are connected with Pleasanton public schools. A ceremony for the honorees will be held on June 4.

The deadline for nominations is March 19. Please mail the nomination form and letter to Pleasanton PTA Council, c/o PUSD Maintenance, 4750 First St., Pleasanton, CA 94566. The nomination form and list of previous honorees can be downloaded at www.pleasantonpta.org/#ee.

Book Blast!

Character readers, engaging activities and giveaways celebrate the joy of reading during Stoneridge Shopping Center's 2008 Kidzits Club Book Blast! from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, February 23. Book Blast!, hosted this

year by Radio Disney as well as local volunteers, is free and open to all children who want to experience reading in a fun and interactive environment.

Those who attend will receive a giveaway and activity sheet from the PBS Kids show "Franny's Feet" and the opportunity to win great prizes. Kidzits members will also receive a complimentary copy of Come Out and Play With the Kidzits!

A full schedule of celebrity book readings is available at www.simon.com.

Dental Health

Dr. Jennifer Chen, DDS, will talk with preschoolers and their parents about good dental habits on Thursday, February 28, at 10:30 a.m., in the Springtown Public Library, in observance of National Children's Dental Health Month.

Following Dr. Chen's presentation, John Weaver will entertain the children with a "Toothy Grin" storytime! Coloring pictures about the storytime will round out the morning.

Springtown Public Library is located at 998 Bluebell Drive, right off the I-580 Springtown exit, next to the duck pond.

Call (925) 373-5517, or drop in at the Springtown Public Library for more information.

Prepare for Disaster

"How to prepare your home and family for a disaster" is the theme of the next community education presentation offered by the Livermore Pleasanton Fire Department in cooperation with the Livermore Police Department Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) and the Livermore Area Recreation and Parks District

(LARPD)

It will be held at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue. Each month the CPAAA works with the Livermore Police Department to provide presentations that are timely and informative. The presentation for February will be held Thursday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. The presentation will be by Deputy Fire Chief Jeff Zolfarelli of the Livermore Pleasanton Fire Department.

Zolfarelli has worked for the Livermore Pleasanton Fire Department for the past 8 years.

He will discuss disaster preparedness and what type of services our community can expect to receive and not receive in the event of a disaster. He will explain how to get your family prepared for a disaster as well as what you should do to your home to make it more disaster safe. In addition to disaster preparedness, Chief Zolfarelli will give fire safety tips for your home.

Chief Zolfarelli will also provide information on Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department's "Community Emergency Response Team" (CERT) training that prepares community members to help themselves and others in the event of a disaster.

There will be an opportunity for the audience to ask questions and to share their concerns regarding disaster preparedness and personal safety during an emergency incident.

Although reservations are not required, signing up for the program (#2722) at 373-5700 helps LARPD plan seating arrangements

Medical Seminar

San Ramon Regional Medical Center presents a free educational seminar, "New Procedure for Bladder Control," Wednesday, February 27, from 7 p.m.

to 8:30 p.m.

Urologist, Parminder S. Sethi, M.D., will speak in the South Conference Room in San Ramon Regional's South Building, located at 7777 Norris Canyon Road.

Medications for an over-active bladder and urinary retention can help urinary symptoms. However, some people discontinue their medication either because of unwanted side effects, such as dry mouth, constipation and dry eyes, or because medications aren't providing sufficient relief of symptoms. Many people have been waiting for another option to treat their symptoms.

Reservations are required to attend the seminar. For reservations, call 800.284.2878 or on-line at www.sanramonmedctr.com.

Play RuneScape

"Dune-Scape," a RuneScape® gaming event, will be held on Saturday,

February 23, from 10:00 am to 4:00pm, in Community Room A of the Livermore Public Library. Young gamers are invited to play in a competitive RuneScape® contest as a part of the Dune celebration. Space is limited. Please visit the Youth Services Information Desk at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center to reserve a time slot.

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.

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.



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Health Educator Siah Fried Turns Sights to Teenage Stress

By Patricia Koning

Parents of Dublin schoolchildren might be having an easier time convincing their children to eat their vegetables, thanks to a most unusual visitor. "Stuffee," a 7-foot tall blue-haired doll, and health educator Siah Fried have been touring Dublin elementary schools with a simple message: exercise, eat fruits and vegetables, and never, ever smoke.

At Dublin Elementary School, cafeteria workers have been fielding requests for more fruit. "I had a parent ask what great program was going on, because her fifth grade son came home talking about good nutrition," says Principal Kara Holthe.

Stuffee unzips to reveal all of his anatomically correct organs, which means that the small intestines are a full 22 feet long, the liver is heavier than the other organs, and the right lung has three lobes. In her program, "Healthy Starts Make Healthy Hearts," Fried uses Stuffee to illustrate the journey that food makes through the body from the moment it enters the mouth.

She also discusses the difference between "growing" foods, such as fruits, vegetables, and whole wheat bread and "sometimes" foods, such as cake and donuts. "Cake is not bad, we all like to eat cake sometimes, like at weddings or birthday parties," she explains. "It's absolutely okay to eat cake occasionally, but most of the time you want growing foods so your body gets the nutrients it needs."

Fried developed the program as part of her master's degree in public health. Six years ago she brought Stuffee into elementary

schools, starting with kindergarteners.

The program has grown each year, both in terms of the number of schools and students visited. Last year, Fried and Stuffee visited 20 schools; this year it will be at least 30.

"What I'm really excited about is that I'm teaching the entire student body at some schools," she says.

Healthy Starts Make Healthy Hearts consists of three sessions, usually about one month apart. The first session covers basic anatomy of the heart, lungs, and digestive system; the second, nutrition; and the third, exercise. At the end of the program, Fried conducts surveys with parents and students.

The results have been very positive. She reports that three-quarters of families said they watched less TV and about two-thirds said they ate more fruits and vegetables and exercised more often.

With older elementary school-aged students, she tailors her presentation to reflect science curriculum. With fourth-graders at Greene Elementary in Dublin, Fried touched on the two types of diabetes and how to prevent Type 2, commonly known as adult onset diabetes. They discussed the role of insulin—a key that unlocks energy from cells.

She also talks about video games, how children aren't exercising while they are playing electronic games. While she concedes that the Wii is an improvement over traditional handheld games, she still doesn't want children to think that counts as exercise.

"Just like with sometimes food, my message isn't that videogames are bad, but kids should take an honest look at how they spend their time," she says.

And as for that doll? Originally she didn't plan to bring it to workshops with older kids, but Stuffee appears to be a hit, even with 11-year-olds. "He gets hugs every time," Fried comments.

This spring Fried will be piloting a new health education program called Creating Healthy Schools, focused on mental well-being as well as nutrition and exercise. The idea for the new program came about from discussions she had with students in her health classes at Las Positas College.

When she shared excerpts from "The Price of Privilege: How Parental Pressure and Material Advantage Are Creating a Generation of Disconnected and Unhappy Kids" by Madeline Levine, she was surprised by how well the young adults in her class related to the book.

"In every class someone would share a personal story about anorexia or bulimia," she recalls. "They were all far too familiar with the practices such as cutting, eating disorders, and

drug abuse."

The program will be aimed at high school and middle school students and address stress and self-destructive behavior. She's piloting the program at Pleasanton's Foothill High School in May. She's hoping to bring the program to other area schools as well; a principal in Hayward has also expressed interest.

Fried will teach the program with a psychologist in three parts, preceded by a parent night. The first meeting with the students is a discussion in a safe environment to uncover the pressures the kids are facing. The second meeting focuses on healthy, well-balanced eating and a prevention of eating disorders. The third session covers self-destructive behaviors and how to prevent them.

"My goal is to bring about awareness and intervention when necessary," she says. "I don't think people are aware of what's going on with our kids, of the intense pressure and self-destructive behaviors."


Fried plans to expand the high school program to more schools around the Tri-Valley, including middle schools, next fall. For more information, visit www.creatinghealthyschools.biz/

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Award for Scientist

James V. Candy, chief scientist for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's Engineering Directorate, has been awarded the prestigious Helmholtz-Rayleigh Interdisciplinary Silver Medal "for his contributions to signal processing and underwater acoustics," by the Acoustical Society of America (ASA), a society of the American Institute of Physics (AIP).

The award recognizes Candy's pioneering work developing "model-based signal and image processing techniques" that have improved acoustical detection and measurement for applications in national security, materials science and medicine.

The model-based signal and image processing techniques Candy has developed allow the extraction of critical information from large "noisy" measurement data sets that would not previously have been possible.

Applications include: vibrational failure detection for prosthetic heart valves; target localization in ocean acoustics (i.e. submarines); communications in room acoustics; detecting and imaging flaws in materials for nondestructive evaluation; biomedical imaging for ultrasonic cancer detection; time reversal processing for signal enhancement, detection of radioactive contraband in containers; and synthetic aperture for detecting and tracking underwater and airborne targets.

Candy's work has received international acclaim. He was elected a life member (fellow) of Cambridge University's Clare Hall College in 2005 and spent a year's sabbatical organizing the first Nonlinear Statistical Signal Processing Workshop and learning Bayesian signal and imaging techniques, which he is currently applying to Laboratory radiation detection technologies for homeland security.

ASA's silver medal is awarded to researchers who have made important contributions to multiple technical disciplines. The ASA is the premier international technical society in acoustics dedicated to increasing and diffusing knowledge of acoustics and its practical application. Candy's award will be presented at the Acoustics '08 Paris meeting in June. The meeting is jointly sponsored by the ASA, the European Acoustics Association (EAA) and the Société Française d'Acoustique (SFA) and is a joint meeting of the ASA, European Conference on Underwater Acoustics (ECUA) and the European Conference on Noise Control (Euronoise).

Tax Delinquent Property Auction

Alameda County Treasurer-Tax Collector Donald R. White announces the County's fifth

online auction to sell tax delinquent parcels of property. The auction will take place at www.bid4assets.com March 15 through March 18, 2008.

The properties are being sold using Bid4Assets, Inc. Interested persons may preview the properties on the website at www.bid4assets.com now through March 14. Bidding will begin on March 15 and end on March 18. If a potential bidder does not have Internet access, an Offline Bid Form is available from the Tax Collector's Office, 1221 Oak Street, 1st floor, in Oakland.

The properties for sale are located primarily in Oakland. To be eligible to participate in the auction, a bidder must pre-qualify with a \$5,000 deposit. More information regarding the online auction can be obtained from the Treasurer Tax Collector's website at www.acgov.org/treasurer/index.shtml.

Town Hall Meeting

State Assembly Member Alberto Torrico (D-Newark) will hold a Town Hall meeting to discuss Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposed state budget and alternative solutions to reducing California's deficit.

The town hall session will be 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Wed., Feb. 27 in the Fukaya Room, Fremont Main Library, 2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont.

On hand will be Torrico; Jean Ross, executive director California Budget Project; Trisha Tahmasbi, Ohlone Community College District Trustee; and Rick Pratt, California School Boards Association.

The Governor's budget proposes across-the-board cuts in services, including senior rental and property tax assistance, Medi-Cal, CalWorks, K-12 education and parks. Panelists at the Town Hall will examine the proposed cuts' effects on services, including K-12 education, community colleges and health care.

Hands Across Water Contact

Sharon Tangney, the Walnut Grove elementary school counselor in Pleasanton who founded Hands Across the Water, said that she has had some good response from an Independent story Feb. 7 about helping the Liberian school that was adopted by the group. Some supporters suggested that she reach out to the community by including her contact information. She may be reached at 595-6053, and by e-mail at kitjsharon@comcast.net.

Residents Keeping Tabs on North Livermore Study

Residents who rallied last year in support of the Springtown Golf Course are keeping a close eye on the work being undertaken by a consultant to look at public facilities in North Livermore.

One of the city council's long-term priorities for Fiscal Year 2007/2008 is to consider ways to enhance programs and public facilities serving North Livermore residents.

The city council hired a consultant in January to prepare a draft master plan for Springtown facilities and programs. The study, which will cost \$71,000, will examine the character and condition of existing facilities and evaluate opportunities for rehabilitation, modification or replacement. This process is estimated to take from 6 to 12 months to complete.

There are four community workshops planned. The first would provide background. The second takes a look at policies and options. Those policies and options would be refined at a third session, with the preferred approach considered in the final meeting.

Among the current facilities that the consultant would take a look at for potential uses or re-uses are the nine-hole municipal Springtown Golf Course, the area's library and the fire station. Future possibilities for the Springtown Golf Course include renovating the golf course, continuing to operate the golf course as it is today, or re-using the golf course for some other purpose such as a neighborhood sports park.

Last year, over 300 residents

of North Livermore attended a meeting to let it be known they wanted the golf course preserved. In response to their demand that the golf course be retained, the city council granted a one-year management contract to DeBenedetti for the Springtown course. DeBenedetti manages the city's Las Positas Golf Course.

Members of the Springtown Golf Committee met to discuss the future of the golf course. Donald Nolte, a member of the committee, prepared a response to the city from the committee.

In the report Nolte, suggests that the \$174,000 deficit recorded in 2005-2006 was mainly due to vandalism to a dam on the creek that supplies the water at about \$109 an acre foot. Because of the damage, the city had to purchase Zone 7 potable water at \$925 per acre foot. "This is unlikely to happen again," according to the report.

The committee suggests hiring a private contractor to maintain the golf course, which they say would reduce the cost of maintenance.

The committee raises other issues. One issue that is of particular concern is the potential to sell the course for housing. The committee writes, "That would be a terrible blow to Springtown residents. Over 200 homes about the golf course. Realtors who work in this area have informed us that covering our green space with houses would reduce our home values by at least 10 percent. We have all worked for many years to purchase our homes. They are all we have. Our

course is not just a golf course; it is our green space."

Quality of life is another issue, according to the committee. "Three hours at a cultural event, a concert or play stimulates the mind and spirit. A similar experience can be had by walking or playing a golf course. Any outdoor activities on a beautiful day in beautiful surroundings is recreation for the body and mind."

Betty Crosby, who calls herself a caring Springtown neighbor, has written a letter urging that everyone become actively involved and informed during the outreach process. "Many of us do feel, however, that the \$71,000 could have been better allocated to a new library and/or fire station more centrally located to serve all Northeast Livermore neighborhoods, or even to start to restore the Golf Course, which has been allowed to deteriorate for the last several years, in turn affecting its profitability."

She points out that the 505 Springtown homeowners and their families are greatly outnumbered by approximately 12,000 homeowners and their families in the rest of Northeast Livermore.

"Above and beyond the threat to property values is the fact that the Golf Course is the very heart and spine of Springtown. The homeowners are the heartbeat and soul of Springtown, making them inseparable one from the other. This is what makes Springtown a unique, vital and very special community, historically an unrecognized asset to the whole of Livermore," writes Crosby.

Ranger Station Concept Gets LARPD Okay

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District approved moving forward with a concept plan and budget for a ranger station in Sycamore Grove Park. The district would renovate the Denton house, which was donated to the district by Jacquie Williams-Courtwright for use as a ranger station.

The vote was 4 to 1 with Scott Kamena opposed. He felt the \$694,000 pricetag was too high. Although other directors voted to move forward with the final design, they warned that if bids came in too high they would not continue the project.

Several of them pointed to the escalating costs of a covered horse arena that started at \$200,000 and ended up costing over \$750,000.

The amount is less than the first estimate of \$750,000 rejected by the board at an earlier meeting. The staff was directed to simplify the design to trim the costs and also to justify the ex-

pense of energy efficiency features.

There is a \$750,000 budget for the project. The money comes from \$800,000 in mitigation paid to the district by Chevron to build a pipeline through Sycamore Grove Park.

Kamena said that just because the district had a "windfall," doesn't mean the money should be spent unwisely. He suggested there could be other uses for the money.

It was also suggested that the energy efficient features would be eligible for grant monies to pay for them.

Consultant David Arkin estimated that the green features would reduce pollution by 15 percent, eliminating 12,000 pounds of CO2 emissions. The features cost \$45,000 and are estimated to save the district \$2000 a year in energy costs. "The investment in green features represents a good investment," he declared.

Features include a tankless water heater, window shading, durable flowing photovoltaic panels, dual-flush toilets, and new windows.

OTHER ACTIONS
The LARPD approved the same naming policy okayed by the city council last Monday. It allows each agency to name facilities and land that it owns and operates. Jointly held properties would require approval of a name by both agencies.

The board approved naming the park adjacent to the Bothwell Arts Center, Bothwell Park.

A trail segment was named for Annie Quinn, the daughter of former board member Alice Quinn. Annie died in an auto accident.

Board member Maryalice Faltings stated, "Annie was one of my docents at Ravenswood. I had known her since she was 5 or 6 years old."

The vote on both of the naming suggestions was unanimous.

Two Planets Discovered in Nearby System

Using Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's pioneering work in gravitational microlensing, supercomputer modeling and adaptive optics, scientists have found two planets in a solar system much like our very own.

A team of international scientists have discovered a solar system nearly 5,000 light years away that contains two scaled-down gas giant planets. They are about half the distance from their source star as Jupiter and Saturn are from our sun. The two new planets are the same distance apart as Jupiter and Saturn are to each other.

"This is the first time something analogous to our solar system has been found," said Kem Cook, one of three Lab researchers on the team and a pioneer in gravitational microlensing. "This indicates that our kind of plan-

etary system is relatively common and that in and of itself is exciting."

The research appeared in the Feb. 15 issue of the journal, *Science*.

The new planets resemble a scaled-down version of our solar system, because the mass ratio, separation ratio and equilibrium temperatures are similar to those of Jupiter and Saturn. The planets' masses are about 71 percent and 90 percent, respectively, of Jupiter and Saturn; their sun is about 50 percent the mass of our sun.

"It looks more like our solar system than any other system we've seen so far," said Bruce Macintosh, another of the Livermore authors. "This system resembles our own and it has room in it for a planet like Earth."

Macintosh used the adaptive optics (AO) system at the Keck Observatory in Hawaii to isolate the lens star (the star of the new planetary system) from other stars in the extremely crowded region toward the center of the galaxy. Adaptive optics allows astronomers to minimize the blurring effects of the Earth's atmosphere, producing images with unprecedented detail and resolution. The Keck adaptive optics image allowed a direct measurement of the source system's brightness and color, helping constrain the source system's mass.

The current discovery relied on 11 different ground-based telescopes in countries around the world, including New Zealand, Tasmania, Israel, Chile, the Canary Islands and the United States.

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EDITORIALS

Friends Of Shadow Cliffs

Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area is one of the gems among the Eastbay's park and recreation facilities.

Created from an abandoned quarry midway between Pleasanton and Livermore, Shadow Cliffs can't claim to be the most pastoral of parks. It does, however, possess a unique beauty all its own thanks to its diversity of uses. The park features the deep quarry lake, a beach, a four-lane waterslide, fishing docks and on the back side of Shadow Cliffs a secluded wildlife area with a pond and majestic trees where civilization seems far, far away. This Regional Recreational Area is urban and rural all at the same time.

Shadow Cliffs is managed by the East Bay Regional Park District. It has become one of EBRPD's most popular and most used parks.

Now an opportunity to make Shadow Cliffs even better has arisen. Controversial plans to expand the waterslide have fallen through. Park staff isn't sure what to do with the partially developed waterslide site. They seek ideas from the public.

A group of park users have formed Friends of Shadow Cliffs to help solicit ideas. Among the founders is Nancy Storch of Pleasanton. According to Storch, the group favors low-density uses to avoid the traffic problems the enlarged waterslide threatened to bring. (Among the ideas to emerge so far: a rose garden.)

"We are trying to take the initiative," Storch said. "We live here. We enjoy the park. We want some good ideas to give to the planners so they can benefit from what frequent users think and have those ideas early in their planning."

With friends like these, Shadow Cliffs faces a sunny future. Those interested in joining may call Nancy Storch at (925) 895-5112.

Solar Cities

The Pleasanton City Council two weeks ago voted to move ahead with a "Solar Cities" program, partnering up with Livermore whose council okayed it a couple of weeks earlier.

The two cities will assist solar power projects within their communities, providing outreach and workshops and possibly financial aid in the form of lower permit fees. The program will focus on new homes, businesses and city-owned buildings, as well as renovations of existing structures. "This has been a long time coming. It's a very, very exciting project," said Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman.

Virtually all future construction could be affected. The two city councils are essentially trying to paint their towns green. With calamitous global warming looming, we are glad to report that Livermore and Pleasanton are rising to the challenge.

CLEAN-UP

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viously funds for the clean-up were included in the DOE budget. Now they are in the NNSA budget. "Some feel Congress may not have been fully aware of the switch. I can't confirm or speculate on that," he added.

Marylia Kelley, executive director of Tri-Valley CAREs, said she has been working with local Congressional representatives in Washington. She said she has gotten a positive response. However, funding can't be approved without a reprogramming request from DOE. Along with the request, DOE would have to provide the rational behind it. "It's a pretty straightforward rational. I'm confident Congress will act in a speedy and timely manner to restore the funding," declared Kelley.

She has two concerns. One, a shutdown, even if temporary, would endanger the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the cleanup. The second is less obvious, but not less serious, commented Kelley. The concern is there could be layoffs and the team that has been put together will be broken-up. "The technical staff at the Lab is quite a competent team. I'd hate to see it broken up because of a funding glitch," she added.

To date, no workers have been laid off. If the funding were not available, the Lab would return them to their home programs, according to Bellardo. He said it would be up to the Lab to determine the disposition of the workers, whether they would be laid off or not.

Kelley suggested there are two potential small funding sources that could be used to bridge the gap. One is the Lab directed research and development fund at the Lab. The money goes to the director's office to fund innovative programs. Kelley believes that funds could be granted to the innovative aspects of the clean-up, such as the soil vapor extraction process. "There are new techniques being proven at the main site."

The other place money exists is at DOE headquarters. Funds are available for technology development for cleanup, said Kelley.

Both on and off-site groundwater was found to have been contaminated with volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and chromium. Fuel hydrocarbons including benzene and ethylene dibromide, the heavy metal lead, and tritium appear only in wells on site. Soil excavated from the site was contaminated with solvents, radioactive wastes, heavy metals, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and fuel hydrocarbons. Soils remaining on site contain VOCs, tritium, PCBs, fuel hydrocarbons, and inorganic substances.

Initial actions included the excavation and removal of 4,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil from several waste disposal pits to certified off-site disposal sites and closure of an inactive landfill, with subsequent removal of approximately 14,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil.

Several treatment plants have been put in place for groundwater pumping and treatment and for soil vapor extraction (SVE). These systems will continue to operate until cleanup standards are achieved.

"The cleanup is a priority for the community," she said. There are decades of clean-up still to go. However, Kelley was complimentary of the Lab. "The staff has done such a good job of certain parts of the clean-up, the estimate to complete it is down to something in the thirty year range. The end is in sight."

BEEF

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ton has been buying and serving beef from other vendors.

Grasso said that the district's child nutrition services department will continue to monitor information from the state education department and the USDA.

There have been no reports of illness among California school children who may have eaten Westlans beef over the past several months, said Grasso. For questions or further information, contact the school district's public information office, 426-4304, or Frank Castro, director of child nutrition services, at 426-4414.

The Tri-Valley Business Council, in partnership with a national education organization, has launched a "Summer Teacher Fellowship" program that will provide businesses with a pool of highly-qualified employees at a fraction of the cost of traditional contractors.

The Council is partnering with the Industry Initiatives for Science and Math Education (IISME) to promote this program. In the past 23 years, the IISME has offered 2,375 summer teacher fellowships to 1,351 individual teachers. This is the first time in recent years that Tri-Valley businesses have participated in the program. Tri-Valley teachers in the program have previously had to make the long commute to Silicon Valley.

According to Jim Caldwell, Education Initiative Chair for the Tri-Valley Business Council, "State budget cuts are forcing reductions in funds for teachers' professional development. The IISME Fellowship program gives teachers the chance to bring new and enhanced skills into the classroom and helps cultivate a world-class talent pool needed to compete in the global economy."

The IISME Summer Fellowship Program places Bay Area K-16 teachers of all subjects (with an emphasis on science, mathematics and technology) with mentored, paid summer internships in industry, university laboratories and government agencies. IISME also offers

PARCEL TAX

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job-saving strategy will be on Feb. 26.

The idea that emerged from the board and from Casey was to borrow against the district's assets for next year, then pay back that money from a successful parcel tax election. Kernan said he was willing to use part of the \$6 million principal which is a corpus for interest income that buys technology equipment for classrooms. The money came from the sale of a former high school site on Sycamore Road. Tapping that source would require a four-fifths board vote.

Trustee Steve Brozosky said he was against touching the money. Others did not commit themselves one way or another on the technology fund.

Another asset is the district's reserve fund of \$5 million, although by law \$3 million of that must be retained for emergencies. When the board was discussing options for solving the fiscal problem, president Jim Ott said, "Should we be talking to the governor about raising revenue? Some governors in the past have raised taxes. It might be an option. What can we do here at our district to save programs that we spent years putting in place?"

No one took up Ott's suggestion about increasing taxes at the state level. The sentiment was that Pleasanton can control part of its own financial destiny by passing a parcel tax, and become less affected by Sacramento's fi-

CUT-OFF

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more likely to have the necessary skills and maturity to succeed in kindergarten."

Many private schools also have earlier cutoff dates. Dublin's Valley Christian School, a private school serving students in preschool through high school, has a Sept. 1 kindergarten cutoff date.

Teachers generally support requiring students to be older to enter kindergarten.

"I think this a great move on the charter school's part," says Robin Cruz, a former kindergarten teacher who lives in Pleasanton. "What we expect of kindergarten has changed a lot, and most kids just aren't ready before they turn five."

Cruz's opinion is more than just professional; she's decided not to start her 4-year-old son in kindergarten this fall because he was born in late November, just a few days ahead of the cutoff. "Four-year-olds should still be out playing," she says.

California has one of the latest kindergarten cutoff dates in the nation; only Connecticut and Vermont, with Jan. 1 cutoff dates, are later. Six states—Colorado, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania—allow local education agencies to set cutoff dates.

Several states have advanced

year-round assistance to teachers as they translate their summer experiences into classroom instruction.

"This is a direct impact, added value effort the Business Council is bringing to the Tri-Valley," noted James E. Simmons, a Council board member and a community relations leader for Sandia National Laboratories. "Valuable teachers are paid to work locally and then implement their new education right here in our schools. We are ready to hire the best and brightest students they can provide."

Teachers complete a project for their sponsors and are paid \$8,200 for their work. While IISME Fellowships are paid by the sponsoring company, much of the cost is tax-deductible. The Tri-Valley Business Council is also prepared to arrange further assistance on a case-by-case basis. Last summer 52 companies sponsored 188 teachers across the Bay Area and generally lauded the program, noted Caldwell.

The Tri-Valley Business Council's partnership with IISME is expected to develop opportunities for the region's businesses and teachers. The IISME Summer Fellowships are designed for sponsoring businesses to benefit from skilled, professional summer employees at a below-market cost. Sponsoring businesses are able to gain fresh perspectives and top-quality results for short-term or long-range projects. Becoming a sponsor is

nancial roller coaster. Trustees will continue the discussion at their meeting Feb. 26.

CHILD CARE CENTER TO REOPEN

After the budget work session, the board conducted its regular meeting.

Trustees unanimously approved reopening the pre-school center located on the district headquarters property on Bernal Avenue. The YMCA, which has operated it since it opened in 2002, withdrew its administration. It closed in December.

The facility will reopen in the summer and be operated by Adventure Time, a non-profit which has been in business in Alameda County for 24 years. It serves several public school districts.

The district started the pre-school mainly to serve school district employees with young children. Although 25 or 30 school-connected families expressed interest then, support dwindled over the years to only two or three families eventually. The majority of its users were and will be community residents who are not related to district employees.

The district is still paying the loan on the building construction. Trustees said they welcomed being able to have a pre-school open again and a leaseholder to help pay off the loan.

Three providers were interviewed for the contract.

their kindergarten cutoff dates in recent years. Hawaii moved its date from December 31 to August 1 at the start of the 2006/07 school year. Last year the North Carolina state legislature voted to move its date from October 16 to August 31, beginning in the 2009/2010 school year.

There have been many past legislative attempts to change California's kindergarten cutoff. Last year, Assemblywoman Sharon Runner (36th District) introduced AB 683, the School Readiness Act, which proposes to change California's kindergarten to Sept. 1. The bill failed to move out of committee last month, but has since been refiled.

LVCS is holding open enrollment for the 2008/09 school year through the end of the month. Enrollment forms must be post-marked by Feb. 29 and received by March 8. If there are more applicants than available spaces at any grade level, a lottery will be held on March 12 to determine admission.

The future of LVCS is pending state approval of the renewal of its charter petition. The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District denied the request last month. The renewal should come before the State Board of Education at their meeting on May 7-8.

also seen as an effective way for businesses to give back to the community by providing teachers the opportunity to share their summer business experience with their students.

"The Summer Fellowships program is part of our organization's commitment to play a leadership role in workforce and economic development in the Tri-Valley," said Tri-Valley Business Council President and CEO Tobias (Toby) Brink. "This program is one of various educational initiatives

OLD LOOK

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up at planning commission meetings from time to time to make sure any remodeling project or new building would fit into the downtown. Not everything that went in looked good, said Garbarino.

One small development definitely went the wrong way in terms of fitting in near Peters Avenue, she said. Both the design and the loss of a big walnut tree took away from the area's impact, she said.

Concerned that a more organized approach was needed to guard against what they consider gaffes, the residents decided to form the heritage association. As with their counterparts in the Livermore Heritage Guild, the Pleasantonites have expertise in restoring their own homes. Therefore they can offer advice to homeowners who want to proceed in the right direction when it comes to restoration, but don't know where to go for materials or design advice.

It may even be possible to provide advice on finding grants for restoration, as the Livermore group is beginning to do, said Garbarino. She personally has had vocational experience as a grant writer.

In the Pleasanton downtown plan, a structure that is 50 years or older "is considered to have some standing in the community," said Garbarino. Prior to any remodeling, the plans must be reviewed. The city has a list of 85 or 90 structures downtown that are considered vintage and heritage homes, she said.

Many of the association members have heritage plaques

CAMPAIGN

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People who wish to file for the office may pick up papers at the Zone 7 office, 100 North Canyons Parkway, Livermore, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Papers are also available at the registrar of voters office, 1225 Fallon St., Oakland. Office hours there are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If any incumbent fails to file by the deadline, the filing period would be extended until 5 p.m. March 12.

There is no charge for filing. However, there is a \$1978 fee for having a ballot statement published in the voter guide. The guide is sent out with sample ballots and absentee ballots to all registered voters in Zone 7's area, which includes Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin.

DEMOCRATS HOST FORUM

The Tri-Valley Democratic Club (TVDC) will host a Democratic Candidates Forum on Sat., Feb. 23 from 10 a.m. to noon. Joan Buchanan, Steve Filson and Steve Thomas, Democratic candidates for the 15th Assembly District, will speak and answer questions.

TVDC members will vote for the club endorsement. A straw poll will be taken. Suggested donation is \$10. The event will be held at the Deputy Sheriff's Association of Alameda County Hall, 6689 Owens Drive, Suite 100, Pleasanton.

For information contact Eric by email at swalwell@gmail.com or phone 487-8277.

RAO ENDORSED

San Joaquin Supervisor Ken Vogel has announced his support for 15th Assembly District Republican businessman Robert Rao.

Stockton Mayor Ed Chavez and Stockton City Councilman Clem Lee have also endorsed Rao.

The district is currently represented by Republican Guy

we'll launch to make a significant contribution to the region's economy and quality of life."

Caldwell also noted that teachers who apply to IISME typically have at least a Bachelor's degree in the subject they teach, and many have Masters Degrees. On average, IISME Teacher Fellows have eight years of teaching experience. They are self-directed, highly motivated, quick learners, excellent communicators and used to working independently.

mounted on the front doors of their homes. During the United States Bicentennial in 1976, a federal organization sent the plaques to building owners whose structures were at least 100 years old.

Garbarino and her husband displayed such a plaque for the Ray Street home that they purchased and restored 30 years ago. However, their current residence on Division Street, while qualified, does not have one, because the previous owner didn't apply for it.

The downtown neighborhood is defined on the city's downtown plan map. Roughly it runs from Third Street on the south, near city hall to the fairgrounds, to Division Street, and then to St. John Street. The line runs from there to Stanley Boulevard to where Stanley meets First Street near the Shell gas station. Then the boundary continues over to Second and Third Streets.

In reviewing plans for new developments in the area, the association members are mindful of developers' need to meet costs. For example, the less costly features of a building could be oriented away from the street, so that the finer details of the architecture are facing the street, thus providing the community the aesthetic benefit without having to spend more throughout, said Garbarino.

The association plans to have as members those who not only live in the downtown or in older homes, but also those who are interested in helping preserve the look of the downtown. People interested in joining may reach Garbarino at 462-8779.

Houston.

"California faces serious budget issues" said Supervisor Vogel. "We need real conservatives like Robert Rao who have balanced tough budgets, cut wasteful spending and met a payroll. I trust Robert Rao to fight for taxpayers and to work with Governor Schwarzenegger in cutting spending and bringing our state budget back into line. Robert Rao's proven real-world experience is exactly what we need in the Assembly. I am proud to support him."

BUCHANAN ENDORSED

Joan Buchanan, candidate for the 15th Assembly District, has received the endorsement of 25 principals, superintendents, school board and community college board members. The endorsements include former California State Superintendent of Public Instruction Delaine Eastin, Chabot-Las Positas Community College Board member Isobel Dvorsky, and Granada High School principal Chris VanSchaack.

GERBER RUNS IN 10TH

Nicholas Gerber, who describes himself as the moderate Republican candidate for the U.S. Congressional District 10, filed his official papers last week to be on the Primary ballot in June 2008.

The district is currently represented by Democrat Ellen Tauscher.

The county register of voters needed 40-60 signatures of registered Republicans residing in the district to accept the candidates papers, which he collected all in one night while attending The Rossmore Republican club dinner.

Gerber has unveiled the goGerber mobile, a "wrapped mini-Cooper" that will serve the purpose of being a walking, flying, driving, living billboard for his campaign from now until November 4th.

MAILBOX

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

Thank You

Diane Jeronimo
Executive Director Tri-Valley Youth Court

Tri-Valley Youth Court (TVYC) opened its doors last Tuesday evening. This project has come together with thousands of volunteer hours. Two women, Carol Pitts and Kathy Coyle, have donated more than half of these hours. We would not have made it this far this quickly without their dedication. I cannot say enough kind words about Carol and Kathy. I personally thank them for all of their work.

HOME Campaign Thanks

Kellie A Hayes
Lindsay Wildlife Museum
Walnut Creek

In The Independent issue dated January 3, 2008 a front page article shared the outstanding results of the Lawrence Livermore Lab's HOME Campaign that raised \$2.4 million for charities in surrounding communities.

Lindsay Wildlife Museum in Walnut Creek is one of the charities benefiting from this campaign. We do not always get the names and addresses of the employees who contribute to us through this campaign. So to those of you who contributed, and you know who you are, "Thank You." Your generosity enables us to provide medical attention for over 6000 animals that come to us through our rehabilitation hospital, provide environmental education to children and adults and allows us to care for our animal ambassadors in our exhibit hall.

Lindsay Wildlife Museum relies on the generosity of donors, just like those working at Lawrence Livermore Lab.

School Budget

Jamie Yee Hintzke
President, Pleasanton PTA

BALLET

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of the world's foremost choreographers.

Tickets are available at \$28, \$31 and \$36. A special student discount price of \$11 is available for those 17 and younger.

From its beginning in 1995, the company quickly found its legs and landed firmly in the national spotlight. After successful debuts at the prestigious Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival and the Joyce Theater in New York, Aspen Santa Fe Ballet was invited back to perform a second time at Jacob's Pillow and a total of three times at the Joyce-a remarkable accomplishment for a company of any size.

Under the leadership of Directors Jean-Philippe Malaty and Tom Mossbrucker, the company continually expands its repertoire.

The Bankhead Theater ticket office is located at 2400 First Street in Downtown Livermore, and is open Monday through Saturday from 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

Council

Governor Schwarzenegger proposed drastic budget cuts will hurt our children. Our children need your help now! Urge legislators not to cut the funding of Proposition 98, the minimum public education funding guarantee for our students. The impact of the unprecedented cuts proposed in the Governor's budget would severely harm each and every school.

Voters passed Prop 98 almost 20 years ago to ensure our students and schools receive minimum funding. They strongly reaffirmed their support for the minimum funding law in 2005. The proposal to suspend Prop 98 conflicts with the will of the voters and jeopardizes the minimum education funding levels Prop 98 provides for students and schools.

It is imperative that everyone in our community contact their Assemblymember (Torrico, Hayashi, or Houston) and Senator Corbett's offices by email, fax or phone. Our elected officials must hear the message clearly - Protect Prop 98.

Go to: www.asm.ca.gov to find your legislator.

The California State PTA has come out strongly in support of protecting Prop. 98 funding. To read the press release of the California State PTA, go to: www.pleasantonpta.org

For the past 110 years the California State PTA has been at the forefront of advocating for children. The organization is the largest and highest profile volunteer child advocacy group in the State with a million members Statewide.

Ruby Hill Article

Kim Csongor
Pleasanton

Harry Stoll's article on the Ruby Hill Winery (Feb.14) was great reading! Upbeat, fresh, not just the facts but fun! Great writing Mr. Stoll!

Bigger not Better

Frank Draschner
Livermore

A short while ago, "King Kamena" said he wanted to make Livermore "Better, not bigger." However, last week the King and all the King's men voted once again to make Livermore bigger and not better by approving a massive, giant Toyota dealership be built in a residential neighborhood. So big in fact, that when completed it will be the

largest Toyota dealer in Northern California (we can all be so proud). Let's not forget that the King and his court have also approved the largest Outlet Mall in the State to be built on the other side of town, with both developments located on the heavily congested Highway 580. This will indeed make our traffic problem bigger and not better. I think that if the King really wanted to make the city better and not bigger, he would have granted the townspeople some things we could use and enjoy like parks, sports fields and a cemetery; all of these the King has shot down.

However, remember this - if the people of Livermore are upset over the King's recent decisions, you have only yourselves to blame. This is what you get when you elect a one-sided, lopsided City Council. A city cannot be completely represented with only one voice. Brace yourselves Livermore - you haven't seen nothin' yet!

Global Warming Response

Cory Herro
Livermore

Dear Mr. Pierce,
I am a 7th grader at East Avenue middle school. I was sorry to read your response to the article "Global Warming Would Impact Future Water Supply."

You said in your letter that the snow melts, turns into water run off, and we capture it in our dams, and then it becomes water for all to enjoy. Well, you're half right. The part you missed was that because of rising temperatures in the Rockies the snow is predicted to melt by April 1, when our dams are already full. This excess of water causes a flood. When we use up all the water, we are left with little or no water that flows into the dam. Hence, a water shortage. To sum it up, we need bigger dams to hold the surplus of water early in the season.

The effects of global warming are real. I was shocked after reading your response to the scientists about the "hoax" of global warming. First of all, global warming is an issue and it is happening now. Global warming doesn't mean that we don't still have four seasons. Just because global warming is taking place, does not mean that it will suddenly stop snowing in winter. Average temperatures have been increasing each decade by very small amounts. These levels are measured by scientists. However,

the average person can't just walk out the door in Livermore and feel a significant difference in the weather (and yes, your plants can still die in the cold of winter).

No one expects a temperature change of one or two degrees to make a change in the environment. But it has a great effect on the wildlife at glacial locations. For instance, the krill-eating penguins of Antarctica rely on krill to survive. But because the krill

live under ice and over ninety percent of the world's glaciers are melting, the penguins have less to eat.

Not only does global warming effect wildlife, but it has a great impact on us as well. Glacial runoff provides water for one and a half billion people in China, India and Asia. So, when there are no more glaciers to melt what will that mean for the people of these countries who rely so much on these glaciers.

One of the fastest receding glaciers in the world, O'Higgins, has receded about nine miles in only one hundred years. If this isn't hard evidence of global warming, I don't what is.

When your body temperature rises a few degrees, you can take something to make yourself feel better. Think of our planet as having the flu, and the only antibiotic is to reduce greenhouse gases.

MRI OPEN WEEKENDS



ValleyCare Health System is now offering weekend MRI Appointments on our Pleasanton Campus.
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Hours: Saturday and Sunday (holidays included) 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

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Scheduling: Call 925-734-3376



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MEASURE D SENIOR EXEMPTION CLAIM FORMS AVAILABLE FOR THE 2008-09 TAX YEAR

Homeowners age 65 and older have through May 1, 2008, to file for the senior exemption for the 2008-09 Tax Year

For Immediate Release

Monday, February 11, 2008

Contact: **Floyd Wilson**
Director of Facilities Management
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Livermore-Senior Citizens who own and occupy a home in the Livermore Valley can still apply for exemption from the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District's Measure D Parcel Tax passed by voters in November 2004.

"We understand that many seniors are not aware of the senior exemption for the parcel tax, and we want to do everything we can to give eligible seniors the opportunity to be exempt," said Floyd Wilson, Director of Facilities Management.

Senior Citizens, age 65 and older, must complete a simple form to be exempt from paying \$120/year parcel tax associated with the recent passage of Measure D. The Measure, which was overwhelmingly passed by voters in November 2004 by nearly 72%, allowed the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District to restore funding for several critical programs and avoid the need to layoff teachers.

In order to be eligible for the exemption in 2008-09, homeowners must certify that they:
--own & reside in the home for which they are claiming an exemption
--be at least 65 years old on or before July 1, 2008

If you have already applied for the exemption, you do not need to do it again. The exemption is good for the life of the bond which is 2010.

The form can be accessed online at www.livermoreschools.com, quick link "Forms" [Measure D Senior Exemption Claim Form](#). For a paper copy of the form, contact Facilities Management at (925) 606-3235.

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MEDIDA D FORMAS DE RECLAMO DE EXENCION DISPONIBLE PARA LOS IMPUESTOS DEL AÑO FISCAL 2008-09

Propietarios de casas con 65 años de edad o mayores tienen hasta el 1^{er} de mayo del 2008 para presentar su aplicación de exención de impuestos para el año fiscal 2008-09

Para publicación inmediata

Lunes, 11 de febrero del 2008

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Los ciudadanos mayores de 65 años de edad de Livermore quienes son propietarios y ocupan una casa en el Valle de Livermore aún pueden aplicar por una exención de la Medida D del Distrito Escolar Unificado del Valle de Livermore aprobada por los votantes en noviembre 2004 que reclama un gravamen de impuesto por lote.

"Comprendemos que muchos ciudadanos no están enterados de la exención de impuestos por sus lotes y deseamos hacer todo lo que podamos para dar la oportunidad a todos los ciudadanos elegibles, la exención de estos impuestos" dijo Floyd Wilson, Director de Administración de Inmuebles.

Ciudadanos, con 65 años de edad o mayores, deben completar una forma simple para ser exentos del pago de \$120 anuales por impuesto de lote asociado con la reciente aprobación de la Medida D. La Medida, la cual fue aprobada abrumadoramente por los votantes en noviembre del 2004 por cerca del 72%, permitió al Distrito Escolar Unificado del Valle de Livermore restaurar fondos para varios programas críticos y evitar el despido de maestros.

Para ser elegible para la exención en el año fiscal 2008-09, los propietarios de casas deben certificar que:
--son propietarios y residen en la casa por la que reclaman la exención
--tener al menos 65 años de edad el 1^{er} de Julio del 2008 o antes de esa fecha

Si usted ya ha aplicado por la exención, usted no necesita hacerlo otra vez. La exención es válida por la vida del gravamen la cual es hasta el 2010.

Puede acceder la forma en www.livermoreschools.com, enlace rápido "Forms" [Measure D Senior Exemption Claim Form](#). Para su copia en papel, comuníquese a la Administración de Inmuebles al (925) 606-3235.

Axis

Community Health

Education, Prevention & Treatment

Axis Community Health is a licensed, nonprofit healthcare organization committed to serving the community.

Mental Health Counseling is available for adults, families, teens and children.

The following insurance plans/EAPs are now accepted:

- Cigna
- Value Options
- Magellan including Aetna
- UBH
- MHN

Counseling is available on a sliding scale to those without insurance.

Information & Appointments:
(925) 201-6240
www.axishealth.org

SPORTS NOTES

Fishing Class

A class in introduction to fishing will be offered Sun., March 2 at Del Valle Regional Park, 7000 Del Valle Road, Livermore. The session will be 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. This introductory course teaches participants the basics of fishing. Topics include ecology, conservation, basic rigs and knot tying, and proper gear selection. This class is perfect for the young or beginning angler. There will be plenty of time for hands-on learning! CA State Fishing License required for 16+ years. Registration is required and can be completed at 1-888-EBPARKS, option 2, 3. The fee is \$19/adult 16+ yrs; \$15/child 5-15 yrs (nonresident \$21/\$17). Fee includes \$4 EBRPD Fishing Permit. Information at www.ebparks.org.

Judo Results

Over 750 competitors from all over the Western United States attended the 60th annual San Jose Buddhist Judo Invitational Tournament held recently at San Jose State University. Judo competitors from the Amador Judo and Jujitsu Studio in Livermore turned in strong performances. The team captured the third place award.

Placing 1st and receiving gold medals: Nick Gohn, 19, male brown belt; Chris Harris, 17, male, brown belt; Jarra Maratea, 18, male brown belt; Bradley Maratea, 14, male, purple belt; Victoria Burke, 12, female, blue belt; Kendyl Post, 11, female, blue belt; Angela Ross, 15, female, green belt; Jackson Butler, 7, male, yellow belt. All but Jackson are Livermore residents.

2nd place and silver medals: Natalie Laursen, 18, female, black belt; Victoria Burke, 12, female, black belt; Jarra Maratea, 18, male, black belt; Tommy Olsen, Livermore, 16, male, brown belt; Maddyson Post, 15, female, brown belt; Justin Olsen, 13, male, purple belt; Bryson Sherman, Pleasanton, 12, male, blue belt; Misael Macias, Dublin, 7, male, yellow belt; Kyle Mui, Dublin, 6, male, white belt.

3rd place and bronze medals: Nick Gohn, 19, male, black belt; Natalie Laursen, 18, female, black belt; Neal Border, 12, male, blue belt; Rodney Gonzales, 20, male, orange belt; Amanda Eugenio, 11, female, yellow belt.

4th place: Larisa Lindstrom, 17, female, black belt; Maddyson Post, 15, female, black belt; Nathan Ross, 12, male, green belt; Catherine Chen, Dublin, 12, female, yellow belt; Keeley Mui, Dublin, 5, female, white belt; James Stonecipher, Dublin, 5, male, white belt.

CYO Basketball

CYO basketball playoffs got underway last week. The results:

The Catholic Community of Pleasanton (CCOP) 8th grade girls (team 8001) earned the first place berth going into the playoffs. CCOP faced the 4th place team St. Michael's/St. Charles (SM/SC) (team 8006) who played a very tough game. CCOP struggled throughout the first 3 quarters. Their play was uncharacteristically flat, with the ball not falling in the hoop. Tough defense was key to keeping them in the game with Nicole Torquato, Kelly Parsons (4 points), Brittany Bicomng (1 point), Nicole Ponzini (2 points, 4 rebounds) and Sydney Okumura (5 rebounds) working the press. Jessica Woodruff (2 points) played tough with 8 rebounds, 2 steals and 2 assists. Down by 5 at the start of the 4th quarter CCOP was determined. CCOP sparked in the 4th quarter outscoring SM/SC 16-8. Top scorers Lauren MacDonnell's (10 points) nun of 6 points and Jessica Morsell's 3 pointer (8 points) put CCOP back in the game. For the second time this season CCOP fans had knots in their stomachs as Morsell's free throw rounded the rim and dropped to tie the game. It was Lyndsay Godwin's 3 point shot, with 7 seconds left that finished the game with a win for CCOP 32-29. Godwin finished with 5 points and 9 rebounds. The win advanced them to the final round of playoffs.

SM/SC 8th Grade Girls SM/SC team 8005 The Pride was defeated by SM/SC team 8009 in the semifinals. Top scorer, rebounder and stealer this week for the Pride was Monica Atkins with 10pts, 14rebounds and 4 steals. Jamie Elliot contributed 4pts. Erin Wallhall and Lizzie McNaney each scored 2pts. Allie Labine and Niki Lupu combined for 8 rebounds and 5 steals. Allie Parker, Katie Gannon and Kris Spalasso played hard defensively.

SM/SC 8th grade boys (#808) took on SM/SC (#814). SM/SC #808 opened up a tight game late in the third with some tenacious full court defense causing many turnovers that led to easy buckets. SM/SC #808 won the first round playoff game by a score of 49-35. After a slow start Brandon Ganguet hit a buzzer beating three which gave SM/SC #808 its first lead of the game at 10-7. SM/SC #814 eventually came back and led at the half 19-18. SM/SC #808 came out very aggressive in the 3rd with some key steals by Damaray Drew who finished with 16 points to go along with 19 rebounds and Justin Olsen who finished with 26 points. Justin Olsen got the hot hand going late in the 3rd and early on in the 4th hitting 5 consecutive outside shots of which three were beyond the arc. Nadeem Gross, Adam Sylvia and Chris Benavidez put out any thoughts of a comeback by SM/SC #814 with some timely steals in the fourth quarter.

SM/SC 8008 8th grade girls played an amazing game against CCOP in their first playoff game. The top scorer was Brittany Campioff who scored 10 points, along with many great steals on defense. Claudine Seriani ended the game with 6 points, and had many outstanding assists. Katelyn Jones had 5 points in the game, and had many amazing blocked shots on defense. Roxanna Utpadel ended the game with 4 points, and played an amazing defensive game. Shelby White also had 4 points, and had many key rebounds. Dani Arnold played an amazing game, and had a couple wonderful steals. Kenzie Holcomb played a great defensive game, and had many rebounds. McKenzie Hubert also played an outstanding defensive game with many blocked shots, and rebounds. Chelsea Thomas also contributed greatly by cheering on her teammates from the sidelines. Even though the SM/SC girls lost the game at the very end, they played with poise, and teamwork. The SM/SC girls played a beautiful game from beginning to end, with tremendous heart, dignity, teamwork, and most importantly love for the game.

CCOP #7005 defeated CCOP #7001 26-16 in 7th grade playoffs. With the win #7005 ran its record to 11-0. Once again #7005 got out to a slow start. At the half the score was 9-10. As it has been doing all year #7005 came alive in the 2nd half. #7005 outscored #7001

17-6 in the 2nd half. CCOP #7005 was lead by Sydney Hitesman who scored 14 points including 3 huge 3 pointers. Arleen Firoozan had 5 points, Olivia Enslar, Alaina Urban and Ashley Lindke each had 2 points with Aubry Wolff chipping in 1 point. Cassidy Lynch and Kylie Copenhagen were relentless on defense and Haley Chow and Sarah Luduha took care of securing the rebounds.

CCOP Boys 6th grade team #61 found itself on the short end of a 48 - 46 overtime loss to St. Isidore team #64 in playoff action. After falling behind by as many as 11, CCOP fought back to take a 39 - 38 lead before St. Isidore hit one of 2 free throws with no time left in regulation to force the overtime. CCOP scored 4 quick points to lead in overtime. St. Isidore scored 8 straight to seal the victory. CCOP fought hard all game with great hustle and determination. Hitting only 4 of 16 free throws in the first half led to CCOP's loss.

JV Basketball

Livermore High School girls junior varsity basketball team came through with three victories over the past week.

On Feb. 11, they defeated Foothill 43 to 31. The Livermore team came out firing with Brittany Silva putting up 19 points and Stephanie Quon pounding in 11 from the paint. The Livermore defense slowed the Foothill offense with great efforts by Julie Black, Kathryn Rambo, Laura Linden (2 pts) and Carrie Melrose. Moving the ball around on offense was Kylie O'Neal (3 pts), Kaitlynn Amaral (3 pts) and Gabby Barbalinardo (5 pts.). A nice effort to start off a 3 game week.

It was a 47 to 35 win over San Ramon Valley on February 13. It was a complete team effort for Livermore with everyone on the team scoring. Kylie O'Neal had 10 points to lead all of the Livermore scorers. Putting the ball through the net for Livermore was guards Julie Black (3 pts), Carrie Melrose (3 pts), Kathryn Rambo (3 pts) and Kaitlynn Amaral (2 pts). Post players rebounded well with Stephanie Quon and Laura Linden combining for 12 points in the trenches. Playing aggressive defense and scrambling for the rock were Gabby Barbalinardo (6 pts) and Brittany Silva (6 pts). A nice win for the last home game of the season.

Livermore defeated cross-town rival, Granada 49 to 38 on Feb. 15. Livermore's Gabby "Air" Barbalinardo had a season high 21 points in a superb all around effort to end the season. Four Livermore players scored a half dozen points to keep the pressure on the Granada defense. Racking and attacking for six points was Kaitlynn Amaral, Kylie O'Neal, Stephanie Quon and Brittany Silva. Playing for the win on defense was Kathryn Rambo, Carrie Melrose, Julie Black and Laura Linden (4 pts).

California Gymnastics

California Gymnastics Academy boys team competed in the Gold Country Classic 2008 in San Francisco on February 16-18.

RESULTS (by event):
LEVEL 6 Age Group: 10-11 yrs old FLOOR - Eric Beckerman, 8th place (8.2) POMMEL - Beckerman (5.4) RINGS - Beckerman, 4th place (8.65) VAULT - Beckerman, 14th place (9.2) PARALLEL BARS - Beckerman (7.3) HIGH BAR - Beckerman (7.95) ALL AROUND - Beckerman (46.7).

LEVEL 8 Age Group: 15+ yrs old FLOOR - Nicholas Canaparo, 6th place (11.65); Patrick Corona, 8th place (11.55) POMMEL - Canaparo, 5th place (10.85); Corona, 8th place (10.0) RINGS - Corona, 3rd place (11.4); Canaparo, 8th place (10.8) VAULT - Canaparo, 7th place (12.5); Corona, 8th place (11.85) PARALLEL BARS - Canaparo, 4th place (11.25) HIGH BAR - Canaparo, 5th place (10.45) ALL AROUND - Canaparo, 6th place (67.15).

LEVEL 10 Age Group: 14-15 yrs old FLOOR - Brandon Jessup, 1st place (13.9) POMMEL - Jessup, 5th place (10.4) RINGS - Jessup, 3rd place (12.65) VAULT - Jessup, 2nd place (14.0) PARALLEL BARS - Jessup, 3rd place (12.4); Age Group: 16-18 yrs old FLOOR - Nick Crowfoot, 8th place (13.05) POMMEL - Crowfoot, 8th place (11.45) RINGS - Crowfoot, 8th place (11.95) VAULT - Crowfoot, 6th place (12.8) PARALLEL BARS - Crowfoot, 10th place (10.35).

Olympic Gymnastics

This past weekend West Coast Olympic Gymnastics Academy Girls Team competed at The Gold Country Classic in San Francisco.

Patricia Aubel (Level 8) finished 1st All-Around and Katelyn Kleinheinz (Level 7) finished 4th All-Around.
Level 8: Patricia Aubel Vault 9.125 (3rd) Bars 9.325 (1st) Beam 9.0 (1st) Floor 9.025 (6th) AA 36.475 (1st) Level 7 Katelyn Kleinheinz Vault 8.75 (4th) Bars 8.975 (3rd) Beam 9.25 (2nd) Floor 9.075 (4th) AA 36.06 (4th)

Pleasanton Seahawks

Fifty-one swimmers, ages from eight to seventeen, represented the Pleasanton Seahawks swim team in competition at the Pacific Zone 2 Championship meet in Campolindo High School in Moraga on February 9.

Several swimmers achieved 90%-100% best time in this meet.
They are Joshua Nuzzo (17), Tingrui Zhang (15), James Ding (15), Edward Zhang (14), Ryan Foley (14), Victor Todor (12), Catlin Macgregor (11), He Zhang (10), Kyle Oslund (10), Jonathan Ong (10), and Margaret Kauffeld (10).
Twelve swimmers were selected to the Zone 2 All Star team. They will represent Zone 2 in competition against other Zones of the Pacific swimming in Carson City, Nevada on Sunday, March 2.

The All Star Swimmers are Emma Kauffeld (8, Alternate), Adrien Rooney (8), Aaron Li (8, Alternate), Katie Woods (10), Eva Chung (10, Alternate), Jonathan Ong (10), Maxime Rooney (10), Maggie Woods (12), Bridget Moran (14, Alternate), Tim McLaughlin (14), Edward Zhang (14), and Pete Huang (14).

Foothill Frosh

Foothill High School freshmen basketball team came out determine to end its season on a positive note as they took on cross-town rival, Amador Valley. The Falcon's used a smothering defense in the first quarter to hold the Dons to only two points, opening up a 10 to 2 lead. At the half, Foothill held a comfortable 24 to 10 advantage.

The Dons rallied in the third quarter, cutting the lead to 7 points at 27 to 20 midway through the period. The Falcons closed out the quarter with a 5 to 2 run and led by ten heading into the final quarter.

Amador managed to cut the lead to 5 points at 33 to 28. Chad Bianchi drilled a 3-pointer from the corner off a nice assist from Stephen Ferrel, which thwarted the rally. The Falcons maintained a margin of 8 points or more throughout the remainder of the game, closing with a 44 to 36 victory.

Bianchi had a strong game on offense for the Falcons, scoring 13 points. Ferrel added 8 points and pulled down a team high 8 rebounds. Michael Udinski dropped in 6 points and Dejon Pierson pulled 5 rebounds for the Falcons.

Foothill swept the two game series with Amador. The Falcons finished the EBAL season with a 9 and 5 record, good for 2nd or 3rd place with Granada and/or Monte Vista. San Ramon valley captured the top spot. Foothill finished the season with an overall record of 15 and 11.

Other team members are Brad Buenz, Rees Curtis, Zakee Darius, Matt Falcone, Stephen Ferrel, Adal Malik, Stephan Mojaher, Zach Piona, Jimmy Rhodes, Josh Rigor, Nick Roby, Ranjit Sidhu and Jack Steverding.

Run Like the Wind

The City of San Ramon will host the 2nd annual Run Like the Wind 1/2 Marathon & 5K Run/Walk on Sunday, March 30, at the San Ramon Dougherty Station Community Center.

In its inaugural year, 2007, this event posted a field of more than 1,000 participants. "Run Like the Wind" will benefit local middle and high school athletic programs that provide race-day volunteers. Along with giving a financial hand to the schools, "Run Like the Wind" is also dedicated to encourage all to embrace a more healthy and active way of life!

Trophies will go to the top male, female, and team finishers of each race. In addition, medals will be awarded to all 1/2 marathon finishers. Medals are also given three deep in designated age groups for both male and female participants (check application for age-groups).

Entry fees: Pre-Registration: Half Marathon Single: \$40; 5K Single: \$25; 5K Family Rate: \$20 per person (3 or more people, must register at the same time). Entries received after March 14: Half Marathon Single: \$45; 5K Single: \$30.

Check-in and race day registration opens at 6:00 a.m., at the San Ramon Dougherty Station Community Center 17011 Bollinger Canyon Road, in San Ramon. The Half Marathon Race will start at 7:30 a.m., with the 5K Run / Walk beginning at 7:45 a.m. For more Run Like the Wind in San Ramon information and/or an application, contact the San Ramon Parks & Community Services at 925-973-3268 or mjones@sanramon.ca.gov. Timing and results of this event will be provided by On Your Mark Events.

Ballistic Registration

Ballistic United Soccer Club registration is underway. On-line registration is open for the 2008-2009 season is now open. Please visit our www.BUSC.org for fees and instructions on how to register.

Walk-in registration schedule is as follows: February 26, 6:30 PM to 9 PM; March 1, 10 AM to 4 PM at Hart Middle School 4433 Willow Rd., Pleasanton.

Soccer Camp Registration

The Development soccer cycle begins in April with a two month Keep 'em Playing Camp. The camp exposes players to a number of Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club (BUSC) coaches through creative small-sided games and training sessions. The final session of the camp allows players to practice their skills in World Cup-style competition. The camps offered for one day a week for 1.5 hours of training. At this point players may continue in the program by registering for the training component.

The cost is \$150.00 for 9 Camp Days. Camp is 1.5 hours on Tuesday for the month of April and in May 4:30 - 6:00 pm. To register, visit "player camps" page at www.BUSC.org.

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. 23 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 Pre-War, 13-15 Bantam, High School League for Freshman-Senior.

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

Colt .45 Baseball

Colt .45 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@baseball@hotmail.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 be held 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 the website 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-Berkeley All-Cover 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.

New Baseball Field

Livermore High will host an "Official Field Opening Day" for its new baseball field on Saturday, March 1. The Cowboys will play the very tough Bellarmine Bells (from the CCS) at 1:00. There will be a short ceremony before the game. 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 Champions 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 from the website and mail in or fax to 435-603-7669; or register at All Star Sports on Hopyard Rd. in Pleasanton. For more information, email am10@comcast.net.

T-Ball Baseball Registration

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

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.

YMCA Golf Tournament

The Tri-Valley YMCA 2008 Golf Tournament will be held at Poppy Ridge Golf Course in Livermore on Mon., April 28.

The \$195 per person fee includes lunch, dinner and refreshments, and a round of scramble golf, raffle, and live and silent auctions. The tournament will benefit the Tri-Valley YMCA.

For more information, call the YMCA at 475-6108 or email mcasper@ymeastbay.org. Register before March 7 for a discount. There are opportunities for group and corporate involvement in this event.

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 after rounds giving away some great prizes.

The cost is \$175. There are also sponsorship opportunities available. For more information, please visit www.eteamz.com.

New Head Professional Named at Callippe Golf Course in Pleasanton

Doug Giannini has been named the new Head Golf Professional at the Callippe Preserve Golf Course in Pleasanton. Giannini is a recent graduate of Arizona State University, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture Business with an emphasis on Professional Golf Management. While in college, he was awarded a scholarship from the Golf Course Builders Association.

Giannini worked most recently at The Bridges Golf Club in San Ramon where he was the Assistant Golf Professional on staff. Prior to that, he served as the Tournament Coordinator at Harding Park Golf Course in San Francisco where he also instructed juniors in the First Tee program which focuses on a combined curriculum of golf, life skills, and values.

"Doug Giannini is a wonderful addition to the Callippe Preserve Golf Course team, and we look forward to his expertise in expanding the junior and women's golf programs," said Mike Ash, the new General Manager of the course.

Also joining the Callippe Preserve Golf Course is Mauricio Manriquez, the new Head Chef. Manriquez will develop new and improved menu items and work on special event menus such as the First Annual Valentine's Couples Golf and Dinner Event, which has sold out at the course.

"Mauricio Manriquez will expand the important element of food and dining within our service sphere, and we look forward to becoming another scenic dining option for golfers and non-golfers alike in Pleasanton," added Ash.

Prior to joining Callippe, Manriquez served as the Executive Assistant Chef at Castlewood Country Club for 12 years.

mation, 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.

\$15 dollar donation is suggested. Those interested in participating in either workshop should bring their bikes to practice what they have learned.

For more information call 925-485-3218.

Bicycle Workshops

This month, Cyclepath Pleasanton will host two hands-on bicycle workshops intended to give cyclists the skills they need to help keep their bicycles properly maintained and running smoothly. The proceeds from the clinics - scheduled for February 21 and February 28 - will be donated entirely to the Breast Cancer Fund to support Breast Cancer research and outreach.

The first workshop, a hands-on Bicycle Maintenance Clinic led by Cyclepath experts and Denise Primrose from Luna Chix cycling team, is scheduled for February 21 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The clinic will cover standard maintenance procedures (and schedules) such as adjusting brakes and derailleurs, an overview of bike components, diagnosing common bike problems and do-it-yourself repairs.

On Thursday, February 28 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. the shop will host a second workshop, a hands-on Bicycle Tire Changing Clinic also led by Primrose and Cyclepath staff. Participants will learn how to change a flat tire safely and efficiently so that they can get back on the road or trail quickly.

Both workshops are drop in and will be held at Cyclepath Pleasanton, 337-B Main Street (in the Bank of America building). A

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Arnold Lindgren

Arnold Lindgren died at the age of 75. He left behind his beloved wife, Mary Lindgren, sister Anna Roan, daughters, Pam Sprague, Denise Lutz, and Dinna Remillard, grandchildren, Jarrett, Amy, Adam, Lisa, Kim, and Jessica, his two nephews, Andy and Bill Roan and 8 great-grandchildren. He was retired US Army and a active member of Operating Engineers Local 3.

Funeral services were held Feb. 19 in Pleasanton.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donation be made to Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd. Ste 100, Dublin, CA 94568.

Arrangements by Graham Hitch Mortuary.

Josephine Sansone Moffat, R.N.

Josephine Moffat passed away peacefully February 11, 2008 at the age of 92 after a full and distinguished life. She was surrounded by her family.

Jo, as her countless friends and admirers often called her, was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1915. From an early age, she displayed a rare talent for dealing with people. This and her aptitude for science led her to a career in medicine.

After graduating from the Misericordia Hospital School of nursing and completing post-graduate work in pediatrics, Josephine gravitated to the intense challenges of surgical nursing. She was vigorously pursuing a promising career in this area when the Second World War changed her plans.

Always ready for a challenge, Josephine enlisted in the Army Air Force in 1942. She was trained as one of the Army's first flight nurses and arrived in Africa in 1943 to join General George S. Patton's campaign.

As a part of the First Air Evacuation Transport Squadron, Josephine and her sister nurses evacuated over 50,000 wounded servicemen from the Tunisian, Sicilian, and Italian Campaigns. All this was accomplished under the most demanding and dangerous circumstances. Josephine also served in France, England, and Germany with equal distinction. Her skill and valor were recognized in 1943 with the Air Medal for meritorious achievement. A short excerpt from the citation states: "... In addition to the brilliant execution of her responsibilities both in the Mediterranean and Southern France, she was instrumental in the successful training of a large number of Air Evacuation Nurses."

It was during the war that Josephine met and married her first husband, John Russo of Boston, Massachusetts. A brilliant engineer, John sadly died on the beaches of Normandy just before D-Day.

In 1945, Josephine met and married a handsome intelligence officer, Edward P. Moffat, who was stationed at Hamilton Air Force Base, as was Josephine at the time. They married in San Francisco in 1946. After the war, Josephine was discharged as an Army major, but remained active in the reserves. During the Korean Conflict, she was called up to serve as Supervisor of Medicine and Surgery at Fitzsimmons General Hospital. In 1952, Josephine retired from the reserves to pursue her private career and the great challenges she always relished. During this time, she volunteered to work with polio victims confined to iron lungs and became one of the first open heart surgery specialists in Denver, Colorado and Santa Monica, California.

Josephine began work at Providence Hospital in Oakland, California and over the next 13 years became a legend of dedication and service to patients and co-workers alike. In 1975, her broad knowledge and enormous experience were put to work as Utilization Review Coordinator. Over the six years of her tenure, she was repeatedly recognized for her fundamental contributions to this new and complex task.

For health reasons, in 1981 Josephine reluctantly retired from nursing to her Oakland Hills home overlooking the San Francisco Bay.

There she pursued her long time passions for food, wine, antiques, and opera surrounded by her loving family.

In 1996, her deteriorating health required Josephine to move to the Veteran's Hospital in Livermore, California. Despite physical limitations, Josephine involved herself in life at the hospital with her usual gusto and determination. Almost immediately, she became active in patient and veteran's affairs as a member of AmVets, the Flight Nurses Association and the American Legion. More importantly, she was a constant source of joy, comfort, and inspiration for all those fortunate enough to know her.

Josephine was preceded in death by her husbands, John Russo and Edward P. Moffat; her parents, Anthony Sansone and Maria Sansone; her brother Frank Sansone and her sisters, Lea Zackar and Rose Maglio. She is survived by her children Judge Edward P. Moffat II and her daughter-in-law, Veronica, Marie Moffat Capri and her son-in-law, Donald Capri, John A. Moffat and her daughter-in-law, Nancy, and Joseph T. Moffat; grandchildren Gina, Edward, Sara, Matthew, John, Stephanie, Lisa, Joseph, and Patrick; and great grandchildren Kobe, Devon, and Tyler.

A Rosary celebrating Josephine was held at Graham-Hitch Mortuary in Pleasanton on February 17. A Mass in her memory was celebrated on February 18 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Livermore. The interment was private.

Alice Bernice Glad

With 97 years to her credit, Alice Glad died peacefully in her sleep on January 31, 2008 in Livermore.

Predeceased by her adored husband, Denny, Alice remained true to her remarkable ability to personally acknowledge everyone's birthday to the end and left us on Denny's birthday. She planned it perfectly.

Born on a small farm in Avondale, a part of Redmond, WA, on January 16, 1911, to May and Louis Elken, Alice was also predeceased by her brother, Odine. She is survived by many friends and family, including her brother, Kenneth Elken of Mossyrock, WA; her children, Joan Marie Gisle of Livermore, CA, Gary Gisle of Boulder, CO, and Alan Glad of Colorado; her stepchildren, Lorene Craig of Bothell, WA and Richard Sand of Bellevue, WA; and niece, Donna Reid of Redmond, WA. She had 11 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren.

As a teenager, she swam across the widest part of Lake Washington. Later, she helped organize and support Redmond's annual Bike Derby. During WWII she worked for Boeing and served as an aircraft spotter at the main tower in Redmond. She became a member of Silver Sands Rebekah Lodge in 1929, going through all the chairs, and kept in touch with sisters throughout her life. She was also active in Junior Nakomis in Redmond.

"Grama Hoot" put her love for children to work in her near-lifelong role as a childcare provider, working as a nanny at a young age, and giving childcare until her retirement. After moving to Livermore in 1958, she began sitting for mothers with children at many of Livermore's churches, and for the Valley Women's Club, Y-Wives, and individual families. Her Bag of Books, The Thinking Chair, and Drinks Only After Lunch rule bring back memories for many of her "Little Squirts", with whom she maintained lifelong friendships.

She always enjoyed visiting and bringing goodies to those who were confined to their homes, needed a ride, or needed help with their correspondence. She enjoyed her widespread and long-term volunteer work with the Valley Volunteer Center in Pleasanton, serving meals and driving clients to the Senior Center in Livermore, and working at the Information and Reception Desk at Valley Memorial Hospital for Valley Care Auxiliary in Livermore. In between, she administered the C. Denny Glad Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Her other true passion was knitting. As she delivered the Springtown Community Newsletter door-to-door,

she would walk and knit at the same time, a true multi-tasker. Her family, friends, and many others own one or more of her 798 afghans.

No doubt, as her generous, gentle, cheerful, humorous, and beautiful soul joined those awaiting her on January 31st, she was skillfully twisting her lipstick tube one-handed and applying it artistically with that special twinkle in her sparkling blue eyes.

A memorial celebration of her life will be held in Redmond, WA at a later date. Any remembrances in her name may be made to a favorite charity.

Terri Helen Hughes

Livermore resident Terri Helen Hughes passed away February 9, 2008 in Walnut Creek after losing her battle with colon cancer. She was 48.

She was born on Nov. 11, 1959 in New Brighton, PA. She was very proud of her work at Lawrence Livermore National Lab as a Safety Engineer. Terri was a Certified Safety Professional, mentor of Expanding Your Horizons and member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. She enjoyed spending time with her family gardening, reading, hiking, camping and swimming.

She is survived by her husband, of 26 years, Jim, and their 3 children Nicholas, Rachel and Christopher Hughes of Livermore, her mother Pualette Wasko and stepfather Rick Wasko of PA, her sisters Mickhailia Gacesa of OR and Jill Lykins, brother-in-law Dave Lykins, mother and father-in-law Donald and Kathy Hughes, and her aunt Barbara Horter, all of PA.

In honoring Terri's final wishes, there will not be a service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to National Park Foundation (www.nationalparks.org, 202 354-6460).

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Kent Olen Swafford

Livermore resident Kent Olen Swafford died February 5, 2008 at the age of 45. He was born January 7, 1963 in Illinois.

Kent was a 1981 graduate of Granada High School. He was selected to the All Conference Basketball team at Granada. He enjoyed dirt biking, cooking, and playing a good game of pinball.

He is survived by his son Sean Swafford of Livermore, parents Richard and Joyce Swafford of Livermore, a brother Kevin Swafford of Livermore, a sister Kim Coupe of Livermore and Sean's mother Maxine Hammons of Livermore.

A celebration of his life was held February 10 at the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or the First Presbyterian Church.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Remedios Santos

Livermore resident Remedios Evangelista Santos died February 10, 2008 in Santa Rosa, Laguna, Philippines. She was born Sept. 18, 1925 in the Philippines.

Remedios was a global traveler, having toured the continents of Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia. She followed the footsteps of Jesus Christ in the Holy Land, climbed the Great Wall of China, and visited the Valley of the Kings in Egypt. She loved gardening as well as shopping in the different markets of the world, bringing back gifts for her grandchildren. She helped to raise her 12 grandchildren. Remedios loved to dress up for special occasions, and enjoyed entertaining family and guests, making sure they were well fed.

She is survived by her husband Carlos Santos. They would have celebrated their 64th anniversary on March 8. She is also survived by her children and their spouse, Danilo and Edita Santos of Livermore, Lilian and Daniel Decman of Livermore, Renato and Patty Santos of Livermore, Elizabeth and Kevin Regan of Orinda, and daughter-in-law Oliva Santos of Livermore, and twelve grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and a brother,

Rosendo Evangelista of Hayward. She was preceded in death by her son Carlos Santos Jr. in 2002.

Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated Feb. 19 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Livermore. Graveside services followed at St. Michael's Cemetery. A reception was held at St. Charles Church in the Keeley Center.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Angie W. Espinoza

Angie W. Espinoza died February 4, 2008 in Pleasanton. She was 70.

The 55 year resident of Livermore was a native of Watts, CA.

She is survived by her children, Emily Espinoza-Halasitk of Livermore, Angie Carroll of Johnstown, Ohio, and Mary Espinoza of Houston, TX; her mother Emilia Wesir of Delano, CA, and the love of her life, Willard Springer of Livermore, and all of her other children, eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

A celebration of her life was held Feb. 17 at Eagles Hall in Livermore.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Marjorie Sinclair

Marjorie Sinclair entered into rest on February 16, 2008. She was born July 12, 1916.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Genevieve and Victor Garner of Livermore; her 6 grandchildren and their spouses, Linda and Gene Millspaugh of Livermore, Shirley and Danny Thompson of Tracy, Don and Diane Sinclair of Tracy, Valerie and Curtis Klinefelter of Washington, Carolyn Sinclair of Lodi, and Karen Garner and Rick Remmel of Pleasanton; many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lee Sinclair, son and daughter-in-law, Jay and Verna Sinclair.

She enjoyed bingo, being with her family and friends, traveling, and embroidery.

Graveside Service will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, February 21 at the Tracy Public Cemetery.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Evelyn Maria DaSilva

Dublin resident Evelyn Maria DaSilva died February 17, 2008. She was 89.

She was born Jan. 24, 1919 in Shanghai, China. She had lived in Dublin since 1960. Eva retired from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in 1981.

She is survived by her sister Eugenia Aquino, daughters Mary Ann Selak, Celeste Johnson, Jackie Maige and Evelyn Zaru, sons-in-law John Maige and Fadel Zaru, ten grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Joe, son Reinold, and parents Jose and

Milla DeCampos.

A mass of celebration will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Sat., Feb. 23 at St. Raymond's Catholic Church, 11555 Shannon Ave., Dublin.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Children's Emergency Council, 818-1846.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Steven Colandrea

Steven Colandrea of Livermore, formally of Wallkill, NY, passed away suddenly on Friday, February 15, 2008 in Newburgh, NY. He was the son of Anthony Colandrea and Penny Eitell-Kniffin.

Steven was a loving husband, father, brother as well as friend. His faith in God, warmth and generosity affected many lives that he touched on a daily basis. Steven will be sadly missed by all in many ways.

Steven is survived by his wife Cynthia Luongo-Colandrea and his two daughters, Angelina and Adrianna of Livermore, brothers Dave Colandrea of Fort Lauderdale, FL, Chris and his wife Debbie Colandrea of LaGrangeville, NY, sister Toni Marie Colandrea of Newburgh, NY, and many nieces and nephews.

Steven enjoyed many things. He took great pride in spending all of his time with his wife and two beautiful daughters. Some of his many passions in life were weekend getaways, ATV riding, car shows and vacationing with his family.

Memorial services will be held on February 21, at 2 p.m. at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First Street, Pleasanton.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation be made to the Colandrea Educational Memorial Fund at Wells Fargo Bank, account

1507045449.

Janet Lee Atchison Dye

Janet Lee Atchison Dye died January 18, 2008 in Livermore. She was born Dec. 11, 1952 at Oaknoll Naval Hospital.

Janet we preceded in death by mother Sheila Atchison, grandparents Eliza and George Grant, grandmother Elaine Hall, and grandfather James C. Atchison Sr.

She is survived by her son Marshall Dye, Livermore; father James C. Atchison Jr., Cupertino; sister Joan Brown, brother-in-law Tom Brown, nephew Samuel Brown and niece Eliza Brown, Livermore; sister Jill Ratliff, brother-in-law, James Ratliff, niece Jamie Ratliff and nephew, James Ratliff, Cupertino; brother John Atchison, nieces Danielle and Jessica Atchison, Cupertino; great aunt Arlene Nelson, cousin Joyce Malmberg, and husband Dale Malmberg, and their daughter Tina Malmberg, all of Mn.; great uncle Walter Nelson and great aunt Sheila Nelson, Monticello, Mn.; uncle Tom Atchison and aunt Brenda Atchison, aunt Marie Koontz, uncle Bill Koontz, cousin Christine Ingersol and her husband Jim Ingersol, all of Phoenix, Az.

Janet worked in insurance from the time she was 16 years old until her passing. She was a lifetime bowler and longtime San Jose Giants fan. Family came first for Janet. It was important to her that each member of the family knew she was there for them.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Sat., Feb. 23, 6 p.m. at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore. All are welcome. Internment will be at Los Gatos, Memorial Park, Los Gatos in the Veteran's Garden of Honor at a later date.



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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.

Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan



Livermore & Pleasanton Drugstores

Chamberlain's Pain Balm, Lydia E. Pinkham Tablets, Dr. Shiloh's System Vitalizer, Aker's Dyspepsia Tablets, Pyramid Pills for inactivity of the liver, Chamberlain's Cough Syrup (5% alcohol)—all these and more are some of the patent medicines in the Carnegie Building in the historical exhibit contributed by pharmacists John Sarboraria, Manuel Duarte and Don Hill.

By 1883 Joseph O. McKown had taken over an earlier drugstore in Livermore and changed the store's name to J.O. McKown's Drugstore. Eleven years later he became partners with stationer Charles F. Mess and the McKown and Mess Drugstore opened at the southeast corner of First and J Streets, currently Strizzi's restaurant. About 1910 the drugstore became one of the first Rexall distributors in Alameda County. After Mess retired, McKown carried on for several years alone and then sold the business in 1925 to J. Mortimer Beazell, who had been a pharmacist at the store for many years.

In 1934 Mort Beazell moved his Rexall Drugstore to the other side of First Street in order to expand. Beazell followed precedent and sold out in 1947 to the store's longtime employee and partner in the business, Manuel E. Duarte. Although officially retired, Beazell still helped out part time—retiring from a business after 51 years takes some adjustment.

Manuel Duarte was a Livermore native and attended St. Michael's Parochial School. After graduation from Livermore High, he studied at UCSF's School of Pharmacy, graduating in 1931. He married his high school sweetheart, Amelia Azevedo, a graduate of the Franklin School of Nursing in San Francisco. Duarte was a pharmacist with a generous spirit: "Often in times of illness, Manuel would go down to the drug store at night to fill a prescription or help a doctor. ... He worked behind the scenes to help the needy who could not pay for medicine and to act as an interpreter for many who could not speak English." John Sarboraria remembered Manuel's acting as his mentor: "I started working for him in high school. He would show me things, not just have me do menial jobs. He allowed me to work, always found time for me to work at the store when I needed money. In that respect he was very generous." John Sarboraria graduated from the UCSF School of Pharmacy in 1955 and purchased part interest in the store in 1958. The First Street site closed in 1973, but Sarboraria and Duarte had opened in another location on Second Street in 1960 that they called R-X Rexall Drugs. Duarte retired from this store in 1971; Sarboraria retired in 2002.

Another long-running drug business in Livermore was the Livermore Drug Store, started in 1874. Dr. Lewis Hezekiah Cutler, a graduate of Western Reserve Medical College in Cleveland, bought it in 1876 and five years later moved it into a building at the southeast corner of K and First Streets, currently the home of the Panama Bay coffee shop. When George W. Beck bought the business in 1901, he changed the name to Beck Drug Company. Beck had graduated from UC Berkeley in pharmacy in the class of 1900. "A full line of pure drugs and chemicals are carried, with all the standard patent medicines of value and merit, physicians' and surgeons' requisites of all kinds and a full line of druggists' sundries," was the description of his drugstore's merchandise in the 1907 *Herald*. Beck sold the business to E.J. "Ed" Lawless in 1917, and it was renamed the Lawless Drugstore. Lawless sold the store in 1941. It became the Davison Pharmacy, which moved in the early '60s to the East Avenue shopping center. In its last reincarnation in 1985 it became Bill's Drugs, which closed in 1993 when it was bought out by Longs Drugs.

Tracing the history of drugstores in Pleasanton is difficult because of the lack of newspapers, but Pleasanton native and pharmacist Louis "Rusty" Hewitson came to my rescue. Dr. Cutler moved with his family from Livermore to Pleasanton about 1887 and bought the Pleasanton Drug Store on Main Street from Peter Rock. Cutler advertised "pure wines and liquors" (for medicinal purposes only) in his stock in the *Pleasanton Times* on January 17, 1891. Inventor of Cutler's Condition Powder, the "perfect horse medicine," he claimed to "compound prescriptions accurately day or night." An 1894 directory listed him as the owner of Cutler and Silva Drugs. The *Husted Business Directory* for 1892 included druggist Thomas H. Silva. When Cutler died in June 1894 at age 71, Silva took over the business, renaming it the Silver Pharmacy. By the 1920 census, Francis Ernest Hartzell was running the drugstore, which Hewitson assured me Hartzell's ad for his Reliable Drug Store, now in a new building at 649 Main Street. When he was 13, Andrew Jorgensen began working for "Doc" Hartzell. Jorgensen took some college courses, but mostly learned his trade through the apprenticeship method. Hartzell died about 1939, and the store became Jorgensen's Drugs. Rusty Hewitson began working for Jorgensen at age 13; later, he earned his B.S. in pharmacy from UOP. When he was discharged from the Navy, Jorgensen had died, and Rusty bought into the business, now called Alisal Drugs. In 1976 they vacated the site on Main Street, now Strizzi's Restaurant, and moved to First Street where they have the Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy.

Do you need to try some C.S. Tablets, a vegetable liver laxative? (Readers can reach me at am50homan@yahoo.com.)

Registration Underway for Science and Math Conference

"Dream, Imagine, Explore," the 29th annual Tri-Valley Expanding Your Horizons in Science and Math Conference, will be held Saturday, March 15, at a new location - the Diablo Valley College, San Ramon Campus at 1690 Watermill Road, San Ramon. The conference begins at 8:30 a.m.

The daylong conference is held for young women, grades 6-9, from Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, San Ramon and Sunol school districts to increase interest and foster awareness of careers in math and science. Young women also have opportunities to meet and interact with role models who are active in math- and science-related careers.

This year's keynote speaker is Jennifer Links, a scientist at the Center for Accelerator Mass Spectrometry at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Her experience includes work in the fields of genetic variation, gene disruption, biomedical applications of lasers, protein structure and function, and cell metabolism.

A variety of hands-on workshops also are slated, as well as a career fair and science expo. New this year for adults is a program on college planning. In

addition to Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and Sandia National Laboratories, California, sponsors of the conference include the American Association of University Women and Diablo Valley College, San Ramon campus.

Registration is limited, and is available Wednesday, Feb. 13 through March 7. For additional information about the conference, go to the Web at <https://eyh.lnl.gov/tveyh/> or call the conference hotline at 925-422-2453.

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Amador 'We the People' Team Heads for Nationals

The "We the People" competition civics team from Amador Valley High School (AVHS) in Pleasanton has won the California state championship for the third year in a row.

The team will go to the national finals May 3 to 5 in Washington, D.C. The team is engaged in fund-raising to raise \$40,000 by April 1 so that all 30 seniors on the team will be able to attend.

The annual "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution" is considered one of the country's most prestigious academic competitions for high schools. Each year, the AVHS team starts with thirty new senior students who begin preparation for the contest from scratch. There have only been two other teams in state history to win three years in a row, including Amador Valley's teams from 1994-1996.

"The Amador Valley students on the team represents a cross-section of students including those in band and drama, Advanced Placement students, varsity athletes, students in special education, and more," according to coach Brian Ladd. "They have come together as a team. It was evident that their camaraderie and dedication, not only to the

program but to each other, helped them to win the state championship."

More than 350 students from 12 top high school classes competed February 8 in simulated congressional hearings to earn the opportunity to represent California at the national finals. In Sacramento, the panel of judges included legislators, judges, teachers from across the U.S., lobbyists, "We the People" alumni from 11 different schools, political science professors, and a former Oregon state supreme court justice.

At the Pleasanton school board meeting Feb. 12, Superintendent John Casey congratulated both the Foothill and Amador Valley high school civics competition teams for going on to the state competition in Sacramento.

The Amador team finished second at the national competition last year, for the second consecutive year.

The second-place finish was considered impressive, because in California, schools compete only with their seniors. The first-place club last year from Denver had returning veterans from a two-year cycle of students on the team. Also, the Amador team gets

credit for only one semester of its participation, and does the other semester on its own time.

Seniors on the Amador team who will be competing in Washington, D.C. are Vincent Buscarello, Joel Detweiler, Katie Gellerman, Stoney Glover, William Grau, Margaret Haupt, Kristyn Hayashi, Genevieve Hoffman, Pooja Jael, Udani Kadurugamuwa, Teresa Machado, Erica Miranda, Sarah Moellering, Lanz Nalagan, Joshua Pann, Shannon Parker, Jaysree Ramachandran, Devi Santhosh, Kevin Sasek, Alexander Schlick, Ryan Seams,

Amaan Shaikh, Siddarth Somanathan, Yichuan Sun, Kristopher Tayeb, Corinne Tu, Alan Wang, Terri Wang, Tony Wang and Curtis Wong.

The team will need to raise nearly \$40,000 by April 1 to attend the national championships. Anyone who wishes to make a contribution may do so by contacting Brian Ladd at bladd@pleasanton.k12.ca.us or by sending a check to the AVHS Competition Civics Team, Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton, CA 94566.

Students Compete in Mock Trial Semifinals

Students from four high schools have argued their way to the Alameda County Mock Trial semifinal competition to be held Feb. 26 at the Rene C. Davidson Courthouse.

Oakland Technical High, Amador Valley High, Piedmont High, and Bishop O'Dowd will be vying for a spot to compete in the finals. The semifinal competition line up is: Piedmont (prosecution) vs. Bishop O'Dowd (defense) and Oakland Tech (prosecution) vs. Amador (defense)

Amador Valley won the Alameda County competition

last year, and Piedmont High has won the county competition five times in the last seven years. The other four high schools that competed in this year's county Mock Trial competition are C.O.I.L. Charter in Fremont; East Bay Arts in San Lorenzo; Granada in Livermore; and Moreau in Hayward.

The finals will take place Feb. 28, 6 p.m. at the Rene C. Davidson Courthouse. The winner of the Alameda County Mock Trial competition will represent Alameda County at the statewide competition to be held March 28-30 in Riverside.

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 for Hurricane are also included.

Pleasanton Ridge Run. March 15, two distances: 7.3 mile \$30; 3.5 mile, \$27. The Pleasanton Ridge, which encompasses 4085 acres of wilderness and open space, is an outdoor paradise in our backyard. It includes 25 miles of trails with canyon views and ridge top vistas. Race begins in the Foothill Road staging area and ascends to the top of the ridge. This run features great views of the Tri-Valley, Mount Diablo and Mission Peak. On-line Registration closes March 12. Go to www.ehtrailrunners.com to register.

Political Book Group will meet Tuesday, February 26 from 7-9pm in the Board Room of the Livermore Public Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. The book to be discussed is "The World without Us" by Alan Weisman. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Uncounted: The New Math of American Elections will be shown at 7 p.m. on Sat., March 1 at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Through documentation of election fraud in the 2004 and 2006 elections, this film argues for a need to approach the 2008 election with "eyes wide open." This event is free/\$3.00 donations appreciated, open to the public, wheelchair accessible. Refreshments are served. Meet and greet begins at 6:30 PM and an optional, lively discussion follows the film. For more information, call 925-462-3459.

Ohlone Audubon, meets 7:30 p.m. Tues., March 4 at Casa Sandoval, 1200 Russell Way, Hayward. Hans Peeters, author of "Owls of California and the West," will share slides and insights he gained. Refreshments. Information 925-939-5798.

Valley Spokenmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., Feb. 23, 47 miles over Dublin Grade to Castro Valley and Moraga Commons, meet 10 a.m. at Shannon Center, Mike Smith, 828-4333. Sun., Feb. 24, 34 miles San Ramon to Walnut Creek, meet 10 a.m. at Central Park, Peter Rathmann, 828-1973. Sun., Feb. 24, 35 miles, Bankhead Theater over backroads of Livermore with race team on relaxed ride, meet 9 a.m., Bob Fusco, 899-4027. Wed., Feb. 27, 38 miles Vacaville to Winters, meet 10 a.m. at Lagoon Regional Park, Edith Norby, 707-748-1508. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Livermore Valley Business and Professional Women, meet Feb. 28, 6 p.m. at Cafe Nordstrom in Stoneridge Mall, Pleasanton. Guest speaker Wendy Horikoski, leadership coach and trainer, will offer new techniques for attitude adjustment and stress-management. Dinner and meeting \$20. Call Mona at 829-3505 by Feb. 25 for reservations.

Livermore Library Board meets 7 p.m. Thurs., Feb. 28 at the Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. An agenda will be posted at the library 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA. Wed., Feb. 27, Chinese lunch, 11:30 a.m. Pleasanton at the Panda Restaurant. Cost is attendees menu choice. RSVP by Feb. 25 to Kathy Vanini 398-8005.

Pleasanton PTA Founders Day, the PTA council will recognize contributions from founders, celebrate volunteers, honor members of the community and acknowledge sponsors at the Founders Day Celebration Luncheon on Thurs., Feb. 28, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Castlewood Country Club, 707 Country Club Circle, Pleasanton. Special guest speakers include California State PTA president-elect Jo Loss and senior SEARCH Institute trainer Clay Roberts. Event \$30 per person; sponsorships are available. For information go to www.pleasantonpta.org or call 877-260-4179.

The Tri-Valley Republican Federated 3rd Annual Membership Luncheon will be held on Saturday, March 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Castlewood Country Club, 707 Country Club Circle, Pleasanton. Cost is \$26 per person. RSVP by February 27 to (925) 846-0914. Speakers will be Jean Orr, Mid-Peninsula Republican Women; Liz Froelich, Northern Division President; Roseann Slonsky-Breault, Northern Division Membership Secretary and local Congressional candidates. Learn more about TVRWF and become a member.

Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group, meets 4th Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m. at Heritage Estates Retirement Community, second floor conference room, 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. All are welcome. Next meeting is Tues., Feb. 26. Information: Lorene Stack, 447-6158, or Ann Laye, 443-4098.

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. Competition 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.

Twin Valley Mothers of Twins Club, semiannual children's clothing and equipment sale on Sat., March 8, 9 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. at The Barn, 3131 Pacific Ave., Livermore. \$1 per person entrance fee. Most items still unsold will be half-off from 1 to 2:15 p.m. Participation to buy and/or sell is open to the public. For information, email TVOMTC_Sale@yahoo.com. Clothing, strollers, toys, videos, play pens, layettes, books, high chairs, swings, gates, cribs, outdoor toys and more. For additional info on the sale go to www.tvmotc.com.

Lady's Choice Investment Club, meets 2nd Monday of the month in the Pleasanton offices of Morgan Stanley. Opportunity for women to learn about stock market investing. Visitors are welcome. Club is open to new members who complete the application process. Space is limited. Contact Judi Hotovec for information at jhotovec@aol.com or 447-8572.

White Elephant Sale. March 1-2, 10 to 4 both days. Benefit for Oakland Museum of California. Sale is held at the White Elephant Sale warehouse, 333 Lancaster St., just off the 880 Freeway/Fruitvale exit, near the Oakland Estuary. Street parking is scarce; go green and take BART or carpool. A free shuttle is available from the Fruitvale BART to the warehouse. Women's Board members sort and price donations months in advance: art, books, vintage and contemporary clothing, jewelry, household goods, tools, furniture, linens, sporting equipment, toys, luggage, appliances, and more. No strollers, shopping carts or backpacks. Call 510/839-5919 to make a donation (tax deductible) or to arrange a pickup. Visit WhiteElephantSale.org for details and directions.

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

RELIGION
Sisters in Service, 3rd Annual Indian Dinner with special music, delicious food and guest speaker, Kay Strom, co-author of *Daughters of Hope*. Kay will share her SIS related experiences at the hardest places in the world researching child trafficking for her next book. Sunday March 9, 5:30 - 8pm at Valley Christian Center, 7500 Inspiration Dr, Dublin. Adults - \$10, Children under 10 - \$3 Tickets and info call Gloria @ 925-998-3785

Families in Motion Workshop, presented by Donald Partridge, blending family expert, seminar speaker, and author of the new book, *Loving Your Stepfamily: The Art of Making your Blending Family Work*. March 11, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. lunch provided. This

workshop is for step-families, single parents, and those considering becoming a blended family. CrossWinds Church, 6444 Sierra Court, Dublin. \$25.00 per person/\$45 per couple. For more information or to register online go to: http://www.ifre.org/ifre/events_seminars.

Lenten Retreat, Hosted by St. Charles Borromeo with the theme "Restoration Heartware: Honoring Our Souls." February 25-27 from 7:30-9:00 pm in the church. Media, music, story telling, and prayer. The handyman for this restoration project is St. Charles' Youth Minister, Vince Nims, recognized for his work with youth and multigenerational communities through the use of

media and music to reveal the Gospel message. Schedule: Feb. 25: The Condition; Feb. 26: The Word; Feb. 27: The Result. The evening sessions are for those who are 11-99 yrs. young. The Restoration Schedule for Faith Formation & Youth is Wednesday 2/27: 3:30-5:00 pm; the topic is "Creating a Heart like Jesus." For more information contact Julie at St. Charles Borromeo 1315 Lomitas Ave., in Livermore at 447-4549 ext. 114 or upatholic@aol.com.

Grieving, people need time and space to honor their grief. St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Pleasanton, will offer the time and space Thurs., Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m. Open to all, regardless of religious orientation. Please call Joan at 838-6864 with questions.

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Vine to Host Tri-Valley Jewish Film Series

This year's 13th Annual Contra Costa International Jewish Film Festival features ten East Bay premieres and an Oscar nomination for Best Foreign Film.

New for 2008 is the Tri-Valley/Tri-City Jewish Film Series, which is being launched on Sunday, March 2 with two films, the short feature Warsaw by Pleasanton resident Noah Lagin, and the British import Wondrous Oblivion. Films will be screened at the Vine Cinema, 1722 First Street in Livermore.

The festival is presented by the Jewish Community Federation of the Greater East Bay, and the Contra Costa Jewish Community Center.

Tri-Valley/Tri-City Jewish Film Series is co-sponsored by Congregation Beth Emek, Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, Midrasa in Tri-Valley/Tri-Cities, Peet's Coffee & Tea, and Temple Beth Torah.

Vine Cinema Schedule:
Sunday, March 2, 7:30 p.m. Wondrous Oblivion United Kingdom, 2003, 97 minutes, English. It is 1960 London, and while his fellow teens are obsessed by rock n' roll, David Wiseman is interested only in playing cricket. Unfortunately his proficiency does not match his passion for the sport. When a Jamaican ex-cricketer star moves next door and agrees to tutor him, David dreams of athletic stardom. Soon, however, racial tensions explode in his neighborhood, and David's family is caught in the middle. With Warsaw, a short feature by Noah Lagin, a student filmmaker at New York University.

Tuesday, March 4, 7:30 p.m. Gloomy Sunday Germany, 1999, 114 minutes, Hungarian and German with subtitles Set against the backdrop of war-torn Budapest, this haunting, romantic mystery is an ironic parable about innocence and love, guilt and hate. Ilona Varnai is loved by three men: the dashing restaurant owner Laszlo Szabo; the somber young pianist, Andras Aradi, who composed the ballad Gloomy Sunday just for her, and the German camera salesman Hans Wieck. When Wieck returns to Budapest as an SS officer during the Nazi-occupation of Hungary, his obsession for Ilona threatens to destroy them all.

Thursday, March 6, 7:30 p.m. Aviva My Love Israel, 2006, 107 minutes. Hebrew with subtitles Winner of six Israel Academy Awards (including Best Film, Best Director, Best Actress and Best Script). Aviva, a hard-working hotel cook in Tiberias, dreams about becoming a published author. When she meets

Oded, a well-established novelist, he leads her to believe that he will help her achieve her ambition. However, he has other plans for her literary talents.

The festival will usher in its "Bar Mitzvah" year at the CineArts in Pleasant Hill with the March 1 screening of two award-winning films—Noodle, a movie that garnered numerous awards (including the "Grand Prize" at the Montreal World Film Festival) and Beaufort, which is one of five foreign films up for this year's Oscar. Beaufort, which also won Best Director at the Berlin International Film Festival in 2007, bespeaks the growing excellence of Israeli cinema.

There will be premieres of three major Israeli films—Beaufort, Noodle and My Father, My Lord.

According to film festival director Riva Gambert, Beaufort reflects Israeli director Joseph Cedar's maturity as a filmmaker. Set in the Crusader castle in Lebanon in 2000, the Beaufort brings the audience into the claustrophobic world of the young soldiers who were asked to defend the fort in the last days before Israel's troop withdrawal.

Other Israeli films include The Champagne Spy, Aviva My Love, Sweet Mud, and My Lord, My Lord. The last film, notes Gambert, won the best feature award at the 2007 Tribeca Film Festival. "My Father, My Lord has a universal message that will resonate to a wide audience." Starring the actor Assi Dayan (son of the late General Moshe Dayan), the film is a journey to the innermost world of the zealous believer.

Other premieres include La Maison de Nina (Nina's House) and De Twelling (Twin Sisters). Both deal with the tragic consequences of the Third Reich, but from different vantage points. The French feature captures the emotionally charged atmosphere at the end of World War II when Jewish children were sent to halfway houses waiting to see if their parents were among the war's survivors. Among the thousands of youth who lived in such houses was Nobel Prize winner Elie Wiesel. De Twelling tells the story of two sisters who, upon the death of their parents, are sent to live with different relatives. One lives a life of privilege with wealthy relatives in the Netherlands and the other stays in Germany. When they reconnect years later, they discover that they were pitted on opposite sides of the war following Germany's invasion of Holland.

Also new for this year's film festival are 4:30 p.m. screenings at the CineArts, 2314 Monument Blvd. in Pleasant Hill.

The festival is presented by the Jewish Community Federation of the Greater East Bay and the Contra Costa Jewish Community Center.

Tickets are online at www.eastbayjewishfilm.org or by phone at 510-839-2900 ext. 256.

Bay Area Dance Company Presents "Embrace"

By Patricia Koning

The Bay Area Dance (BAD) Company presents "Embrace," a contemporary jazz dance concert on Fri., Feb. 29. This will be a unique night of dance, with seven numbers orchestrated by five different choreographers, interspersed with three video shorts.

Think of it as a DVD with all the extras, unbundled right on stage. One of the videos profiles five of the BAD Company dancers, and the other two videos give a behind-the-scenes glimpse of a dance performance.

Tiffany Henderson, artistic director of BAD Company, says that the number of choreographers is one way that BAD is unique. "With so many different choreographers, we can give the

audience an eclectic, exciting show," she explains. "Each choreographer has his or her own stamp."

Henderson choreographed one of the numbers, called "Hold On". The other choreographers are Loree Kenagy (Polka Dot), Rhonda Rooker (Gravity), Bruce Biada (Flip), and Susan Quinn (St. Teresa).

Henderson, Kenagy, and Rooker will be performing in "Embrace" along with Tori Allen, Marissa Brown, Christie Crawley, Bonnie Fisk, Polly Sutton, and Agnes Tong. The show will also feature seven younger dancers from the BAD junior company.

This is BAD Company's second performance at the Bankhead Theatre. Henderson

says that the opening of Livermore's performing arts theatre has propelled BAD Company.

"Like other local performing arts organizations, we didn't have a home theatre base," she says. "Now we're trying to grow our audience."

That audience includes people who didn't think they liked dance, until they saw the BAD Company perform. Henderson says that after the Oct. 12 "Premium Blend" show she heard a lot of positive feedback about how the show wasn't what audience members had expected.

Most members of BAD Company—Allen, Biada, Henderson, Fisk, Kenagy, Rooker, and Sutton—also teach at Tiffany's Dance Academy (TDA), a dance

school for students from ages 2 to adult and the parent company to BAD. It's a busy schedule, but one that the performer/teachers find rewarding.

Tickets for Embrace can be purchased through the Livermore Performing Arts website at www.livermoreperformingarts.org, by phone at 925-373-6800, or at the box office at 2400 First Street in Livermore. Box office hours are noon to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and noon through intermission on performance days.

Ticket prices range from \$36 to \$16. TDA students can receive a free ticket with the purchase of a regularly priced adult ticket. Contact TDA for details (www.tiffanydance.com or 925-447-5299).

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

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.

The Early Music Concert Series. The Grand Tour, Saturday, February 23 The Middle Ages and The Renaissance, 7:30 P.M., Las Positas College Library, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Tickets at the door: Students \$5, General Admission \$15. 414-2200.

Franco D'Ambrosio. Saturday, February 23, 8 p.m. Grand Theatre Center for the Arts, 715 Central Avenue, between Seventh and Eighth Streets, in downtown Tracy. Franco 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) 831-61KT (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.

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.villageattheatreshows.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. 29 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 FLP and GRAVITY. Tickets are on sale now at the Bankhead Theater box office, 2400 First St., Livermore. Discounts available for seniors and children.

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 Sat-

urday, 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.

Diablo Light Opera Company. Dianna Schuster directs "Man of La Mancha," based on Cervantes, "Don Quixote," 8 p.m. Feb. 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.lshrcntr.org, www.dloc.org.

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Science on Saturday. Feb. 23, 9:30am/11am. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore, www.livermoreperformingarts.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.civicartstickets.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.

Friends from the Forties. solo pianist Melinda Morse performs an afternoon of classical music. Sun., Feb. 24, 2 p.m. Community Room, Dublin Library, 100 Civic Plaza. \$10 adults, \$5 youth. Tickets available at the door.

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'Dune' Author at Livermore Library

Author Kevin J. Anderson will lead a discussion in exploring the themes and issues in the *Dune* series books.

The series are written by Frank Herbert, Brian Herbert, and Kevin J. Anderson. The stories in the *Dune* series reflect the major events that shape the world today: a civilization dependent on the sparse resources in a remote region controlled by religious fanatics.

This free event will take place at 2 pm on Sunday, February 24 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 se-

ries titles by Brian Herbert and Kevin J. Anderson.

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

LPC Class Offers Insights into 'Proof'

Las Positas College (LPC) and Shakespeare's Associates (SA) have joined forces to provide the public with an educational opportunity.

SA will produce the multiple-award winning play Proof by David Auburn in Livermore. LPC will offer a class to widen the vista for those experiencing the play. The class, "Previewing Proof," will take place at Las Positas College, Tuesday, March 25th, from 7 to 9 p.m.. The cost is only \$10.00.

"Good professional theater is in itself an educational program," said Lisa Tromovitch, SA's producing artistic director. "We create theater as a way of exploring our own lives, exploring what it means to be human." The class will include an overview of the issues surrounding the play, including the world of mathematics, and an inside look at how the show is put together.

The class will be co-taught by artistic director Lisa Tromovitch and company dramaturg Peggy Riley, both of whom have both professional teaching and professional theater experience, and moderated by Dean of Academic Services-Arts & Communications, Dr. Philip Manwell. Guest speakers include Dave Munro, a physicist with an interest in the history of mathematics, and Mary Albert, the scenic designer. Insights into both the making of the play and the issues probed in the play will provide participants with an in-depth knowledge that will make the theater experience even more rewarding.

To register for the course, call 925-424-1467 or go on-line at www.laspositascollege.edu/communityed and request course #AL749, instructor: Manwell. The class is in Room # 2470 (in the new multi-purpose building at the college). Some participants can be registered at the door.

To purchase tickets to the production of Proof, running March 27 to April 13 at the Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore, call 800-838-3006 or go on-line at www.LivermoreShakes.org.

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Paul Ogata performs in Pleasanton.

Comedy Champ on Pleasanton Stage

Paul Ogata, the 2007 San Francisco International Comedy Competition champion, will perform March 1 in Pleasanton.

City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Presents will host the performance on Saturday, March 1, at 8 p.m. The Best of San Francisco Comedy performance will take place at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton.

Last October, Ogata swept to victory in the finals and won the prestigious 32nd Annual San Francisco International Comedy Competition, joining a list of winners that includes celebrity comedians Dana Carvey, Marsha Warfield, Sinbad, Jake Johannsen and Doug Stanhope. Former competitors who also made the finals are Dane Cook, Robin Williams, Ellen DeGeneres and Patton Oswalt.)

In 2004, Paul won the title of the Funniest Asian-American Comedian in The U.S., at the nation-wide TakeOut Comedy Competition, which was held on Paul's home turf of Waikiki Beach, Hawaii. That same year, "Amazing Asian," a short film starring Paul Ogata as an under-appreciated superhero, premiered to sold-out crowds in Honolulu, Hawaii. That comedy is now headed to the Hawaii International Film Festival as well as film festivals on the West Coast.

Ogata also made his first appearance on the talk show circuit with a spot on CBS's The Late Late Show in 2004 and filmed a role in the Damon Wayans movie, Behind The Smile.

Ogata's recording, "Mental Oriental," won him the 1999 Hawaii Music Award for Most Popular Comedy Artist.

The Best of San Francisco Comedy show is a perennial favorite," says Civic Arts Manager Andy Jorgensen. "It's a great opportunity for Tri-Valley residents to enjoy top-notch comedy talent very affordably and close to home. We're looking forward to enjoying a relaxing evening of fun and adult humor with our audience again this year."

Tickets to the San Francisco Comedy show are \$15, \$20 & \$25. They may be purchased online at www.civicartstickets.org up to three hours prior to the performance, by phone at (925) 931-3444, or in person at the Amador Theater Box Office Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and for two hours prior to the performance. Group discounts are available. This show is Appropriate for Adult Audiences.

Pleasanton Offers Date Night for Parents

City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Presents will host its second *Parents' Date Night* during the Best of San Francisco Comedy show on Saturday, March 1, 2008.

While parents attend the adult comedy performance by 2007 San Francisco Comedy Competition Champion Paul Ogata at the Amador Theater, their children will be kept busy with their own comedy, games, dinner and fun at the nearby Amador Recreation Center. The event, Kids Create a Night of Comedy, will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m.

"Everyone had a wonderful time at our first *Parents' Date Night* event in February," says Youth Supervisor Mark Duncanson. "Students from our teen improv performance troupe, Creatures of Impulse, performed for the children and then talked with them about improv, teaching them techniques. It was a truly exceptional time for all of us and no one was ready to go home at the end of the evening."

"At our second event, we will focus more on the participants, who will be invited to share their favorite jokes and stories. We'll have a great time, enjoying ourselves and making each other laugh."

Kids Create a Night of Comedy is open to children in first through fifth grades. The fee is \$25 per child (\$35 at the door). Reservations may be made by calling (925) 931-5340. A variety of activities are offered; performance is not required.

The Best of San Francisco Comedy is appropriate for Adult Audiences. Tickets are \$15, \$20, and \$25 and may be purchased online at www.civicartstickets.org, by phone at (925) 931-3444 or in person at the Amador Theater Box Office, at 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Box Office hours are Monday thru Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and two hours prior to each performance.

GATE Students Invited to Program on Poetry

Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) students from elementary schools throughout the Livermore Joint Unified School District will gather at Arroyo Seco Elementary School on Wed., Feb. 27 to participate in an evening social led by local poets. This event is being hosted jointly by the Arroyo Seco Elementary GATE Program and the Jackson Avenue School GATE Program.

Livermore Poet Laureate Connie Post and Jerry Ball, former Instructor from Las Positas College and Long Beach State University, have developed a challenging curriculum for the evening and they will be among the four people who will teach the following sections: Writing a Haiku; Picture poem; Clerihew (a four line rhyming/humorous poem); and Pocket Poetry.

The focus of the evening will be to inspire students to take an interest in the art and beauty of poetry. Each section will last approximately 15 minutes. It is hoped that several of topics covered will resonate with each student. At the end of the program, students may have the opportunity to share some of their literary creations. Both parents and high school leadership students will assist poetry teachers and their GATE students in each of the four classes.

During the event, Parents of GATE students are invited to participate in a forum that will be led by Arroyo Seco GATE Teacher Representative, Kim Whichard in the Arroyo Seco Library. During this forum, Whichard will facilitate a discussion on the topic "What is GATE?" During this discussion

parents will explore the vision that has been created for parents of GATE children and what that means for their future both at home and at school.

Check-in for the event will begin at 6:40 p.m. The event will start promptly at 7:00 p.m. and run until approximately to 8:30 p.m. We hope you and/or your GATE child will join us for what promises to be memorable evening for students, teachers and parents.

For further information, contact Bill Whalen: (Gate coordinator at Arroyo Seco) gate@arroyosecopta.org or Connie Post at connie@poetrypost.com.

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By Susan Steinberg

Chutzpah: that's definitely what it takes to present a one-man show about Albert Einstein in Livermore!

Ed Metzger, a veteran stage and screen actor, possessed not only the chutzpah, but also the talent to carry off his impersonation for a predominantly science-oriented audience at the Bankhead Theater last Sunday. A dramatic scrim showing the vast universe countless pinpoints of light against black and the otherworldly music of "outer space" provided an effective transition from the sunny afternoon to the arcane world of modern physics.

Metzger's initial appearance, a shockingly close physical facsimile of Einstein, wild hair and all, also helped viewers enter into the mood of an informal personal talk by the great man himself. An accomplished Actors Studio product, Metzger skillfully segued from a simple introduction to an anecdotal evocation of the real person behind the persona.

Speaking as if on his 52nd birthday, he describes it as a day when friends and family would descend on him with gifts and good wishes, all of which he hopes to avoid. As he makes his escape from the house he comments, "Everyone is greeting me by chasing me far away," eliciting unexpected chuckles from the audience.

The charming reminiscences continued with tales of his unquenchable childhood curiosity. Asking an engineer uncle one question after another finally resulted in his frustrated shout, "Albert that's just the way it is! NO MORE WHYS!"

He also related how his speech development was so late that his mother thought he would be retarded. "And at times," he muses disarmingly, "it seems she might have been right." He explained why he had never spoken until he was 3: "I guess I had nothing to say."

Referring to his famously poor performance as a student, he cited his refusal to memorize the required multiplication tables, characterizing this as "a waste of time, since they were all written out in the book."

In the midst of these self-deprecating anecdotes he mentions the two great seminal inspirations of his life. Reading Kant at the age of 13 was a wonderful revelation to him, helping him think about explaining the universe with mathematical equations.

The second inspiration was music, a lifelong passion and refuge. "When my mother played her Beethoven, the music came out of the piano and fell all over me, like a shower of falling stars." As he later remarks, music freed his soul to solve all the problems of the universe "EXCEPT how to play good; that would take a miracle."

Sketching over his early adult years, he describes his patent office job in Berne, Switzerland, where he annoyed his boss by scribbling on scraps of paper (personal work on company time was obviously unacceptable then as now). Those "jottings" became Einstein's Theory of Relativity, and when he was awarded the Nobel Prize (for other work) his boss grudgingly promoted him from Patent Clerk to "Technical Expert PAUSE - Second Class." What a great understated expression of classical scorn by a great intellect for the small mind of a pettifogging bureaucrat.

The ensuing narrative glanced briefly over his first marriage and the birth of his children (whom, as he admits, he could never fully concentrate on), his divorce and subsequent move to Berlin. There he married his widowed cousin Elsa, and enjoyed a happy life of urban pleasures, from dancing at a local cafe to long conversational walks with friend Sigmund Freud.

Of Elsa he notes that she loved cooking and taking charge of his life without ever understanding his work. Theirs was a happy

marriage because, as he explained to friends, they agreed beforehand that she would make all the small decisions, while he made the big ones. "Oddly enough," he observes, "in all these years, there has never been a big one." Old joke, but a point about their relationship very well made.

As though we were an audience of Elsas, references to his scientific work were briefly presented in small bytes accessible to any lay listeners. His explanation of the Photoelectric Effect: light travels through space in bundles the basis of motion pictures. Brownian motion? He anachronistically describes it as being used in ads to tout the effectiveness of Viagra. No comment.

So the atmosphere stays quiet jocular until he reaches the period of growing Fascism in Germany. Suddenly the tone turns ominous as he describes the increasingly virulent anti-Semitism which forced his dismissal from the University of Berlin and the burning of his books, along with those of other famous German Jews like Heinrich Heine.

The street of his birthplace in Ulm, which had been renamed Einsteinstrasse from Bahnhofstrasse, was suddenly changed back again. He cuttily suggests that it be named "East-West-North-South Street," to be ready to accommodate any new direction of the political winds.

In a well-orchestrated campaign, his world-famous Paper on Special Relativity is denounced as "Jew Theory" even by a fellow Nobel Prize recipient. A passing reference to Adolf Eichmann's attempt to have him assassinated is a chilling aside, never pursued. He speaks with wrenching sadness of the confiscation and burning of his comfortable home. Oddly, though, the burning of Jewish human beings or the existence of the Death Camps is never mentioned.

But obviously Nazi brutality was impacting his world and shaking his early faith in pacifism. The newly-formed League of Nations had given Western idealists hope for a peaceful world, but society in Germany seemed headed in an ominous direction.

Once Einstein had asked Freud why men couldn't take as naturally to peace as they took to war. Freud answered that he believed pacifism was "an idiosyncrasy, and not normal to humans," but "only brought about by highly sophisticated civilizations." Pondering this, Einstein concluded sadly that "the instinct of man is more powerful than the intellect of man."

Future events would further undermine his pacifist beliefs as he and countless other famous Jewish intellectuals, including Freud, were forced out of Germany under threat of death. Einstein found a nurturing haven in the Institute for Advanced Studies at Princeton, expressing his grateful relief at the freedom to pursue his work without the requirement to teach, as he had been obliged to do in Berlin.

With his usual wry irony, he noted that such a rarefied "Think-Tank" had been funded not by the government, the university, or even a scientific organization, but rather by a farsighted American capitalist the German-Jewish founder of Bambergers Department Stores.

Warned by fellow refugee scientist Leo Szilard that German physicists had succeeded in splitting the atom something Einstein had believed was decades away he recognized the immediate need for drastic action to prevent world conquest by brutal totalitarianism.

A man who had long espoused nonviolence was now convinced of his moral duty to urge President Roosevelt, busy organizing an ill-prepared nation for war, to authorize the Manhattan Project to build the atomic bomb. As he said, "I came to believe that every sword raised against Ger-

many was a sword for peace."

Although he never personally worked on the project, and hoped such a weapon would merely exist as an ultimate threat he was horrified at the enormity of the death tolls at Hiroshima and Nagasaki. At that dark time, he had seen no other way to provide an invincible safeguard for freedom, but later expressed his bitter regret at having been involved in its development, especially after learning that Hitler had ordered a halt to Germany's experimental atomic research in favor of more work on advanced rockets.

Einstein even agreed to appear in a patriotic movie, part of a PR series being produced for the military by Frank Capra. Einstein had thought it a silly idea until Max Reinhardt, a famous Berlin theater director, now an exile in Hollywood, urged the importance of his fame and experience of Nazi horrors in galvanizing the American war effort.

When Einstein heard that he would be filmed standing on a ship passing the Statue of Liberty, he consented, but insisted on writing his own speech. Despite the popular headlines ("Einstein Goes Hollywood!"), he was seriously committed to his message. Speaking directly to America's soldiers, he exhorted them to stop the spread of Nazi conquest in dramatic words, "The only weapon to be used against this naked force is naked force." He went on to explain that it must be wielded by a country with a strong Constitution and a tradition of democracy, which meant only the United States.

Although the Army, in mindless rote mode, had systematically destroyed all the Capra films, his unforgettable words and personal passion were still vividly remembered by Metzger's direct sources. It was a passion for human justice that had already led Einstein to champion such causes as Sacco and Vanzetti and the Scottsboro Boys, and belies his popular reputation as a "man with his head in the theoretical clouds, unconcerned about people."

On the contrary, he was merciless in condemning the "lack of courage" on the part of Germany's educated classes that capitulated easily to the harsh rules of National Socialism policies a silent complicity in the eventual human carnage of WWII and the systematic murder of Europe's Jews.

In fact it was the horror of the Holocaust that changed Einstein's original belief in the ideal of a universal government, with no individual national boundaries. "As long as there is hatred and anti-semitism," he

decided, "we should have a place to call our homeland, for dignity and safety."

Though he refused the offered post of President of Israel, he publicly encouraged and supported a state created to grant shelter to the surviving remnants of European Jewry. He himself was never a practicing Jew, but believed rather in the God of Baruch Spinoza, an early religious dissident, who posited the Creator of an orderly universe, uninvolved in the lives of individuals. Like Spinoza, Einstein was an inveterate questioner about that universe, seeking to understand its hidden harmonies, and searching all the rest of his years for a Unified Field Theory to put all the pieces together in the ultimate Big Picture.

Though the public cherished a fond image of the unworldly "absentminded professor" playing with yo-yo, he actually used that simple toy to ponder the principles of acceleration, gravity, and inertia, and their effect on each other, the basis, he claimed, of the second part of his Theory of Relativity. "People think that a theory just suddenly emerges, like an egg dropped out of a chicken, but this one had taken some 11 years to develop and many yo-yos."

He was lionized by an adoring public, which he found puzzling. He estimated that only 12 people really understood his work. "So how can everyone say I am a genius when they don't understand it?" When walking to buy an ice-cream cone (vanilla, his favorite), he would be recognized and mobbed by a crowd of admirers. "I am like King Midas," he lamented, "however, everything I touch turns not to gold, but to a circus."

His unconcern with fame and deep dedication to humanitarian ideals was underscored as Metzger related one of the Professor's most memorable tributes. Invited to the dedication of the magnificent Riverside Drive Church in New York City, he read the ecumenical roster of famous thinkers inscribed over the front portal: Buddha, Confucius, Aristotle, Plato, Socrates, Newton, and finally Einstein.

It was not as a scientist that he felt proud of his inclusion in that august company but, after his experience of murderous intolerance, his placement there as a Jew gave him hope for a better future. It was a great insight, among many, into the heart of a man universally revered but hopelessly stereotyped, and now much better understood by those who applauded the superb performance and walked out thoughtfully into the bright sunlight.



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building 2000.

The Grand Tour begins on February 23 at 7:30 with an excursion through the middle ages and renaissance, starting with chant and exploring its path to madrigals and consort songs. Performing will be Shira Kammon, vielle, medieval harp and voice; Susan Rode Morris, soprano; David Morris, gamba, voice, gittern; and Peter Maund, percussion.

On March 15, The Baroque program will be performed by

Louise Carslake, flute and recorder; David Wilson, violin; David Morris, cello, viola da gamba; and Yuko Tanaka, harpsichord.

The final concert, April 19, The Classical, Music of Spheres, features Jeanne Johnson, violin; Joanna Blendulf, cello; and Yuko Tanaka, fortepiano.

Tickets at the door are \$15 general admission and \$5 students. Las Positas College is located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore; 414-2200.

Fashion Show Benefits 'Tide' Charity

The Amador Valley Fashion Club will host its annual Spring Fashion Show on February 23, at 4 p.m. in the Amador Library.

Amador is located at 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Every year, the club selects a charity to donate the profits to. Last year, Susan G. Comen's Breast Cancer Foundation was chosen. This year, profits will go to Tide, Loads of Hope, and to benefit the Southern California fires and Hurricane Katrina survivors.

The Fashion Club has a goal

of introducing up-and-coming designers and boutiques. There is also an effort to emphasize the idea of community by featuring downtown and local stores and designers. Designers/stores in the show, so far, are Savvy Seconds, Sugar Shack (both downtown stores), Afterhours, a formal tuxedo wear store, Cassara's Fine Men's Wear, and Amador Valley's own Jolee by Claire Wei. The clothes range from casual wear to evening gowns for women, and casual to formal wear for men.

The clothing will be shown

by 25 female models and 9 male models. Few are signed on with agencies, but many are not.

There will be an after party with chocolates, petit treats, and drinks. Gourmade Works, a chocolate store, and Primrose Bakery will help contribute to the party by donating chocolates and cake. At the after party, audience members can interact with the designers and mingle. There will also be live entertainment by singer Vessna Scheff and her guitar accompanist. Scheff is an Amador Valley High senior.

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Signature of Registrant:
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Signature of Registrant:
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dio, 3453 Isle Royal Court,
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anton Ca 94588
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Brushes Fine Art Gallery presents, "Entering the Mystery through Art," a vibrant and evocative body of work by Pleasanton artist Barbara Jean.

Dr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Parawan will host a reception, Saturday, February 23, from 4:30-7:00 p.m., at 21001 San Ramon Valley Blvd., Suite C-7, San Ramon. The public is invited to attend free of charge. Those of you who are curious about abstract art but find it intimidating are encouraged to come and ask the artist questions. Jean's work will be on display February 9 through May 16.

Included in the show is a series of seven abstract acrylic paintings. They take the viewer on a transformative adventure which begins with a predominantly blue piece having just a few marks of other colors here and there; "Living with Uncertainty" seems to leave you pending nowhere in particular. The series also includes an intense, restrained piece titled "Death of Innocence," and culminates with a large canvas full of joyful excitement and covered with spheres, or moons, which seem to appear and disappear. Its title is that of the series, "Living with the Mystery," and its quality the antithesis of the beginning piece. Along with many other intriguing pieces in the show is "Phases of The Dark Side of The Moon," a group of seven waxing and waning ceramic moons, elaborately textured and imaginative.

Jean has been working in the Bay Area since 1983. She shifted her focus from representational art to abstract expressionism in the 90's. She studied art four years at Chabot College, Hayward and privately for two years with Doug Gilbert of CCA and JFK University, Oakland. Her work has been shown widely in many fine art galleries and juried shows throughout Northern California, including: The Falkirk Art Gallery, San Rafael; Chico Art Center, Chico; The Robert Butler Gallery, Danville; and The Thompson Gallery, Livermore.

Jean is a member of the Bay Area art group, Rhythm and Hues, who are represented by Brushes. Other members include: Dori Pendergrass of San Ramon, Elaine Drew of Pleasanton, Bill Carmel of Danville and Jackie Carroll of Orinda. The gallery is located within the San Ramon Dental Center, Suite C-7, Gateway Center shopping mall, at the NW corner of Alcosta Blvd. and San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. Take the Alcosta Blvd. exit off 680 and head west. Gallery hours: Tues.-Thurs. 9-6, Weds. 10-7 and Sat. 9-2. Telephone: (925) 829-0994

Roy's Magic Camp, The Rotary Club of Livermore Valley and the Livermore Police Department will present the 10th annual Livermore Follies family variety show on Friday, February 22.

Livermore Follies offers entertainment for the entire family. There will be magicians, a ventriloquist, a rope spinning story teller, a local singing group

as well as a veteran circus juggler. The headliner this year, direct form the David Letterman show and the Jerry Lewis Telethon is Eric Buss with his high-energy and hilarious act. He has been called, "Pure Art, Pure Madness!" Eric will find a selected card with a pogo stick, something to do with a frozen turkey and 375 spring snakes.

The Best of Livermore Follies

will be presented at 7:00 pm at the Livermore High School Performing Arts Theater, 600 Maple Street here in Livermore.

All of the proceeds go directly to Special Olympics of the East Bay. Checks, which are tax deductible, may be made out directly to that organization.

Tickets may be purchased at the door or from Charles Crohare at Tri-Valley Bank, 1756 First

Street, Livermore (925) 791-4369. General admission is \$10 and VIP reserved seating in the first four rows is \$25.

Everyone entering the event will receive a free door prize ticket. Additional drawing tickets will be available for purchase for an opportunity to win a child's bicycle, a gas BBQ grill, a flat screen TV or any number of other prizes.

Livermore Follies Benefits Special Olympics

Folk Dances of Turkey Slated

Turkey — the country, not the bird — will be on display when Yore Turkish Folk Dance Ensemble continues the 2008 children's "Dance and Sing Around the World" series at the Pleasanton Public Library on Saturday, February 23.

Turkish ethnic dances from different regions of Turkey will be performed. In addition, a brief film highlighting aspects of Turkey, its character and culture, will be shown.

Since its founding in October 2001, Yore has trained more than 80 dancers, participated in numerous local and international festivals, and organized a major show performing ethnic dances from various regions of Turkey, including some dances that were presented in the Bay Area for the first time.

The "Dance and Sing Around the World" series, now in its third year, celebrates Pleasanton's international cultural heritage and introduces children to the rich cultural and artistic diversity of the San Francisco Bay Area.

No registration is required for this 45 minute program, which is for the entire family. The performance is at 2:00 p.m. Doors will be closed to late arrivals once the program begins.

For more information, please call the Children's Desk at (925) 931-3400 ext. 8.

Foothill Musicians Named to Honor Bands

Student musicians in the Foothill High School Music Department have been selected to regional and state honor bands.

In January, the Northern California Band Association hosted the All-Northern High School Honor Band. Foothill students named to the band were Paul Nam, Frank Shin, Tara Najim, Lexi Baker, Nikhil Popat, Kevin Choy, Michael Czaja, Brian Guidoux, Jessica Saldinger, David Gruen, Sam Joda, Charles See and Ryan Fuerstenau.

Michael Czaja was also chosen for the CBDA/IAJE All-State Jazz Band

Selected to the upcoming California Band Directors Association (CBDA) 2008 High School All-State Honor Band were Ashley Kim, Zach Ingram,

Kirk Naylor, Paul Nam, Frank Shin, Tara Najim, Sahil Punamia, John Holmgren, and Anthony DeBenedetti.

Many of these students are not only in marching band, they are in jazz band and/or percussion. Anthony DeBenedetti is the school drum major, too, and also has a lead part in the spring musical "Thoroughly Modern Millie" that is being staged by both Foothill and Amador.

In order to be selected for the regional and state honors, each student honoree submitted an individual audition via CD-recording to a selection committee, who chose the finalists from hundreds of other submissions.

Each honor band meets over a number of days for rehearsal and a concert, working under the direction of recognized guest

conductors. The All-Northern Honor Band met at the San Joaquin Delta College in Stockton, January 18-20, 2008.

The 2008 CBDA Honor Bands will meet February 21-24, 2008 in Fresno, California for rehearsals and weekend concerts. Students will rehearse, attend guest concerts and workshops, and present closing concerts in the William Saroyan Theatre at the Fresno Convention and Entertainment Center.

The band is directed by Bob Moorefield.

In the past 32 years, the band has won nearly 1,000 Sweepstakes awards and 1st place trophies. The Foothill band has represented Northern California five times in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade. No other Northern California band holds

this honor.

Past Foothill Band performances include a tour of England on New Year's Day in 1995, where the band set a Guinness World Book record for the longest distance a marching band has played. Among the Band's other achievements are a tour of Nice, France, performances in Hawaii, Canada, the Fiesta and Sun Bowls, Southern California, and the Portland Rose Festival Parade.

The Foothill Band has earned over 1,500 awards in its short history, with most of the awards being sweepstakes and 1st place.

In addition to the marching band and color guard, the school features two jazz bands, winter percussion and guard, wind ensemble, symphonic band, and concert band.

SPCA Gallery Shows Student Work

Painters Carol Hart and Helene Ha will be showing their most recent artwork at the Tri-Valley SPCA Art Gallery from February 24 through April 17.

Hart and Ha met through the Las Positas College Art Club where they are currently members. Their painting styles are different yet complimentary. Exhibiting their work together provides an interesting and exciting visual experience. The gallery will feature the artists' floral, landscape, animal and seascape paintings.

There will be a reception for the artists on Saturday, March 8 from 1 to 4 p.m. Twenty percent of all sales benefit the Tri-Valley SPCA.

The SPCA Art Gallery is located in the Tri-Valley SPCA at 4651 Gleason Drive in Dublin, CA. It is open Wednesday and Thursday from 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM and Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM.



Lotus II by Carol Hart.

Newest Show a High Energy Evening

by Janet Armantrout

Urinetown can best be described as like no other musical, yet like every other musical in that it takes elements of many popular shows and incorporates them.

There is the flag waving scene from Les Miserables and a musical number reminiscent of Stomp, among others.

The Pleasanton Playhouse production opened last Friday at the Studio Theatre in Pleasanton. The cast turns in a high energy performance that had the audience laughing and applauding along the way.

The show makes fun of just about anything and everything from political corruption to corporate greed and the consequences of a failed environment. And, yes, like all good musicals, there is a love story.

While as the narrator, Officer Lovestock, (Eric Neiman) puts it, "This is not a happy musical." It is a very funny musical.

The story is based on the premise that there has been a twenty year drought creating a water shortage that has made private toilets unthinkable. Bathrooms are controlled by a private company, Urine Good Company. A small band of greedy, rich overlords headed by Caldwell B. Cladwell (Steve Yates) makes

sure the company stays in control of a system where people have to pay to use the amenities. Relieving themselves in any other place is against the law. Breaking the law means a trip to Urinetown.

Up steps the hero of the play, Bobby Strong (Danny Cozart), an assistant custodian of the filthiest urinal in town, "public amenity #9." Penelope Pennywise (Anna Albanese), is the chief custodian of the "amenity."

One day Bobby asks the question, "What if the law is wrong?" What follows is a rebellion.

His love interest is Hope Cladwell (Liz Caffrey) is a naive girl with a big heart.

Also adding their talents to this entertaining production are Woody Peifer, Gary Foley, Tom Farris, Suzie Shepard, Nick Quintell, Marisa Borowitz, Annika Bergman, Brian Olkowski, Kyle Burgess, Ned Hansen, and Amanda Morin.

Neiman, as the police officer and narrator, has a wonderful deadpan delivery, with just the right touch of humor. In his opening speech, he tries to describe Urinetown, "... well, it's a place you'll hear people referring to a lot throughout the show. It's kind of a mythical place, you understand. A bad place. A place you won't see until act two. And then?

Well, let's just say it's filled with symbolism and things like that."

Little Sally (Allison Appell Ward), plays a perceptive little girl who questions the plot of the musical and offers insights into what takes place on the stage.

As the director Neiman makes use of the entire theater. The cast hovers over the audience on a catwalk along one wall; they race up and down the aisles. The program, written in the form of a newspaper, adds to the tone of the evening.

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 through March 22 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. For tickets, call 925-462-2121 or go to the website at www.pleasantonplayhouse.org.

Yosemite Poet at Pleasanton Library

The Pleasanton Poet Laureate presents Yosemite Poet, James Down, on Sun., Feb. 24 at 2 p.m.

Downs will be at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave.

He lives and works in Yosemite National Park, which enables him to focus and create. He writes everyday.

Library programs are free and open to all.

For more information, call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.

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Space Music Concert Featured at Livermore Library

Experience the multimedia event, *Space Music*, performed by ambient electronic musician Robert Rich. He will perform in Livermore on Feb. 23.

He has performed in caves, cathedrals, planetaria, art galleries and concert halls throughout Europe and North America.

His all-night Sleep Concerts, first performed in 1982, became legendary in the San Francisco

area. In 1996 he revived his all-night concert format, playing Sleep Concerts for live and radio audiences across the U.S. during a three month tour. Robert Rich has designed sounds for television and film scores, including the films *Pitch Black*, *Crazy Beautiful*, *Behind Enemy Lines* and others.

This free event will take place at 2pm Saturday, February 23 at

the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue.

Space Music 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. 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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Croce students also heard from another new author, Oakdale resident Lisa Widdess. She read from her book "Cutie Brown Gets a Bestest New Friend", which is the first book in the Cutie Brown series. For more information, see www.cutiebrowns.com.

Storyteller John Weaver, known in Livermore for his work with the Springtown Library, was the third guest of the evening. For more information on Weaver, see www.storytellerjohnweaver.blogspot.com/

Kids were dressed in pajamas with blankets, pillows, and stuffed animals for a cozy night of stories. The evening also included a book fair and catered dinner.

Story Night was held in conjunction with Croce's Read a Thon, which ended on Feb. 14. Students who attended not only heard some exciting new stories, they also received two hours of credit towards their Read a Thon hours.



Christie Wayne



Photo - Doug Jorgensen
Romance was in the air in downtown Livermore on Valentine's Day. John and Nancy Chiprich took advantage of the good weather to go for a carriage ride in downtown Livermore.

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the firehouse along with the plans for the arts center in the coming year. As his part of supporting the Firehouse Arts Center, he donated over half the cost of the production of the video.

Production of the Firehouse video wasn't Pentin's first involvement with the project; he has been a member of the Firehouse Arts Center Task Force over the past three years. He says he believes that the firehouse is the right place for an arts center and is excited about the inclu-

sion of the digital arts along with representation of the brick and mortar arts as well.

Pentin says he believes that the youth of the city would be well served in this new facility and foresees a time when student art will be displayed in the gallery, there will be student performances in the theatre along with a student film festival showcasing the talent that abounds in Pleasanton.

"I have had the opportunity to work with many of our gifted

youth here in Pleasanton and I see this wonderful arts center as a gathering place to showcase their talents, it will be incredible" stated Pentin. "I also think this Firehouse Arts Center will continue the progress in making our downtown a popular destination and add to what we all consider our own piece of paradise, our home, Pleasanton."

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