



Peace Art Monument.

### Peace Art **Show Includes** Monument

For the month of March, Peace Art, a privately owned multi-media collection, is being presented by the Commonwealth Club's Middle East Forum, the Arts Forum and Inforum. A miniature model Livermore Peace Monument sculpted by Don Homan and photos, letters etc.about the Monument will be

The opening will be on March 4th from 5:30 to 7 p.m. On March 20th, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., there will be a panel of artists discussing their works and the power of art. After the panel there will be an interactive wine and cheese reception. Bill Owens, former Independent photogra-pher and authour of Suburbia, will be part of the panel. Several other artists, including Don Homan, creator of the Livermore

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**Matt Matsushita demonstrates** the skill of fly tying during the fishing expo held at the **Alameda County Fairgrounds** in Pleasanton over the weekend. Visitors also learned about casting and other fishing related activities.

### **Livermore Music Students Perform In Annual Festival**

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) Music Program will host a Solo and Ensemble Festival for LVJUSD music students at Mendenhall Middle School on Sat., March 1. This is the 46th year the Livermore District Music Staff has hosted the festival.

The performance at Mendenhall Middle School runs from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm, followed by a command performance at 7:00 pm at Our Savior Lutheran Ministries, located at 1385 South Livermore Ave.

Approximately 300 students participate annually. Participants must be music students in the district music program. The festival is divided into five

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### **Students to Show** Off Science and **Engineering Skills**

The best and brightest student scientists and engineers will showcase their work when the Tri-Valley Science and Engineering Fair, sponsored by the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, returns March 4–8, at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore.

Each year the fair motivates students to apply creativity and critical thought to the solution of science, engineering and math problems; encourages the exchange of knowledge and ideas; and recognizes student achieve-

Eligible participants include 7th through 12 th grade students attending public, private or parochial schools in Danville, Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton and San Ramon.

Science projects are judged on a wide range of criteria that represents standards of research held by the scientific community. Local scientists and engi-

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# City Partnership Adding to Museum Future

Julia Bussinger has some impressive credentials as a museum director. The Museum on Main Street in Pleasanton will provide her with an opportunity to respond to a big challenge.

Bussinger's last job was in

Sacramento, as executive director of the Aerospace Museum of California. A well-reviewed exhibit there last year, which was titled "The DaVinci Experience," was Bussinger's idea.

It displayed more than 60 replicas of various transportation, military and mechanical devices developed in the 15th century by

Leonardo da Vinci. They included an early helicopter that used a spiral arrangement of sails and was called "an air screw," a bicycle, a double-hulled boat, a moveable bridge, and a robot.

Bussinger was executive director of the Benicia Historical Museum at the former arsenal there, which was built in the 19th century. She has also been executive director of the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum in San Jose. She started in the museum field in her native Bulgaria, before coming to the United States 20 years ago.

The Museum on Main, at 603

Main St., focuses on local history. Bussinger took the Pleasanton job because of a chance to "develop an organization that is vital, and see it move into the 21st century. The Amador Livermore Historical Society has a wonderful vision.

Part of that vision will involve the Alviso Adobe Park, which is under construction on Foothill Road north of Bernal Avenue. The adobe will embrace three periods of local history: Native American, Early California in the 18th and 19th centuries, the location's role in the city's one-time dairy industry through much of the

Bussinger likes the notion of setting up the adobe in an interpretive manner for museumgoers, especially students. There will be city cooperation in the form of a \$138,000 contribution this year.

Bussinger will interview candidates for education director, hoping to hire someone soon who will coordinate the outreach to schools, and recruit and train docents. "Education is important. We'd like to expand the program in the elementary school, and address it for middle and high school. We want to create

programing for all age groups," said Bussinger.

From the city staff side of things, the Park and Community Services Department has a naturalist who takes students to Kottinger Creek, or to the city's park on Pleasanton Ridge, or to the Bernal property to learn the natural history of those locations. When Alviso Adobe is ready, the naturalist will be spending time there presenting programs, said parks and community services director Jim Wolfe.

The city gave "a nominal amount" every year to the mu-(See MUSEUM, page 4)



Julia Bussinger shows off part of the current exhibit at the museum.

## Altamont Settlement Funds Buy Open Space

The Livermore City Council gave its stamp of approval to fund a \$200,000 grant request from the East Bay Regional Park District. It is the first money from the Altamont Landfill settlement.

An open space committee was established to determine how to spend the funds. The City of Livermore. Sierra Club. and Alameda County are voting members of the committee. There is about \$6.4 million in the open space fund designated for expenditures in east-ern Alameda County.

The city also has \$4.1 million

available from the Dougherty Valley settlement and just over half a million in the Vasco Road Landfill Open Space Fund to purchase

open space or easements.
The \$200,000 will help to purchase an 80 acre parcel adjacent to the campgrounds at Del Valle Regional Park. A \$341,5000 grant from the California State Department of Parks and Recreation plus \$71,000 from EBRPD will provide the balance of the price of the land. The current owner will retain a 10 acre lifetime estate.

Councilmember M represents the city on the committee. She stated, "We were very pleased to find this parcel. This is the first grant we've given.

Councilmember Doug Horner noted that the pricetag

is just 1.5 percent of the funds available. "We seem to be achieving something significant here. However, it doesn't appear this property is under threat of development." He added that in the future it may be more appropriate to focus on areas where there are threats from development.

Leider agreed. However, she felt that the 80-acre parcel met all the criteria. It contains habispecies. "It is not isolated and fits in with the adjacent park."

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

The council received an update on economic development activity in the city. The major (See LIVERMORE, page 5)

## No Decision in **Oak Grove Lawsuit**

The future of the Oak Grove development in the southeast hills of Pleasanton was still up in the air as of Tuesday.

Prior to last Friday's hearing, Superior Court Judge Frank Roesch issued a tentative ruling in favor of the Jennifer and Frederic Lin, owners of the property. The judge delayed making the ruling permanent after hearing from the other side in the issue, Save Pleasanton Hills.

In his preliminary ruling, Roesch agreed with the plaintiffs' argument that the signature gatherers had failed to show all of the documents related to the issue. The one document mentioned is the development plan. As a result, the referendum was considered non-compliant under the law and nullified.

Roesch is expected to issue a final decision in time for the March 4 Pleasanton City Council meeting.

If the ruling were permanent, the Lins could proceed with the development project, unless there is an appeal. Kay Ayala, leader of the refer-

endum effort, said she would likely appeal the decision if it were to go against Save Pleasanton Hills. "To say the least, we were taken aback by the preliminary judgment."

Ayala contends that signature gatherers did carry the full text of the ordinance. The city attorney signed off on it. "The election code says you must circulate what is signed off on by the city; nothing more, nothing less," said Ayala. "We won't stop here. If the judgement goes against us, it would have a huge impact on any referendum."

Ayala said those gathering signatures for the Oak Grove referendum would have had to carry 18-pounds of documents, or (See OAK GROVE, page 4)

## **Pleasanton Council Adds to Work Plan**

The Pleasanton City Council took a look at its work plan for 2008-09 at last week's council meeting. It is the second year of a two year work plan.

At the top of the "to do" list is completion of the general plan and action on the Staples Ranch

development plan.

The general plan update began five years ago. It is anticipated that a draft plan would

come to the council for public

hearings in September or October of this year.

The environmental impact report for Staples Ranch should be coming to the council in March.

City Manager Nelson Fialho listed some of the work that has already been accomplished. Among them is development of a financing plan for the Bernal property that allows completion of the public amenities in 18

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## **Concannon To Retire From Zone 7; 5 Take Out Papers**

By Ron McNicoll

Zone 7 Water Agency's longest-serving director, Jim Concannon, won't run for another term. Another experienced Zone 7 person, former general manager Dale Myers, has filed to be a candidate for one of the three seats.

Including Myers, five have taken out filing papers. They are one-term incumbent Dick Quigley, former board member Chris Moore, and Robert Warnick, a retired civil engineer who was Pleasanton director of public works from 1980 to '85.

Quigley has returned his filing papers. Moore, who is an attorney and works as a deputy police chief in charge of technology for the city of San Jose, had not filed papers to run as of Tuesday. He had filed his papers of intention to filed his papers of intention to run, which are required if a candidate intends to raise more than

\$1000 in a campaign.
Livermore resident Steve Mattos took out papers on Tuesday. He said that he intends to file. He is employed by Intel in Santa Clara, and said that his engineering and business experience would stand him in good stead as a Zone 7 director.

Incumbent Jim Kohnen, who told the Independent last week that he is not sure about running again, had not taken out papers by Tuesday. With Concannon's

retirement from the board, filing will be extended to 5 p.m. March 12, as required by state law.

Candidates can pick up papers at the Zone 7 office, 100 North Canyons Parkway, Livermore, or at the registrar of voters office, 1221 Fallon St., Oakland.

Concannon has served since 1984, which gives him 24 years' service, the longest tenure in the 51-year history of Zone 7. The agency has had 49 directors, including the current seven in of-

Asked about his longevity record, Concannon said that "I'm happy that the public has had confidence in me. I've always had the best interest of the public in mind." Concannon, 76, said that "it's time to open it up to the competent people who will run." He has worked with four different general managers during his time on the board, starting with the original one,

Asked to talk about his greatest achievements, Concannon said, "I don't know that I've done much in the way of achievement. The fact that we've been stable financially, building structures and tying down water (supplies), not knowing we'd have this problem with the Delta, has been good. (A

(See ZONE 7, page 4)

Photo - Doug Jorgensen Matt Bettencourt, who plays on the PGA Nationwide Tour, got in a practice round Tuesday at The Course at Wente Vineyards in preparation for the upcoming Livermore Valley Wine Country Championship. The championship is April 3-6. It is presented by the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Foundation. Tournament proceeds will be contributed to children's charities in the community. The event includes golf action, wine, food, music and special events. For more information call the tournament office at 925-447-2200.

### Village High **Again Cited As Model School**

Village High School in Pleasanton has kept up its string of honors by again winning a state department of education award as a 2008 Model Continuation High School. It is one of only 12 continuation high schools to win the award among 519 in Califor-

Village has been in existence for 30 years. The school first won the award 15 years ago, when the honor stayed in effect for fiveyear periods. This year, the award period has been reduced to three

Renewal at the end of the period depends on passing a rigor-ous examination by state authorities. They meet with faculty, parents and the principal, and examine the effectiveness of the school's program in serving students who are at risk of not gradu-

ating.
Village principal Greg Giglio said that a key reason for success at Village is "the belief that if we build positive relationships with the students, and provide them with relevant curriculum, we can bridge that gap for the students that may not have been there previously. It allows them to make better connections at school, and try to get back on track and be successful."

The scheduling is more flex-(See VILLAGE, page 4)

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PET OF THE WEEK

Freckles is a long hair female cat with Tortoiseshell markings. She is about 1 year old, and can only be described as a total "snuggle bug." She loves to be picked up and cuddled at every opportunity! She craves attention and enjoys having her long, beautiful hair brushed. To visit with Freckles, or any of the adoptable cats, visit Valley Humane Society at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton, open Wed-Sun from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. All of the animals can be viewed on the web site: www.valleyhumane.org, call 925.426.8656 for more info.

## **Junction Students Shine at Academic Olympics**

**By Patricia Koning**The Beijing Olympics may be six months away, but the Olympic spirit was in full swing last week at Junction Avenue Middle School. Over 100 students spent the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, Feb. 20, competing

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neers serve as fair judges. Research categories cover a wide spectrum of science and include: behavioral and bioscience, biochemistry, botany, chemistry, computer science, earth and space science, engineering, environmental science, mathematics, medicine and health, microbiology, physics and zoology.

Judging will take place on Wednesday morning, March 5, with an awards ceremony scheduled for 7 p.m. that evening. The public may view the exhibition of student projects at the Robert Livermore Community Center on Thursday, March 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Friday, March 7, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Saturday, March 8, from 10 a.m. to noon. There is no charge for ad-

This is the third year the fair is at the Robert Livermore Community Center, offering the public a pleasant location for viewing nearly 200 science projects of local students. The fair is affiliated with the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (Intel ISEF), the world's largest pre-college celebration of science. Held annually in May, the Intel ISEF brings together more than 1,400 students from more than 40 nations to compete for scholarships, tuition grants, internships, scientific field trips, and the grand prize: a \$50,000

college scholarship.
Each year Senior Division (912th grade) Sweepstakes winners
of the Tri-Valley fair have gone
on to win top honors at Intel
ISEF. This year, Intel ISEF will
be presented by Agilant Tech be presented by Agilent Technologies May 11-17, in Atlanta,

The Junior Division winners are eligible to compete at the California State Science Fair.

For more information about this year's Tri-Valley Science and Engineering Fair, go to the web at http://tvsef.llnl.gov/.

(continued from page one) Peace Monument, will attend the events.

Books, photos, cards, and the War Isn't Healthy Poster from Another Mother for Peace, and works by Bill Owens, Claire Haritani, Sami Sunchild, Ruth Asawa(Sadako), Richard Kamler, and quotations from several noted authors including Nobel Prize winners etc. will also be displayed.

The opening on March 4th is a free event. The panel on March 20th is from \$7 to \$20. To register: www.commonwealthclub.org or 415-597-6705.

The Commonwealth Club is at 595 Market St. S.F. (adjacent to Montgomery BART).

in the school's 23rd annual Academic Olympics.

Students participated in three team events - math, science, and social studies. Teams were made up of one student from each grade level. Students also participated in three individual events—oral interpretation, creative writing, and public speaking.

Creative writing was split into two age groups: sixth grade and seventh/eighth grade. For the first time this year, students could participate in the public speaking event in either Spanish or En-

Junction principal Susan Sambuceti said the idea to allow students to take part in the public speaking competition in Spanish grew out of the school's Spanish for Spanish Speakers class. "The class gives native Spanish speakers an opportunity to learn public speaking in their native language," she explained. "The Spanish language public speaking competition was quite successful, based on the number of participants."

After the competition was fin-ished, students and their families enjoyed dinner prepared by the Livermore Mosaic Masonic Lodge and the Junction Avenue PTA. Before the awards ceremony began, everyone ducked outside to catch a glimpse of the lunar

The excitement is palpable, between the lunar eclipse and not knowing who the winners are," said Sambuceti.

Junction teachers from the subject areas represented in the events announced the winners. Dan Cabral and Ryan Sanchez, School Resource Officers serving at Granada and Livermore High Schools, handed out medals to the team winners. Livermore School Superintendent Brenda Miller and Livermore School Board member Kate Runyon gave out individual medals.

Sixth grade twins Peter and Matthew Cable found themselves on the awards podium together for creative writing. Peter earned a bronze in creative writing, to go along with his gold medal for science and bronze

medal for social studies. Matthew earned a gold medal for cre-

ative writing.
"I'm pretty talented at writing," he said of his achievement.
"I'm not so good at the other

It was a good night for the Cable family, as older brother Andrew, an eighth grader, won silver in math and bronze in sci-

The crowd of students, parents, and teachers was lively during the awards ceremony, with a spontaneous wave going through a section of sixth graders and lots of encouraging cheers. The air was filled with the sounds of medals clinking, as many students received multiple medals.

The winners received their medals on an Olympic-style podium. They are listed below.

Science: Gold- Zachary Benedict (6th), Keyang Sun (7th), Peter Cable (6th); Silver-Drake Foote (6th), Alan Schellenberger (7th), Travis Newcomb (8th); Bronze-Jessica Irwin (6th), Alex Schenk (7th), Andrew Cable (8th).

Math: Gold- Zachary

Benedict (6th), Keyang Sun (7th), Tim Oxley (8th); Silver-Elizabeth Person (6th), Ashley Sandoval (7th), Andrew Cable (8th); Bronze- Jeanne Marcelo (6th), Tyler Neabeack (7th), Bran-

don Mori (8th). Social Studies: Gold- Ryker Johnson (6th), Laura Haley (7th), Holly Springer (8th); Silver-Drake Foote (6th), Arienna Castro (7th), Travis Newcomb (8th); Bronze- Peter Cable (6th), Kory Kiviharju (7th), Bridgette McSwain-Marlow (8th).

Oral Interpretation: Gold-Ryker Johnson; Silver-Mackinna Hart; Bronze- Daniel Newman.

Public Speaking-English: Gold- Laura Haley; Silver-Xochilt Duarte.

**Public Speaking-Spanish:** Gold- Jair Mandujano; Silver-Mayte Vera; Bronze- Cesar

6th Grade Creative Writing: Gold- Matthew Cable; Silver-Nicole Blair; Bronze- Peter Cable.

7th/8th Grade Creative **Writing:** Gold- Jire Mares; Silver- Shannon Neligan; Bronze-Megan Parker.

## **Medical Foundation Celebrates 1st Year**

The Palo Alto Medical Foundation (PAMF) Dublin Center will celebrate its one-year anniversary on Sat., March 1 by inviting the community to enjoy a day of family fun and learn about

maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The event is open to the public. It will include lunch, kids' games, face painting, health screenings and tours of the stateof-the-art PAMF Dublin Center, all at no charge. Activities will be between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Activities include the following: health information, blood pressure screenings and eye chart tests; meet and greet with primary care and specialist physicians; tours; complimentary

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lunch; emergency I.D. cards for children; face painting; clown and character entertainment; radio DJ and promotional team; free gift for the first 300 attend-

For more information about the celebration, call (925) 875-6100 or visit www.pamf.org/

The PAMF Dublin Center features the latest advances in health care, including electronic health records, fully digital imaging services, same-day and next-day appointments with primary care physicians, and a unique team-based model of patient care. It is located at 4050 Dublin Blvd.

### **MUSIC**

events (instrument families), Brass and Percussion, Woodwinds, Strings, Vocal, and Piano.

The purpose of a Solo and Ensemble Festival is to foster a love for "Art" music. Performance literature therefore will consist of "classical" repertoire." Students may perform either as a soloist or as part of an ensemble (duet, trio, etc.).

Entrants will have five minutes to perform selections in front of a judge. All judges are public school educators known for their expertise as musicians and teachers. After the recital each soloist/ ensemble receives comments and a rating which compares their performance against a standard for their age group. Ratings

range from needs improvement

In addition, performers who have demonstrated superior musicality may receive a Command Screening. A command screening is a second opportunity to perform in front of a screening judge. Of these screenings, 12-15 performers will be selected for a formal evening performance at Our Savior Lutheran Ministries.

The Command Performance represents a cross-section of the district's music program and will consist of the different instruments as well as age levels from the district music program.
All events and performances,

including the evening command performance are open to the public. Admission is free.





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## VALLEY ROUNDUP

### Scorecards for Legislators

The League of Conservation Voters (LCV) has again announced that Rep. Ellen Tauscher has received a perfect score on their annual National Conservation Scorecard. The LCV applauded Rep. Tauscher for her work to move America toward a clean energy future and to prepare for the challenge of addressing global

"It's an honor to be recognized by an organization like the League of Conservation Voters because they are the independent voice behind much of the progress that our nation has made in terms of protecting the environment and preserving our natural resources," said Tauscher. "Supporting measures that increase gas standards on automobiles, encourage alternative energy research, limit offshore drilling and call for mandatory limits on global warming pollution is one of the reasons my friends and neighbors sent me to Congress and I will continue to fight for these environmental protections.'

Assemblyman Guy Houston (R-San Ramon), has received the American Electronics Association Legislator of the Year Award.

AEA is the nation's largest high-tech trade association, and represents over 1400 companies in California alone. The award is bestowed upon a member of the legislature who shows leadership for business, is an active crusader against tax abuses, and supports or pursues legislation to strengthen California's business cli-

Assemblyman Guy S. Houston represents the 15th Assembly District, which includes the communities of Ålamo, Galt, Elk Grove, Walnut Creek, Danville, San Ramon, Livermore, and

The California Public Interest Research Group (CALPIRG) recently announced its 2007 Legislative Scorecard and recognized Assemblymember Mary Hayashi for her outstanding legislative voting record that protects

According to CALPIRG's legislative advocate, Pedro Morillas, Assemblymember Hayashi received the A grade ranking because she has "consistently put the public interest ahead of special interests" on important issues such as health care and prescription drug reforms, consumer protections, efficient clean transportation and good government.

CALPIRG researches, reports and advocates at all levels of government for new laws and other protections that provide for enhanced health care policies, stronger consumer privacy

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

### Clark Now a "Fellow"

Grace A. Clark, Ph.D. of the Livermore Lab, has been elevated to the grade of Fellow by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) "for contributions in block adaptive fil-

Fellow status is conferred by IEEE's Board of Directors upon IEEE members with an extraordinary record of accomplishments in any of the IEEE fields of interest. The total number of fellows selected in any one year does not exceed one-tenth of one percent of the worldwide IEEE voting membership.
In the 1980s, Clark's pioneering publications

created the fundamental theory of block adaptive filtering and spawned a new research area that has led to hundreds of papers extending the original work. This remains an active research area today, and at least ten textbooks include chapters or sections dedicated to block adaptive filtering.

The block adaptive filter is used extensively in a wide variety of applications, including ground-based and satellite communication systems (channel equalization, echo canceling, multi-path suppression, etc.), array processing and target recognition (adaptive line enhancement, Signal-to-Noise Ratio improvement, ra-

dar, anti-submarine warfare, etc.). Since earning BSEE and MSEE degrees from the Purdue Electrical Engineering Honors Program, she has been with the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Clark now conducts research in the areas of signal/image processing, estimation/detection, and statistical pattern recognition applied to acoustics, electromagnetics and particle physics. She is a member of the Acoustical Society of America, the Society of Exploration Geophysicists, Sigma Xi and Eta Kappa Nu. She also serves as a reviewer for a variety of technical journals.

### Site 300 Cleanup

A public workshop to discuss the proposed cleanup of contaminated soil at the Building 850 Firing Table at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's Site 300, located near Tracy, will be held on March 6, 2008. The workshop, hosted by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), will be held from 6-8 p.m. at the Tracy Community Center, 300 E. 10th St., in Tracy. The workshop is part of a 30-day public comment period

that begins February 20 and ends March 20. Site 300 is the High Explosives Test Facility for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. The focus of the remedial action is to remediate polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and related materials in soils surrounding the Building 850 firing table. Cleanup of the soil is necessary to mitigate risk to onsite workers and impacts to wildlife native to the site.

DOE prepared an Engineering Evaluation/ Cost Analysis that evaluates the following cleanup options for the contaminated soil: 1. No Action; 2. Soil excavation and offsite disposal; 3. Soil excavation and onsite solidification and consolidation.

Based on the evaluation, the preferred option proposed for public comment is to excavate, solidify, and consolidate the contaminated soil onsite. Although this is the preferred option at the present time, DOE welcomes the public's comments on all of the cleanup options.

Comments may be submitted to DOE during the public comment period in writing by posted mail or e-mail. Written comments must be postmarked no later than March 20. Written comments will also be accepted at the public work-

Copies of the "Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis for the Building 850 Firing Table" are available at the following locations: LLNL Discovery Center, Livermore, (Tuesday – Friday: 1-4 pm, Saturday: 10 am – 2 pm); Tracy Public Library, 20 East Eaton Ave., Tracy; or online at the LLNL Environment Public Information website www-envirinfo.llnl.gov

For further information or to submit written comments contact: Claire Holtzapple, Site 300 Remedial Project Manager, DOE/NNSA Livermore Site Office, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, P.O. Box 808, L-293, Livermore, CA 94551; claire.holtzapple@oak.doe.gov; or (925)

## **Over \$1 Billion Paid Out to Nuclear Workers**

The U.S. Department of Labor has paid more than \$1 billion to 8,926 individuals under Part E of the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA). Part E of the act was created as an amendment to the EEOICPA in October 2004 to alleviate the delay claimants were experiencing under the old Part D program administered by the U.S. Department of Energy. The Labor Department was charged with implementation of Part E.

Payments of over \$40 million in compensation and medical bills have been paid to Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory employees or survivors. As of Feb. 21, 2350 claims had been filed. At Sandia Livermore, the amount paid was \$1.8 million. There have been 274 claims.

More than 25,000 cases were transferred to the Department of Labor from the Department of Energy during the Part E transition and, to date, more than 70,000 claims have been filed

under Part E. Payments exceeded the \$1 billion mark on Feb. 15, a little more than three years after the inception of the program. Less than \$2 million was paid out - via state workers' compensation systems - under Part D, the predecessor program.
Part E provides federal com-

pensation and medical benefits to contractors and subcontractors of the Department of Energy who worked at certain Department of Energy facilities and sustained an occupational illness as a result of exposure to toxic substances. Certain survivors of these workers also are eligible for benefits. Part E provides additional compensation for uranium workers who worked at facilities covered by the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act and certain survivors of covered employ-

The Part E benefit payout is already nearly double what the Congressional Budget Office projected for fiscal year 2005 through fiscal year 2008 at the

cessing Capital for Small Busi-

nesses and Start-Up Companies, San Ramon Community Center,

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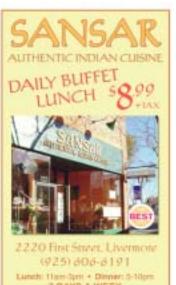
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time of the statute's passage. Part E payouts have grown each year and continue to accelerate. Payments are expected to exceed \$400 million in fiscal year 2008

The Labor Department also administers Part B of the EEOICPA. Since the implementation of the act in July 2001, more than 88,000 claims have been filed by workers or their families seeking benefits under the Part B provisions. The department has reached final decisions on more than 55,000 Part B claims, issued lump sum payments exceeding \$2.3 billion to claimants under Part B, and as of Feb. 14, 2008, paid an additional \$196 million to cover costs of necessary medical care for employees with illnesses linked to their employment in the atomic

weapons industry. For additional information about how to file a claim under Part E of the EEOICPA, call 866-888-3322 toll-free.



### Cities Offer Help to Businesses The cities of Dublin, Livercessful Business Plans, Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal, Pleasanton. Tues., April1, Ac-

more, Pleasanton and San Ramon, in conjunction with the East Bay Small Business Development Center (SBDC), are offering a curriculum of workshops designed to assist small and medium-sized businesses.

The four cities are underwriting the cost of the program as a measure to support growing businesses in their respective communities and in the region as a whole.

Small and medium-sized businesses are considered a critical component of both the national and focal economy. According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, small businesses employ about one half of U.S. workers, and have generated 60 to 80% of net new jobs annually over the last decade. Small businesses also hire 40% of high tech workers, such as scientists, engineers, and computer specialists, particularly significant in the Tri-Valley region, which has a large population of highly educated and skilled workers.

The series of one-half day courses will be taught by experienced consultants and industry experts and are tailored to assist entrepreneurs in any stage of the business development process. The classes are free for residents and businesses located within the Tri-Valley cities of Dublin, Livermore Pleasanton and San Ramon. A \$20 registration fee is requested from participants outside of the area. For more information, please call (510) 208www.eastbaysbdc.org/

pages.seminars.php.
All of the workshops are from 9 a.m. to noon. The schedule is as follows: Tues., March 4, Suc-



### Author of 'The Keeping Quilt' Will Be at Pleasanton Library

Children's author/illustrator Patricia Polacco visits the Pleasanton Public Library on Saturday, March 1 at 3:00 pm.

Polacco is the award-winning creator of scores of popular pic-ture books, "lauded for trans-forming childhood memories, favorite episodes from family history, and elements from her Russian, Ukrainian, Jewish, and Irish heritage into works that are noted for their freshness, originality, warmth, panache, and universal-

ity." (Contemporary Authors)
Titles like The Keeping Quilt,
Just Plain Fancy, Rechenka's Eggs , Meteor!, The Butterfly,

Thank You Mister Faulkner, Tikvah Means Hope, and Pink and Say are staples of the picture book genre.

Before and after the presentation her books will be available for purchase courtesy of Towne Center Books, co-sponsors of this

This free program is recommended for children ages 5 and older, and anyone who appreciates the best in picture books. Even with mostly floor seating space is expected to be limited. Doors will close once the presentation begins Formers in forms. tation begins. For more information, call 931-3400 ext. 8.



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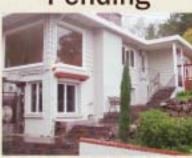
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# **EDITORIALS**

### **Springtown Master Plan**

The Livermore City Council has hired a consultant to develop a master plan for the Springtown area's cityowned facilities: the golf course, branch library and fire

The golf course, which has been struggling financially, is the biggest question faced by the consultant.

Fearing the course will be sold and converted into a residential subdivision, the residents of Springtown are following the study intently. Their concern runs deep. They point out, often with great eloquence, that the whole community benefits from the swath of open space provided by the nine-hole course.

It is "the very heart and spine of Springtown," in the words of Betty Crosby.

"Our course is not just a golf course; it is our green space," says Don Nolte.

The consultant's work began in January and will be completed in an estimated six to 12 months. We trust the consultant and the City Council will take the residents' words to heart.

The master plan questions should deal with ways to enhance the golfing, the leisurely walking and other recreational uses. The continued and permanent existence of the course, this very special place, should be a given.

### A New Heritage Group

The Pleasanton Heritage Association is in the formation process.

Like its Heritage Guild counterparts in Livermore, the Association will consist largely of residents who have experience restoring old homes in the downtown area. There are a dozen or so of these individuals who show up at Pleasanton Planning Commission and City Council meetings whenever an application affecting downtown's appearance is heard. They don't always win. In forming an official organization, they will carry a lot more weight.

Persons interested in joining may call Linda Garbarino, 462-8779 (you don't have to be a downtown homeowner).

It's great to see this new group. Downtown Pleasanton, with its "old town" appearance, already looks good. The Heritage Association will help make it even finer.

## OAK GROVE

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more if all documents referenced were included such as the general plan and California environmental law. "I feel I did everything to make sure we were carrying the proper papers.'

Ayala was upset that the city took a neutral position on the matter. "I was disappointed that the city attorney didn't stand up for the 5000 people who signed the position. He failed to tell the judge that he felt that the city had provided all of the documentation needed by the signature gatherers.'

Ayala's attorney, Robin Kennedy, addressed the issue of neutrality in an email sent to the city attorney. The email states, "If your marching orders from the City Council are to be neutral, you should promptly submit a declaration to Judge Roesch stating that you executed your duties by giving Ms. Ayala the full text. Anything short of that action is clearly favoring the Lins and hostile to the real party in

interest.' City attorney Michael Roush said he is not going to submit the requested declaration. Part of the declaration we provided to the court essentially says that the full ordinance was attached to the petitions. The city provided what it felt was necessary for the referendum. "From what the tentative ruling says, it appears that the court does not agree." He added that the documents provided Save Pleasanton Hills were no different than what has been provided for other referendum drives. The attorney for the Lins argued that the development plan needed to be attached, because it is mentioned in the ordi-

Other documents mentioned in the ordinance include the conditions of approval, the EIR, design guidelines, tree survey and geological report.

Roush added that the city has always been neutral. "We never saw the city aligned with either side. We cooperated with both.' The council did discuss the issue of neutrality in closed session, said Roush. However, no vote was taken.

At the hearing, Roush asked the judge to make his ruling this week in order for the council to be able to consider it in time to make the June ballot.

At last week's Pleasanton City Council meeting, there was a discussion as to when the council would be considering the Oak

Grove referendum.

Councilmember Cheryl Cook-Kallio expressed concern that the deadline for the June ballot was March 7. The next council meeting is March 4. She suggested that the council select an additional date, if the council does want the vote in June.

City attorney Michael Roush said that the item was scheduled for council consideration on March 4, "assuming there is a decision, or in the event the restraining order were lifted.

A temporary restraining order was granted in January that stopped the Pleasanton City Council from certifying the Oak Grove referendum petition.

Councilmember McGovern said it didn't matter to her whether the vote were in June or November. "I'd like to wait until March 4 to see what happens.'

If the judge were to side with Save Pleasanton Hills, the council would be free to take up the matter at its next meeting. The council would first certify the referendum. Thecouncil would then decide whether to rescind its approval of the Oak Grove development or set the issue for a vote. If the decision were not made in time to meet the June deadline, the council could call a special election.

Ayala said it's not about timing, it's about justice. She believes the council wants the June ballot, because there is a city election in November.

At issue is a 51-unit luxury home development approved by the council within 562 acres in the southeast hills of Pleasanton to the east of the Kottinger Ranch subdivision. The homes would range in size from 9,000 to 12,500 square feet. The city would receive 496 acres of open space, trails, a staging area and a new firetruck.

There were two documents approved by the city council in regard to Oak Grove. One is the development plan; the second a developer agreement. The referendum seeks to overturn the development plan, but would also cancel out the developer agreement. The city council included a "poison pill" provision in the approval so that if one document were successfully referended, both would be set aside.

The project is being developed by Charter Properties headed by James Tong, representing the Lin family..

### **MUSEUM**

seum, said Wolfe. Then he and civics arts manager Andy Jorgensen worked with the museum board to expand the city's contribution, mainly because of the adobe's future, and the city's desire to increase the school district's programs. The city won't have to hire more staff directly, but will partner with the museum to provide the services.

Our museum agreement contemplates a number of collaborative programs. For example, if a class were interested in a historical program, they would go to the museum first, then on a subsequent day, they would participate in hands-on activity (at the adobe), everything from making cutting points from the American Indian period to adobe bricks to something about farming from the dairy era," said

The city already has good traffic from the schools, with somewhere between 75 to 100 classes each year taking advantage of the naturalist's outdoor education program in the assigned park locations. Wolfe expects participation to increase after the adobe opens, because it provides even more appeal to Tri-Valley teachers.

Fourth-graders throughout the state study California history. Teachers look for places linked to the state's past. "Too often they have to go to Sutter's Fort in Sacramento, or just study history in the classroom. That's why many teachers are supportive of this project," said Wolfe. Furthermore, Sutter's Fort may not be available much longer. It is on the proposed list of state park closures by Gov. Arnold chwarzenegger.

Bussinger sees many opportunities for the museum.

They include the opportunity is to provide interesting themes in the exhibits that come into the Fireplace Room, the part of the museum that does not house the permanent collection. These rotating exhibits can be fun, and

also tell something about Valley history, said Bussinger. Currently the room is showing an exhibit of local residents' collections in other words, it's a collection of what collectors like to collect. "Tell me what you collect, and I'll tell you what kind of person you are," said Bussinger.

Contributions to the current

show from more than a dozen Tri-Valley families include campaign buttons dating back to the 1940s, antique perfume bottles, cowboy artifacts, coins, and a "\$100 bill" made from steel and nails, apparently from an admirer of hard currency.

With all of the expanded vision for the future, there needs to be a commensurate growth in display space, said Bussinger. The museum has no room for her own office, so she is in a rented space at the nearby chamber of commerce offices.

Some of the museum board members have been discussing the need to expand. "We desperately need a physical space. This is our vision. We'll work on this. By expanding, we can bring more meaningful programs and experiences to our students," said Bussinger.

## Spend an Evening with New LPC President

The Las Positas College Campus Change Network will celebrate its third anniversary, Friday, Feb. 29, by spending an evening with Las Positas's new President, DeRionne Pollard.

Pollard and a panel of Las Positas colleagues will discuss her views on equality and diversity. The network's core values are inclusion, equity and diversity. The evening starts at 7:30 p.m. in the reading room of building 2460 on the Las Positas cam-

People planning to attend should RSVP to Teri Ann Bengiveno at 424-1287 by Feb.

Pollard assumed her duties as Las Positas president on Feb. 19. A resident of Dublin, she comes to Las Positas from the College of Lake County in Grayslake, Ill., where she served as vice-president of educational affairs. In that role, she was the chief academic officer of the institution and served as co-leader of the college's accreditation team on

She also oversaw both construction and renovation projects and has been active in developing and strengthening college partnerships with high schools, governmental agencies, social service organizations and busi-

Pollard earned her doctorate in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies in Higher Education from Loyola University in Chicago, and both her Master of Arts and Bachelor of Arts degrees in English from Iowa State University. She taught English before moving into administration.

Campus The Change Network's next event will be Friday, March 14 and will feature Lucky Allen, a decorated veteran, in celebration of Women's History Month.

Las Positas College is located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Liv-

### WORK

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Another success is the golf course, which is exceeding all expectations. Over 55,000 rounds of golf were estimated. The first year there were 65,000 rounds played and this year the golf course is expected to hit about 72,000.

Sustainability was a goal set for city finances. Fialho told the council there is a balance of \$24.7 million for use in the event of economic uncertainty. He noted that last year property taxes increased by 6 percent while other taxes only increased by 1.9 percent. Fialho said that the city is anticipating that sales tax revenues won't be as lucrative for the community because there is more regional competition and the economy is experiencing a downturn. On the other hand, the hotel tax is at a high level. The demand for rooms exceeds supply, he stated.

The biggest challenge facing the city is retiree benefits. Over a

30 year period, the city is looking at a costs between \$70 million and \$120 million. "It's not sustainable. We need to work with our bargaining groups to make a change," Fialho noted.

ible at Village than at the comprehensive high schools. Students can take an extended day, earn more units through extra classes, and take independent study. They can also take work experience classes, where their work earns them units.

Fialho suggested adding eight additional items to the work plan. They are as follows: completing the Staples Ranch Park Master Plan; updating the fire sprinkler ordinance; preparing a Phase II development plan for the Bernal Park; implementing the downtown master plan; developing a hillside preservation ordinance; completing the Alamo Canal trail; updating the zoning cots; and hosting a citywide open house.

The council proposed other priorities, none of which would be undertaken until the general plan update were completed.

Matt Sullivan wanted to establish a committee to determine how to implement the traffic circulation element in the new general plan and to come up with new ideas to improve traffic. "One of the frustrations I have is that we put a lot of great policies in the general plan and they sit on a shelf."

Sullivan also suggested developing policies to help small businesses. Marketing programs and seminars could be samples of potential policies.

Jerry Thorne wanted the city to work on the deck at the Aquatic

Center to improve safety there. He noted there had already been several lawsuits because of the condition of the deck.

Cindy McGovern asked whether it would be possible to look at a policy that would limit the number of banks in downtown Pleasanton. She said she had heard from residents who felt that there were too many.

Fialho commented that the decision was made not to control banks. He said that he would like to have a conversation with the Pleasanton Downtown Association before the council takes up the issue.

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman pointed out that when the downtown master plan was developed there was an effort to make first floor retail only. "That didn't fly. It may be time to raise the issue

McGovern raised the issue of background checks and fingerprinting policies for people who work with youth. Fialho said that every city

employee who works with youth is required to be fingerprinted. Jim Wolfe, director of Parks and Community Services, said that all in his department who

work with youth are fingerprinted and must undergo a background check. It is his understanding that the two soccer leagues have hired a company to conduct background checks of coaches. The plan is to encourage other sports programs to adopt the policy. That would bring the cost down for each

Cheryl Cook-Kallio commented that fingerprinting accomplishes nothing if there is no one monitoring the program. "I like the intent. However, I want to make sure it's not just a money collector with no results."

Water and wastewater rates were also discussed. The city is in the process of setting new rates. Sullivan hoped the water rates would be set to discourage

McGovern said there are people who are willing to pay any rate you set. She wondered about the use of recycled waste-

Fialho said that DSRSD uses all of Pleasanton's recycled wastewater at present in Dougherty Valley. "It's ours. If the time comes when the council wants to use it, we have the right to the water."

## **VILLAGE**

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With eight teachers and two specialists serving nearly 160 students, there is much opportunity for students to know each other and their teachers. Teachers' interaction with students is important. "Our motto is 'A New Beginning.' We operate under the premise that a student may have done things in the past, but we are providing new opportunities for success for them. Teachers operate as a sort of counselor with tĥem," said Giglio.

As principal, Giglio is a sort of master of ceremonies or greeter for new students. He is the first to meet the student. He interviews them, helps create their schedule, and introduces them to other students. "Because of the size of our school, even teachers who don't have some students in class will get to know them," he said.

Discouragement is common in students who first appear at the campus, because they are often failing a class or classes, and don't see a way to success. Sometimes they act that frustration out through dysfunctional behavior. "When they come here, they see so many ways to get back on track. There is a light at the end of the tunnel. They still have issues and problems, but you see a massive motivation shift," said

One example of change occurs in the school's leadership class. "Students do the same things that they do in leadership classes at comprehensive schools. Some wouldn't be caught dead in a leadership class at Foothill or Amador Valley high schools, but it makes sense to them here,'

Giglio said.

Just getting involved in something like the school's catering class, which combines learning cooking and food service skills with business knowledge can get students out of their shells by providing service to clients. "It gives them a chance to connect to something," said Giglio.
Although Village is a small

school, it has a lot of spirit on campus. There are intramural sports, and a few games against other continuation schools in south county. There is a choir, and although it is small, it has joined Foothill choir for a couple of con-

"We've gone to Glide Memorial Church a couple of times to feed the homeless. We do a lot of service. We have a relationship with Pleasanton Convalescent Hospital. We conduct activities with them, things like Valentine's parties, or after-school visits just to talk to the people there," said

Giglio.
The individual attention seems to pay off with academics, too. The school fell just five points short of the goal of 590 on the Academic Performance Index scores, the standardized tests administered yearly by the state. The schools score of 585 was above typical continuation school scores in the state that usually range from the high 400s to the low 500s.

Giglio will attend a state conference of continuation schools April 25 to 27 in Los Angeles to study different aspects of continuation schools. The school's award will be presented then.

Myla Grasso, the district's spokesperson, said that the honor conferred on Village is the equivalent of the California Distinguished Schools award, which has been won by the comprehensive high schools, and by most other schools in the district.

### ZONE 7

(continued from page one) court decision about use of the Delta for the state water project has made the planning of future water supply more difficult.)"

"Zone 7 is one of the most stable water districts in the Bay Area, without doubt. You don't see much staff turnover or the turmoil you see in some districts. Although we've had our differences of opinions, which every board has, we worked together for the public's interest.

Although he is retiring from the Zone 7 board, Concannon said that he has signed an agreement to work five more years for Concannon Winery, which his family sold to The Wine Group. Concannon's grandfather, James Concannon, founded the winery in 1883

### **MYERS WAS ON ZONE 7 STAFF 25 YEARS**

Myers said that he became aware recently that Concannon would not run again. He said he wants to be able to contribute his experience to help make up for the board's loss of Concannon's experience. Myers had 25 years' experience with Zone 7, including 10 years as general manager, before he announced in November, 2006 that he would retire early in 2007.

Myers has been working since then as a water management consultant. He undertook some contract work for Zone 7 on the Delta planning problems, but terminated that on Jan. 31 in anticipation of the possibility of his run for the elected office. He has done pro bono work for the Tri-Valley Business Council to help that business and community planning organization develop a strategy about the future impact of the state water picture on e Tri-Valley.

Myers has also consulted for the state Resource Conservation District office in Livermore. He helped the staff there evaluate candidates for fiscal positions.

Warnick's name is a new one to most Zone 7 voters. He told the Independent that he hasn't made up his mind yet about running. He said, "It's a good organization." He added that while he was the Pleasanton public works director, he worked closely with Zone 7. Warnick left Pleasanton for a Phoenix suburb, where he designed a water treatment plant, a sewage treatment plant and a six-lane highway. Later he moved to Alameda as

public works director, and retired there in 1998 after nine years' service. He and his wife moved to Pleasanton a year ago.

Mattos is also new to the Zone spotlight. He said that running for the board is "an opportunity to expand my community involvement. I've always been involved in the community where I've lived." Mattos grew up in Santa Cruz, and was active with the Red Cross chapter there. He serves on the Livermore environment and energy committee, and was on the board of TV 30, the publicly operated local access television channel.

### **QUIGLEY CITES EXPERIENCE**

Quigley was automatically installed with directors Concannon and Jim Kohnen four years ago because they were the only candidates for three seats. He said he wants to remain on the board to see through big issues, such as the Delta plan for ecological recovery and how it impacts Zone 7.

Zone 7 is also starting a well demineralization project and is building its Altamont water treatment plant, two more projects that he said would benefit from

veteran oversight from the board. Moore, who served for about

six months in 2006, was appointed by the board from about two dozen candidates. He was praised highly by other board members. However, in the election that fall, he finished several percentage points behind the final successful candidate Steve Kalthoff, who was first elected in

Moore did not make any effort to raise funds in that election. He said this week he will make an effort to reimburse himself for any expenses he might incur, if there were an election. He said one goal is to raise the public profile of Zone 7. the agency is one of the few regional agencies in the Tri-Valley. It deals with big budget items such as construction of the new water treatment plant, demineralization of wells, a \$600 million future flood control plan, and the ongoing Delta environmental problems.

However, few people know what the agency does. If board members were more visible in the community about the zone's work, it would help bring the message to voters, said Moore.

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### **Food Donations Maryann Campisi Dinners Galore**

Dinners Galore, Livermore, would like to thank their customers and the community for supporting our Pound For Pound Food Drive during the month of December. Through their generous support, Open Heart Kitchen received a donation of nonperishable and canned food, which was matched by Dinners Galore. It's great to know that many families will be fed during the months ahead. Typically donations of food taper off after the holidays, yet the need for food continues all year. Please continue to support your local food banks and hot meal programs

### **League of Women Voters** Mary Beth Acuff Dublin

I remember when I was working on a primary campaign in Nebraska for Sen. Eugene McCarthy, I met a women who was a genuine suffragette. She had marched in the streets for women's rights and she was still campaigning fifty years later. I was awed by her spirit and dedi-

From that kind of spirit and dedication, the League of Women Voters was formed 88 years ago on February 14. That remarkable organization has been campaigning ever since because rights for women include rights for everyone. The League, however, far from being a narrow organization of activist women, is open to anyone over the age of 18 and with an interest in good government and a commitment to citizenship.

Voting, you see, requires more than knowing how to cast a vote. It requires understanding what you are voting for or against and why. It requires your commitment to being a contributing part of the society in which you find yourself. The League helps fulfill that commitment by taking on both the mechanics of voting and the issues. As a League member you continue the rich heritage of expanding the voting base, of studying public issues to come to a decision, and of sharing those deliberations with the

So, here's to the League of Women Voters. May you march on with the same spirit and dedication that has won rights to civic participation for so many people in so many places.

For more information about the Livermore-Amador Valley League, call 925-443-8683 or email lavlwv@comcast.net.

### McCain Change **Clarence Hoenig** Livermore

It is sad to observe recently how political presidential ambition can cause Senator John McCain, a former prisoner of war and earlier steadfast opponent of torture, to turn away from his own principles in support of waterboarding and torture.

Recently, on the same day House Republican leadership gave him their backing, Senator McCain refused to stand tall with five other fellow Republicans and vote for a Senate Bill against this

kind of torture. This bill passed the Senate by a clear majority.

Senator McCain's lame excuse was he always supported allowing the CIA to use extra measures to gather intelligence. How hypocritical, when he has testified many times that intelligence gained by such harsh measures is unreliable; endangers our own troops in time of war; and destroys our world reputation as a humanitarian nation.

Perhaps if all the Republican Senators who voted against the bill had had a water-boarding treatment of simulated drowning, they would have voted differently.

### Campana Jazz Festival Carl and Marilyn Palowitch Campana Jazz Festival Chair-Pleasanton

Congratulations to all of the bands and vocal ensembles who participated in the 33rd Annual Campana Jazz Festival on February 9, 2008 at Amador Valley High School. These 800+ students and directors are to be commended as wonderful ambassadors of their schools and

Thank you to the City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Presents, the Pleasanton Downtown Association and the Pleasanton Library for joining the Campana Jazz Festival to create the Campana Jazz Weekend. You have opened the doors of Pleasanton and welcomed the community to experience the art of jazz in an extended, diverse and most

hospitable way. Thank you to the local news editors, writers and photographers, for the unique, researched and enthusiastic articles in announcing and reporting of this musical perennial event. We were

delighted by the numerous articles, punctuated by the uncountable number of people who remarked on the excellent coverage in the local newspapers.

And finally, a heartfelt bow of gratitude to each parent who supports a sprouting musician; to our PUSD music teachers; to each jazz fan who came to one of the weekend events; to new fans curious in the discovery of jazz; to the Campana corporate and business sponsors; to the Amador Friends of Music; and to all of the volunteers who make it all possible.

This is a great community, rich in appreciation for the arts and dedicated to education, and it really showed during the Campana Jazz Weekend.

### Why the optimism? Patrick Jones **Middle School Student**

As the green movement finds opponents and deals with them, there is often a great deal of misdirected optimism.

One area that I happen to be familiar with is the area of aerosol cans. Several decades past, the common person was aware of CFCs (Chlorofluorocarbons) and their harmful effects on the environment. To please the green-minded, the Montreal Protocol was issued in 1989 to remove CFCs from almost every nation's aerosol cans, last revised in 1999. More regulations followed to limit the quantities of volatile organic compound gases (VOCs) in industrial applications, as they are less harmful than CFCs.

As the green ones concentrated on other subjects, companies searched around for substitutes. They chose chemicals such as nitrous oxide, which is primarily emitted by vehicles, as answers. Nitrous oxide combines with VOCs to create ozone. However, this ozone is not going to float to the South Pole to patch up that hole, thus reducing solar radiation on earth. It stays on the ground, creating a horde of problems, acid rain and smog included. So in a nutshell, the contents of an aerosol can are still nowhere near from perfect, and optimism is no replacement for change.

### Tatoo Parlor **Clay Widmayer**

I was very disappointed by the actions of the City of Livermore as reported in the February 16 Valley Times article titled "Tattoo parlor told it doesn't fit criteria of improved downtown.". The article related how Mr. Rob Judd, owner of Livermore Tattoos, had to relocate his business

out of downtown against his will. Apparently, Mr. Judd's service does not fall into a list of specific uses that the Livermore city council has approved for downtown. Therefore, according to the article, the city facilitated a deal between Mr. Judd's landlord and a buyer who more closely matches the "criteria" the council has adopted for downtown businesses.

According to Mr. Rob White, Livermore's economic director, "the city is not trying to oust current downtown tenants," but the evidence suggests otherwise. Over one year ago, Mr. Judd received a letter from the city advising him "he might want to start thinking about opportunities in

other parts of the city.' don't see any value in a policy that results in displacing a successful business that has thrived in one location for 15 years. If the city government engages in any manipulation that directly or indirectly excludes some citizens from participating in the benefits of downtown, then that is a misuse of their authority, in my opinion.

### Kindergarten cut off Mary McMahon Livermore

Kudos to the Livermore Valley Charter School for its cut off date of September 1 for children to be five years old to enter kindergarten. The public school's date is December 2. This means that some children are four years and 8 months old.

As a perpetual substitute teacher I have seen the frustration of these super young children in a class where many classmates are a year older having been kept in preschool or home until they are almost 6 years old.

The frustration wends to a teacher who is told by a parent that they would like their young child to spend two years in kindergarten. This is free day care.

The child who has to repeat kindergarten for maturity reasons carries that stigma until graduation. I have heard Juniors in high school say," I flunked kindergar-

What is the hurry to get them to school when they are not really ready?

### **Camp Parks Habitat** Richard S. Cimino Conservation Chairman, **Alameda County Ohlone Audubon Society**

With regards to the 2/14 article on Habitat Issues at Camp Park, the conservation communities of Alameda and Contra Costa counties remain justifiably concerned. Although the Burrowing Owls are not on the protected/endangered list, they are on the California Department Fish and Game, "Species of Special Concern" watch list in California. Go to: WWW.dfg.ca.gov/ wildlife/species/ssc/birds

The current US Army plans for land transfer as per their January 2008 presentation will have dire results on threatened California Burrowing Owl and other endangered species that presently live

Camp Parks represents what may be the last Federal lands in the Amador-Livermore Valley that support these species.

Our concern is not about the military upgrading facilities, but rather the 187 acres being commercially developed which does not provide for onsite mitigation. The relocation of these creatures to another site is surprisingly

Furthermore, studies have proven that Owls return to their original nesting sites even after relocation. When these lands become commercially developed, they may find the nearest open areas resulting in the worse case scenario as farmer and ranchers get saddled with the new respon-

We, at the Audubon Society of Alameda County together with Alameda Creek Alliance look forward to forming a partnership with the US Army to develop a plan for onsite mitigation. The target is to set aside a preserve for the long term management component for any and all endangered, protected and threatened species currently found

Dialogue with the US Army has began on this matter.

We welcome any citizen who wishes to participate in this initiative to contact us.

## LIVERMORE

(continued from page one) portion has taken place in the downtown area.

Rob White, director of economic development, noted, "Livermore remains a hot bed of activities even with the slowdown in new housing starts. New projects that are either under construction or in the planning pipeline will increase shopping opportunities and business ser-

Restaurants continue to locate in the new Livermore Valley Center. Roderick's BBQ will open soon. White said that about 62 percent of the center is leased. A Japanese restaurant is among the potential uses in the new buildings at 1st and L streets.

New businesses are reusing older buildings including the Movida Tappas Restaurant, the Firehouse Bistro and Bookstore, Outside In Home Decor and Cranberries. The Carvery plans to occupy the old Salvation Army building at the corner of Railroad

and First Street. There are four new housing developments in the downtown. One of them, Savannah Terrace includes two units available for sale to individuals with developmental disabilities. Corsia Commons, 52 townhomes, is slated for construction on the

Granada Bowl site. Citywide the following projects are completed, underway or in the approval stages: Shea Homes is building 566 units near Las Positas College; Beverages and More opened near

Civic Arts Commission

Parks and Recreation Human Services Commission

Library Commission Youth Commission

Economic Vitality Committee

\* Commercial Services Representative \* Biomedical Business Representation \* Environmental Community Representative \* Telecommunications Representative

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)

NOTICE OF COMMISSION / COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Mervyns; the city council approved a Toyota Dealership in North Livermore. Groth Bros. Chevrolet has purchased three parcels in Alameda County on the northside of Las Positas between Las Colinas Road and the Target store. To smooth the way for annexation to the city, Robin Groth is working with the property owners.

Pope John Paul II Catholic High School is moving forward. An announcement on the schedule for construction is expected next week.

White told the council, "We continue to hear form businesses wanting to relocate to Livermore. Expect several significant announcements in the next 30

### **CITY HISTORIAN**

Gary Drummond was appointed to a second 2-year term as the city's official historian. The city's Historic Preservation Committee had recommended the reappointment.

Don Meeker was the other applicant. He told the council, "I was grateful for the opportunity to apply for the position. I believe what I do complements and adds to the effort to make history accessible to the community."

Councilmember Jeff Williams said, "As a city, we are fortunate to have two very qualified people who applied for the posi-

### **BENEFITS TRUST**

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

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

The council approved a staff recommendation to adopt the

California Employers' Retiree Benefit Trust Program as a way to prefund the city's long term obligation for retiree health ben-

The state requires that government agencies identify how they plan to fund retirement benefits for employees. The long term cost is determined by an actuarial study. It was estimated that the city has a long term costs of \$52 million. It would need to set aside \$7.9 million per year.

Steven Harman, Director of Human Resources for the city, "We began working on a plan to reduce the long term costs. We talked to employee groups.' Harman noted they were very cooperative.

For those hired in 2006-07, the city would contribute to a health savings account in lieu of retiree health benefits. A cap was placed on the retiree benefits so that the cost of medical insurance for a retiree would not be greater than the cost paid by the city for an active employee's medical insurance.

Following the changes, a new study was undertaken. The city's long term liability was reduced to \$37 million, or \$4.5 million a year assuming the city joined the trust fund. It is assumed there would be a higher rate of return on investments within the trust.

The funds would be secured within the trust and not available for other purposes.

## Community Anniversary

# Celebration

Palo Alto Medical Foundation - Dublin Center

Meet and Greet with Physicians and Specialists Health Screenings and PAMFOnline Enrollment

Complimentary Lunch

Inflatable Games

Emergency Child I.D. Cards

Face Painting

Clown and Character Entertainment

Radio DJ and Promotional Team Tour The State-Of-The-Art Dublin Center

Free Gift To First 300 Attendees

Saturday, March 1 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

4050 Dublin Blvd., Dublin, CA 94568 (corner of Dublin Blvd. and Tassajara Rd.)

www.pamf.org/dublin

The PAMF Dublin Center features the latest advances in health care, including electronic health records, PAMFOnline, fully digital imaging services, same-day and next-day appointments with your primary care physician, and our unique model of patient-centered care.

### Services include:

- · Family Medicine
- · Internal Medicine
- . Community Health Resource Center
  - · Podiatry (new in 2008)

Palo Alto Medical Foundation

With You. For Life.

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.

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.

· Pediatrics

· Obstetrics and Gynecology

. Sports Medicine (new in 2008)

· Laboratory and X-ray

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## SPORTS NOTES

### California Gymnastics

California Gymnastics Academy com-peted in the Mardi Gras Invitational hosted by North Bay Athletic Assoc. in Vallejo. The Level 7 team finished in second place.

LEVEL 7: Age Group: Middle VAULT
- Emma Rigl (8.4) BARS - Rigl, 1st place
(9.4) BEAM - Rigl, 3rd place (8.85) FLOOR
- Rigl, 10th place (8.775) ALL AROUND -- Rigl, 10th place (8.775) ALL AROUND-Rigl, 4th place (35.425); Age Group: Older VAULT - Erin Gray, 2nd place (9.4); Megan Ouyang, 3rd place (9.375); Briana Gray (8.575) BARS - Ouyang, 1st place (9.375); E. Gray, 5th place (9.0); B. Gray, 6th place (8.475) BEAM - E. Gray, 2nd place (9.2); Ouyang, 6th place (8.75); B. Gray, 7th place (8.55) FLOOR - Ouyang, 1st place (9.55); E. Gray, 3rd place (9.425); B. Gray, 7th place (37.05); E. Gray, 3rd place (37.025); B. Gray, 8th place (34.55); LEVEL 8: VAULT - Jordan Garza (8.3) BARS - Garza, 7th place (9.125) BEAM - Garza, 6th place (8.95) FLOOR - Garza, 3rd place (9.3) ALL AROUND - Garza, 8th place (35.675).

The boys gymnastics team completed in the Pacific Coast Classic hosted by the NCAA in Oakland. Brandon Jessup, a 14-yrold student at Livermore High School, qualified for Event Finals in Floor Exercise by scoring in the Top 6 Level 10's (Age 14-15) in the qualifying session. In the Event Finals for Floor, he competed against some of the top gymnasts in the nation which included older Level 10's, Elite, and Collegiate gymnasts from the U. of Iowa, U. of Michigan, Arizona State, U. of Washington, and Stanford. Out of this top group, his final

stanford. Out of this top group, ins final ranking was 4th in his age group, and 27th out of 64 competitors overall.

LEVEL 5 Age Group: 7-9 yrs old FLOOR - Rex Lueth (8.0) POMMEL - Lueth (4.6) RINGS - Lueth (7.6) VAULT - Lueth (9.2) PARALLEL BARS - Lueth (6.6) HIGH BAR - Lueth (7.8) ALL AROUND - Lueth (43.8):

(43.8); LEVEL 6 Age Group: 10-11 yrs old FLOOR - Eric Beckerman (7.55); Dvir Reif (4.2); Yianni Constantinides (4.2) POM-MEL - Beckerman (6.2); Constantinides (4.4); Reif (4.0) RINGS - Beckerman (7.2); Reif (5.4); Constantinides (4.7) VAULT -Beckerman (9.4); Reif (8.4); Constantinides (8.0) PARALLEL BARS - Beckerman (7.3); (6.0) FARALLEL BARS - Betkerlind (7.3), Constantinides (5.0); Reif (4.8) HIGH BAR - Beckerman (7.4); Constantinides (6.5); Reif (6.4) ALL AROUND - Beckerman (45.05); Reif (33.2); Constantinides (32.8);

;LEVEL 9 Age Group: 14+ yrs old FLOOR - Nick Canaparo (9.55) POMMEL Canaparo, 5th place (10.2) RINGS - Canaparo (9.55) VAULT - Canaparo, T10th place (12.2) PARALLEL BARS - Canaparo, T5th place (11.5) HIGH BAR - Canaparo (8.0) ALL AROUND - Canaparo, 10th place (41.0).

(61.0); LEVEL 10 Age Group: 14-15 yrs old FLOOR - Brandon Jessup, T4th place (14.15) POMMEL - Jessup (7.65) RINGS -Jessup (12.8) VAULT - Jessup (14.3) PAR-ALLEL BARS - Jessup (11.65) HIGH BAR - Jessup (11.0) ALL AROUND - Jessup (71.55)

### West Coast Olympic

The West Coast Olympic Gymnastics Academy (WCOGA) girls team competed at the Mardi Gras Invitational on February 23-24. Under the direction of new coaches Charlene Chen and Wil Corregidor, Katelyn Kleinheinz and Patricia Aubel have been able

Results: Katelyn Kleinheinz Level 7
(middle) Vault 8.575 (9th) Bars 8.85 (3rd)
Beam 9.125 (1st) Floor 9.15 (4th) All

Around 35.70 (3rd).
Patricia Aubel Level 8 (older) Vault 9.10 (5th) Bars 9.35 (2nd) Beam 9.425 (2nd) Floor 9.325 (2nd) All- Around 37.20 (2nd).

### Gymfinity Gymnastics

The Gymfinity Gymnastics girls team competed in the Mardi Gras Gymnastics Invitational held at the North Bay Athletic Association in Vallejo. For the level 7s, in the younger age group, Angelica Leporati placed 7th All-Around, in the middle age group, Haley Brott placed 5th All-Around. In e older age group, Sophie Libkind placed 5th All-Around. Haley Brott Tied for 2nd on Vault and Tied for 3rd on Bars and Sophie Libkind placed 1st on Vault and 3rd on Beam.

For the Level 8's in the younger age group, Brianna Camacho placed 6th All-Around. Ashley Eastman placed 1st on Bars and Brianna Camacho placed 3rd on Vault. Sabrina Chaco led the way in level 5 competition, placing first on vault and bars on her way to winning the all-around in the

older age group. Results: Level 4 - VAULT: Kayle Brist 8.775 6th, Paige Chew 8.475, Jessica Biggs 8.35 BARS: Chew 8.275 4th, Brist 8.0 6th, Biggs 7.7 BEAM: Chew 8.15 6th, Biggs 7.95, Brist 6.7 FLOOR: Biggs 8.4, Chew 8.1, Brist 7.65 AA: Chew 33.0, Biggs, 32.4,

Level 5, younger - VAULT: Mariel Chiong 7.6 3rd, Alyson Gilkerson 7.2 5th BARS: Chiong 7.85 2nd, Gilkerson 6.9 BEAM: Gilkerson 8.425 4th, Chiong 8.25 FLOOR: Chiong 8.35 4th. Gilkerson 7.5 AA: Chiong 32.05 3rd, Gilkerson 30.025 5th. older - VAULT: Sabrina Chaco 8.225 1st, Carina Salcedo 7.325 5th Rachel Pombo 7.2 Chelsea Werner 6.45 BARS: Chaco 8.8 1st, Pombo 8.075 3rd, Salcedo 7.25 Werner 6.0 BEAM: Chaco 8.7 3rd, Pombo 8.125 5th, Salcedo 8.0, Werner 6.9 FLOOR: Chaco 8.475 2nd, Salcedo 8.275 3rd, Pombo 8.125 5th, Werner 6.45 AA: Chaco 34.2 1st, Pombo 31.525 4th Salcedo 30.85 6th Werner

Level 7, younger age group - VAULT: Angelica Leporati 8.650 7th, Gabriella Lemoine 8.250, Moira Andrews 8.150 BARS: Leporati 8.975 4th, Lemoine 8.100, Andrews 7.925 BEAM: Leporati 8.3425, Lemoine 8.300, Andrews 7.200 FLOOR: Leporati 9.225 7th, Lemoine 8.850, Andrews 8.5 AA: Leporati 35.275 7th, Lemoine 33.5, Andrews 31.775. Middle age group - VAULT: Haley Brott 9.300 2nd Tie, BARS: 8.850 3rd Tie, BEAM: 8.050 7th, FLOOR: 9.000 6th, AA: 35.200 5th. Older age group - VAULT: Sophie Libkind 9.425 1st, Allison Honig 9.025 8th, BARS: Libkind 8.400 8th, Honig 8.100 BEAM: Libkind 8.900 3rd, Honig 7.250, Libkind 9.325 5th, Honig 8.950 AA: Libkind 36.050 5th, Honig 33.325.

Level 8, Younger age group - VAULT: Brianna Camacho 8.875 3rd, Ashley Eastman 8.725 6th BARS: Eastman 9.375 1st, Camacho 8.125 BEAM: Camacho 8.600 4th FLOOR: Eastman 9.250 4th Camacho 8.875 AA: Camacho 34.475 6th.

### Diablo Gymnastics

Diablo Gymnastics team members com-peted in the California Classic sponsored by

SCEGA Gymnastics in San Diego. Livermore resident, Vinnesa Narvaez, age 12, completed in level 8, finishing fourth. Her scores were vault 8.875 (t2), bars 8.9 (t4), beam 8.2 (t5), floor 8.15 (7); and all around

### Pleasanton Seahawks

Twelve elite Pleasanton Seahawks' swimmers attended the Nor-Cal Senior Invitational hosted by the Sierra Marlins Swim

The swimmers are Katrina Anderson (16), Catherine Breed (14), Kayleigh Foley (17), Tory Houston (14), Lisa Narum (18), Neda Nguyen (17), Bethany Poon (17), Karen Wang (15), Brandon Chandler (14), Brandon Fischer (19), Christopher Guido (16), and Andrew Seitz (15).

All swimmers did great in the meet; nearly 90% of all the events were standard "AA" or better. There were plenty of "AAAA" and "NRT" (National Reportable Time) times.

Four swimmers achieved 90% - 100% personal best times in all the events they swam. They are: Brandon Chandler (14), who swam six events and cut his 400 Free by 35 seconds and 400 IM by 12 seconds. Karen Wang (15) reached NRT time in her 200 Back and 100 Back. She made to finals in all her three events. Tory Houston (14) made her NRT time in 100 Breast and dropped almost 11 seconds in 400 IM. Neda Nguyen (17) dropped her time and made it to finals in almost all the events she swam

### CYO Basketball

CYO basketball playoff results: The Catholic Community of Pleasanton (CCOP) 8th grade girls (team 8001) faced St. Michael's/St. Charles (SM/SC) (team 8009) in the final playoff game. CCOP trailed the game until the 3rd quarter when they went ahead by a slight margin but again trailed by one going into the 4th. SM/SC outscored CCOP in the 4th quarter to win the hard fought game 28-20. Offensively Jessica Woodruff played an outstanding game with her second double-double of the season, scoring 10 points with 10 rebounds. Contributing to the score were Nicole Ponzini and Brittany Bicomong (3 points each), Lauren MacDonnell and Jessica Morselli (2 points each). Playing aggressively under the hoop were Lyndsay Godwin (9 rebounds), Sydney Okumura (5 rebounds) and Bicomong (5 rebounds). Assisting defensively were Nicole Torquato, Kelly Parsons and Kim Beaudin. CCOP had a great season with a record of 9 2 overall.

The St. Joan's Boys 8th Grade boys basketball team defeated St. Isidore 61-45 in the Tri-Valley Boys CYO Championship game on Sunday, concluding a perfect season at 13-0. Scoring was led by Jerrell Dunn, Joe Cristiano, Dennis Rooney and Kyle Jefferson. Brian Harp also contributed with great low post defense while Nico Mendieta turned in a great defensive effort as well. The St. Joan's team defeated a tough SM/SC(806) and St. Raymond's in the playoffs on the road to the CYO Championship.

SM/SC came out strong in the first period of their semifinal playoff game with St. Joans (803) and led 12-10 after the first as Justis Olsen hit three 3 pointers on his way to 10 first quarter points. The second quarter went back and forth as SM/SC got some fine defensive efforts by Chris Benavidez, Spencer Mead, Brandon Ganguet, Kendrick Huynh, Adam Sylvia and Michael Noble. The second quarter also saw Nadeem Gross put on a ectacular crossover move and finish. SM/ SC trailed at the half but never gave up and had some fine all around play from Damariay Drew who finished with 13 points to go with 9 rebounds. Ricky Sarrica who hit some late timely buckets and some incredibe passing from Justis Olsen who finished with 12 points. SM/SC finally sucumbed and lost a closer than the final score indicates 53-39. Team members include Spencer Mead, Brandon Ganguet, Kendrick Huvnh, Nadeem Gross, Adam Sylvia, Damariay Drew, Chris Benavidez, Michael Noble, Ricky Sarrica and Justis Olsen.

SM/SC 5th grade girls American League team advanced through the first round of the playoffs on Sunday by dismantling a CCOP squad to whom they had lost twice during the regular season. Anna Neitzel set the defensive tone early with three blocked shots in the first 90 seconds of the game, and she continued to frustrate the CCOP attack by putting a roof over nearly a dozen shots over the course of the game. Molli Farro added 8 points to her numerous assists and stifling defense. Oddly, the best indication of how well the entire team moved the ball and how crisply they passed was Shannon Rosemark's 18 points (including 6 off offensive rebounds) against a defense designed to deny her the ball. CCOP refused to quit, and made a run behind a great pressing attack late in the first half, but after a few adjustments SM/SC pulled away for good, posting a 40-11 win that somehow felt closer than the score indicated.

SM/SC 5th grade girls team #5013 lost in the semifinals of the CYO basketball National team playoffs to the eventual chamnion St. Joan:s team #5003 by a score of 20 to 14. SM/SC finished the season with a respectable 10 and 3 record. After being down by 10 at halftime the SM/SC team fought back valiantly in the 2nd half with stifling defense, closing the gap to 6 before time ran out. Leading scorers for SM/SC were Kelly Borden, Dana Anex, Jessica Elfin, and Samantha Schwartz. Although slowed by a bout with the flu, Danielle Sun provided a courageous effort in support of her teammates.

### Run Like the Wind

vide 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 ½ marathon finishers. Medals are also given three deep in designated age groups for both male and female participants (check application for

5K Single: \$30. Check-in and race day registration opens

Ramon information and/or an application, contact the San Ramon Parks & Community

### 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 in-structions on how to register.

Walk-in registration schedule is as follows: March 1, 10 AM to 4PM at Hart Middle School 4433 Willow Rd., Pleasan

### 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 (PLISC) cocches through practice and leaves the company (BUSC) coaches through creative smallided games and training sessions. The final session of the camp allows players to practice their skills in World Cup-style competition. The camp is 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 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, March 1 from

Leagues start the first week in April and end May 31. No experience necessary. Equipment can be borrowed for anyone needing to do so as long as players have their own skates. Age groups are: 4-6 Mites, 7-9 Squirts, 10-12 Pee Wee, 13-15 Bantam, High School League for Freshman-Senior. For more info call Beau at 925-443-1500.

### Colt .45 Baseball

Colt .45s Baseball is looking for 8th grade  $14\,\mathrm{yr}$  old players for  $14\,\mathrm{UJr}$ . Elite Travel team. Sign up now for 16U and 18U teams, all high school players welcome for evaluation. No conflicts with high school teams. Please contact Coach Max Valencia at (925) 639-9034 or email maxvbaseball@hotmail.com. 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 per-son sign-ups will be held on 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

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 Cen-

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 pro-

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;

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

### Services at 925-973-3268 or mjones@sanramon.ca.gov. Timing and results of this event will be provided by On Your Mark Events. 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 to thank all the people involved in the renovation of the field. A free lunch will be provided for all the fans in attendance. Community members, friends of the program, alumni, teachers, staff, and district employees are invited to come out and

cheer. Registration will close when the league reaches 200 players. Players that are not able

to register with LJFL will be given instruc-

tions 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

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

ing 10 this year, The 10th Anniversary Celebration Tournament will feature an after-

noon shotgun, gourmet barbecue, wine tast-

ing and chance to win a new car with a hole

To be eligible for the complimentary invitation to the anniversary golf tournament, a golfer must play 10 rounds between January 1 and May 31, 2008. The field for the

special event is to include family, staff and

special guests who will gather for a celebra-

tion 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.

Tournament scheduled for June 22. In honor of the first Greg Norman-designed course in Northern California turn-

**Golf Tournament** 

should www.LivermoreJuniorFootball.com. watch the defending EBAL Champs take on the Bells of Bellarmine in the official opening

### 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 tour-naments, "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/

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.

### 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, 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 1 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 Tourna-ment at Poppy Ridge on March 7 at 1:00 p.m. It will be a scramble format with door prizes, cart, lunch and dinner included in the price. There will be a raffle afterwards giving away

some great prizes The cost is \$175. There are also sponsor-ship opportunities available. For more information, please visit www.eteamz.com/ LHSCowboysBaseball and click on the "Golf

Tournament" link at the top or contact David Perotti at 925-606-4812 x2438

### **Sharks Tickets**

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

Tickets are available for two games: Wednesday, March 5 against the Senators and Friday, March 21 against the L.A. Ducks. Game time is 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$46 each, for seats in Section 217, Rows 10-12. Call (925) 373-5700 to order by phone.

### **Softball Registration**

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

### Track and Field

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. The club is preparing for USATF Meets and AAU meets. Practices will be held on a voluntary/drop-in basis Monday through Friday. For club membership, practice times and locations, please visit www.athenianathletics.com or call Coach Rik Richardson at

## **Student Donates Funds to Help Pay Fees**

Cameron Church, an 11-yearold 5th grader at Arroyo Seco School in Livermore, decided he wanted to do something different. He collected money so who could not afford the fees would be able to participate in Livermore Area Recreation and Park District programs.

He made it all happen by asking for spare change from his neighbors, family and friends. Ultimately, he collected \$120 in quarters, \$14 in nickels, \$40 in dimes, \$15 in pennies, and \$26 in paper money. His family was so excited that they made a \$50 donation to bring the total to \$290. Cameron said, "I just want see more kids playing sports instead of video games." He went on to explain that football and baseball are his favorite sports, but he has been a gymnast, too.

Cameron explaind, " I just wanted to do something different. I believe everyone should get a chance to play sports."

The donation will allow the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District to assist families that otherwise could not afford to send their child to an LARPD sports camp this summer.

Cameron dropped the money off at the Robert Livermore Community Center while shooting some baskets with Mike Sa, LARPD's Youth Sports Coordinator. Cameron said, "I was surprised by how much money people were willing to give from their spare change."
Mike Sa, said," this is a very

impressive young man, and we hope he is looking for a job with LARPD one day. This is one of the most selfless acts we have ever seen for such a young man.'



Cameron Church poses with LARPD Recreation Supervisor Frank LaScala and his mother, Sandra Church.





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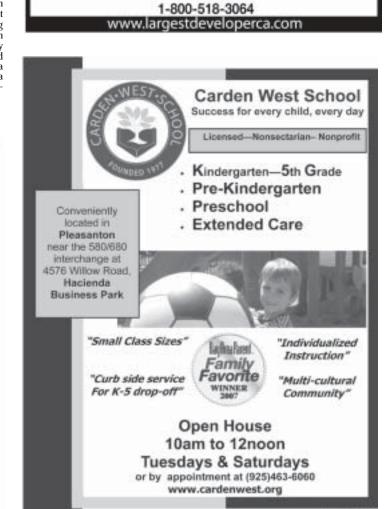
Located on the campus of the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore at Fourth and L Streets

Registration begins March 10, 2008. Call 455-0793 to schedule a pre-registration visit. For more information, see www.fpc-livermore.org.



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## SHORT NOTES

### Workshops

Towne Center Books in downtown Pleasanton is offering the following

 Journaling Workshop. 10 a.m.
 Thur. Mar. 6: Diana Robb, author of Regina's closet: finding My Grandmother's Secret Journal will offer a one-hour free journaling workshop. To be discussed are the benefits of journaling and tips on starting the practice of journaling. Bring your own journal or buy one.

• Writer's Workshop. 10 a.m. Fri. Mar. 14: Author Camille Minichino will be sharing her secrets of the trade in this 3 hour workshop. \$35.00 includes a box lunch. Reservations are required. For more information please call 925-846-8826 or respond to this

### **Ranch Conservation**

A ranch conservation planning short course will be offered on Wednesdays, March 12 through April 2. Sessions will be 6 to 9 p.m. March 12, 19, 26 and April 2.

Among the information will be how to identify long range goals, manage needs and opportunities; document good management practices al-ready being done and learn new practices for better productivity and sustainability; identify valuable wildlife habitat and how to conserve, enhance and market it; develop details maps of a ranch's infrastructure and natural resources; and improve competitiveness for funding programs.

The workshop is sponsored by the NRCS and UC Cooperative Extension. Reservations are required. Fee is \$40. For more information and reservations, contact Peggy Keifer at 371-0154, ext. 22 or 0154, ext. peggy.kiefer@acrcd.org.

### Food Drive

Curves of Livermore will be participating in the Curves Food Drive to benefit local food banks.

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 organiza-

tion, meeting date, time, place and theme or subject. Phone number and contact person should also be included.

Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club meets Tuesday, March 4 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will take place at Alisal School, multipurpose room, 1454 Santa Rita Road,

Pleasanton. Guest speaker will be Dolores Bengsten. Her topic will be Gardening in Africa. Visitors are welcome. Please call Sally at 417-8809.

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Amador Valley Quilt Guild will meet on Saturday, March 8, at 1:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Avenue, Pleasanton. Quilt artist Rose Hughes will share her "Raven Wisdom." Rose will be conducting her workshop "Color Magic" the following day. The guild is a non-profit educational association for quilters of all skill levels. Anyone interested in guilting may

levels. Anyone interested in quilting may attend. For further information about the

guild or upcoming speakers, please visit our website, http://amadorvalleyquilters.org.

Tri-Valley Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind meets on Saturday,

Rederation of the Blind meets on Saturday, March 1 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Cafeteria Room 2 at Valley Memorial Hospital in Livermore, 1111 Stanley Blvd.S Do you know anyone who is blind or is experiencing vision loss? This organization can help people to adjust. Any visually impaired or blind person is urged to attend. Call, Carl, 449-362 for more info.

NAMI, Tri-Valley, general meeting Mon., March 3, "In Our Own Voice." Two trained speakers, consumers of mental health

services, share their personal stories along

with a 7-part video. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. includes Q&A session. Livermore Library, 1188 So.

Livermore Ave. Information, contact Marsha McInnes, 980-5331 or marsha@namitrivalley.org. **Disaster Risks & Preparedness** Learn

basic safety measures, how to make a disaste plan. and assemble an emergency supply kit for yourself, your family, and your pets. There will be a program at Pleasanton Senior

Center presented by the American Red Cross that addresses questions and concerns about

disaster risks and preparedess. 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton on Tuesday, March 11 at 10am. \$1.50 Residents/\$2 Non-residents. Amador Mothers Club, meets Tues-

day, March 11, 7:30 pm, 1020 Serpentine Lane, Suite 102, Pleasanton. Jerilynn Shaker,

owner of KidsAssured (kidsassured.com) will talk about childproofing homes and other

safety topics.

Seance, Psychic and author, Irma Slage,

will make contact with the spirits of the Pleasanton Hotel and tell of the area's history. March 12, 7 p.m. Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main Street, Pleasanton. 925-846-8106. \$25 for

wine and cheese.

Wildflower Walk, Sat., March 8, John

Muir National Historic Site, 8:30 to 11 a.m. saunter up Mt. Wanda. Meet at the CalTrans

Park and Ride lot, corner of Alhambra Ave. and Franklin Canyon Rd., Martinez. Wear

good walking shoes, trail is steep. Bring water and binoculars. There is no charge for

the walk. Canceled in the event of heavy rain. Information, 228-8860.

Last year, the Curves Food Drive collected almost 11 million pounds of food for local communities all over the world. This year, Curves has set a goal to collect 15 million pounds to help even more people in need of healthy

Curves is offering a discounted service fee of \$30 for any new member who brings in a bag of nonperishable groceries and commits to a 12-month ČD membership between March 3 and March 15. Last year, a quarter of a million new members joined Curves

twist: a weekly theme that gives people fun options and helps them pick healthy foods to donate. The schedule includes: Week 1: Empty Your Pantry of Healthy Staples; Week 2: Foods From Around the World; Week 3: Souper Suppers; Week 4: Family Friendly items includ-ing healthy snacks for kids and baby

"The Curves Food Drive promo-tion is always exciting," said Gayle Stewart, the owner of the Livermore

Gayle Stewart at 960-9199 or www.curveslivermore.com.

### Wente Events

ing Room 5565 Tesla Road, Liver-For information call (925) 456-

On the evening of Thursday, March 20th, enjoy fine wine and stellar cuisine in the company of Karl Wente, Fifth Generation Winemaker here at Wente Vineyards. Karl will pair his hand-crafted small lot and library wines with a gourmet four-course dinner created The Restaurant at Wente Vineyards. Winery founder C.H. Wente, Karl's great-great grandfather, founded Wente Vineyards in 1883 and this year will be inducted in to the Vintner's Hall of Fame, as a "Pioneer." The honor coincides, coincidentally, with the winery's 125th anniversary, making Wente Vine-yards the country's oldest, continuously operated family-owned winery

in the United States. The dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$109 per person, plus tax, \$89 Club Wente Members The Event Center at Wente Vineyards 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore. For reservations call 925-456-2400 online www.ticketmaster.com.

The Restaurant will now feature live acoustic music every Monday from 6pm to 9pm, with performers changing weekly.

### Medicare Seminar

A free seminar is being offered to those who are new to Medicare. "Welcome to Medicare," will be presented Tuesday, March 4, from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at San Ramon Regional Medical Center. The seminar will be held in the South Conference Room in the South Building, located at 7777 Norris Can-yon Road, San Ramon.

Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) of Con-tra Costa will present the seminar. Debbie Hammond, HICAP counselor, will discuss Medicare A, B, C & D; how to supplement Medicare; and when and how to buy a drug plan. HICAP is a non-profit under the Dept. of Aging. For seminar reservations, call:

800.284.2878 or register online.

### **Greek Food & Wine**

Red Skye Winery will host a Greek Food and Wine Sensory Pairing on

March 1 and 2. Find out why traditional Greek food pairs so well with Rhone and Bordeaux reds. Learn what makes an excellent pairing, and the three biggest mistakes people can make in gournet food and wine pairings. Also, come taste wines from 6 different wineries all in one

great location,
The pairing will take place from 1 to 5 p.m. on both March 1 and 2. There will be a \$5 fee.

Red Skye Winery is located in Black-

smith Square, 21 So. Livermore Ave., downtown Livermore. For information, call 510-795-7725 or go to sales@redskyewine.com.

### Sangiovese Release

Rodrigue Molyneaux Winery is releasing its Sangiovese 2005. According to a press release, this sangiovese is so similar to one that sold

out early last year.

This 100% Italian varietal, Sangiovese, is a superb wine with deep red fruit intensity, snappy acidity and smooth tannins-think Italian Brunello. This Sangiovese is an assertive wine with a mouth-filling smooth finish. Think blueberry, plum with a spicy touch of cinnamon and clove. Vanilla and toast flavors come from aging a year in American oak. This wine is the

wild mushroom pizza.

The tasting room at the winery will be opend every weekend from 12:30 to

perfect compliment to a picnic or Italian dinner of roasted meat, pasta, or

5:00 beginning in March. Rodrigue Molyneaux Winery is located at 3053 Marina Ave., Livermore. For information, call 447-4280.

### **Grand Opening**

PartyBees will kick off its grand opening weekend on Fri., Feb. 29 from 3 pm to 6 pm at its facility at 1991 Santa

Rita Road, Suite G, in Pleasanton. The celebration will continue on Saturday between 12 noon and 6pm.

On Friday, the event will include birthday cake and free PartyBees T-Shirts to the first 100 children to attend. The Saturday event will feature a mural painting by Phil Yeh, a world-re-nowned artist who has traveled the world for 22 years promoting literacy by painting more than 1500 colorful murals and speaking at schools, libraries, museums, and conferences.

For more information on PartyBees, including a full description of all the party options and costs, or to book a party, go to www.partybees.com or call 925-202-9077.

### **Immunization Clinics**

Axis Community Health has scheduled its free winter immunization clinic for children on March 1, from 9:00-11:30 a.m. The clinics will take place at Pleasanton Clinic only, 4361 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleas-

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

Immunization appointments are also available at (925) 462-1755.

### **Arbor Day Celebration in Pleasanton**

California Arbor Day will be celebrated March 7 in observance of the birthday of Luther Burbank, well known for providing many improved varieties of flowers, fruits and trees. In recognition of this special day set aside to honor trees, the Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club and Alden Lane Nursery will provide a program to all

Pleasanton second graders during the first two weeks of March.

Members of the garden club will give a presentation to each of the elementary schools focusing on the many values of trees. Children will be encouraged to identify the many uses of trees, list how many foods we get from trees, and describe how the trees significantly improve our environment. The importance of caring for and respecting trees will be discussed.

The program highlight, especially enjoyed by the students, is the gifting of a seedling to each child accompanied by an adoption certificate. The garden club presenter demonstrates how to plant the

seedling in a container and provides tips on how to keep it healthy.

Alden Lane Nursery donates all the Coast Redwood tree seedlings for the program; the California Association of Nurseries and Garden Centers provides financial support for the printed materials. The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club prepares the seedling labels, tags and sorts them for distribution to the schools and provides Pleasanton school presentations.

The program is made possible through the cooperation of the elementary school teachers and staff who arrange for the presentation, provide the facility and supervise the on-site event.

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On March 8, Wente Vineyards is releasing the first vintage of Contraste. This wine, a red blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Tempranillo, is a collaboration of Wente Vineyards and Casa de Piedra of Baja California. Sample this international release and meef winemakers Hugo Dacosta and Karl Wente.

The release event is 1 to 4 p.m. in the Wente Vineyards Estate Winery Tast-

12 are invited to drop in and play Wii sports on the big screen and unlock songs from On the big screen and unlock songs from Guitar Hero I & II in the large meeting room of the Pleasanton Public Library. All pro-grams are free. No registration is required. Please contact Teen Services Librarian Teresa

Parham at 925-931-3404.

Ohlone Audubon, meets 7:30 p.m.
Tues., March 4 at Casa Sandoval, 1200
Russell Way, Hayward. Hans Peeters, author

to 1:30 p.m. at Castlewood Country Club, 707 Country Club circle, Pleasanton. Cost is 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 Divi-sion Membership Secretary and local Congressional candidates. Learn more about TVRWF and become a member.

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. www.tvmotc.com.

The Way of the Cross, Road to Calvary, St. Augustine Catholic Church, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleaseanton, Friday evenings in

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 1, 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 Formore information or to register online go to: http://www.ifre.org/ifre/ line go to: http://www.ifre.org/ifre/events\_\_seminars.

The Crucifixion, A Meditation on the Sacred Passion of the Holy Redeemer, a Passion cantata by Sir John Stainer (1840-1901). Presented Sun., March 9, 5:15 p.m. by St. Clare's Chancel Choir under the direction of The Chevalier Jason R. Fredrick Organist-Choirmaster; Edward Coverdale, tenor; Kurt Haller, bass at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. Free will donations will be gratefully accepted at the door. A light meal will be served following the performance. Childcare provided during concert. For information contact St. Clare's office at 925-462stclare@att.net.

4802 or stclare@att.net. www.stclarespleasanton.org. Lessons about faith, courage and hope. Presented by Terry Healey, well-known speaker and survivor of a disfiguring cancer, share his inspiring story of tragedy, obstacles, and ultimately, triumph on March 13, from 9:30 to 11:00 AM at St. Charles Borromeo, Catholic Community, 1315 Borromeo Catholic Community, 1315 Lomitas Avenue, Livermore. Terry will autograph his book, *At Face Value*, which will be available for sale after his presentation. For more information, contact Mary at 925-454-9919 or Jutta at 925-245-0721.

Tri-Valley Unity Church, "The Power Story" — March message theme by speaker Richard Southern. March 2 message "Starting Over," the story of forgiveness. Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin, 10:00 a.m. Sunday service. (925) 829-2733. www.trivalleyunity.com All are welcome.

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## 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 Phone: (925) 606-3235 or achristensen@livermore.k12.ca.us

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 DELAÑO FISCAL 2008-09

Propietarios de casas con 65 años de edad o mayores tienen hasta el 1<sup>m</sup> 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

Contacto: Floyd Wilson

Director de Administración de Inmueble Teléfono: (925) 606-3235 o achristensen@livermore.k12.ca.us

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 1co de Julio del 2008 o antes de esa

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

Puede accesar 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.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., March 1, basic exercise ride, 39 miles to Walnut Creek, Danville Blvd. and Iron Horse trail, meet 9:30 a.m. at Dublin BART, Brian Boerman, 510-381-4442. Sun., March 2, 60 miles over Calaveras Road to Milpitas, meet 10 a.m. at Val Vista Park in Pleasanton, Curtis Stallins, 922-2461. Wed., March 5, 35 or 49 miles from Shannon Center to either first or second summit on Calaveras, meet 10 a.m. Barb Hailey, 899-8676. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what

Luck of the Irish, March 15, Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge #2117, corned beef and cabbage, Irish dancers, door prizes. Cocktails 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. \$20 per person. Tickets available at lodge office, 940 Lark-spur Dr., Livermore, or call 455-8829.

Youth employment program, March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2. Pleasanton Public Library invites youth, ages 14 to 21 looking for a job, to drop in to speak with a career counselor from the Tri-Valley One Stop Career Center the first Monday of each month until June. No registration required. The program is free. Libray located at 400 Old Bernal Ave For more information please contact Teresa Parham : tparham@ci.pleasanton.ca.us or 925-931-3404.

Livermore-Amador Genealogical So ciety, general meeting Tuesday, March 11, at 7:30pm. at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Guest speaker will be Hildi Kang: "Tradition and Tradition Breakers, 720 A.D.-1955". Visitors are welcome, no charge. Map to the meeting site: http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/PLS-BethEmek.html. Information: Marie Ross 025 447, 1906 925-447-1806

925-447-1806.

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. 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.

Video Games @ the Library, City of Pleasanton Public Library Meeting Room, 400 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, Sat., March 15, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Teens grades 6-

during the food drive.

Others wishing to donate may drop off nonperishable food items at Curves

Monday through Friday during business hours through the month of March. This year's food drive includes a

necessities.

club. "We have a chance to help so many people at a time when the food banks are lowest. It's a win-win situation for everyone, and we're very proud to participate. For more information, contact

rdusen Way, Hayward. Hans Peeters, author of "Owls of California and the West," will share slides and insights he gained. Refresh-ments. Information 925-939-5798. The Tri-Valley Republican Federated 3rd Annual Membership Luncheon will be held on Saturday, March 8 from 11:30 a.m.

RELIGION

Bernal Ave., Pleaseanton, Friday evenings in Feb. and March 7 and 14 at 7:30 p.m. except Feb. 15 which will be 6 p.m.

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. 8mm at

Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District

### **Donna Gail Crawford**

Donna Crawford, 65, resident of Pleasanton for 40 years, passed away peacefully at her home in Pleasanton on February 20, 2008.

Donna loved to golf, she also played in the Pleasanton Community Concert Band, and was a member at St. Augustine's Catholic Church. She was a dedicated volunteer at the San Ramon Regional Medical Center.

Donna is survived by her beloved husband of 45 years, Robert W. Crawford, children, Kenneth Crawford and Kelly Perry, and brother, Art Farnsworth. She also leaves behind her grandchildren, Courtney Perry and Britney

Å Memorial Mass was celebrated February 23 at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church in Pleasanton.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd. Ste #100, Dublin, CA

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

### Douglas E. La Venture

Douglas Venture, a long time resident of Livermore, passed away peacefully on Monday, February 11, 2008 at Dominican Hospital in Santa Cruz. He was surrounded by family and friends.

He was born January 31, 1944.

A memorial service was held to celebrate his life on Saturday, February 23 at Trinity Baptist Church in Livermore. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the American Cancer Society.

### Steven Colandrea

Livermore resident Steven Colandrea, formerly of Wallkill, NY, passed away suddenly on Friday, February 15, 2008.

Steven was born on May 5, 1966 in Newburgh, NY. He was the son of Anthony Colandrea and Penny Ettell-Kniffin. Steven was a loving husband, father, brother and friend. His faith in God, and his warmth and generosity affected the many lives that he touched on a daily basis. Steven will be sadly missed in

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

Steven enjoyed doing 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 get-aways, ATV riding, car shows and vacationing with his family.

Memorial services were held February 21 in Pleasanton.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Colandrea Educational Memorial Fund at Wells Fargo Bank, acct #1507045449.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

### **Edna Mildred Wright**

Edna Mildred Wright, "Millie" as she was known to everyone, passed away on February 15, 2008 in Pleasanton. She was 94. Born in Sterling City on Oct. 23, 1913, the daughter of a gold miner, she lived most of her life in Hayward before retiring to the gold country town of Columbia.

Millie was active in Native Daughters of the Golden West, serving as president of the Columbia Parlor. She also served many years as a docent for Columbia State Park. She was an accomplished artist and enjoyed playing cards, knitting, and traveling with family and friends.

She is survived by a son, Roger Wright of Discovery Bay, daughter Arlene Wright of Whittier, 8 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, Marshall Wright, son Kenneth Wright, and siblings Myrtle Davies, James Young and

Hugh Young.
Millie's final resting place will be in Columbia Cemetery. A Memorial service is being planned for March 1st, 11:00 a.m. at the Eagle Cotage in Co-

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### Mark Lee Turner

Mark L. Turner, a long time resident of Livermore, left us Sunday morning February 17, 2008 to be with our Lord and Savior.

He was born in Oakland, CA on August 11, 1960. He was 47 years old. Mark was loved and respected by so many for so much. He was a gentleman, an

excellent carpenter and leader in the construction industry. He was a cowboy who enjoyed roping and ranching. First and foremost Mark was a family man and his true passion was helping his friends, family and anyone else that was in need of help.

Mark is survived by his wife Laurie A. Turner, his mother, Charlotte I. Turner, sisters Cheryl Peeff and Sharon Boyett, brothers Gene Turner and James Turner; his children Tanya Turner. Seth and Steven Phillips, and grandson Travis N. Turner. Mark is also survived by his mother-in law, Marilyn, sister in law, Sherry Nigg and her husband Danny Nigg. He was preceded in death by his father, George D. Turner and brother, Bryan W.

A Memorial Service was held on February 23 in Livermore. Following the service, guests gathered at Bassos Arena in Livermore to share memories of Mark.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

### H. Clyde Maine

After a long battle with melanoma, Clyde Maine willed himself to rest on February 15, 2008. He was 84.

He was a resident of Pleasanton and Indio, born August 8,

He is survived by his sister Idella Westphal of Kichardson, Texas; daughters, Audrey Butler, Skipper Maine, step-daughter Deb Tacker; grandchildren Darren Butler, Kristine VanderBeek, James Tacker, Conor O'Callahan-Maine; great granddaughter Delilah VanderBeek and innumerable step-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, March 1, at 1:00 p.m. at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, . 4167 First St., Pleasanton.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Coachella Valley Rescue Mission, P.O. Box 10660, Indio, CA 92202.

### **Andrew Francis Silva** Andrew Francis Silva, born



14, Feb. 2008 at Memorial Hospital Modesto, CA. He was born and raised in Livermore, the only

Oct. 5, 1915,

passed away

child of Annie and Manual Silva. His grandparents were some of the first settlers in the Livermore

area. A veteran of World War II, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and was assigned as lower ball over France and Italy. He ob-

tained the rank of Sergeant. He was wounded after 23 bombing missions, earning him a Purple Heart. Upon returning to the United States, he lived in Livermore where he married Lena T. Leal, raised two sons, Arthur Silva and Matthew Silva.

turret gunner on a B-24 bomber

He joined the California Native Sons and VFW Post 7265, where he reached the rank of commander. He was retired from the Livermore Lab and Sandia, where he worked as an engineer.

He moved to Modesto in 1979, where his wife of 47 years, Lena, died in 1991. He married Margaret Aylin of Modesto in 1992 and traveled in and out of the United States. In 2004, they moved to Dale Commons Assisted Living Facility in Modesto, where they resided for the past three years.

Mr. Silva is survived by his wife of 16 years, Margaret, sons, Art Silva and his wife, Ronnie, of Tracy and Matt Silva and his wife, Cindy, of Sacramento; stepdaughter Robyn Boeder and husband, Al, of Fremont. He also leaves numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by all.

Private memorial services will be held at Dale Commons in Modesto on March 7 from 2 to 4

Remembrances can be made in his name to Hospice.

### Nancy Carol Funk

Nancy Carol Funk died February 20, 2008 in Hughson. She

The native of Cheney, KS, was born Sept. 29, 1941 to Marvin and Mary Early.

She moved to California in 1963 and settled in Livermore from 1968 to 1996 prior to moving to the Manteca/Lathrop area. Nancy owned Nancy's Boutique, a beauty salon in Livermore, from 1982 to 1992. She enjoyed gardening, crocheting, and making afghans and doll clothes.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Steve Brown of Brentwood; son, Michael Funk of Livermore; brothers Gene Early of Livermore, Raymond Early of Florida, and Kenneth Early of Tennessee; sister Margie Ellis of Texas, and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Feb. 25 in Livermore. Burial followed at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Livermore.

Arrangements by Callaghan 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 Jon Maige and Fadel Zaru, ten grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Joe, son Reinaldo, and parents Jose and Milla DeCampos.

A mass of celebration was celebrated Feb. 23 at St. Raymond's Catholic Church in Dublin.

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

### Jimmy (Jim) Lee **Snodgrass**

Hitch Mortuary.

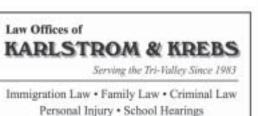
Jimmy Snodgrass, 60, native of Fort Sill, OK, died peacefully at home Feburary 24, 2008. His loved ones were by his side.

He was born July 29, 1947. Jimmy had lived in Pleasanton since 1975.

Jimmy received his BA in Business at U.S.C. He worked as a Credit Manager for many years. He was affiliated with the Tri-Valley Men's Golf Club, CCUU (California Union Collectors Council) and U.S. C. Alumni's. Jim enjoyed golf, music, and trav-

He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Virginia, mother, Arlene Snodgrass, son, Rene Ruiz, and daughters, Jennifer Snodgrass, Yvonne Morales, and Sylvia VonSchert, and sister, Candace Heldenbrand. He also leaves behind grandchildren, Vincent, Fiona, Veronika, Anthony, and Vyvyanna. He was uncle to Alicia and Ronnie.

He was preceded in death by



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his father, D.M. "Jim" Snodgrass, and maternal grandparents, John and Alice Hebrew.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, March 1, at 10 a.m. at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St., Pleasanton.

### Joan Gaster

Joan Gaster of Sun City passed away February 15, 2008 at the Sun Health Boswell Hospital in Arizona after a sudden illness.

She was born in Los Angeles on May 16, 1932, the only child of John and Ella Farmer. Joan was a teacher for 35 years and never lost the ability to schedule and instruct. She would provide a schedule for everyone for each day's activities. If any of her friends and family wanted to know what they had to do, all they had to do was ask Joan.

She was a very giving person, who single-handedly kept the Hallmark card business alive. You could count on at least one and usually two or three cards from Joan for each holiday, birthday or anniversary. She was involved in every social function she came across from church to sororities. She lived her family and friends, and they loved her.

She is survived by her husband Jim Gaster, and eight adult children. Jim and Joan have been married 35 years. Their blended family consists of son, Larry and daughters, Mary, Jill, Jorgette, Charlotte, Sharon, Mary and Theresa, and 21 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son James Jr.

Funeral services will be held

at 1 p.m. on Sat., March 8 at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St., Pleasanton. Graveside services will be Mon., March 10 at Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery, 5780 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton.

### Fred Garrison

Fred Garrison died February 24, 2008 in Pleasanton. He was

Fred was raised in Anderson, SC, lived in numerous cities across the U.S. until he met the love of his life, Barbara and settled his family in Pleasanton in 1931. He was a retail buyer and manager for most of his career and had an amazing work ethic. He was a loving brother, husband, father and papa. The happiest moments of his life were spent with his family.

Fred was known for his kind heart, honesty, sincerity, strength, and his family values. All of those attributes will live on within all who met and loved

Fred is survived by his sister Doris of Spartanburg, SC, son Michael of Honolulu, HI, daughter Samantha and granddaughter Kayla of Pleasanton and many extended family members in South Carolina. He was preceded in death by his parents Fred and Ruth, sister Pat and wife Barbara.

In lieu of a service, family and friends are welcome to a celebration of his life open house at his home, 2892 Corte Da La Jara on Sat., March 1, 1 to 4 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Hope Hospice in Dublin.

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## **Church Celebrates 85 Years in Livermore**

On March 1, 2008, First Church of Christ, Scientist is celebrating its 85th anniversary in Livermore.

The congregation is hosting a free inspirational talk about freedom from stress. There will be an open house and brief tour of the church on March 1.

To commemorate this milestone, the congregation has planned two days of festivities as a gift to the community. On Saturday, March 1, inspirational speaker, Tim Myers of Southern California, will give a free, one-hour talk on "Freedom from Stress and Clutter." An open house and tour of the church follows Myers' talk.

On Sunday, March 2, the weekly service will feature readings on "Christ Jesus" from The Bible and Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, written by the founder of Christian Science, Mary Baker Eddy. An open houses is free. Everyone



Church is located on N Street.

open house and tour of the church follows the service. Light refreshments will be served both

Admission to the talk and

from the community is welcome

First Church of Christ, Scientist is located at 263 South "N" Street (corner of Third), Livermore. Call 925-447-2946, or visit www.seekanswers.info.

Myers' diverse background includes three years as an officer in the U.S. Army. After his service, he attended Occidental College (Los Angeles) where he earned a degree in English with the goal of becoming an English teacher. Instead, his prayers led him into the construction industry where he owned his own busi-

Myers is active in interfaith community work in Southern

California, where he currently lives. He served on the board of directors for a Teen Center, studied conflict resolution, and provided counseling for local teens. He also taught Sunday school at detention centers in the Southern California area for several

In 1923, a group of Livermore residents began meeting in members' homes for weekly Christian Science Sunday services. In January 1931, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, also known as The Mother Church, recognized the Livermore group as a Christian Science Society. In December 1948, the Christian Science Society purchased the present church property on the corner of Third and South 'N' streets for \$1,500.

In January 1993, the Church membership hired Peter Harmon, an East Bay architect, to develop a design for a foyer addition. The adesign for a toyer addition. The additions were completed in December 1997, and included a steeple, which helped raise the church's visibility as a place of worship among the primarily residential neighborhood. The City of Livermore recognized the Church's additions with an Award of Merit from the City of Livermore Beautification Committee in July 1998. The plaque is now proudly displayed in the Church foyer.



LMA Productions has announced that their Actor Training Program will be open to the public in the second quarter of 2008. In a move designed to bolster the creative market in the Tri-Valley/East Bay area, LMA managing partner, Thaddeus Coberg spearheads the effort. "We have so much talent in this area, there's no reason why this area can't become more like Los Angeles, or New York for film/video produc-

The classes will be broken down into 10 week courses for adults and a separate class for children/teens. On Camera techniques will be emphasized and the sessions will be video taped utilizing LMA's state-of-the-art production equipment. The performances will then be immediately reviewed in the class on video for feedback designed to improve the actor's performance. At the end of the 10-week session, each actor will have their work showcased in an open house event for their friends, family, and associates to see their work on the big screen. Each student will graduate with a Demo Reel DVD of their work.

Veteran Hollywood Director, Rick Beeman, will head up the instruction of the classes. Beeman has directed and taught

Livermore Valley Charter School presents "Dragon Dreams

Art Expo" on Saturday March

8th from 1-4pm at Livermore

invited to view the art. This show

is the third annual school-wide

exhibit and will be held in the

LVCS multipurpose room. All

students, all grade levels (K-8)

are contributing artwork, which

will include both 2-D and 3-D

pieces using various media. Light refreshments will be

is Mrs. Regina Leyva. She began

her studies in the area of fashion

illustration and design and graduated with an Applied Pro-

fessional Studies Degree, with

emphasis in Art History. In addi-

The middle school art teacher

served.

The Livermore community is

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classes worldwide including Los Angeles, Buenos Aires, Taipei, Houston, and Saudi Arabia. Having an extensive amount of real world experience working with professional and amateur actors gives Beeman unique insight on how to communicate and shepherd his students through the acting process. Coberg is very enthusiastic about Beeman heading up the training program. "Rick has taught hundreds of students from around the world. LMA is very fortunate to have him on the team."

The Actor's Training Program will take place on LMA's television stage. LMA partner Doug Mann thinks the stage is the perfect venue for the classes. "We have one of the largest stages in the Bay Area. If our students want real television studio experience to hone their craft, they aren't going to find a better facility to

do it at than LMA." said Mann.
"We usually need 40-50 actors per year for our various corporate and entertainment projects we produce at LMA. We are constantly on the lookout for new talent, and the classes will give us an immediate database from which to pull our next working

talent" said Coberg.

Information is available at 417-1420.

Charter School Students to Show

Artwork at 'Dragon Dreams Expo'

## Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan

### Tule Elk

In 1851 some men near Lodi were herding their horses to water. One horse wore a bell. "Its tinkling excited the fancy or curiosity of some elk and they came out of the tules. ... The horses became frightened and stampeded, but the elk were not to be deprived so easily of their horse serenade, and started in pursuit. Away went pursuers and pursued, careening over the country-side." Lodi is in Elkhorn Township, named for the abundance of elk once found there.

Before the Gold Rush, the state had more than 500,000 tule elk, native only to California, ranging from Red Bluff down to Bakersfield and west to the coast. The Livermore Valley held many of them. In 1844 Robert Livermore realized \$600 from the fat of elk and grizzly bear that he killed in the Tassajara area. James D. Smith, who came to the San Ramon Valley in 1850 with his mother and father, noted animals that his father hunted that year: "Wild game was plentiful, deer and elk in particular, the latter in droves of 75 to 100." Their range was the foothills around Mount Diablo. Early surveyor Leander Ransom described the wildlife around Mount Diablo in 1851—"Herds of elk, antelope and deer ... abound here. One herd of elk that we saw on the

mountain numbered at least 200."

A state law passed in 1873 that gave the elk complete protection. However, by 1874 the tule elk population had dwindled to only a few animals because of hunting and loss of habitat. Henry Miller of the Miller and Luxe Ranch down near Bakersfield discovered a few elk on his property. He ordered strict protection, offering a \$500 reward to anyone who caught a hunter violating his ban. Recent DNA evidence indicates that only one pair or possibly as many as four elk were left. By 1895, with Miller's protection, the elk total had climbed to 28. Tule Elk State Reserve, a 950-acre property, was established near the ranch in 1932 to create a permanent home for the surviving elk. In the early 1970s, the California Department of Fish and Game began to transplant small herds of elk to various places around the state in an attempt to broaden their habitat. One of these places was in the Mt. Hamilton area, east of San Jose. Four separate groups of tule elk were brought in from Owens Valley in 1978, 1980, and 1981, a total of 65 animals. These elk migrated north and now range between Maguire Peaks at the southern end of Sunol Valley Regional Park and San Antonio Reservoir. Occasionally, some of the herd wander over to Del Valle Regional Park. Two were spotted in August 2007 at Camp Arroyo. The entire local population was estimated at between 180 and 205 animals in 1994. In July 2006 the Nature Conservancy acquired the 2,899-acre South Valley Ranch in the San Antonio Valley near Mount Hamilton. The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation partnered with the Conservancy on this acquisition by securing the grazing rights on the property to ensure the future of the elk.

Tule elk are shy of human contact. The usual view of them for the casual hiker is their white rumps fading into the distance. Bob Several, while hiking to the top of the Maguire Peaks in 1981, saw "three creatures ... directly ahead. I looked, and there were the white rumps. A second or two later, they had bounded away, disappearing over one of the outcroppings." Tule elk reproduce rapidly when conditions are right, and they migrate to find appropriate feed. These two characteristics, as well as their protection by the state, have brought them back from the threat of extinction. However, their gene pool is very small, from the few 1874 survivors, and an increase in deformities is expected as

the population ages.

Smaller in size than elk species in other parts of the country, the tule elk is tolerant of the hot climate in the Central Valley. Mostly light brown, it has a darker conspicuous mane. It stands four to five feet at the shoulder. Bulls have an average weight of 450 to 500 pounds and carry a large six-point rack of antlers. The high-pitched squeaky bugling of the bulls signals rutting and mating in late summer; a single calf is born the following spring. Tule elk feed on grasses and broad-leaved plants; after these dry up, they browse on terminal growth of bushes and trees and also eat acorns. A 2007 statewide census listed 3,800 tule

Vera Revelli has her own tule elk herd of five in Pleasanton. They'll never reproduce because their large antlers identify them all as males. They also will never reproduce because they are silhouettes made of a decorative iron material that creates a protective coat of rust on itself. In 2003 Revelli was redoing the parking lot near her office building at the busy corner of Bernal and First Street. "We wanted to make that corner stand out—so many people pass by." She commissioned the five elk and also landscaping of rocks and grasses around them that reflects their habitat, not the typical commercial parking lot look. Her favorite elk is the one that stands alone, looking back over his shoulder. We can imagine him looking back in history at the rest of his herd that used to run so freely over the natural landscape.

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

Mary Chambers, who was 10 at the time, pauses for a photo .

### Author to Discuss Family's Trek Along Pacific Crest Trail

In April 2004, Sunol residents Barbara Egbert and Gary Chambers began a six-month journey to hike the length of the Pacific Crest Trail with their precocious 10-year-old daughter, Mary. That October, Mary became the youngest person ever to successfully walk the 2,650-mile route from Mexico to Canada.

The Pleasanton Library will host Egbert on March 2 at 2 p.m. She will share her stories and slides from her family adventure hiking the Pacific Crest Trail

Zero Days: The Real-Life Adventure of Captain Bligh, Nellie Bly, and 10-year-old Scrambler on the Pacific Crest Trail is the tale of a family adventure that required love, perseverance, and the careful rationing of toilet paper. The trio, who adopted the trail names Captain Bligh (Gary), Nellie Bly (Barbara), and Scrambler (Mary), hiked for 168 days and took a total of only nine "zero days"—days off from hik-

Along the way, they weathered the heat of the Mojave, the jagged peaks of the Sierra, the rain of Oregon, and the final long, cold stretch of the Northern Cascades to Canada. They met "trail angels" like the Dinsmores and their saltymouthed parrot, Topper. And they discovered which family values, from love and equality to thrift and cleanliness, could withstand shin splints, an abscessed tooth, aching legs, failing knees, bad water—and a long, narrow trail and 137 nights together in a 6-by-8-foot tent.

Primarily written by the mother, Barbara, Zero Days also incorporates drawings from 10-year-old Mary's journal, as well as her own insightful and often humorous musings along the trail. (\$15.95, 1st edition, paperback; \$21.95, 1st edition, cloth). Available now at local bookor at wildernesspress.com.

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tion to teaching, Leyva has designed for Marchant, a fashion house, owned a jewelry business, and studied with both Marvin Bileck and George Fernandez. She continues as a freelance art-

The elementary school art teacher is Mrs. Amy Modrich. She earned her Bachelor of Arts from the College of Charleston in South Carolina. In addition to teaching art, she has had her work displayed at the Halsey Gallery of Contemporary Art in Charleston, and in both group and solo shows in Seattle.

The school is located at 543 Sonoma Ave., Livermore.







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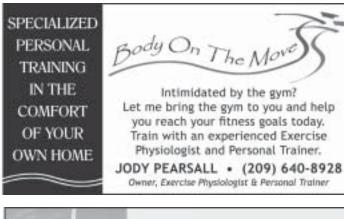
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Camille Norton and Taylor Graham will be the featured poets.

## Ravenswood Poetry Series Continues Sunday

Livermore's Poet Laureate Connie Post will host the next reading in the Ravenswood Poetry Series on Sun., March 2 from

2 to 4 p.m. Ravenswood Historic Site is located at 2647 Arroyo Rd., Livermore.

Featured readers are Camille Norton and Taylor Graham. They will read at 2 p.m. Open mic will take place after the featured readers following a short break (one

page, 40 lines or less.) Norton's book, "Corruption," won the National Poetry Series Open Competition for 2004 and was published by HarperCollins in 2005. It was nominated as the most outstanding book of poems published in 2005 by The Northern California Book Reviewers Association. Her awards include The Grolier Prize in Poetry, an NEA Fellowship in Poetry at the MacDowell Art Colony, residencies at The Virginia Center for the Creative Arts, The Ragdale Colony, and The Hedgebrook Colony, among others. In 1985, when she lived in Western Massachusetts, she won a Stegner Fellowship in Poetry at Stanford but was too afraid of California to accept it. These many years later, she lives bemusedly in Stockton, California, where she is Professor of English Literature at The University of the Pacific.

Graham lives at the end of a little dirt road in El Dorado County with her husband, Hatch; three German Shepherds trained for search-and-rescue, and two untrainable cats. She and Hatch have been SAR volunteers for over 30 years, in Alaska, Virginia, and California. Taylor's poems have appeared in America, The Iowa Review, The New York Quarterly, Poetry International, Southern Humanities Review, and elsewhere, and she's included in the anthology California Poetry: From the Gold Rush to the Present (Santa Clara University, 2004). Her book The **Downstairs Dance Floor (Texas** Review Press. 2006) was awarded the Robert Phillips Poetry Chapbook Prize. Her latest project is Walking with Elihu, poems about the American peace activist Elihu Burritt, the Learned Blacksmith (1810-1879).

Light refreshments will be served. There is a \$5.00 admission fee; students with ID are admitted free.

For more information, contact Connie Connie@Poetrypost.com.

## Valley Concert Chorale Performs 'Carmina Burana'

The Valley Concert Chorale, in collaboration with the Cantabella Children's Chorus and San Francisco Concert Chorale, will perform Carl Orff's dramatic choral masterpiece Carmina Burana on Saturday, March 8, at 8 p.m. at the new Bankhead Theater.

The theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Liver-

The performance will include two pianos, percussion, and professional soloists.

Carmina Burana is perhaps the most performed choral work throughout the world. "We are very excited to be performing this incredible music as part of the Bankhead Theater's inaugural season," says John Emory Bush, Artistic Director of the Valley Concert Chorale and San Francisco Concert Chorale. 'This is music that will move your soul and excite your spirit. Our 2006 performance of

Carmina received a standing ovation from a sold-out audience. We hope to do the same this year.'

Also performing will be the Chorale's own accompanist Daniel Glover, an internationally known concert pianist. He will open the evening with piano selections by Franz Liszt.

Tickets are \$25, plus any applicable theater service fees. Tickets are available only through the Bankhead Theater by calling (925) 373-6800. online via the website at www.livermoreperformingarts.org, or at the Bankhead ticket office. Ticket office hours are Monday through Saturday, Noon to 6p.m., and on performance days, Noon through intermission.

More information about the Valley Concert Chorale is avail-

www.valleyconcertchorale.org or by calling the general information line at (925) 866-4003.

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 two pieces from their repertory "Flip" and "Gravity." Tick-ets 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 Saturday, March 8, additional \$12, lim 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 Carvantes "Don Quiyote"

8 p.m. Feb. 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. www.leshercenter.org,

www.dloc.org.

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

Urinetown, Pleasanton Playhouse, runs

weekends through March 22. Curtain 8 p.m. Fri. and Sat., 2 p.m. Sun.

at the Studio Theatre, 1048 Serpentine Lane, Suite 309, Pleasanton. Call 925-462-2121 or go to

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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 Vineyed Avenue Please. ter, 1184 Vineyard Avenue, Pleasanton. Fund-raiser for the Valley Humane Society. \$85 per person.

www.valleyhumane.org.

Hats Off America is sponsoring a performance of "Wigged Out" at Hair On Stage, on Saturday, March 8 at 520 San Ramon Valley Blvd, Danwillo, Tickets are \$40 per person and ville. Tickets are \$40 per person and proceeds benefit for Hats Off America, a nonprofit organization. For tickets and information, call Sparky George, Hats Off America, (925) 855-1950. Proceeds from Hats Off America.

Best of San Francisco Comedy Featuring 2007 Winner Paul Ogata. Saturday, March 1, 8:00 PM. All Tickets: \$15, \$20, \$2. Evening of adult comedy! Pleasanton Civic Arts Presents, Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. www.civicartstickets.org or 931-

Irish Fairies and Folklore, Sat., March 1, 2 p.m. Dublin Heritage Center. \$3 per person. Pay at the door.

awrence Livermore National Laboratory Science on Saturday, March 1, 9:30am/11am, Bankhead Theater, www.livermoreperformingarts.org. **Book Sale,** Friends of the Livermore

Library will hold their monthly book

sale on Sunday, March 2, from noon to 4 p.m. in front of the former Library at 1000 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Fiction and nonfiction books, magazines and audiovisuals are sold at deep discounted prices. There will be a table of free books. 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. books will be sold for \$2 a shopping bag full of books. **Aspen Santa Fe Ballet**, contemporary

Aspen Santa Fe Ballet, contemporary ballet, March 2, 2pm, Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center Presents, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

One act plays, March 5 at 12:30 p.m. and March 7 at 8 p.m. Las Positas College Free admission Performance

College. Free admission. Performance on campus, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Information, 424-1166.

Thoroughly Modern Millie, A production by Amador Valley and Foothill High Schools. Show dates are March 6, 7, 8, 13, 14 and 15. A high-spirited musical romp that has every-body dancing the Charleston. Tak-ing place in New York City in 1922, this is the story of young Millie Dillmount, who has just moved to the city in search of a new life for herself. Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Reserved seating tickets are \$12/adults; \$10/students and seniors. They can be purchased through www.CivicArtsTickets.org or at the Amador Theater Box Office, 1155

Santa Rita Rd. in Pleasanton.

The Crucifixion, A Meditation on the Sacred Passion of the Holy Redeemer, a Passion cantata by Sir John Stainer

(1840-1901). Presented Sun., March 9, 5:15 p.m. by St. Clare's Chancel Choir under the direction of The Chevalier Jason R. Fredrick Organ-ist-Choirmaster; Edward Coverdale, tenor; Kurt Haller, bass at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. Free will donatons will be gratefully accepted at the door. A light meal will be served following the performance. Childcare provided during concert. For information contact St. Clare's office at 462-4802 or stclare@att.net.

www.stclarespleasanton.org.

Piano Recital, Nadia Blank will perform a Lenten Piano Recital March 1 at 4:00 PM in the sanctuary of San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church, 902 Danville Blvd., Alamo. Blank was trained at the St. Petersburg State Conservatory in Russia and has earned a Doctor of Musical Arts degree at USC in piano performance. She will play pieces by Bach, Chopin, and Rachmaninoff. Suggested donation for this benefit concert is \$15 in advance (925 837-5243) or \$20 at the door.

Pleasanton Playhouse Broadway Chorus, sign-up March 2 between 6 and 8 p.m. at 1048 Serpentine Lane, Suite 303, Pleasanton. No audition required. Fee \$40 for the music. All music is from Broadway, so it's very familiar. Director: Jenny Matteucci Blank was trained at the St. Peters-

familiar. Director: Jenny Matteucci Rehearsals take place every Sunday from 6 to 8 p.m. The Spring Concert will be on May 23, 24 & 25 at Amador High School Auditorium in Pleasanton Questions? Call Nancy Mulligan 925-443-3076.

## It was a dark and stormy night

**By Susan Steinberg** 

It was a dark and stormy night, but music-lovers turned out in force to greet a quartet of famous early music players performing right here in the Valley.

The first in this season's Early Music Concert Series at Las Positas College, the event was a rare attention-grabber. Fans like this reviewer who usually trek to Albany for their concerts were delighted to have these gifted artists actually come to us.

Not just a concert, the evening was also a multicultural history lesson and interactive seminar. An informal pre-concert presentation (always a highlight of this series) allowed audience members to learn about the variety of instruments played and their in-

triguing histories. For example, the hand-held "frame drums," like the Celtic bodhrun and tambourine, should have natural coverings for a properly authentic tone. The instruments demonstrated used goathide and fish-skin, a real surprise to most of us. And that anachronistic electric cord was not to amplify the sound, but for a modern heating pad to keep the natural skins warm and dry. (If they absorb moisture, they sag, and

produce a dullish thud.) World-famous percussionist Peter Maund related the familiar tale of his start as a young rock drummer ("driving my parents and neighbors crazy"). Coming to one new group's first rehearsal, he learned he was to play a singleheaded frame drum, using his hand rather than a set of sticks, and the rest has been musical his-

other performers admitted to similar paths to early music, especially the engaging David Morris, a versatile player of gambas and gitterns, which have morphed into the modern viol family. In contrast, the vieille, played by multi-instrumentalist/ vocalist Shira Kammen, essentially died out by the late 15th century, as the viola da gamba was coming in. So, as David noted, a concert like this, combining both instruments, might never have occurred in their own

Another heads-up history lesson was David's observation that all their instruments had originated with tribal groups in Central Asia who were basically nomadic herders. Natural materials from their animals provided goatskins for drumheads, sheep intestines for gut-stringed instruments, and sturdy horsehair (originally from wild horses of is making thousands of gambas, while rare vieilles must be individually commissioned from master instrument-makers. One audience member asked Peter Maund, "So how did you acquire your drum?" "Oh, on E-bay," was the casual response, evoking ready laughter.

The affable give and take could have continued for hours, but, as the concert's title promised a "Grand Tour of Medieval and Renaissance Music," there were centuries of musical development to cover. "Of course, we could just play for several thousand years," quipped Shira, but we would have to settle for a few hours worth of representative samples.
Starting with the basic

Gregorian chant, a single voice in four-square cantus firmus, one could clearly follow the addition of several vocal lines creating polyphony, as beautifully sung by silver-voiced Susan Rode Morris, joined by Shira and David, who also provided the instrumental accompaniment.

Just as the music itself changed, so did the words, from strict theological Latin texts to devotional tributes to the Virgin Mary, and finally devolving into "vulgar" medieval French songs praising the pleasures of fleshly love. Many came from monastic libraries, like those used by Carl Orff in his "Carmina Burana," but the majority were composed by wandering troubadours and trouveres, and in the famous "Courts of Love" created in the realm of Eleanor of Aquitaine. The "usual suspects," Adam de la Halle and Guillaume de Machaut perfectly represented this tradition with some startlingly frank sexual doubleentendres, supposedly put into the mouths of women! No Victorian repression there!

The Italian trecento tradition, more conventional in its professions of love, earthly or heavenly, provided many beautiful moments, like Landini's "Non Avra Ma Pieta," showcasing Susan Rode Morris' exquisite descant, set against a minor drone line. Swooping and drooping with despair, it perfectly illustrated the melancholy emotions of the clas-

sic "languishing lover."

These pieces also included some very challenging sections of juxtaposed rhythms between drum and stringed instruments,

Ciconia's "Gloria" brought back the elevated spirituality of religious texts rendered in angelic harmonies, ending in an extended "Amen" of intricate gothic tracery, as breathtaking and uplifting as a great cathedral

A capella harmonies in near-familiar Middle English gave a hearty insight into British life, as in "Winter Wakeneth al My Care," a meditation on the sad impermanence of earthly happiness, harking back to the Book of Ecclesiastes. A disgruntled individual comment brings philosophical theory back to harsh reality as the singer notes, "all leaves except God's will, and we don't like that at all!"

Similarly, a lovely simple lullaby could be describing the Virgin Mary, but sounds more like any young mother, in any era, singing her baby to sleep. Down-to-earth people, these English, with their dances as well. Lusty, strongly-accented music like "Stantipes" still persists in rural areas of England and Appalachia, where old-time fiddlers show off their wild rhythm changes, much more complex and challenging than many imagine as "simple folk music."

Another geographical jump to Spain brought echoes of a different musical tradition, using the complexities of Moorish and Middle Eastern influences in that region, especially the syncopation. The hearty Spanish folktale spirit of an earthy Sancho Panza enlivened even stories of the Virgin Mary. Her "pork-chop miracle" at the famous pilgrimage site of Rocamadour was sung

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with wondrous vigor by Susan Rode Morris. Her excited narrative translations of each verse allowed listeners to follow the outrageous tale like incredulous medieval villages marveling at Mary's very personal answer to the prayers of her faithful peti-

More genteel music of the Renaissance featured such courtly serenades as Guillaume Dufay's "J'atendray tant qu'il vous playra" ("I'll wait as long as it will please you"), and the stately dances of the French nobility, perfectly evoking the graceful gliding motions of elegant formal dance patterns.

Another quick switch brought back the unmistakably synco-pated rhythms of Mediterranean regions Spain and Italy, with roots in the Middle East. Touches of Ladino and Moorish styles included the fantastic drum solo of Peter Maund, who used hand, fingers, fist, slaps, flicks and twists in wild riffs any jazz musician would envy.

A final section returned to England, where David introduced the works of Captain Tobias Hume, a mercenary soldier who called his music "the only effeminate part of me.' Whatever his history of physical carnage, he has left posterity a memorable musical legacy with memorable musical legacy with songs like the meltingly tender "What Greater Grief," affectingly sung by Susan Rode Morris. A few iconically English "fa-la-la" choruses and familiar country dance tunes led to the final offering, an audience-pleasing participation rendition of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night"

curtain song, the most appropriately-titled "Hey, ho, the wind and the rain.

A nasty night outside, indeed, but with the warm memory of a most excellent evening to cheer the spirits of performers and listeners alike on their rainy drives home. And to anticipate the pleasure of the second concert, fitled "The Baroque," on March 15th.

Note: An excellent introduction to each of these period con-certs as well as the Del Valle Concert Series is offered at Las Positas on the preceding Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 PM. The nominal cost is \$5 per class for community members and proved extremely insightful and delightful to those in attendance. The next scheduled session will be held on Thursday, March 13.

For more information, contact the Community Education Dept. (925-424-1467)www.laspositascollege.edu/ communifyed.

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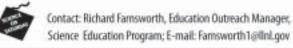
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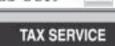
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March 6, 13, 2008

ORDERTO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. V607361013 SUPERIOR COURT OF **COUNTY OF ALAMEDA** 

5672 Stoneridge Dr. Pleasanton, CA 94588 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1.Petitioner: Lorena Alexandra Garcia filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present Name: Lorena Alexandra Garcia Proposed Name: Alexandra L.

Aquiniga Sawyer 2.**THE COURT ORDERS** that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition of change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the peti-NOTICE OF HEARING

a.Date: 3/25/08 Time:2:00PM Dept:707 b.The address of the court is:

5672 Stoneridge Drive Pleasanton Ca 94588 3a.A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:

The Independent Dated: December 12, 2007 /s/:George C. Hernandez Jr. Judge of the Superior Court The Independent Legal No. 2284. Publish February 21, 28, March 6, 13, 2008

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Pictured are (from left) Stephen Rexrode, Moya Stone, Richard

## 'Betrayal' Next for Role Players

trayal" at the Town Meeting Hall in Danville, 210 Front Street, on Friday and Saturday March 7, 8,

14 and 15 at 8pm. RPE's Black Box productions, which have included Donald Margulies' "Sight Un-seen." Michael Frayn's "Copenhagen" and Jane Martin's "Talking with—" are presented without formal theatre facilities and with limited production values. This approach allows RPE to present well-written and arresting theatre at low cost both to RPE and to theatregoers. Tickets are \$10 for general seating at the door.

Pinter is one of the pre-emi-nent English language dramatists of the 20th century. He won the Nobel Prize for literature in 2005. The citation accompanying the award said, in part, that Pinter is a playwright "who in his plays uncovers the precipice under the everyday prattle and forces entry into oppression's closed rooms." He is celebrated for his use of silence and pauses which introduce a sense of men-

Role Players Ensemble will ace and uncertainty into his present Harold Pinter's "Be-work, causing the adjective work, causing the adjective "Pinteresque" to have been

A tale of adultery among a tri-angle of close friends, "Betrayal" is told backwards, beginning after the end of the affair that is central to the play. All three characters practice deception, concealment and secrecy covered with a veneer of Anglo-Saxon po-

This production includes Stephen Rexrode, Richard Aiello and Moya Stone. Rexrode and Aiello developed the Black Box concept for Role Players and directed the first two productions.

'We are delighted to be able to bring this remarkable play to Danville audiences" said Stephen Rexrode. "Pinter is not only the pre-eminent dramatist of his generation, but he is also a master of the dark spaces in relationships as 'Betrayal' clearly shows"

For more information contact Role Players Ensemble Theatre at (925) 820-1278 or visit www.danvilletheatre.com.

## Oz Evening Launch of Brick Campaign

The Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation will launch the first phase of the commemorative brick campaign on Friday, February 29 at the Foundation's "Wonderful Evening of Oz" gala

Members of the community will be invited to "purchase" bricks that will be permanently installed at the Firehouse Arts Center.

Campaign Director of the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation, Debbie Look, noted, "We have had many inquiries about purchasing bricks at the Firehouse Arts Center. People are excited about the opportunity to create a lasting legacy in our community. These bricks are a wonderful way to mark a special occasion, to honor the memory of a loved one, or to pay tribute to a close friend or relative. We invite everyone in the community to follow the yellow brick road and bring the arts home to Pleasanton. Each brick purchased will bring us closer to our goal of fully funding the exciting new Firehouse Arts Center in downtown Pleasanton'

Bricks may be purchased in the name of an individual, a family, a company or even a favorite pet. The bricks, measuring 4 x 8", are available for \$150 each. Bricks may be inscribed with up to 3 lines with 15 characters per line. Brick donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by

For more information about buying a brick contact PCAF at (925) 846-1007 or go to www.pleasantonartsfoundation.org.

The Firehouse Arts Center will be constructed on the site of the historic Fire Station #1 on Railroad Avenue. The facility will include a 240-seat theater, 2,000 square feet of art gallery space and two large dedicated art class-

City Manager Nelson Fialho told the city council last week that it is anticipated that construction will get underway this fall.

### Teen Art Featured In Exhibit

The Livermore Public Library invites teens to participate in the 2008 Livermore Lives! Teen Art Expo. The Friends of the Livermore Public Library is sponsoring the event

Livermore residents in the sixth through twelfth grades are invited to submit a piece of original art, visually expressing a distinct perspective of their lives. Media including painting, sculpture, photography, textiles and collage are eligible for this exhibit. Entries will be accepted Monday, March 3, through Sunday, March 23, at the Livermore Civic Center Library. Artwork

will be shown as space allows. For more information and to access applications, please visit the Teen Space link on the Livermore Public library's website at www.livermore.lib.ca.us, or contact the Information Desk at 373-5505.



Foothill performs at Lincoln Band Review Jazz Competition held on Nov. 17, 2007, where the Jazz A took first place in the Class A Division.

### Foothill Band Invited to Monterey Jazz Festival

The Foothill High School's Jazz A Band has been accepted to compete at the Monterey Jazz Festival's "Next Generation" event from April 3 to 6. It is the second year that the Foothill Jazz A Band is in this competition. They are one of twelve high school bands chosen from across the country to compete in the Next Generation Festival, a program associated with the Monterey Jazz Festival.

Members of the Jazz Band include Michael Czaja, Sahil Punamia, alto sax; John Holmgren, Kevin Miller, Kirk

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A diverse array of works will be performed by the Chorale dur-

ing its concert, including Morten

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Correction: Names were left out of last week's story on Foothill High School honor band honorees. All-Northern High School Honor Band included

ternational and U.S. Tours.

Anthony DeBenedetti, John Holmgren, and Sahil Punamia. Kevin Choy was named to the California Band Directors Association (CBDA) 2008 High-School All-State Honor Band.



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### serve a residency at St. Thomas Church in Liepzig, where J.S. Bach worked and composed many of his most famous works. The Chorale also performed with the Leipzig Baroque Orchestra in Wittenberg's historic Castle Church—where Martin Luther posted his 95 theses to launch the Reformation—in a criticallyacclaimed performance that raised funds to help repair the recently storm-damaged church. The Chorale's fifth CD recorded under Dr. Cock's direc-

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### The Flyboys **By Leonard Pirkle**

The California Independent Film Festival holds its annual event in Livermore; this year is the Festival's tenth anniversary and the seventh event in Livermore. Over the weeks leading up to the festival, we will be giving residents an advance look at some of the films you can see at this year's festival.

The first film is, The Flyboys. This film was directed by Rocco DeVilliers, who also co-wrote the story with Jason DeVilliers and Richard Dutcher. It is an exciting story about two teenage boys, Kyle and Jason, who accidentally stow away on a plane that is owned by the Mob and find themselves involved in a series of life threatening situations. The plane is used for the transport of goods and personnel between Las Vegas and a small town in Colorado. The twists and turns in this film will keep the audience on edge wondering what could possibly happen next.

One of the teens, Jason, is looking for courage to stand up to bullies and find a place in his grandfather's eyes, a WWII fighter pilot who was decorated for bravery and service with honor. The other, Kyle, is a new kid in town, being raised by a single mom and looking to find a permanent home. The two meet at school and forge an immediate friendship borne out of an incident involving a demonstration of "standing up for oneself" by the new kid.

The supporting cast in this film is very good, with stand out performances by Tom Sizemore



and Stephen Baldwin. Both actors have numerous film credits and are easily recognizable tal-

an independent film. The special effects are of a quality not usually seen in smaller budget movies. The teen stars of this film, Jesse James as Jason and Reiley McClendon as Kyle, are very good and deliver what can only be described as near perfect performances. The audience will also see a cameo role by Jesse Plemons, who plays Landry Clarke on the popular Friday Night Lights, as one of the bullies who engage Jason and Kyle.

After screening hundreds of submissions to the Festival over the years, I can honestly say that this is one of my favorites. This is a great story for adults and kids. Don't miss the screening of this wonderful film and be sure to keep an eye out for more reviews.

The Festival will be held April 16th through the 20th in downtown Livermore. Screenings will take place at the Vine Cinema and the Livermore Cinemas, both on First Street. Check out the schedule of events at events

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Ben Baker, Skylar Hilton and Matthew Bulmer (from left) took part in last weekend's Runescape game session at the Livermore Library. The program was 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.

### **Greenhouse Gas Reduction Topic of Saturday Lecture**

"Greenhouse Gas Reduction: Underground Storage of Carbon Dioxide " is the topic for the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory "Science on Saturday" lecture at the Bankhead the-

The Sat., March 1 program will be presented by Julio Friedmann, Lab scientist, and Bret States, Tracy High School teacher. There will be two presentations, one at 9:30 a.m. and the

second begins at 11:15 a.m.

Most scientists agree that manmade carbon dioxide (CO2) released into the atmosphere is the main cause of climate change. So why not store the CO2 somewhere instead of releasing it to the air? Scientists have been thinking about this for some time. The presentation will explore this process, called carbon capture and storage (CCS), and

how it might be used.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First St., Livermore Seating is on a first-come, firstserved basis; there is no pre-registration. Directions, maps and a complete list of lectures are available education.llnl.gov/sos/ Science on Saturday is presented by LLNL's Science Éducation Pro-

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Forty-five Pleasanton students from Amador Valley, Foothill, Horizon and Village high schools will converge on Pleasanton City Hall and the Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) offices on Tuesday, March 4, to participate in the annual "Youth in Government Day" program.

Students will have the opportunity to job shadow elected city council and PUSD Board of Trustees members, the city man-

### Seniors Helping **Seniors Dance** Is Scheduled

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) joins Livermore High School in hosting a free "Seniors Helping Seniors" Dance for Livermore seniors at the Robert Livermore Community Center on Thursday, March 13, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00

The Livermore High School Senior Class of 2008 will provide entertainment, appetizers and lots of fun. This is the second year. the senior class has organized this event.

There will be drawings for prizes. Any donations received this evening will benefit the LARPD Friendship Center, an adult day care program. To reserve a space, a \$5 refundable deposit is requested when picking up tickets beginning Thursday, March 4, at 2 pm in the Sycamore Room. Space is limited.

For more information please call Dana at 373-5763. Robert Livermore Community Center is located at 4444 East Avenue in Livermore.

### ager and the PUSD superintenspective career responsibilities.

The entire group will convene again for lunch at the Village High School Café and hear from keynote speakers that include Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and PUSD Board of Education President Jim Ott.

Following lunch, the students will break into groups to discuss the issues of student mental health and substance abuse and then report their comments to all the day's participants. .

## **County Fair Board Adds Two Directors**

Two new Directors have been selected to serve on the Board of the Alameda County Agricultural Fair Association, Paul Banke and Dean Schenone

Paul Banke, of Livermore, has owned and operated WP Cattle Company since 1979. From 1977-1979 Paul was Executive Director of the Colorado Cattle Feeders Association in Denver, Colorado.

"I'd be honored to be asked to help steward these traditions forward," says Paul. He added, "My qualifications and experience with horses, livestock and the people who own them, will provide insight for the Fair

Paul previously served as a Director of the ValleyCare Foundation and the Valley Care Health System Board of Directors, where he served as Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Thirty-year Pleasanton resident Dean Schenone is currently CEO of FloraTech, Inc., a landscape contracting company where he has been employed since 1989. Previously Dean was Vice President and co-owner of a nursery in Sunol. With over 35 years of experience in the multidimensional horticulture industry, Dean says he hopes to represent and give guidance to the horticulture element of the fair

Dean previously served on the Zone 7 Water Board and California State Regional Water Quality Board.

The fairgrounds is home to the oldest one mile race track in America dating back to 1858. The Fair Association is well underway preparing for the 2008 Alameda County Fair, June 20th - July 6th celebrating 150 years

of Horse Racing.
The Alameda County Fair is ranked as one of the top 50 fairs in the United States and has won numerous awards both nationally and internationally. The Fairgrounds also hosts more than 300 events annually.

### Author to Introduce New Field Guide to the Sierra Nevadas

Naturalist and an artist, John Muir Laws has a simple mission in mind: to enrich the outdoor experience of everyone who sets foot in the Sierra Nevada. He will be at the Livermore Library on March 2 to discuss the release of his newest field guide.

For the past 6 years, Laws has been creating a pocket size field guide to over 1,700 species found in the Sierra Nevada.

The guide boasts 2,710 original watercolor paintings and has been field-tested and reviewed by educators, naturalists, and scientists throughout the country. Laws illustrates some of the most astonishing relationships between Sierran species, discusses emerging conservation issues, and describes his techniques for painting in the field. Residents are invited to celebrate the release of The Laws Field Guide to the Sierra Nevada and hear of the adventures in the making of this comprehensive work.

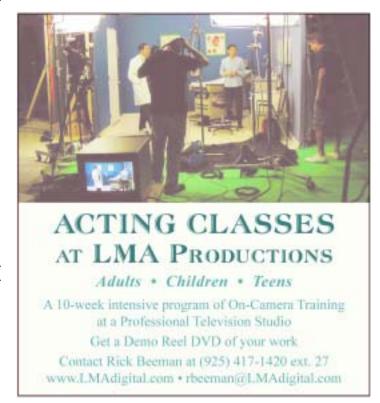
This free event will be presented at 2pm on Sunday, March 2 at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore

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Library have underwritten this program as part of the Friends Authors and Arts Series.

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By Appointment Luxurious Ruby Hill custom 6bd/6ba, 5,138+/-sf home, formal DR/FR with gas burning FP/FP in the Master, Panoramic view!

LIVERMORE \$765,000

By Appointment 4bd/3ba, 2,872+/-sf home with a popular floorplan. New carpet, hardwood floors, fresh decorator paint, Large sideyard.



By Appointment Beautiful West Dublin Hills Home. This home has 4bd/4.5ba, 3,317+/-st of living space. Back-yard patio/fountain/Kol pond.

PLEASANTON \$749,900

1037 Hometown Way Open Sun 1-4 No rear neighbors! Detached single family home. 3bd/2.5ba, 2,029+/-sf. Close to downtown Pleasanton on end of cul-de-sac.



Benerously upgraded, 5bd/3ba has hi-tech touches for the ultra active lifestyle. A must see!

LIVERMORE \$724,000

By Appointment 4bd/3ba (1bd/1ba downstairs), 2,200+/-st upgraded home. Gas burning FP in family room. Private backyard with patio.



By Appointment Single story home in Dunsmuli area of Livermore offers 4bd/3ba Gorgeous home has formal living and dining rooms. View!



1232 Diamond Ct. Open Sun 1-4 Looks like a model home! 3bd/2ba, 1,746+/-st on a nice court location. Hardwood floors. Master retreat has gas fireplace.



home. Vintage look with modern amenities. Carriage and French



By Appointment
Beautiful 3bd/1.5ba home in
Sunset West with updated baths hardwood floors, newer appliances, newer roof and much more.