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Section II is filled with information about arts, entertainment and special events. There are education stories, a variety of features, and the arts and entertainment and bulletin board listings.

Vietnam Vets Invited to Celebration

Vietnam veterans are invited to a thank you celebration at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton on March 20 from noon to 5 p.m..

Many local military support groups will take part in the event. One of the co-chairman is Tami Jenkins of the newly formed Livermore Military Families group.

Jenkins stated, "This day is about the veterans, not about politics or anything else. The message we want to send is 'thank you,' we appreciate what you did."

The festivities will include live music, guest speakers, food, and presentations for Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley. A series of memory lane tables will be set up.

Jenkins said the plan is to have a flagline at the entrance. The veterans will be escorted through the line. "We are hoping people will wave flags and bring signs and banners of thanks for the veterans to read," commented Jenkins.

She said the event is patterned after the welcome home events held for current military personnel. "These Vietnam veterans have been pretty instrumental in making sure the people coming home receive a welcome," she said.

The event is open to everyone: military families, members of the military and the public. There is no cost to attend. However, donations are welcome.

Jenkins is asking veterans to RSVP by email to jenkins219@yahoo.com.

Anyone wanting more information or wishing to help out, can call her at 925-784-5014 or email her.



RABBIT ADOPTION EVENT
Athos is a young Dutch boy with beautiful Blue Eyes. Born at the Hayward shelter, he has been handled and fussed over since birth. He comes over to people, enjoys being held and is very sweet. His siblings, d'Artagnan and Louis, are equally adorable. To meet them join us at the East Bay SPCA, Tri-Valley located at 4651 Gleason Dr. in Dublin on Saturday, Mar. 6th from 11 am-4 pm. Adopting a pet is a big commitment. To decide if a rabbit is the right pet for you, please read "Before you adopt a rabbit" at www.eastbayspca.org. For additional event info, visit the website or call 925-479-9670.

Board Votes to Eliminate 67 Teaching Positions

By Patricia Koning
At the Tuesday, March 2 meeting of the Livermore Board of Education, the trustees voted to eliminate 67.35 full-time equivalent (FTE) teaching positions. The decision was part of an effort to close an \$8.8 million budget shortfall for the 2010/11 school year.

"None of us are taking this lightly," said Board president Stewart Gary. "We are well past the point of protecting kids and classrooms. We passed that threshold last year."

At the elementary school

level, 12 positions will be eliminated as class sizes are increased. Two elementary music teachers will lose their jobs, effectively spelling the end of the elementary instrumental music program, along with one elementary science teacher. Another 17 multiple subject teaching positions will also be eliminated.

Middle schools will start the 2010/11 school year with six fewer teaching positions in core (2.65 FTE), science (.67 FTE), math (1.34 FTE), Spanish (.5 FTE), Art (.5 FTE), and physical education (.34 FTE). High

schools will lose 18.6 teaching positions: 3 FTE each for English and history/social science; 2 FTE each for physical education, math, and science; 1.5 FTE in industrial technology; 1.34 FTE in music; and 1.25 FTE in consumer family studies. The balance of the cuts will come from Spanish, German, French, agriculture, business, and American sign language (less than 1 FTE per subject).

One principal position will be eliminated with the consolidation of Portola Elementary School and Jackson Avenue Elementary School and 3.5 vice principal po-

sitions will be cut from the high schools. Mark Cameron, vice principal of Del Valle/Phoenix High School, spoke passionately about the necessity of his position.

"I don't believe that eliminating my job is keeping cuts away from the kids," he said. "My job every day is to protect the classroom. I care about this District and all that we've accomplished at Del Valle/Phoenix over the last three years."

Middle and high schools will lose a total of 4.25 counselors. One alternative education his-

tory/social science teaching position and one program specialist position will be eliminated.

The Board also voted unanimously to move forward on \$5.5 million worth of budget cuts, many of which result from the certificated layoffs. The trustees did remove technology specialists and library media specialists from the list for further study.

The District hopes to realize \$187,000 in savings by rewriting the technology specialist job description and eliminating 5.59 FTE positions. The new

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Clouds made for a colorful sunset in North Livermore.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Pleasanton Board OKs Tentative Teacher Cuts; Ott Says He Won't Run

By Ron McNicoll
The Pleasanton school board approved \$4.5 million in teacher salary cuts for next year's budget, and voted to eliminate 32 teaching positions, at least tentatively.

Because some of the positions will be vacant through attrition due to retirements or voluntary resignations, the actual number of positions cut is expected to be around 20.

Board members said at their meeting Feb. 23 that they will work hard to try to bring back as many of those as possible.

The board also heard trustee Jim Ott announce that he will not be a candidate for re-election in November.

On the teacher contract, which will run for three years, the teachers are granting the concessions announced previously. They involve three days being cut from the school calendar this year, and five days next year. The total pay cut for teachers amounts to more than 4 percent spread over two years.

The dates of the three furlough days for this year have been finalized. They are Thursday, April 1,

2010; Friday, May 28, 2010; and Tuesday, June 1, 2010. Schools will be closed on these days as part of cost-saving measures approved by the Board of Trustees. Students will not attend school on these three days.

Trustees emphasized that the cuts, voluntarily negotiated by teachers in their new contract, won't make up the entire \$8 million shortfall projected for next year.

The board is also looking at obtaining concessions from the classified employees' union to

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Settlement Reached On Mobilehome Park

An amicable agreement was reached with regard to a proposed Vineyard Villa Mobilehome Park conversion and a lawsuit filed by the park owner against the city.

The agreement was approved by a unanimous vote of the Pleasanton City Council.

The landowner had submitted an application to convert the park from one in which space is rented to mobilehome owners to a single family manufactured home condominium project

where residents could own the lots on which their mobilehomes were located.

The council previously denied the application. The owner of the 208-unit mobilehome park then filed a \$29-million lawsuit against the City of Pleasanton.

Following several months of negotiations involving the city, park residents, and the park owner, an agreement was reached that is being called a win-win for

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LVEF Launches New Fundraising Campaign

By Patricia Koning
The Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF), in partnership with the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, has launched its 2010 fundraising campaign: "Straight A's for Livermore Students: Academics, Arts, and Athletics." The goal of the campaign is to raise \$300,000 this spring.

"LVEF is reaching out to the entire community to support Livermore's students and teachers in critically important academic, music, visual arts, and sports programs, all of which are vital to a child's well-rounded education and overall well-being," explained LVEF president Vicki Schellenberger.

The \$300,000 will be divided evenly between the three areas. For Athletics, the donations will be used to offset cuts to District

funding for athletic programs at the middle and high schools. For Arts, Schellenberger hopes a \$100,000 donation might be enough to maintain the fifth grade music program, which is a likely victim of budget cuts.

At the Board of Education meeting last Tuesday, the trustees voted to eliminate the two full-time equivalent positions in the fifth grade music program. Ending the program will generate \$185,000 in savings. However, Schellenberger is hopeful that a \$100,000 donation will attract other donors and make it easier for the District to keep the music program for another year.

"We looked at places where we can make a real impact, places that are in keeping with our mission," she explained. "We're trying to prevent com-

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Student Suicide Puts Focus on Depression, Academic Pressure

By Ron McNicoll
The apparent suicide of an Amador Valley High School student has united the school community in its concern for the family.

The tragedy also can be used to shine a beacon on how students can be served better by those around them.

Those thoughts were expressed at a community meeting of approximately 80 people who gathered in the high school library on the evening of Feb. 25 for a panel discussion about

depression.

Many parents were present who were looking for advice, especially about how to bring up the subjects of depression and suicide with their children, and how far to explore the topics with them.

The panelists were Sheryl Pacheco, the head counselor at Amador Valley; Rhea Brandon, a vice principal at the school; and Joty Sikand, a counselor who works for the Hume center, which contracts with the district

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The series of storms created a situation where the large tree at Tri-Valley Church of Christ on East Avenue toppled over. It fell on the church's sign last week.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

LPC Students Do Their Own Black History Program

By Ron McNicoll
The Black Student Union (BSU) at Las Positas College contributed to Black History month using a creative approach.

Instead of bringing in a speaker to talk about black history, a half-dozen of the 15 members of the BSU took to a stage area in a meeting room on campus Feb. 24. They blended an evening program of their own creation and presented it to an audience of approximately 50 people.

They recited and performed their own poems, some in hip-hop rhythm, with themes about

self-image, self-confidence, style, and the stereotypes that some people stick on the image of black people.

A Black History quiz involved the audience, and managed to stump all of those present on three or four questions. One asked the audience the name of the first American crop picked with slave labor. Most people said cotton. No one came up with the correct answer: tobacco.

No one knew who the first black professional football player was either. In 1911, Henry Mc-

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Sierra Club to Appeal Kennel Approval

The San Francisco Bay Chapter of the Sierra Club is planning to appeal an East County panel's approval of a kennel for the Castro Valley canyonslands west of Pleasanton.

The Livermore City Council will discuss whether to support the appeal during next Monday's council meeting. Mayor Marshall

Kamena stated, "Our council is very much on record in support of Measure D. The issue is whether it is an included use. If not, it's against the law."

The 37-acre property is on the south side of Interstate 580, across the freeway from Dublin's hilltop Schaefer Ranch subdivision.

The East County Board of Zoning Adjustments (BZA) approved the kennel at its meeting Feb. 25 in the Pleasanton city council chamber. It provides for 400 dogs and 50 cats.

The 20,000-square-foot and two-story size of the building, and services and room design

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PET OF THE WEEK
Look up the word "mellow" in the dictionary and you might just find this photo of Grayson. He is a polite, well-adjusted cat who remains calm in any situation. Add some zen to your home with this composed kitty. To meet Grayson and other cats available for adoption, visit Valley Humane Society's Kitty City, located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Call 925-426-8656 or visit the web site www.valleyhumane.org for more information.



Photos - Doug Jorgensen

Pictured in the top photo is under-17 winner Hannah Nafzinger. In the lower photo is the 18 and over winner Lang Michelle Nixon

LARPD Board Action Paves Way for Trails

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District board adopted a proposed mitigated negative declaration for Holdener Park improvements. The action, taken at last week's meeting, helps pave the way for future development of trails for the 55-acre open space park.

The District plans to add 1.5-miles of single-track compacted dirt trails that could be used for hiking and possible equestrian use. The project would also include restoration of an ephemeral stream. LARPD will now file a notice of determination with Alameda County, which will complete the California Environmental Quality Act review process.

The next step will be designing the trail.

Trails were the focus of planning conducted by the city for LARPD. City Engineer Cheri Sheets gave an informational report to the Board on LARPD's contracted planning and engineering services.

Sheets noted that the new park and trails master plan had been completed. Planning has concentrated on trails. "There are seven miles in design and pending construction, primarily in the Sycamore Grove Park area,"

said Sheets. In addition, there are several in North Livermore that will connect developments in the area.

Sheets said the effort of which planning staff is most proud is the re-vegetation of Carnegie Park. "We were able to minimize cost of replacement and upgrade areas of the park that make it more usable. It will cost less to maintain."

St. Patrick's Day BINGO THURSDAY March 11th

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- Complete your BINGO meal with a \$1 soda

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Winners of Talent Competition Selected

The judges at the 2010 Livermore Talent Competition final selected an opera singer and a piano playing vocalist as the winners.

The 15 finalists performed at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore this past Sunday. The Rotary Clubs of Livermore produced the performance competition at the Bankhead Theater, under the direction of Carol Hovey.

The first act was a young Gu-zheng soloist whose performance took everyone to the ancient temples of China. The acts that followed included vocalist/guitarists, vocalist/pianists, Flamenco guitarist, classical vocalists, vocal groups, vocal/instrument ensemble, a tap dancer, a Bluegrass band and a young classical dancer that performed the Bharatanatyam classical dance from India. (pronounced har at na teome).

The three professional judges were Dale Kaye, a film/television producer; Allen Larson, a film/television producer; and Phillip Gums, founder/owner of JE Model and Talent, San Francisco.

The 17 and under winner was Hannah Nafzinger who gave a strong vocal performance while accompanying herself on the piano. Lang Michelle Nixon of San Francisco was the 18 and over winner. Her operatic soprano performance echoed throughout the theater. They each received \$2500.

There was on-line and text voting.

The on-line winner was Malina Jiang, a young Guzheng soloist. The in-theater text vote winner was Ryan Flynn, a Flamenco guitarist. They each won \$250.

Videos of the winning performances will be posted up on the show's website at www.livermoretalent.com and you will also find there instructions for ordering a DVD of the full show.

All net proceeds from this event will go to the Rotary Clubs of Livermore's community grant programs.



Community Health Education Programs

Fremont
3200 Kearney Street

Lectures and Workshops
Functional Foods: Nutritional Approaches to Disease Prevention
Presented by Jill Christensen, R.D., M.S., RDE
PAMF Nutrition Services
Wednesday, Mar. 17, 7 - 8:30 p.m., 510-498-2891

Breast Cancer Survivorship Group
Every fourth Wednesday, 6 - 8 p.m.
510-623-2231

Living Well Classes
Adult Asthma Management
Saturday, Mar. 13, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., 650-853-2960

Nutrition and Diabetes Classes
510-498-2184

Weight Loss Surgery Class
First Monday of each month, 4:30 - 7 p.m.

Heart Smart Cholesterol Class
Offered every other month, third and fourth Monday, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Nutrition and Diabetes Classes continued
Lifesteps® Weight Management Program
Tuesdays (weekly), 7 - 8:15 p.m.

Living Well with Diabetes
Tuesdays, 9 - 11:30 a.m., and Thursdays, 4:30 - 7 p.m.

Prediabetes
Second Monday of each month, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Pregnancy, Breastfeeding and Child Care Classes
Preparing for Birth
Saturdays, Mar. 6 - 20, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., 650-853-2960

Gestational Diabetes
Thursdays, 2 - 4 p.m., 510-498-2184

Good Nutrition for Toddlers
First Saturday of every month, 9 - 11 a.m., 510-498-2184

Community Health Resource Centers at Dublin and Fremont

The Health Resource Center offers information and support for those who wish to make informed decisions regarding their health and wellness. The center is open to all members of the community, and services are provided at no cost.

- Nurse health educators
- Informational brochures
- Health reference books
- Educational videotapes and DVDs
- Health lectures
- Access to health information Web sites
- Health newsletters
- Information on community resources

Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Thursday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Dublin, 925-875-6150 and Fremont, 510-623-2231

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Discussion of Traffic in So. Livermore

The fifth town hall meeting in a series to discuss potential modification of the South Livermore Valley Area Plan will be held Tues., March 9.

The topic for discussion is "Who uses county roads? Why is traffic getting worse?" The discussion will include traffic generated by wineries, event centers, and other uses within South Livermore. Parking needs and requirements for uses within South Livermore will be part of the discussion.

It will be held at the Martinelli Center, 3585 Greenville Rd., Livermore starting at 6 p.m.

No advance reservations are required. Anyone with questions about this event, can contact Jana Beatty Weldon, Senior Planner, at jana.beatty@acgov.org or (510) 670-5400.

Harmer Launches Campaign

David Harmer, candidate for California Congressional District 11, kicked off his campaign at a packed breakfast event held in San Ramon.

The seat is currently held by Democrat Jerry McNerney. Last year, Harmer ran for the 10th Congressional District seat vacated by Ellen Tauscher, finishing second to John Garamendi.

Calling the upcoming November election, "the most consequential election in thirty years," Harmer related his experience as a young volunteer for Ronald Reagan.

Harmer chided the current regime as having turned away from America's founding principles. The solution he offered consists of a return to the, "tried and true principles which are as old as the

nation itself," while posing the question, "in another thirty years, will our children still be free?"

He characterized the upcoming elections as being "a test of national character," featuring, "two dramatically different world views." He attacked the current healthcare legislation as an effort to "create a top down, command and control one size fits all bureaucratic monstrosity."

Poizner Officially Files

Republican Steve Poizner officially filed to become a candidate for governor of California. Steve, along with his family, was greeted by a crowd of supporters as he walked into the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters to complete the paperwork and declare his candidacy.

In officially declaring his candidacy today, Steve Poizner highlighted his plan to implement conservative solutions in Sacramento and to cut taxes across-the-board for every Californian.

Brown Enters Governor's Race

Attorney General Jerry Brown formally announced his candidacy for governor of California today.

Brown, a Democrat, served as mayor of Oakland before being elected attorney general four years ago. He served as California's governor from 1975 to 1983.

Brown said, in a press release, the key to ending the state's partisan gridlock is a Governor with in-depth knowledge of how government and Sacramento politics actually function.

Tickets Available for Victorian Tea

The 2010 Ravenswood Victorian Tea at Ravenswood Historic Site in Livermore is set for Sun., April 25. This marks the 14th year for the event, presented by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District and the Ravenswood Progress League.

The 1890s restored Victorian country estate provides an idyllic springtime setting for an afternoon tea. Ravenswood Historic Site is on the National Register of Historic Places, is a State of California Historical Point of Interest and is a City of Livermore Historic Preservation Landmark Site.

An elegant afternoon of sweets and treats, tea and sparkling wine will be served. This event is open

to adults and children ages 8 and older. A special menu is set; specific food requests cannot be accommodated.

The event will be held on Sunday, April 25, at Ravenswood, 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore. One seating is available from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$37 per person; all donations benefit the Ravenswood Historic Site Furnishing Fund. Two seating spots are offered: inside the house or outdoors on the porch.

Reservations are being taken now until the event is full. For more information or to reserve a spot, call 925-443-0238. For more information on Ravenswood Historic Site, visit www.larpd.dst.ca.us.

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EDITORIALS

November Vs. June Election

The Pleasanton City Council chose to place the Oak Grove referendum on the June ballot, despite pleas from its supporters for a November vote.

The council majority of Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and councilmembers Jerry Thorne and Cheryl Cook-Kallio voted for June. They said there was plenty of time for a discussion of the issues to take place.

The decision places the referendum supporters at a disadvantage. Fewer people vote in mid-year elections. There is less time for referendum supporters to raise money to finance a campaign. Councilmember Matt Sullivan summed up the situation, "It won't be a fair fight. The developer and Chamber PAC will put in a lot of money in support of the development. Their money will far outweigh what citizens can collect (in such a short time)."

There will be about one month for a campaign to take place before absentee ballots go out.

In addition to the issue of fairness, the estimated pricetag for the June vote was \$97,500. In November, the matter would be part of the city's municipal election, adding only about \$16,000 to \$20,000 to the total cost of the November election. Given the current fiscal situation, the councilmembers in the minority and members of the public suggested it would be fiscally prudent to wait until November.

The council majority has an interest in an earlier vote. All three are up for re-election this November. Cook-Kallio commented that waiting for November to vote on Oak Grove would create a one issue campaign. She also felt that a longer discussion would continue to divide the community. "I want an up or down vote and I want it in June."

We think the November election should have been decided in great part on how the candidates stand on this issue. It will define how Oak Grove is developed, according to the voter approved hillside protections, or as it stands now without those protections.

Rainy Night Shelter

Several Livermore churches have begun opening their doors at night to homeless persons when cold or rain threaten.

Participating so far in the program, which was launched two weeks ago, have been Asbury Methodist, Discovery Church and Vineyard Christian Fellowship. Some 30-40 volunteers have given their time, serving as drivers and as watchkeepers of the home.

Homeless people are invited in for the night when the weather is predicted to fall below 40 or rain is forecast.

Most of those who came the first nights were men. It's anticipated this will continue to be the case, as there are other local shelters for women and children.

The atmosphere is fairly laid back. "We're not a strict organization with a bunch of rules," observed Doug Quadara, Valley Christian pastor. "We're here to do God's work."

No one has to suffer a bitter night thanks to these warm, humble shelters.

SETTLEMENT

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everyone.

Among the concerns raised by residents with regard to conversion were the impact on rents, whether they would be required to purchase the land, and what happened if they could not obtain financing.

City Manager Nelson Fialho noted that the negotiated agreement provides clarity and stability for both the residents and the property owner. It includes the following provisions:

- The date that lots could be sold would be no earlier than January 1, 2020.

- The existing stabilization agreement with the city would be extended to Dec. 31, 2017. If the consumer price index (CPI) remained below 7 percent between now and August 2017, the agreement would be extended to Dec. 31, 2022. If the CPI were to go above 7 percent during that time period, a new rent stabilization agreement would need to be negotiated.

- Upon conversion, lower income residents currently living at the park would have their rent increases based on the provisions of state law. Residents who are not considered lower income would have their rents calculated under the existing rent agreement.

- For all existing residents who choose to purchase their lots, the park owner will provide a 15 percent discount.

- The park will remain a senior park in perpetuity, unless residents vote otherwise or unless it is prohibited by law.

- The city will pay for an appraisal of the lots.

- The city will pay the property owner \$750,000. The money is to be spent only for capital improvements within the park.

Another provision, not part of the agreement, has the city sponsoring a low interest loan

program. Fialho said \$1 million would be set aside for the purpose. The funds come from the in lieu housing fee. The loans would be available to those who could not secure traditional funding or funding through the state's current loan program.

The owner Dan Guggenheim addressed the council. He apologized several times for the way in which he had handled the situation.

Guggenheim said he applied for the conversion to be able to avoid the eventuality that state law would prohibit such action in the future. He said he had no plans to sell the land while he was still alive. He would hold the land as an investment. He hoped his wife and daughters would do the same. "If they ever need to sell, I have told them to sell to the park residents."

He said, "I believe I handled this issue very poorly with the residents. I didn't expect any resistance. I sadly misjudged the situation." He said if he had taken the time to talk with residents and the city earlier, much of what has taken place could have been avoided.

Several park residents spoke in favor of the agreement. Donna Wilkinson represented many of them. "I think we have a win-win situation for everyone. We were just scared. We didn't know what was going to happen to us," she said of the proposed conversion.

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and Councilmember Cindy McGovern were part of the team that negotiated the settlement. They both said that it was one of the best processes they had been a part of. "I wish we had spoken together earlier," declared McGovern.

Councilmember Jerry Thorne stated, "This is the way government ought to work."

Teachers to Engage Public Concerning School Finance

Teachers in area school districts will be standing up for their school districts on March 4 by distributing information to parents that urges contacting state officials to improve the state education fiscal picture.

It's part of a concerted statewide action by teachers and students who are concerned about the education shortfalls in their budgets.

The Governor's budget proposal includes \$2.5 billion in additional cuts, making the total loss of funds to public education over the last two years, \$17 billion.

In Pleasanton, teachers will be lining up around all 15 school sites about one-half hour before school starts. The idea is to pass

out fliers to parents who drop off their kids at school, and to get the information out to high school students, too, said Trevor Knaggs, president of Pleasanton's teachers union.

The line is definitely not a picket line, said Knaggs. Instead, it supports the district, and is symbolic of drawing a protective line around each school to protect it from further cuts from the state budget, he said.

The teachers union voted to take an aggregate \$4.5 million cut for the end of this school year and the next year, in order to help the district make up for a projected \$8 million shortfall. Knaggs told the Independent that the good feelings that parents expressed at the school board meeting when

the trustees approved the contract have continued through the days afterward. One family gave him a box of cookies in appreciation of what the teachers did for their children.

Livermore Education Association president Kathleen Reardon said that the timing on March 4 is poor for her union. All of the K-5 teachers will be involved in parent conferences before and after school. However, the teachers have said they would make calls themselves to legislators to urge a better deal on education funding.

The Livermore high schools start final exams on that day, and they are too busy, too, said Reardon. Among middle schools, Mendenhall is the only one to

respond, with a request for 250 fliers to be handed out.

In Dublin, the morning action is a planned human chain of educators, support staff, leaders, parents and students in front of every school in the district. Participants will gather about a half hour before the start of school. Lee Carpenter, president of the Dublin Teaches Association, said that his group will conduct a disaster drill to symbolize what a disaster school financing from Sacramento has become.

At Las Positas College, student government will have a press release to comment on community college funding. They also are making plans to march on Sacramento on March 22 to press their demands.

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to provide counseling services.

Pacheco talked about how the district made counseling available from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the day after the suicide, which occurred on the railroad tracks next to the high school.

Students wrote cards to the girl's family, and dropped off flowers at the school so they could be given to the family.

Counselors saw 200 students, some of whom knew the girl, Evelyn, and her brother. "Some were impacted; some had memories. They all supported each other," said Pacheco. Extra counseling was maintained through the week, so that everyone's needs could be met.

Brandon said she has been asked by parents whether suicide might happen to their children. She tells them, "You know who your kid is. If behavior changes for more than two weeks, see a professional."

Other signs can involve poor

performance in school, or being joyful suddenly, because they are intent about following up on a plan for suicide, said Brandon.

A few more signs were available on a flier distributed at the meeting. They include sudden changes in behavior, excessive fatigue, loss of interest in friends, excessive risk-taking, a preoccupation with death, dying or suicide, and giving away prized possessions.

One questioner asked why high schools teach Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," since it "romanticizes suicide." Sikand said that teachers can talk about the play, and what one can learn from it, including how to cope with difficult situations.

District senior director of pupil services Kevin Johnson served as emcee for the panel and audience interaction.

Johnson mentioned the district's students' anonymous tip line, which students or parents can call if they want to talk about

themselves or someone they know in times of personal crisis. The number is (925) 417-5199.

Johnson also referred to a new movie, "Race to Nowhere," an 85-minute documentary made in the Bay Area about intense academic pressures on students. The pressures can sometimes be a factor in teen depression, he said.

A look at the movie's web site, racetonowhere.com, shows a film clip that highlights comments from teachers, students and psychologists about how the pressure to achieve, especially to gain entrance to elite colleges, can have a harmful effect on young people.

Students who were quoted talked about nervous disorders and other physical reactions to the pressure they were put under to achieve all A's and take many advanced placement courses, just to get into the prestigious universities their parents want them to attend. The movie is distributed by Reel Link Films

in Lafayette.

Johnson said that it's all right for students not to enter a prestigious university as freshmen. He cited two examples in the district: superintendent John Casey and human relations director Bill Faragan as educators who started in community colleges, then later moved on to UC Berkeley.

School trustee Jamie Hintzke, who attended the forum, said that she was at a conference in which one high school student shared about how much happier she felt by dropping out of the club her parents wanted her to be in. She was happy again that she could join the club she really wanted. "I make sure I don't put pressure on my kids," said Hintzke.

Hintzke offered advice to a questioner about how to approach the topics of suicide and depression with a 10th grader. "It's OK to listen, and open a conversation. Listen, and tell your child what you heard," said Hintzke. The important thing is that they feel understood.

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Donald started playing for the Rochester Jeffersons.

There was a speech, too. However, it was the personal statement of BSU president Alex Blue about people who have inspired him. He told how meeting black intellectual Cornel West at Princeton changed his life.

Blue looked up to black sports heroes, such as Michael Jordan. In meeting West, who teaches at Princeton, he changed his own vision. West asked him what he wanted to do with his life, and was photographed alongside Blue. Now, Blue has raised his aspirations and wants to be a scholar and activist, like West.

Blue is majoring in political science, and hopes to make a difference some day by finding a meaningful job with the federal government in Washington. Like another of his heroes, the late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, he might become a lawyer.

Marshall is a personal hero, because he turned down lucrative offers to practice law in New York. Instead, he worked for the non-profit NAACP, and won for it one of the most important cases in modern history: Brown v. Board of Education. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that segregation of schools violated the Constitution.

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plete decimation of these important programs."

The Academic component of the fundraising effort will likely be directed towards school libraries. Library media specialists have been funded in part through the Measure D parcel tax. That funding ends this school year. "With libraries, we can reach every child across the District," said Schellenberger. "And we can help maintain equity when some schools can afford to pay for library hours but others cannot."

LVEF is hoping to complete the campaign and raise \$300,000 by early May to avoid layoffs of funded positions. The District must send final layoff notifications for certificated staff by May 15.

"We greatly appreciate LVEF spearheading the fundraising campaign to benefit our students and their education," said Kelly Bowers, assistant superintendent of educational services. "For years, dedicated LVEF volunteers have lessened the impact of unstable state public education funding."

The "Straight A's for Livermore Students" campaign is modeled after the successful "Dollar-A-Day" campaign that raised \$225,000 in 2003 to keep

When Blue came back from the seminar, which was sponsored by Princeton's BSU, his grades rose dramatically. He kept in mind West's advice to him: "Stay strong and follow what you know."

Blue said that he plans to write to West and tell him, "The meeting changed me. I'm in attack mode (for learning), like when I ran the 400 meter dash. I carry the burden."

The Princeton BSU has many members that comprise a powerful club. Blue still looks at its events on line from time to time. The BSU at LPC is small. It existed two years ago, but disbanded last year, because it was difficult to find members. Continuity in clubs can be a problem at a two-year college.

Scheanille Green, the BSU co-advisor with Frankie Stewart, said that a highly motivated core of students came to her at the beginning of the school year, and wanted to revive the club. The group is not exclusively for African Americans. There are Asians, Caucasians and Latinos as well.

The members are proud that among all LPC clubs, they raised the most money in a campus fund-raising competition to benefit community groups. Their charity was the Tri-Valley Haven.

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help close the gap. So far 10 secretaries, and several other classified positions are targeted for elimination. However, the district has until the end of April to firm up the number, before having to send out layoff notices.

To help bring back teaching and classified staff, the board is encouraging highly motivated residents to lead the way in a voluntary community wide fund-raising effort. The goal would also be to eliminate some of the red ink.

The board will discuss a parcel tax, likely with a survey of community opinion first. However, nothing could be placed on a ballot in time to help next year's budget, board members have said.

Board president Chris Grant said that the good news from the teachers should not be a cause for the community to sit back and think the problem is solved.

"Teachers came up with an enormous solution," said Grant. He added later that his biggest concern is that the community won't realize that so many other programs are at risk, besides the reading specialists, and 25:1 class size reduction, that will be saved by the teachers' action.

Before the unanimous approval of the agreement with the teachers, trustee Valerie Arkin raised the issue of waiting to vote, so that there would be more transparency on the teacher contract. She said the board and superintendent had promised that.

The contract wasn't posted

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parcel tax, Measure M, takes effect in the fall and will fund technology specialists rather than librarians.

Trustee Anne White requested that the two groups be removed from the list of budget cuts, pending further study at an upcoming budget workshop. Gary asked that the Board conduct another budget workshop before the March 16 Board of Education meeting.

At that meeting the trustees will take up the remaining budget cuts to achieve the \$8.8 million in savings. Among cuts to be considered is \$575,000 in funding for Adult Education. At the March 2 meeting, one audience member spoke about the importance of the program to himself and his peers.

"Adult Education helps us to read, write, and understand English. It helps us understand our children better, especially our teenagers," he said. "We understand you need to make cuts.

Please don't cut our chances to become better people and have a better life."

Teachers in the affected positions will receive preliminary layoff notices by March 15. Those teachers are ranked by the District, using seniority and qualifications. A "bumping" process is then used to identify the actual employees who will lose their jobs.

The bumping process means that an experienced teacher in an eliminated position who is qualified to teach another subject or at another level could bump a less senior. Through this process, counselors may end up in classrooms and high school teachers could end up at elementary schools, or vice versa.

Teachers will receive final notification of layoffs by May 15. Layoff notifications to classified employees, such as library media specialists, instructional aides, bilingual aides, and clerk/typists, will be distributed in mid-April.

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Dublin Facing \$4.67 Million Budget Shortfall

The Dublin City Council reviewed a special budget report at its Wednesday evening budget workshop, showing declining future revenue projections and a reported budget shortfall of as much as \$4.67 million in Fiscal Year 2010/2011, according to City Manager Joni Pattillo.

"Needs for essential city services continue to exceed revenues," Pattillo told the council. "The City has already had to utilize one-time economic uncertainty reserves to balance the current budget. This growing deficit will affect our ability to maintain current levels of service to the community in the long term."

The \$4.67 million budget gap does not include more than \$2 million in State takeaways from Dublin this year, or any future State takeaways that are currently being discussed in Sacramento. The City's ongoing budget problems are primarily due to the lagging economy which has negatively impacted property

and sales tax revenues. These two funding sources together make up over 70 percent of the City's operating revenues. In the last two years Dublin's sales tax revenues have rolled back to less than what was received in 2001 and property tax revenues per capita have decreased by 13 percent.

"Many people don't realize that the City is only allowed to keep 24 cents out of every property tax dollar and only 10 cents from every dollar collected in sales tax," said Pattillo.

For its part, Dublin has already slashed millions in city operating expenses to address the budget gap in its previous year and current year budgets. However, the City cannot continue to maintain current service levels without putting a substantial strain on emergency reserve funds. Without additional revenue, the City will be forced to examine cuts in services.

"We are focused on trying to

protect and maintain the services that the community relies on, such as the number of firefighters and paramedics needed to keep emergency response times short, saving lives," said Pattillo. "While we want to protect and maintain our emergency response times, the City can't ignore the fact that more than half of the Dublin's operating budget is comprised of costs relating to public safety and these budget areas must be examined."

Dublin's population includes a significant number of seniors who depend on the city having reliable emergency response services. "It would be devastating if we could not meet the needs of all of our families, including our senior population," added Pattillo.

The City will be taking up the budget discussion again in April and will continue to take input from the community on the community's priorities for Dublin. "It is important we hear

from residents on what types of services they want protected as we address these serious budget issues," said Pattillo.

The need for cuts comes at a time when a recent public opinion survey of residents of the City of Dublin showed that they strongly value their city services and are highly satisfied with Dublin's quality of life.

The survey, conducted in early December 2009 by the polling firm Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates, assessed the Dublin community's perspectives on budget needs and priorities for essential city services. Four hundred residents across the community were contacted. Eighty-six percent of respondents rate the quality of life in Dublin as "excellent" or "good" and 79 percent believe the City is doing an "excellent" or "good" job in providing services.

Voter attitudes were much harsher when asked about Sacramento and the State budget

deficit. Almost 90 percent of respondents view the State budget deficit as an "extremely" or "very" serious problem, and 59 percent of voters rate the impact of state budget cuts on funding for local services as an extremely/very serious problem.

Residents want to protect city services, particularly public safety services. Two-thirds of respondents rate "protecting and maintaining essential city services" as extremely/very important, and at least 70 percent of respondents said that it is extremely/very important to keep local fire stations open, maintain current levels of police protection, maintain and improve 9-1-1

emergency and medical response times, and prevent decreases in the number of sworn police officers.

Additionally, 71 percent rate maintaining the long-term financial viability of the city as extremely/very important. When asked about City budget shortfalls and emergency reserves, eighty-three percent of respondents do not want the City to deplete its emergency reserves to address budget deficits. Respondents would consider a potential local revenue solution to protect City funds from being taken by Sacramento and provide more security for the City's financial future.

KENNEL

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for the boarding and spa facility, amounts to a "Hyatt Regency" hotel for pets, said a consultant for applicant Frank Haegeland.

The vote was 2-1, with chairman Larry Gosselin and Jim Goff in favor, and Jon Harvey opposed.

Sierra Club member Dick Schneider, who raised several planning considerations against the kennel, told The Independent later that the club would appeal the decision to supervisors. He also expected several Castro Valley residents to join in the appeal.

Most of the eight opponents who spoke said that approval would violate Measure D, the countywide initiative approved by voters in 2000. It would violate the urban growth boundary (UGB) set by Measure D. Livermore resident Bob Baltzer said, "County staff is attempting to undermine the UGB until it becomes meaningless."

Diana Hanna, a lifelong resident of the canyonlands, said that she had received eight letters from Castro Valley residents in opposition to the application. Speaking about whether a kennel is needed in the area, Hanna said that a kennel that opened in Livermore in 2006 went out of business in 2008. A kennel in Pleasanton offers the same services that Haegeland is proposing, she said.

The staff report said that several kennels have opened "within the past few years in the Castro Valley/Dublin/Pleasanton area, and according to recent reports, none is operating at full capacity."

However, before the current economic downturn, most kennels in the area had a waiting list of several months. When the economy comes back, "it's possible" that the demand for services will have returned, said the report.

OPPOSITION AGREES

'THIS IS A HOTEL'

Schneider, a Measure D spokesman for the Sierra Club, said that the initiative allows only low-density uses. "This is a hotel, a Regency for pets. It's not a low density use, which D sets out." He said it would "set a precedent in the area." He said after the meeting that an entire strip of highway commercial could be developed, impacting the separation between Pleasanton and Castro Valley. He stated that East County Area Plan contains a policy that separation between neighboring communities should be maintained.

Schneider and others also objected to its location on a scenic corridor. Later, when the board members were talking about their own votes, Goff said, "The corridor is great, but something is going to go there."

After the meeting, Schneider

pointed out that thirty feet of creek would be filled to create an exercise area for the dogs. "We don't let people fill in creeks for people. Why should it be allowed for dogs," he asked.

The kennel would not have a negative impact on the area, because it is "surrounded by hills," said neighbor Patrick Kennedy. Having the kennel there would improve fire protection, he said. One of his neighbors had to fight a fire that was started by lightning. "We're one lightning bolt away from a fire," said Kennedy, who was one of three speaking in support of Haegeland.

Another proponent, James Campbell, who boards horses on Kennedy's land, said that the development would improve the look of the property, where trash is dumped. The freeway noise would be a good screen for any barking sounds, he said. Campbell said he voted for Measure D.

Gosselin agreed with proponents that developing the kennel there would improve the area's appearance.

DISPUTE ABOUT AG-RELATED USE

Schneider said that the kennel violates Measure D, because it is not an agriculture-related use, at least not in the size that is on the application. The kennel clearly will attract an urban clientele from surrounding cities, he said.

Harvey picked up on the size issue. He asked Haegeland whether he was willing to scale down the size. Haegeland said that he must obtain a bank loan on the enterprise. The size is tied to the numbers he must meet to gain the financing.

In voting for the application, Goff said that the panel "approved a kennel last year. It was not a new application. It was small. My job is to do what the county tells us to do. I'll go with my boss."

Goff apparently was referring to a controversy over whether kennels are a permitted use in agricultural districts. The county counsel has ruled that they are. The fact it was not listed as such in the county zoning ordinance was called a clerical error by the county. It is being corrected now.

Backing up the county counsel office's statement, Gosselin said that when he joined the panel in 1998, kennels were listed as a permitted use in the copy of the zoning ordinance that he was given.

Gosselin disagreed with Goff about having to follow the county as a boss. "We make the decisions," said Gosselin. He continued, "Is the use appropriate to Measure D and the zoning ordinance? Yes."

Gosselin said, "I can deny it (because it's a conditional use

permit). This serves urban uses. Just about everything does. It's a resource to be managed."

In Gosselin's opinion, the site plan for the kennels is justified under Measure D, because it saves the ridges, which rise 400 feet above the "small footprint" (of the kennel buildings and exercise yard). The entire environment has been saved, except for a small footprint, which faces the freeway."

Harvey, in his summation about his vote, said that his reading of county counsel's opinion tells him he can make a determination about the permit. "I have to weigh all the testimony. General plan aside, I don't have a big issue with the kennel. In some ways, it is an ideal site," an apparent reference to the alternative

of having a kennel in an urban area, where neighbors would be bothered by noise and traffic.

"Measure D is imperfect, but we have to honor it. Something like this could work (if scaled down)," said Harvey. He said that he opposes it because it does not comply with the general plan, "in regard to Measure D."

Baltzer offered a further explanation as to why the use should be denied. "The proposed use is sited within a resource management area. The resource management area takes precedence over the zoning code in that it only allows agricultural, recreational, mining and similar uses in the area. While boarding stables are permitted, they are tied to recreation. The kennels are strictly a commercial venture."



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For additional info., contact the Office of the City Clerk at 925.931.5027. Applications must be received no later than 5:00 pm, Friday, March 19, 2010. Postmarks are not accepted.

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SPORTS NOTES



Tri-Valley Judo (TVJ) of Pleasanton recently entered 12 competitors in the 62 annual San Jose Buddhist Memorial Judo Tournament in which over 700 competitors took part. Of the 12 TVJ contestants entered, 8 brought home a medal, including 3 gold, 4 silver and 1 bronze. Pictured are (back row, left to right) Misael Macias 9 of Dublin, Jackson Butler 9, Camaryn Butler 10, Rachael Butler 12 from Pleasanton, Monique Shah 12 of Danville and Amanda Eugenio 13 of Dublin; (front row) Jonah Perez 9 of San Ramon, Devon Shah 9 of Danville, Kyle Mui 8 of Dublin, Ananth Goyal 6, Ananya Goyal 9 from San Ramon and Keely Mui 7 of Dublin.



Brandon Fischer, a 2008 graduate from Granada High School, and a sophomore at the University of Wyoming made three life-time best NCAA provisional times this past weekend at the Mountain West Swimming Conference in Oklahoma City. He swam the 200-yard IM with a 148.73 and place 5th in the finals. Brandon's favorite stroke is breaststroke, and his 100-yard breaststroke landed him on the podium with a 2nd place silver medal with a time of 54.19. The 200-yard breaststroke, which is his strongest stroke that took him to the Olympic Trials in 2008, won him another silver medal with a 157.51. He also swam the breaststroke leg of the 200 & 400 medley relay and received a 3rd place bronze medal. Brandon holds the 2nd fastest time in the history of the University of Wyoming, with Olympian Scott Usher still holding on to top honors.



Pictured are members of the Livermore Aquacowboy swim team.

CYO Basketball

The NUTZ walked off the court with honor and dignity for the last time in their 7th grade year after a devastating loss to St. Joan in the semi-finals of CYO Basketball. A fantastic season came to a close for the tough playing NUTZ as they just couldn't climb back from a minor deficit at half time. For a team that has never given up all season, the final game was no different. Fighting till the buzzer, Team Captains, Jessica Elfin and Sarah Partridge, continued to play with intensity and power as they have all season. Blocking shots, getting rebounds and stealing the ball was this team's specialty. They ended the season with grace, enthusiasm and pride. Congratulations to the 7th grade girls NUTZ for a job well done. The true champions are... Jessica Elfin/Magic, Sarah "Wrinkles" Partridge, Kirah "Bird" Van Trease, Natalie "Natismo" Asseni, Rachel "Cordog" LaRont, Jordan "Determinator" Volponi, Katie "The Other Side" Johnson and Alyssa "Peanut" Gonzalez.



St. Michael's/St. Charles (SM/SC) 5th grade girls (5011) beat Catholic Community of Pleasanton (CCOP) (5006) 16 - 11 in the semifinal of the Tri-Valley CYO Championship on Saturday. SM/SC played St. Isidore (5007) in the finals on Sunday. SM/SC won 32 - 14 to capture their second straight Tri-Valley CYO Championship. SM/SC complete another perfect season 12 - 0. In the semifinal, Madison Jackson led SM/SC in scoring with 10 points followed by Alexandra Lonsinger with 4 points and Samantha Dukes with 2 points. In the finals, Alexandra Lonsinger led SM/SC with 16 points followed by Madison Jackson with 9 points and Taylor Peterson with 3 points. Samantha Dukes and JJ Gibson finished off the scoring with 2 points each. This team was coached by Mat Steinberg and Erik Peterson. The group of girls that came together and worked very hard for this wonderful season were Samantha Dukes, Jennifer Gibson, Madison Jackson, Mallory Jones, Alexandra Lonsinger, Taylor Peterson, Maggie Sneed, Mila Steinberg and Jamie Zorgaric. Pictured is the team following the championship game.

Livermore Aquacowboys

The Livermore Aquacowboys (LAC) took 31 swimmers to the Zone 2 Short Course Winter Championships, seven of them earned a place on the All-Star Team. They are Nathan Boas, Taylor Brennan, Paige Da Costa, Alexander Gonzalez, Christopher Gonzalez, Katie Kulp, and Trent Trump.

A new Pacific Recordable time was recorded by Nina Hayes. New Far Western Qualifying Times were turned in by Evan Carlo and Alexander Gonzalez. New Junior Olympic Qualifying Times were earned by Shahini Ananth, Allie Clark, Catherine Elliott, Alexander Gonzalez, Haley Hamza, Andrew Hayes, and Trent Trump.

New Best Times were clocked by Shahini Ananth, Xander Bass, Nathan Boas, Evan Carlo, Allie Clark, Kylie Clark, Paige Da Costa, Taber Da Costa, Catherine Elliott, Alexander Gonzalez, Christopher Gonzalez, Haley Hamza, Andrew Hayes, Matthew Hayes, Nina Hayes, Katie Kulp, Patrick Kulp, Desiree McCann, Franco Moufarrej, Morgan Roddy, Rachel Roddy, Brendan Schierloh, Rebecca Stewart, Sarah Swanson, Shelby Swanson, Jared Tovera, Trent Trump and Natalie Wong.

Open enrollment is underway. Please call us at 925-443-7700 to schedule a free one-week tryout.

Pleasanton Seahawks

The Pleasanton Seahawks climbed to new heights in achieving many new Best Times at the Zone 2 Championships February 20 - 21.

Best Times and New Cuts were achieved in the following categories: B-Times - Kyle Kenny, Ian Venzon, Tanaya Gondhalekar, Sruthi Mukkamala, Timothy Yao, Natalia Bello, Samantha Howell; A-Times - Tammy Gandhi, Justin Tsai, Sofia Barrera, Resha Panda, Aditya Gupta, Rishab Nair, Weldon Yang, Madison Burson, Kayla Lindsay,

Livermore Boys' Lacrosse

The Livermore Varsity Boys' Lacrosse team defeated the Wildcats of Dougherty Valley, 15 to 0. Livermore scored 4 goals in the first three quarters each and 3 in the final quarter to account for the 15 goals.

Livermore goals were (5) from Tommy Parker, (3) each from Eric Loberg and Matt Holzschuh, (2) goals by Daniel Rowand and single goals each by Scott Gragg and Stan Steeper. Kyle Kline had (3) assists.

Gavin Herr had (3) saves in the victory and the defense was led by Chris Hill, Rusty Schmidt, Joe Gonzalez, Aubrey Gott and Travis Cyronck.

The Livermore Boys' J.V. team defeated Dougherty Valley, 13 to 0.

Livermore was led by Steven Niessen who scored (7) goals, Jr. McCammon had (3) goals, and Max Kreger, Nick Vickers and Patrick Feltz each chipped in (1) each. Assists were (4) for Vickers, (3) for McCammon, (2)

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Dublin High School defeated Bishop O'Dowd to capture the school's first ever North Coast Section Division II men's varsity soccer title. Regulation play ended in a 1 to 1 tie. The game came down to penalty kicks, with Dublin converting on 4, Bishop O'Dowd 3, giving Dublin the victory. Pictured is Cody Hoster (9) going up for a header.

by Niessen and Mac Morgan had (1). Steven Martinez recorded (8) saves in the shut-out victory. The defense was led by Chris Alderson, Spencer Davidson, Jacob Farnos, Max Byrne and Niklas Palomba. This was the first time the both teams have shut-out both opponents in the same day.

Granada Girls Lacrosse

The Granada High Girls Varsity Lacrosse team won their first pre-season game against Dougherty Valley, 20-3. Led by Captains Hayley Olson, Catrina Hickman and Jamie Sanck, the Matadors made a great showing as a team during their first game of the 2010 season with 18 of their 20 goals being scored with assists. A strong offense dominated the field with scoring contributions being made by Livv Gertton, 8 goals, Hayley Olson, 4 goals, Shannon Sunnergren, 4 goals, and Jamie Sanck, 2 goals, Melanie Pacheco, 1 goal and Camille Hanna with 1 goal. Catrina Hickman led the Matador defense to quickly drive turnovers and return the ball back down field towards the Dougherty Valley goal. Goalie Allison Davis made a great debut with only 3 goals allowed against multiple attacks by the Dougherty Valley offense. Midfielders Melanie Pacheco and Camille Hanna showed their skills in winning strong draws and quick movement of the ball down field to set up multiple scoring opportunities.

Junior Golf Pasta Feed

Junior Golf Pasta Feed, hosted by The First Tee Tri-Valley on March 21, Sunday 2 - 4 pm at Castlewood Country Club (2 - 4 pm, Sunday afternoon). Theme - Believing, learning, and making good choices in life and through the game of golf. Speakers will share tips about nutrition, banking, developing core values, and golf. Youth will then enjoy pasta, bingo, prizes and relationship building. Entry form on www.thefirstteetrivalley.org, click on Pasta Feed. All youth ages 7 - 17, golfers and non-golfers, welcome. Deadline to sign up - March 15th. Cost \$15 (Financial need - contact Terri Maxoutopoulos at 925-366-7956).

Junior Lacrosse

The Pleasanton Lacrosse Club Thunder, under-15 boys A lacrosse team opened Northern California Junior Lacrosse Association play last weekend, splitting a pair of games. In the season opener, the Thunder, who finished second in Northern California last year, struggled offensively and dropped a tough 7-4 game to Central Marin. Matt Maria Cui scored twice, with Tyler Mackin and Conner Neads getting one goal each. Sunday, the Thunder came back with a 18-0 win over the South Bay Chiefs. Broder Heggelund scored three goals, with Christian Son, Maria Cui, Jamir Holland and Mackin adding two goals each. Andrew Totaro, Chet Kozioi, Luke Legins, Neads, Tor Heggelund and Zach Beata scored one goal each. The defense of Connor Velt, Bryce Barnett, Enrico Schiaffino, Beata, Tommy Yozzo, Brett Lewis and Jeremy Sherin all played well in the back. Goalie Josh Miller earned the shutout with a handful of saves.

Opening Day

Opening Day for the Pleasanton Girls Softball League (PGSL) is Saturday, March 13 at the Pleasanton Sports Park. Festivities will be held at fields GSB 6 and 7. Last year's successful Phantom teams will be recognized. There will be a Hall of Fame induction ceremony. All of the girls in our league who are seniors in high school and are playing their last year in PGSL will be recognized. The Foothill and Amador softball teams will do a demonstration. Raffle prizes will be given away. The annual complimentary Pancake breakfast will start at 7:45am and conclude at 9:00am. Ceremonies will start at 9:10am. Over 900 girls are participating in the league for the 2010 season.

Diablo Century

Cycling enthusiasts are invited to register for the 2nd annual Diablo Century to be held on Sunday morning, April 25 at the Contra Costa JCC in Walnut Creek. Three routes, all beginning at the CCJCC on Tice Valley Blvd. in Walnut Creek, will accommodate various cycling levels: the 25-mile route will take casual cyclists through the scenic hills of Danville and Alamo to the foot of Mt. Diablo and back. The more challenging 100-K route (62 miles) will have cyclists enjoying the breathtaking backside and spectacular views of Mt. Diablo via Clayton and the Morgan Territory. Cyclists will descend into the Livermore and return via Danville and scenic Blackhawk. The final 100-M route (100 miles) will have serious cyclists taking the 100-K route and then adding to the challenge with a vigorous jaunt to Castro Valley, followed by a climb up Redwood Road to Moraga. The Diablo Century will take place come rain or shine. Start time for the 100-K and 100-M routes is from 6:30 to 8:00 am. The 25-M route begins at 8:00 am. Individual registration fee for all routes is \$50 per person (\$60 the day of the event). Tandem for all routes is \$100 per tandem (\$110 the day of the event) and additional luncheon tickets for non-registered riders are available for \$10 each. To register for the Diablo Century or to learn more, please visit www.ccjcc.org/diablo. To learn about volunteering opportunities, please contact Phil Hankin at philh@ccjcc.org or (925) 938-7800, ext. 273.

Trails Challenge

The East Bay Regional Park District's seventeenth annual Trails Challenge is now accepting registrations for 2010. In celebration of the Park District's 75th Anniversary



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Dublin High School women's varsity basketball team defeated Petaluma 62 to 34 to advance to the semifinals of the North Coast Section Division II playoffs. In the photo Chereese Thomas (23) goes up for a basket, while Alexous Robinson (13) looks on. They played Northgate Wednesday night.

The "Challenge" will be free this year thanks to a partnership with Kaiser Permanente health maintenance organization. Participants who register for the Trails Challenge will receive a free t-shirt and online access to the 2010 trail booklet. The booklet includes detailed trail descriptions, including driving directions, to ten parks and 30 of the most popular trails in the Regional Parks. Each park includes three hikes ranging from easy to challenging. There are trails open to hikers, bicyclists and equestrians, and many are wheelchair accessible. To register, visit www.ebparks.org, click on "Trails Challenge" in the "Features" section on the right side of the home page, and proceed as directed. Registrants must have an e-mail address as further instructions will be e-mailed.

Baseball Players

Colt 45s 19U baseball players wanted. Focus is on high school and freshmen college players. No conflicts with the high school season. For more information, contact Coach Max Valencia at (925) 639-9034 or email maxvbaseball@hotmail.com.

Diablo Trails Challenge

The Diablo Trails Challenge will be held Sat., March 20. The event was created to help celebrate and support efforts to Save Mount Diablo. Distances include 50K, half marathon, 10K, 5K Runs. A portion of all entry fees will go to Save Mount Diablo. All runners will receive custom finisher medals and custom shirts (cotton and tech shirts available). There will also be a post-race BBQ available for all runners. Age group awards will be awarded to the top 3 finishers in 5 year categories (smaller categories for the younger ages). The 5K, 10K and Half Marathon will all begin and end at Castle Rock Park in Walnut Creek. The 50K is a point to point run and will begin at Round Valley Regional Preserve, following the Diablo Trail through Morgan Territory Regional Preserve, Mount Diablo State Park and finishing in Castle Rock Park. There will be a bus leaving from Castle Rock

Park to the race start at 6:30am (seats must be reserved in advance). Start times will be: 8:00am for the 50K (bus departs from start area at 6:30), 9:00am for the Half Marathon, 9:10am for the 10K and 9:20am for the 5K. Participation will be limited to a total of 600 entrants for all races combined. There are three prices: early bird (before 2/7), regular (until 3/7) and late/race day entry (until 3/20). 5K Entry Fee: \$35 until 2/7, \$38 until 3/7, \$43 until 3/20; 10K Entry Fee: \$39 until 2/7, \$44 until 3/7, \$49 until 3/20; Half Marathon Entry Fee: \$56 until 2/7, \$61 until 3/7, \$66 until 3/20; 50K Entry Fee: \$75 until 2/7, \$85 until 3/7, \$95 until 3/20. If the race has not sold out before then, race day registration will be available. 50K, race day registration will only be available at the 50K race start (at Round Valley Regional Preserve). Race day registration for the other distances will be available at Castle Rock Park. On-line registration is at <http://brazenracing.com/diablo.html>

PGSL Registration:

Opening Day for the 2010 Pleasanton Phantom Girls Softball League is quickly approaching. Registration is still open for most divisions. 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 the website). Please note, late registration fee applies after December 15, 2009. For more information or questions, contact Christine Tanis at christine.t@pleasantonsoftball.org.

Inline Hockey

Valley Inline Hockey in Livermore is preparing for Spring with youth and adult signups. They are scheduled for Saturdays, March 6 and 13 at the rink from 10am-1pm. The rink is located behind Junction Ave Middle School with parking off Ladd Ave. Leagues include Mites (ages 6 and under) free learn to play and skate class. Squirts (ages 7-10), PeeWees (10-13), Bantams (13-16), adults (16 and up) Funment can be bor-

Planning Underway for Annual Dublin Pride Week

The City of Dublin will present "Dublin Pride Week" events (Saturday, April 24th through Saturday, May 1st). Volunteers are being sought to assist with several activities planned for this year. Dublin Pride Week is an annual event that seeks to demonstrate ways in which individuals or groups can act to improve the community and to work to improve the world through environmental awareness and volunteerism.

In 2009, a record-setting 400 volunteers assisted on projects throughout the community, ranging from helping seniors with household maintenance and yard work, to elementary and middle school beautification projects, such as painting and landscape work. Additionally, volunteers participated in a number of clean up projects around the City.

"Dublin Pride Week is a great tradition that speaks to the very character of our community," said Vice Mayor Kasie Hildenbrand. "This program demonstrates that, through volunteerism and environmental stewardship, residents can truly impact and make a difference in the City."

The program encourages youth participation and hosts an annual poster contest to engage youth in the event. This year's Dublin Pride Week posters will



feature the artwork of Ariana Castro, an 8th grader at Wells Middle School, whose artwork is titled - "Step Up and Reach Out." Additionally, several faith-based groups and service organizations will assist in providing volunteers and support for the event.

Residents and groups interested in volunteering can visit the Pride Week website at www.dublinprideweek.com or call (925) 833-6650.

The following events and activities will be occurring this year throughout Pride Week:

- "Volunteer Day" - Saturday April 24th from 8:00 a.m. - to 12:00 noon. Volunteers are needed to help with Senior Assistance, School Beautification and Tree Planting Projects. Volunteers will be invited to a BBQ at Shannon Park following all volunteer activities from 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.
- "Water Wise Workshop"

at the Dublin Library Saturday April 24th from 2:00 p.m. - to 3:30 p.m. in which residents will learn about drought tolerant gardening.

- Guided Nature Walk on Saturday May 1st along the Martin Canyon Creek Trail from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Registration at www.dublinprideweek.com is required.
- Free Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection and Compost Give-a-Way Day, Saturday May 1st.
- Planet Dublin Poster Contest for students, grades K-12. Prizes include gift certificates and City Council recognition.

Residents can show their Dublin Pride by immortalizing a name or message on concrete benches around a Faerie Ring at the new Shannon Community Center. Please see www.dublinprideweek.com for more

Newer Materials Found in Comets

Though comets are thought to be some of the oldest, most primitive bodies in the solar system, new research on comet Wild 2 indicates that inner solar system material was transported to the comet-forming region at least 1.7 million years after the formation of the oldest solar system solids.

The research by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory scientists and colleagues provides the first constraint on the age of cometary material from a known comet. The findings were published in the Feb. 25 edition of Science Express.

The NASA Stardust mission to comet Wild 2, which launched in 1999, was designed around the premise that comets preserve pristine remnants of materials that helped form the solar system. In 2006, Stardust returned with the first samples from a comet.

Though the mission was expected to provide a unique glimpse into the early solar system by returning a mix of solar system condensates, amorphous grains from the interstellar medium and true stardust (crystalline grains originating in distant stars), the initial results painted a different picture. Instead, the comet materials consisted of high-temperature materials including calcium-aluminum rich inclusions (CAIs), the oldest objects formed in the solar nebula. These objects form in the inner regions of the solar nebula and are common in meteorites.

The presence of CAIs in comet Wild 2 indicates that the formation of the solar system included mixing over radial distances much greater than has been recognized by scientists in

the past. "The inner solar system material in Wild 2 underscores the importance of radial transport of material over large distances in the early solar nebula," said lead author Jennifer Matzel of the Laboratory's Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Science and the Glenn T. Seaborg Institute.

"These findings also raise key questions regarding the timescale of the formation of comets and the relationship between Wild 2

and other primitive solar nebula objects."

Analysis showed that the inner solar system materials formed 1.7 million years after the onset of CAI formation.

Other LLNL team members include Hope Ishii, Ian Hutchison, John Bradley, Peter Weber and Nick Teslich. Colleagues include scientists from the University of Washington, University of California, Los Angeles and the Smithsonian Institution.



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Garden Club Celebrates Arbor Day Through Education

Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club (LAVGC) volunteers will be providing a one hour educational school program about Arbor Day and providing redwood seedlings to second graders within Pleasanton elementary school district. Each session will last for an hour with approximately 120 to 150 children present. The presentations will begin on March 8 through March 15 at various Pleasanton elementary schools. There are ten sessions planned.

On March 6 from 10:00 am to noon, at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore, LAVGC volunteers will be potting and labeling redwood seedling numbering 2,500. The seedlings were donated by Alden Lane Nursery.

This Arbor Day presentation to Pleasanton's elementary school children has been occurring for nearly ten years. Students are given a history of Arbor Day, a seedling, a certificate of adoption, and an informational brochure on how to plant and care for the seedling. Ending the educational session is a story board on the benefits of trees and ending with a playful session with an Arbor Day Tree Pole.

On April 10, 1872, in Nebraska, the First Arbor Day was celebrated in the United States. A Nebraska newspaperman, J. Sterling Morton, came up with the idea of Arbor Day to correct the destruction of chopped down trees used for building homes and firewood. A movement began to restore trees in Nebraska that spread throughout other states in America. By 1920, more than 45 states and territories were celebrating Arbor Day. Morton became the father of Arbor Day.

In California, Arbor Day is officially celebrated on Luther Burbank's birthday, which is March 7, 1849. Burbank, born in Lancaster, Massachusetts, was a famed horticulturist who lived in Santa Rosa for more than fifty years. Burbank's goal was to improve the quality of plants thereby increasing the world's food supply. He died at the age of 77 in 1926, per his wishes he was buried in an unmarked grave. In 1960, his widow designated a portion of their then four-acre garden located in Santa Rosa as a memorial park in his name. A revitalization project of the gardens was completed in 1992.

Lydia Roberts, LAVGC's President, is from the United Kingdom. She never heard about Arbor Day until she came to this country and learned about Luther Burbank. "I think our program for second graders and educating them on the importance of trees and providing them with California's state tree raises awareness of environmental issues at a early age," says Roberts.

Club volunteers actively provide their time, talent and skills to civic and community organizations such as the yearly Arbor Day Event, planting and tending to the organic garden at Camp Arroyo, for children dealing with life-threatening illnesses. Among various other volunteer efforts, members maintain the gardens at the Blue Star Memorial Garden at the Veteran's Administration and the Nursing Home in Livermore, Pleasanton Gardens and Sensory Gardens. This is just a partial list of efforts to beautify the community performed by volunteers. The City of Pleasanton has given LAVGC an appreciation certificate for outstanding service at Pleasanton's Senior Center on April 2008. Over the past years, LAVGC has received other certifications and acknowledgements of appreciation.

Currently, the valley is experiencing a burst of color from blooming daffodils planted by volunteers in the following locations: In Livermore: Boot Hill, Ravenswood Estate, Stanley Blvd., and Robertson Park. In Pleasanton, Century House, Walnut Grove Park and Alviso Adobe. Dublin's City Hall also has the blooms. Over the course of the month, more daffodils will come into bloom throughout the area, compliments of LAVGC.

The annual plant sale is a fundraiser open to the general public. This year's plant sale date is Saturday, April 17, from 9:00 am to noon at Amador Valley High School parking lot, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. All plants are nurtured and grown by members at prices ranging from \$1 to \$5, where larger plant pots go for \$10 and higher.

Celebration of the Arts to Honor Heroes, Showcases Performing and Visual Arts

The Bankhead Theater will host Champions for The Arts: A Celebration of Our Regional Arts Heroes, honoring community art heroes and showcasing music, performing and visual arts by students from Livermore, Pleasanton and Fremont. The public is welcome to join this free event on Thursday, March 4 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. to honor youth and adult "heroes" who forge new relationships, practices and programs to bring arts learning to youth.

The evening's event includes a Valley Dance Theatre performance, a Livermore High School Winter drama production of The Laramie Project, and a performance from the Granada High School Jazz Ensemble. The evening will wrap up with a complimentary dessert and wine reception in the lobby.

The event is part of the 10th anniversary of Art IS Education month, an annual showcase of youth arts learning in Alameda County. It is an opportunity for students to share with their community what they are learning in and through the arts. In honor of the 10-year anniversary, the Alameda County Arts Commission in partnership with the Alameda Office of Education has coordinated featured events within each of the five districts

of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

In recognition of Art IS Education, the Bankhead Theater will exhibit works from Livermore and Pleasanton students in the lobby throughout the month of March, that build upon the theme of "Every Day Heroes" in celebration of the Art IS Education 10 Year Anniversary. Foothill High School Art students are wearing their "environmental" super hero capes. They created environmental pieces about trash and its impact on our feathered friends (the school mascot is the falcon). Students were inspired by the photographer Chris Jordan. Jordan's images show the aftermath of tossed trash that leads to countless bird deaths each year. Birds mistake the trash for food and are unwittingly killed by the garbage they ingest it and feed it to their young. Students are wearing their "environmental" super hero capes.

The evening also includes a "Champions for The Arts" awards presentation by Alameda County Board of Supervisors, District One Supervisor Scott Haggerty. Winners include: Andy Jorgensen, Civic Arts Manager, City of Pleasanton, Founder of Children's Theater Workshop; Dr. Philip Manwell, Dean of

Art and Communications, Las Positas College; Kathryn Sherrod FAME Program Director, Fine Arts Mini Experience; and an Award of Honor to Joan Seppala, President and Co-Founder of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center.

Andy Jorgensen served as Civic Arts Manager for the City of Pleasanton since 1989. Prior to that, he was the founding Executive Director of the Children's Theater Workshop. Civic Arts is a program of the Department of Parks and Community Services and offers a wide and eclectic variety of programs and experiences for Pleasanton residents. Arts programming includes classes, productions, a public art program, a performing arts presenting program, and arts granting program. The program also offers recreational fee classes, and outdoor education programs including those offered at the Alviso Adobe Community Park.

Jorgensen is the lead staff person for the Pleasanton Civic Arts Commission, and serves as City liaison to the non-profit Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council and Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation. He has also served as project manager for the City's Cultural Plan, Arts Facilities Plan, Arts Marketing Plan, and Downtown Public Art Master Plan. He has played a central role in the design and development of Pleasanton's new Firehouse Arts Center, which will open in September, 2010.

Philip Manwell earned Bachelor of Music and Master of Science degrees (and pursued Doctoral Studies) at the Juilliard School, earned a Doctorate of Education from the University of San Francisco, as well as diplomas in organ and composition from The Paris Conservatory. Manwell was a Soloist, Chamber Player, and Conductor, touring throughout the U.S., Europe, Canada, Australia, and the Far East; recording with Orion, Musical Heritage, Nonesuch; radio performances on NBC, Austrian National Radio, BBC; and Public Broadcasting Television appearances in the U.S. and Europe.

After a successful career performing, conducting, and teaching, he came to Las Positas College in 1986 - first as an adjunct instructor in music and then as a full time faculty member in Humanities. His vast experience as an expert instructor, dedicated to student learning and faculty professional development, made him a highly regarded administrator, when he took the position as Dean of Arts & Communication in 2002.

Manwell has been instrumental in working with faculty in the design of new facilities and the remodeling of older facilities, including the new Las Positas College Center for the Arts that includes a 500-seat main stage theater, a small Black Box theater, a 1,500-seat outdoor amphitheater, as well as spaces for rehearsal, practice, and teaching and an art gallery, all opening in the fall of 2010.

He provides financial support for activities that the college cannot fund. For example, Dr Manwell provided a generous grant to launch the Early Music Concert

Series at the college, has donated money for choral students to sing in Europe, and to bring the San Francisco Shakespeare Company to campus for a performance free to students, just to name a few.

In 1959, Kathryn Sherrod entered her first classroom as a starry-eyed young teacher. Initially trained in drama and dance, she brought her love of the arts with her into the classroom.

As an educator for over 25 years, her career was varied. While a School Improvement Coordinator in Fremont, CA, she saw the effects of the elimination of arts programs as a result of the 1978 passage of Proposition 13. The school was hungry for more arts in the curriculum but needed a program that didn't require additional expertise on the part of already overburdened teachers and was cost effective.

Sherrod began working with a small group of teachers and parents to develop lesson plans that would utilize parent volunteers as docents and integrate the arts across the curriculum and yet be time effective. Fine Arts Mini Experience (FAME) pairs famous artists and composers in lively and engaging lessons that succeed because they bring art, music and history to life before the students eyes. Utilizing strong visuals, a timeline, and hands-on, experiential learning activities, students make connections between significant historical events that shaped and influenced the artists and composers, as well as how the artists and composers helped shape future events. This arts program that began 29 years ago as a small pilot in one school has served more than sixty school districts, numerous religious and private schools, charter and home schoolers and close to a million students in eight western states.

Here's what they say about FAME: A Kindergarten in Oregon showing a self-portrait (an art activity involving facial proportion) gasped, "This is the bestest face I ever drewed!"

A local teacher stated, "I taught in Fremont for 17 years before moving to Pleasanton and teaching here for 18 years. I was involved with FAME as a teacher coordinator in both Fremont and Pleasanton. Over those years, I have seen how FAME -through Kathy's hard work and inspiration-has touched thousands of children and hundreds of parent volunteers. The program is so well designed that it is easy to stir enthusiasm and creativity in the volunteers. FAME has developed a generation of young people who see the place and value of the arts. (How important is that to our community and our world?) The lessons are interactive and fun, but also demonstrate in a concrete way, the importance of self-expression through the arts, and provide a historical context for art and music. They teach that the arts are an integral part of the human experience. At a time when our schools have become more and more involved in academic test scores, how important is it to show a balance and encourage the development of the arts? How important is it to give affirmation to the artistic talents of our students? FAME has helped to provide this in our schools."

Something for Everyone at Annual St. Pat's Celebration

The City of Dublin's St Patrick's Day Festival will be held at the Dublin Civic Center (parking lot) from 10am to 5pm on Saturday and Sunday, March 13th and 14th.

There will be over 100 craft and commercial vendor booths, an international food court, three stages featuring authentic Irish entertainment, sheep herding, carnival rides and other attractions. The Irish Tea Cottage will be open in the Library Program Room featuring a Celtic harpist, storytelling, crafts, knitting and of course, tea.

There is no admission charge. Parking is free.

The Annual Firefighter's Pancake Breakfast at Fire Station #16 (located on Donohue Drive and Amador Valley Blvd) will take place on Saturday morning - with green pancakes ready at 7am. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$5 each.

There will be plenty of time to head over to Amador Valley Blvd or Village Parkway and find a good seat for the Dublin Lions Club Parade (don't forget, there

are bleacher seats available on Amador Valley Blvd near Lucky Pizza). The parade has over 80 entries including equestrian riders, clowns, local marching bands, bagpipes, and more. The parade steps-off promptly at 9:30am.

On Sunday morning, grab running shoes and join in the Shamrock 5K Fun Run and Walk. This is a certified 3.5 mile course. There are great prizes with pre and post activities. Register online at Active.com or download an application from the event website.

The celebration will also include two other activities: the Green & White Gala sponsored by the Sister City Organization will be held on Friday, March 12th at the Dublin Senior Center. Tickets are only \$65 per person. Call 925. 829-4758 to make reservations.

Lady K and the Kings of Swing will be performing at the Dublin Senior Center on Saturday, March 13th at 7pm. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door.

NNSA Establishing Mentoring Program for Scientists

The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) has launched a new mentoring program that will apply 21st century tools to invigorate learning and promote the transfer of institutional knowledge across the nuclear security enterprise. The mentoring program will use an interactive website and database to connect mentors to mentees in NNSA facilities across the country, helping employees identify the skills they need to learn and the colleagues who can teach them.

So far, 67 employees, including NNSA Administrator Thomas D'Agostino and more

than a dozen senior executives, have signed up to serve as mentors. Registration for mentees will begin this week.

Roughly 28 percent of NNSA employees will be eligible for retirement by 2012. Through a number of programs, the agency is aggressively recruiting the next generation of nuclear security professionals to ensure NNSA can safely, securely and effectively maintain the nation's nuclear stockpile without testing, prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons and material, power the nuclear Navy, counter nuclear terrorism and respond to radiological emergencies in the United States and around

the globe.

Mentoring is a centerpiece of NNSA's efforts to strengthen learning and development in its current workforce and to improve recruitment of new staff. It is modeled after mentoring programs offered in the private sector.

The web-based program helps mentees assess their professional development needs, find appropriate mentors and schedule sessions. Subjects may range from science and engineering to business and management skills. The website also offers training to help mentors learn how best to convey their knowledge and

experience to others.

While NNSA is encouraging senior leaders to participate, mentoring will be incorporated into development programs designed for employees at all levels, so that it becomes a part of the employee life cycle at NNSA.

The mentoring program will be available to federal employees at all nine NNSA sites, including headquarters in Washington, D.C. This will allow employees at different physical locations to match skills to needs without geographic boundaries. Mentoring will be available in person as well as by phone, video or Internet.

Pleasanton Actress Appearing in Cal State 'Chicago'

Caitlin O'Leary of Pleasanton will play the role of Velma Kelley in the Cal State East Bay production of "Chicago," the musical, opening Friday, March 5 on the University Theatre stage.

"Chicago," the musical satire of the windy city's gangster era, comes to the Cal State East Bay stage March 5 for a two-week run.

The cast of 23 students will perform at 8 p.m. March 5-6 and 12-13, as well as at 2 p.m. March 7 and 14 in the University Theatre, 25800 Carlos Bee Blvd., Hayward. An opening night reception by Friends of the Arts will benefit student scholarships.

"Chicago," with music by John Kander and lyrics by Fred Ebb, based on a book by Ebb and Bob Fosse, debuted on Broadway in June 1975 and ran for more than 900 performances. Its 1996 revival is Broadway's sixth longest-running show in history, with more than 5,400 performances. The film version of the musical won six Academy

Awards in 2003, including Best Picture.

In this cautionary tale of what lengths people will go to achieve their 15 minutes of fame and fortune, Jones and collaborators (Richard Olmsted and Regina Cate, sets; Chalia LaTour, costumes; and Cersar Cancino, music director/conductor) draw a link between the 1920s gangsters rise to fame and the gangsta rise to fame in the 1990s that spurred hip hop gang icons. Simultaneously, the choreography will

stay true to Bob Fosse's original style that can be seen today in music videos by the likes of artists Beyonce, Shakira and Justin Timberlake.

Tickets at \$18 p.m. general, \$15 youth/senior/alumni, \$10 for CSUEB students, or \$50 for the benefit including wine, an appetizer reception, entertainment and special seating, may be reserved at http://class.csueastbay.edu/theatre/Ticket_Reservations.php. For information, call 510-885-3118.

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OBITUARIES

Ray J. King

Ray J. King went to be with the Lord on Sunday, February 21. He was born January 1, 1933, in Montrose, CO. He received his MSEE and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Colorado. Prior to moving to Pleasanton, Ray was a professor of EE at the UW-Madison from 1964-1982.

From 1983-1990 Ray worked as a research engineer at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. In 1983 Ray co-formed a company, KDC Technology in Livermore, where he worked until his passing.

Ray is survived by his wife of 45 years, Diane; his son, Karl; his daughter, Kristin; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Feb. 26 at Crosswinds Church, 6444 Sierra Court, Dublin.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Compassion International, 12290 Voyager Parkway, Colo

Louise Catherine Smith

Louise Catherine Smith had resided in San Ramon, California since 1979. She was a native California born in Los Angeles on November 5, 1937. She was married for 54 years to Alex, her lifetime friend and partner.

She found final peace on Tuesday, February 23, 2010. Louise was 72 years old.

Louise was a very bright and sparkly woman in many ways. Her smile and eyes could always light up a room. She was a very sweet unselfish woman, which seemed to be the continuous theme of her life with us. She touched people with her kindness in so many ways. She was a lover of all living things – animals (especially her Dobermans, Heidi and Shani), plants (she loved her roses, lemons, grapes, and tomatoes that were home grown) and she especially adored the children in her life. Louise retired as a crossing guard from the San Ramon Police Department. Louise had numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren that she spent time with and helped to nurture. Louise was fiercely proud of her family and supported them no matter what and where their endeavors took them. She also loved to craft and to sew during her lifetime. She used to sew her children's clothing, and also loved to create holiday crafts including her beloved "Rosie the reindeer". Louise had a love of camping and water-skiing with her friends and family for vacation, as well as trips to far-off lands like her father's homeland of Greece. Louise and her husband, Alex spent their 50th wedding anniversary on the islands of Hawaii.

Louise was a Girl Scout leader, Indian Guides Mom, Softball Mom, Volleyball Mom, Baseball Mom, Swim Mom, Blue Bird Leader, Active participant in schools (PTA, room aide), Military Mom, and American Heart Association Fund-raising Leader. She attended John C. Fremont High School (Los Angeles), and graduated in 1956, she achieved an AA degree from Moorpark College in 1976 with numerous certifications attached. She retired as a Crossing Guard (She loved crossing her kids to make sure they were safe in San Ramon). Before retirement, Louise also worked as a Computer Operator (She dedicated much of her working career to the Ruff Times and it's various investment affiliates). She was a member of the First Christian Church of Christ.

Louise is survived by her husband Alex C. Smith of San Ramon, CA (married May 2, 1956); children Lorren Repton (Shaun) of Big Bear, CA, Alex J. Smith of Paradise, CA, Lisa Smith-Jenness (Michael) of San Ramon, CA; siblings Betty Edwards of Chetopa, KS, Nadine Botonis of Torrance, CA; grandchildren Dawn Martinez of Thousand Oaks, CA, Crystal

Dearth-Lorton of Big Bear, CA, and Thora "Libby" Jenness of San Ramon, CA; great grandchildren Allannah Lorton, Aidan Lorton, Kurt Lorton. Louise also leaves numerous nephews, nieces, great-nephews, great-nieces and people that called her Mom, Auntie and Grandma because of the kindness she showed by her mother, Grace, her father, James, her brother Benny, and her brother Jim.

Her life was full and rich with fun, family and friends. Louise, our mother, auntie, grandma and friend will be greatly missed.

Services were held Feb. 28 in Livermore. Burial followed at Rose Lawn Cemetery, Livermore, CA.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society and Alzheimer's Association.

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Lucille Ford

Lucille H. Ford, a 53-year resident of Livermore, died February 20 at age 90 following a short illness.

Lucille was born May 3, 1919, in Portland, Oregon.

Growing up in the woods near Portland left her with a lifelong love of greenery and forests, which she would later show by taking friends and family to the redwood forests of coastal California for relaxation and meditation.

She met her husband, Albert, during World War II, when both worked for Kaiser's Oregon Ship-Building Company in Portland. They were married in 1944. After the War, they moved to Albuquerque and the new Sandia Laboratory, where Al was an engineer. In 1956, they moved to Livermore as one of the first families establishing the California branch of Sandia.

Lucille was a talented artist who studied with water colorist Jade Fon, and was an early supporter of the Livermore Art Association. She had countless friends in the community and took such an interest in others that soon after she met someone new they might have exchanged life stories. Still, she said that her greatest achievements and joy came from her family.

She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Albert, and three children: Janice Gollaher of Roseville, Stephen Ford of Sacramento, and Carol Garberson of Livermore. There are six grandsons — Gregory, Jeffrey and Christopher Gollaher; Jeffrey and Thomas Garberson; and Patrick Ford — as well as two great grandchildren, Michael and Megan Gollaher.

There will be a celebration of her life at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 13, in the Heritage Estates dining room, 850 East Stanley Blvd., Livermore. (Activity Room), 850 East Stanley Blvd., Livermore.

James Whittla Morris

James Whittla Morris, age 92 of Livermore, passed away on February 16, 2010 of congestive heart failure.

He is survived by his wife Grace, stepchildren, Steven Cane of La Quinta, CA; Marianne Cane (Husband Chris and sons Daniel and Brian) of Leonia, NJ, Corrine Cane of San Martin, CA and nephews Arthur Kent Morris of Oak Harbor, WA and Richard Allen Morris of San Diego, CA. James was born in North Platte, NE on August 8, 1917.

His work career included Lockheed Aircraft in Burbank, CA; Elmendorf Air Base in Alaska, LLNL and Ralph Properties in Livermore, CA.

A memorial services will be on March 14th at 2pm at the

First Presbyterian Church of Livermore. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore.

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Virginia A. Nelson



Virginia A. Nelson passed away peacefully at Valley-Care Medical Center in Pleasanton from complications of aspirating pneumonia. She was born February 13, 1919 to Mr. and Mrs. Golden D. Long in Fresno, California. The first of two children, Virginia was raised in Fresno. She became a teacher after graduation from Fresno High School and Fresno State University.

Virginia met her future husband, Robert Lee Nelson, at a USO dance in Fresno. Robert was a B-24 bomber pilot in WWII. He was shot down over Italy and spent time in a German prison camp before returning home. After his return, Robert and Virginia were married in 1945. They had two children, a son, Douglas, and a daughter, Kerry.

Virginia taught school in Livermore for 26 years, with a total of over 35 years combined experience. She was a very well liked by her students. There was always something interesting to learn under her instruction. She was a talented pianist, dancer, artist, and drama teacher.

Virginia enjoyed being with friends and was always happiest going out to social events. She was a member of many organizations including B Square Dancers, bell and choral choirs, Delta Kappa Gamma (teachers honor group), Eagle Squares, Order of Easter Star (over 50 years), and Retired Teachers Association. She enjoyed giving time to all of her groups.

A much loved mother, Virginia is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Kerry and Stephen Boothe, Livermore; niece, Sue Long and her children Kelly and Michael Romine of Fresno; nephew and his wife Dr. and Mrs. Michael G. Long and their children, Conner, Chris and Jordan Long of Fresno; daughter-in-law, Sandra H. Smith of Simi Valley; brother-in-law and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Nelson of Green Bay, Wisconsin; and niece and her husband Kathy and John Stollberg of Green Bay, Wisconsin.

She was predeceased by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Golden D. Long, her brother/wife Mr. and Mrs. Golden A. Long, and her son, Douglas Lee Nelson.

A private service was held in Fresno. She was interred at Belmont Memorial Park in Fresno.

Virginia will be deeply missed by all who knew her. She will be missed most by her family.

Donations in her name preferred to: Semper Fidelis Chapter No. 135, % Pennie Clouser, O.E.S. Secretary, 359 Mitchell Street, Livermore, CA 94551-2217.

Kim W. Lim

Kim passed away on Feb. 9, 2010 in Pleasanton, CA at the age of 73. Kim was born in China on April 16, 1936. She lived in Livermore for 38 years.

She graduated from High School in Hong Kong and then resided in Canada for several years before moving to California. In the 10 years before her retirement, she worked as a cashier for Togo's in Pleasanton. Kim attended the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore. Her hobbies included cooking, gardening, watching musicals, listening to classical music and traveling.

Kim is survived by her daughters, Christina and Debra Lim of Livermore and by her brother, Jeff Wong. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews and

other family members. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Bill and her brother Andy.

A Memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., March 6, the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore, 4th and L Street. A private burial will be held at Memory Gardens Cemetery, Livermore.

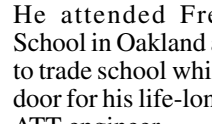
Donations may be made to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation @ www.themmr.org or www.multiplemyeloma.org

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Thompson Eldred Butler

Thompson Eldred Butler, 94, of Livermore, died peacefully Thursday morning, February 25, 2010.

Born in Hughesville, PA, July 26, 1915, to Raymond Leroy Butler and Edith Camilla Diggle Butler, he had one younger brother, Richard.



He attended Fremont High School in Oakland and later went to trade school which opened the door for his life-long career as an ATT engineer.

In 1937 he was married to his sweetheart, Esther Nelson, at Melrose Baptist Church in Oakland. They were married for just over 70 years before Esther preceded him to heaven.

Tom was active at Monte Vista Chapel in Turlock, CA where he lived from 1994 to 2006. He had many friends at the church and at the Covenant Village retirement community where he lived. Upon returning to Livermore in 2006, he returned to his former church home of Cedar Grove in Livermore. Tom worked for 48 years for Pacific Telephone and ATT where he retired at age 65. He was a career telephone man, but always made time for his family. He took all 5 of his children, Peter, Beverly, Patricia, Linda, and Carleton to the high country of Yosemite many times and introduced them to camping and hiking. Later, they began a yearly tradition of camping with their grandchildren at Lake Tahoe. He will be missed by all his grandchildren, Kenny, Sandra, Matthew, Martha, Kenneth, Kathleen, Christopher, Danny, Kelly, Robyn, Jason, Collin, and Brandon. Tom is also survived by his brother, Richard, and his wife Vivienne who live in Turlock.

All of Tom's children survive him and will miss him greatly. All who knew Tom knew that he never feared leaving this world and would be welcomed into God's kingdom. His many years here on earth were a gift to all who knew him. His shining example of living as Christian, husband, father, and grandfather will remain forever.

Jerry R. Ricks passed away at home after a short illness with immediate family present on Thursday, February 25, 2010, at the age of 77.

He was born in Antioch, CA, Sept. 30, 1932, where he grew up and lived much of his life, before moving to Livermore, CA. He spent a 36-year career in the retail grocery business as an owner, manager, supervisor, and clerk in communities throughout the Bay Area, and was a member of the

Antioch and Livermore Elks. He enjoyed the outdoors, especially boating, skiing, and fishing, and was a long-time member of the Tracy Wildlife Association. He also loved his frequent bus trips to Lake Tahoe and the VIP treatment at Harvey's and Harrah's. Always outgoing and generous, he touched many lives and will be deeply missed.

Jerry was preceded in death by his son, Larry; and survived by his wife of 58 years, Joann, daughters Lorri Drinnen and Lisa Gunn, grandchildren Christine Rich, Jennifer Trevino, Melissa McElmurry, Tyler Drinnen, Angela Auseum, Cheryl Bowersox Ricks, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Per his wishes, a simple graveside service will be held Friday, March 5, at noon, at Oak View Cemetery, 2500 East 18th Street, Antioch, CA, followed by a gathering of family and friends.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.



Harriet Julia Midtaune

Harriet Midtaune, 97, of Bemidji, MN died Saturday, February 27, 2010 at the Havenwood Care Center in Bemidji, Minnesota.

Funeral Services will be 1:00 pm, Saturday, March 6, 2010 at the Aardahl Lutheran Church in Bemidji, MN, with Rev. Linda G. Tenneson officiating. A visitation will be one hour before the services at the church. Interment will be at the Aardahl Lutheran Cemetery in Bemidji, MN, under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Bemidji.

She was born on December 14, 1912, in Wanamingo, MN, the daughter of Paul and Bernette (Ree) Jacobson. She was baptized and confirmed in Trinity Lutheran Church of Wanamingo. She graduated from Wanamingo High School in 1930, and worked as Assistant Postmistress at the Wanamingo Post Office. Harriet married Ted Midtaune in 1936. She lived in Wanamingo, MN from 1912 until 1948, in Claremont, MN from 1948 until 1952, in Fairmont, MN from 1952 until 1954, Trimont, MN from 1954 until 1969 where she worked at the Trimont Block and Silo for six years, and was active as a Girl Scout Leader. They moved to Bemidji, MN in 1969 where they lived on Grace Lake. She was an active member of the churches in the communities where her family lived, most recently at Aardahl Lutheran Church. She has served as a Sunday School Superintendent, Vacation Bible School teacher, choir member, quilter, and meatball and gravy cook at Aardahl's Lutfisk Suppers. Harriet was an artist dedicated to her oil paintings. She won the Grand Prize at the Martin County Fair for her paintings. She taught classes in oil painting, knitting, and crocheting.

She lived her life with grace. She is survived by her son, Ted (Merry) Midtaune of Livermore, CA; daughters, Nancy (Wolfgang) Teklenburg of Solway, MN, Paula (Verne) Smith of Bemidji, MN; son-in-law, Don DeLapp of Bemidji, MN; sister, Doris Stoddard of Pine Island, MN; nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, daughter Sue DeLapp, two brothers, and six sisters.

Honorary Casketbearers will be Tron DeLapp, Nathan Smith, Sara Smith, Deanna Midtaune, and Paul Smith. Active Casketbearers will be Drager DeLapp, Daniel Smith, Wolfi Teklenburg, Trygg Midtaune, Dave Berg, and Ted Midtaune.

Marjorie Lou Rodella

Livermore resident Marjorie went home to be with the Lord on Feb. 24, 2010, with her family by her side, at the age of 80.

Marjorie was born on March 12, 1929 to Earnest & Emma McKeage in Beloit, Kansas.

Marjorie retired in 1990 after 13 1/2 yrs from Dr. L.B. Merrill D.D.S as his Receptionist/Assistant.

Marjorie was preceded in death by her beloved Husband of 48 years; Peter. She is survived by her daughter Tammy (Cliff) Homon; grandchildren, April and Trevor Homon of Livermore and by her niece, Lolly, who all were very dear to her.

Family and friends are welcome to come and visit with Marjorie on Thursday, March 4, 2010 from 9-11am, with funeral services to follow at 11am, at Callaghan Mortuary Chapel, 3833 East Ave, Livermore. Burial will follow at 1:30pm at Holy Cross Cemetery 2200 E 18th St, Antioch, CA

Family and friends are welcome to come and visit with Marjorie on Thursday, March 4, 2010 from 9-11am, with funeral services to follow at 11am, at Callaghan Mortuary Chapel, 3833 East Ave, Livermore. Burial will follow at 1:30pm at Holy Cross Cemetery 2200 E 18th St, Antioch, CA

Ian Melville Thomas

Dr. Ian Thomas (1935 - 2010), a retired Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) chemist (1983-2000) and consultant died at home Monday, March 1, 2010, after a valiant struggle with cancer. He surrounded by loved ones.

Prior to his career at LLNL, Ian worked for 20 yrs at Owens-Illinois Inc. in Toledo, Ohio. Ian was an inventor of the Sol-Gel anti-reflective coating, which was first successfully applied to the Nova laser and is now used on every high-powered fusion laser in the world today.

Ian shared many hobbies, his favorite being home-consumption wine making. During the annual harvest in his back yard, "Chateau Melville" came alive each year with family, friends and neighbors helping to pick and crush grapes, all the while enjoying being around Ian to learn the chemistry and art of wine making from a man who made it all seem so easy and fun. His wines won several awards. His hobbies seem to link him to the outdoors, whether it was experimental boat and model aircraft design, or gardening; his hydroponics garden grows an assortment of near perfect tomatoes.

As a lad during WWII in England, Ian attended the highly regarded Repton School. This was followed by a BS in 1956 and PhD in 1959, both in chemistry, from the University of London. Ian came to the United States in 1960, but will always be remembered as a true English gentleman.

Ian is survived by Deborah, his wife of 48 years, three daughters, Mary, Margaret and Elizabeth, and seven grandchildren with one more on the way.

A "Final Farewell" is scheduled for Thursday, March 4, 2 - 4 pm at Callaghan Mortuary Chapel, Livermore. Friends and family are welcome. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Ian's memory to Hope Hospice, of Dublin.



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SHORT NOTES

Focus on Teen Drivers

The Livermore Police Department will be focusing education and enforcement efforts on teen drivers during the month of March as part of an on-going traffic safety program.

Teen drivers receive more citations and are hurt or killed in accidents in greater numbers than other drivers. Mile for mile, teenagers are involved in three times as many fatal crashes as all other drivers. In 2008, 290 California teens were killed in traffic collisions. The collision numbers involving inexperienced drivers increase even more during the inclement weather of winter and early spring.

Changes in California laws over the last several years have helped to lower the number of teen fatalities. The numbers have decreased 34% since 2005. The changes include: provisional licensing, alcohol zero-tolerance, and restrictions on cell phone use and texting while driving. The grim statistics have come down, but the Livermore Police Department is committed to lower them further.

During the month of March, the Livermore Police Department will increase enforcement efforts on city streets surrounding high schools and areas with a history of teen driver related collisions. These efforts will include the enforcement of speed, unsafe turning / lane changes, seat belt and cell phone laws.

Teen drivers found to be in violation of the provisional licensing laws will be issued citations requiring them to appear in traffic court with a parent. Provisional licensing restrictions include: Drivers under the age of 18 years cannot drive between 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 am and cannot transport passengers under the age of 20, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian, a licensed driver 25 years of age or older, or a certified driving instructor.

During the month of March, teen drivers and the parents of teen drivers will be provided with a pamphlet on "Teen Driving Tips" when contacted by the Livermore Police. The pamphlets outline laws related to teen driving, provisional licensing restrictions and DMV penalties associated with driving convictions.

Officer Wes Morgan, a Collision Investigator with the Department, hopes the dissemination of this information will help to save the lives of our youth. "Unfortunately, I've had to tell parents their children have been killed in a crash. It's definitely something no parent should ever have to hear."

The teen driving educational efforts of the Livermore Police Depart-

ment will continue in the month of May, when the "Every 15 Minutes" program will be presented to all of the junior and senior high school students in Livermore. This two-day, anti-drunk driving program, is one of the largest and most complex in the United States.

Wildflower Hike

First Flowers is the topic of the Sat., March 6 program presented by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff.

Meet Ranger Amy Wolitzer at 10 a.m. at the Wetmore Road entrance to Sycamore Grove Park.

This will be the first wildflower hike of the season. The hike will include walking a total of about five miles, with the hope of finding flowers like Johnny jump-ups, blue dicks, buttercups and checkerbloom poking up amongst the green grasses. If five miles sounds too long, please join anyway, and turn back when you begin to tire.

There is a \$4 per vehicle parking fee. A \$2 donation is requested to help support the programs. Participants may call 925-960-2400 for more information.

Sister City Trip

The Livermore Yotsukaido Sister City Organization (LYSCO) would like to invite all current 7th grade students to consider participating in the annual program this October. Twenty students from Livermore will travel to Japan as guests of the city of Yotsukaido.

The students will live with host families during the 8-10 day period, attend school in Yotsukaido with the students of their host families, and participate in many cultural experiences, such as touring Tokyo as well as Yotsukaido. It is a great experience and one that I hope you will encourage your students to consider.

It is mandatory that interested students and at least one parent attend an introductory meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 9th at 7:00 in the East Avenue Middle School Library.

If there are questions or a need for clarification, please contact Keith Jess, LYSCO Vice President and Student Program Coordinator (email: tvgc@pacbell.net)

Tango for Red Cross

It's All About Dancing will host a "Red Hot Tango to Red Cross" fundraiser this Sat., March 6. The

event is from 7:15 to 10:15 p.m. Twenty percent of the proceeds from the event will be donated to the Red Cross to assist the victims of the Chile earthquake.

The evening includes a group lesson followed by dancing.

There is a \$15 admission at the door. In addition to dancing, there will be an auction of some dance lessons and other items.

It's All About Dancing is located at 171 South J Street in downtown Livermore. For more information, call 449-9292.

Chocolate and Cabernet

Fenestra Winery will be hosting its annual "Chocolate and Cabernet Weekend" from March 13 and 14 from noon to 5 pm, both days. Red wines are paired with different chocolate dishes, both savory recipes and sweet chocolate treats.

The fee is \$10 per person (\$5 for non-drinkers and children). The fee includes wine samples, buffet plate, logo glass and a decadent pairing for your taste buds. Wine club members get in an hour early at 11am on March 13th only.

"This is one of our most popular events," says Winemaker, Brent Amos. "Chocolate and wine is a great pairing and this weekend attracts a lot of wine and chocolate lovers."

Guest chefs include Gimanelli's Deli in Pleasanton and some homemade recipes from Fenestra's own tasting room staff. Dishes will range from snacks and appetizers to main dishes and desserts, all including some version of chocolate in their ingredients.

The winery is located at 83 Vallecitos Road, Livermore. It is open for sales and tasting every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from noon - 5pm. For more information, visit the website at www.fenestrawinery.com or email info@fenestrawinery.com.

Red-Legged Frog Workshop

The Alameda County Conservation Partnership and Los Vaqueros Reservoir & Watershed will host a workshop on the California red-legged frog in Livermore California on April 14 and 15. California red-legged frog specialists Galen Rathbun, Ph.D. and Norman Scott, Ph.D. will be returning as instructors. Class size is limited to 24 participants, to provide a focused learning environ-

ment. The workshop includes day and night-time field sessions in small groups to allow for a more interactive experience with the presenters and species.

This is a great opportunity to gain the knowledge and skills necessary for monitoring projects where potential impacts to California red-legged frogs have been identified. It will also provide an understanding of the biology and management of California red-legged frogs that will be useful in research, conservation planning, and educational outreach to producers and others who are considering projects to benefit California red-legged frogs. Participants will receive training in surveying, catching, handling, identification, sexing, and study techniques (PIT tagging, radio tracking), and habitat requirements and management of the California red-legged frog. The course will not cover regulatory topics in detail.

The fee of \$375 includes light breakfast, lunch, and snacks. Space is limited so please register early. Confirmed registration is on a first come, first served basis, upon receiving payment, until space is filled. Groups for the field sessions are limited to 12 people each.

Questions about the workshop or registration process, please contact Pete Van Hoom at pete.vanhoom@ca.nacdn.net or (925) 371-0154, ext. 123. Registration is at www.acrcd.org.

Breakfast with Bunny

The annual Breakfast with Bunny event, presented by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, will be held Saturday, March 20, at the Robert Livermore Community Center.

This event is open to parents and children ages 2 to 7 and will be just the thing to get the spring season started off right. Kids can hop along a trail to find breakfast and special treats, and they can also enjoy making crafts to take home. Families can bring a camera to take a photo with the Bunny.

Breakfast with Bunny begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 20. Tickets are \$8 per person, and everyone needs a ticket. Tickets must be purchased in advance and will not be available at the door. Reserve a spot by calling 925-373-5700 or in person at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore.

Volunteers are also needed for the event between the hours of 8:30 and 11 a.m. To volunteer, call 925-373-5748. Deadline for volunteer sign-ups is Wednesday, March 10.

Iron Horse Nutrition

Centro Properties Group (ASX: CNP) announced a 2,874 square foot lease has been executed with Iron Horse Nutrition, a retailer of nutritional supplements and related accessories. The lease is for Rose Pavilion Shopping Center, corner of the intersection at Santa Rita Road and Rosewood Drive in Pleasanton. Centro Properties Group is the owner of Rose Pavilion and was represented by Matthew Berger with Centro Properties Group.

For leasing information at Rose Pavilion, please contact Centro Properties Group, Matthew Berger (888) 457-3179 or matthew.berger@centroprop.com.

Centro Properties Group is the third largest owner of community and neighborhood shopping centers in the US. Its portfolio of 600 properties is strategically located across 39 states and aggregates approximately 98 million square feet of gross leasable area. For more information on Centro Properties Group in the US, please visit www.centroprop.com.

Book Events

Towne Center Book's March

Oscar Night Party Planned at Vine Cinema & Alehouse

The Vine Cinema & Alehouse will be hosting its first annual Oscar Night Party on Sunday March 7. The entire televised event from the red carpet interviews to the Academy Awards will be shown on a giant 30' screen in high definition. This year the 82nd Annual Academy Awards are being hosted by the duo of Steve Martin and Alec Baldwin.

The night will start at the Vine with a Red Carpet, followed by "Paparazzi" pictures in front of a Hollywood backdrop. The ticket includes a complimentary "Vine Cinema & Alehouse Oscar Night" souvenir champagne glass, mock "presenter" gift bags, and a giant dessert Oscar Jumbo cupcake. Other fun parts of the evening will be the Oscar ballots, where picking the most winners can win you a \$100 gift card to the Vine Cinema. Food from the Zephyr Grill will be served, along with draft beer and Livermore Valley Wine.

Reservations are being taken at the box office or by calling (925) 447-2546. The event starts at 3:30 if you want to watch the red carpet interviews, with the Oscars starting at 5:00. Tickets are \$15 for adults. The Vine Cinema & Alehouse is located at 1722 First Street in Livermore.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 433953

The following person(s) doing business as: Curves for Women, 1991 Suite I Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton Ca 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Trevor Clifton Williams, 3605 Huff Court, Pleasanton Ca 94588 Lydia Irenka Williams, 3605 Huff Court, Pleasanton Ca 94588 This business is conducted by: Husband and wife The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on November 1, 2009. Signature of Registrant: /s/ Trevor Clifton Williams This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 26, 2010. Expires January 26, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 434254

The following person(s) doing business as: American Cab Co. of Tri-Valley, 404 Boulder Ct. Ste 100, Pleasanton Ca 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Wahidullah Aslami, 1606 Bernuda Ln., Manteca, Ca 95337 Mohamad Azim Azizi, 2530 Bridle Creek Ct., Tracy Ca 95377 This business is conducted by: Joint venture The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on August 2009. Signature of Registrant: /s/ Wahidullah Aslami This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 2, 2010. Expires February 2, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 433928

The following person(s) doing business as: Livermore Tire Co., 2348 Kitty Hawk Rd., Livermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Livermore Auto Group Inc., 2266 Kitty Hawk Rd., Livermore Ca 94551 This business is conducted by: Corporation Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed. Signature of Registrant: /s/ Margaret Fulton This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 26, 2010. Expires January 26, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 433447

The following person(s) doing business as: Glam Bags, 1591 Morning Glory Cir., Livermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): John B. McMenemy, 1872 Calle Del Sueno, Livermore Ca 94551 This business is conducted by: Individual The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on February 8, 2010. Expires February 8, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 433459

The following person(s) doing business as: Valley Inline Hockey, 298 Junction Ave, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Valley Inline Hockey, 1300 S. Livermore Ave #45, Livermore Ca 94550 This business is conducted by: Corporation The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on December 15, 2009.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 434452

The following person(s) doing business as: American Mechanical Services, 1872 Calle Del Sueno, Livermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): John B. McMenemy, 1872 Calle Del Sueno, Livermore Ca 94551 This business is conducted by: Individual The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on January 26, 2010. Expires January 26, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 434529

The following person(s) doing business as: American Mechanical Services, 1872 Calle Del Sueno, Livermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): John B. McMenemy, 1872 Calle Del Sueno, Livermore Ca 94551 This business is conducted by: Individual The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on January 26, 2010. Expires January 26, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 434655

The following person(s) doing business as: American Mechanical Services, 1872 Calle Del Sueno, Livermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): John B. McMenemy, 1872 Calle Del Sueno, Livermore Ca 94551 This business is conducted by: Individual The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on January 26, 2010. Expires January 26, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 434655

The following person(s) doing business as: American Mechanical Services, 1872 Calle Del Sueno, Livermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): John B. McMenemy, 1872 Calle Del Sueno, Livermore Ca 94551 This business is conducted by: Individual The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on January 26, 2010. Expires January 26, 2015.

Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Lisa Marie Valverde, 1591 Morning Glory Cir., Livermore Ca 94551

Adrian Valverde, 1591 Morning Glory Cir., Livermore Ca 94551

This business is conducted by: Husband and wife

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

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Lisa Valverde

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 11, 2010. Expires January 11, 2015.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 434139

The following person(s) doing business as: Transitions, 3408 Isle Royal Ct., Pleasanton Ca 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): John Conroy, 3408 Isle Royal Ct., Pleasanton Ca 94588 This business is conducted by: an individual Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Michael Edwards

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 12, 2010. Expires January 12, 2015.

The Independent Legal No. 2689. Publish February 11, 18, 25, March 4, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 434504-434505

The following person(s) doing business as: 1) Wax Craft Waxing Parlor & Beauty Boutique, 2) The Bikini Waxer, 22151 Redwood Rd., Castro Valley Ca 94546 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Cathy Stranahan Coakley, 8650 Beverly Lane, Dublin Ca 94568

This business is conducted by: an individual

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on October 1, 2009.

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Cathy Stranahan Coakley

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 9, 2010. Expires February 9, 2015.

The Independent Legal No. 2698. Publish February 18, 25, March 4, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 434506

The following person(s) doing business as: Law Offices of Matthew B. Ford, 2068 First St., Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Matthew B. Ford, 2068 First St., Livermore Ca 94550

This business is conducted by: an individual

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on February 9, 2010.

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Matthew Ford

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 2, 2010. Expires February 2, 2015.

The Independent Legal No. 2686. Publish February 11, 18, 25, March 4, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 433930

The following person(s) doing business as: Alamo Capital Partners, 5328 Charlotte Way, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Michael Stack LLC., 5328 Charlotte Way, Livermore Ca 94550

This business is conducted by: a limited liability company

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on January 1, 2010.

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Jeanne Michael

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 26, 2010. Expires January 26, 2015.

The Independent Legal No. 2699. Publish February 18, 25, March 4, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 434529

The following person(s) doing business as: American Mechanical Services, 1872 Calle Del Sueno, Livermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): John B. McMenemy, 1872 Calle Del Sueno, Livermore Ca 94551

This business is conducted by: Individual

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on January 26, 2010. Expires January 26, 2015.

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Susan Wilson

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 18, 2010. Expires February 18, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 434868

The following person(s) doing business as: Carniceria la Aurora, 4014 East Ave., Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Elias Haro, 4014 East Ave., Livermore Ca 94550

This business is conducted by: an individual

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on January 3, 2010.

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Elias Haro

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 18, 2010. Expires February 18, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 434869

The following person(s) doing business as: The New Harvest Farm, 112 Maple St., Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Elias Haro, 6001 Alhambra Valley Rd., Martinez Ca 94553

This business is conducted by: an individual

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on January 1, 2010.

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Steve D. Mattos

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 19, 2010. Expires February 19, 2015.

The Independent Legal No. 2714. Publish February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 434616

The following person(s) doing business as: Fit For Life, 1141 Catalina Dr. #103, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jeff King, 2645 Farnsworth Dr., Livermore Ca 94551

This business is conducted by: an individual

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

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Jeff King

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 10, 2010. Expires February 10, 2015.

The Independent Legal No. 2715. Publish February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 434498

The following person(s) doing business as: Wild Styles, 2634 Lariat Ct., Livermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Brent J. Thurman, 210 South P Street, Livermore Ca 94550

This business is conducted by: an individual

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

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Brent Thurman

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 18, 2010. Expires February 18, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 434655

The following person(s) doing business as: Pro Trucks Plus, 2) Pro Lease, 4546

Contractors Place, Livermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Pro Trucks Plus LLC., 3130 Bay Meadows Ct., Livermore Ca 94550

This business is conducted by: a limited liability company

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

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Matthew L. Hicks

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 11, 2010. Expires February 11, 2015.

The Independent Legal No. 2705. Publish February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 2010.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. 410039

The following person (s) has (have) Abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: The New Harvest Farm, 112 Maple St., Livermore Ca 94550

The fictitious business Name Statement for the Partnership was filed on April 28, 2008 in the County of Alameda.

Full name of registrant Steve David Mattos, 6810 Brookview Court, Livermore Ca 94551

This business was conducted by: an individual

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on January 1, 2010.

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Elias Haro

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 18, 2010. Expires February 18, 2010.

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Tax Tips for Homeowners

By Cher Wollard

Homeowners will find April 15 a little less onerous when they take advantage of the tax advantages available to those who buy, sell or invest in real estate.

Here are a few of the more common examples:

1. **Deductions for Mortgage Interest**
 The most popular real estate-related tax deduction is for mortgage interest. Most homeowners can deduct the amount they paid in interest on their mortgage in 2009 from their income taxes.

Economists with the National Association of Home Builders have estimated the tax savings for homeowners for certain income and mortgage amounts.

"For a married couple with an income of \$80,000 per year and an initial mortgage amount of \$250,000, the tax savings from the mortgage interest and real estate tax deductions are estimated to save the couple more than \$11,000 in the first five years of homeownership," according to the NAHB survey.

This includes interest on mortgages and lines of credit used to purchase or upgrade a home, up to certain limits. Married taxpayers filing jointly can deduct interest on mortgages up to \$1 million, plus interest on up to \$100,000 in home equity loans on their first and second homes. The maximums are half that for taxpayers filing individually.

Mortgage insurance and prepaid interest in the form of points used to obtain a mortgage, sometimes called "origination fees," "loan discounts" or "broker discounts," may also be deductible. Such costs associated with refinances can also be deducted, but over time.

In fact, some first-time homebuyers may actually benefit from a tax credit for a portion of the interest paid on their mortgage. Under the Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC) program, qualified buyers can receive a federal income tax credit of up to 20 percent each year the buyer keeps the same loan and lives in the same house. Details of this program are explained in IRS Publication 530, "Tax Information for First-Time Homeowners."

2. **Deductions for State and Local Property Taxes**
 Property taxes assessed by the county can be deducted from income taxes.

But local assessments such as Mello-Roos are not necessarily tax deductible. It depends what the assessment is used for.

State of California Franchise Tax Board: "Most of the time, you cannot deduct real estate taxes assessed for local benefits and improvements. However, you can deduct them if they are for maintenance, repair, or interest charges related to those benefits. Some examples of local benefits are: sidewalks, streets, sewer lines, water mains, public parking facilities and other similar improvements."

"To deduct local benefit taxes, you must be able to show the amount of the taxes that are for maintenance, repair, or interest. If you cannot show what part of the local benefit taxes are for these charges, you cannot deduct the taxes."

For more information, you can contact your Mello-Roos district or check Internal Revenue Service Publication 17, Your Federal Income Taxes-Individuals, Chapter 24.

As for funds collected in advance and held in escrow accounts, you cannot deduct that money until it is actually paid to the tax assessor.

3. **Capital Gains Exclusions**
 Homeowners who sell their primary residence can keep tax-free up to \$250,000 in gains. For married homeowners who file jointly, the exclusion is \$500,000. This means that if you and your spouse purchased a home for \$800,000 and sold it in 2009 for \$1.3 million, you will not be liable for taxes on that gain.

In fact, even if you sold the property for more, you can deduct money you used to improve the property plus costs of sales, such as broker and legal fees, title insurance and inspection costs.

In order to qualify, the property must have been your primary residence for two of the past five years

4. **Homebuyer Credits**
 Some recent home purchases may be eligible for federal tax credits of 10 percent of the purchase price. A tax credit is deducted from taxes owed, rather than from income, so is potential even more beneficial than a tax deduction.

The credits, part of a package of benefits enacted by Congress to help speed the economic recovery, applies to qualified first-time homebuyers. The credit maxes out at \$8,000 (10 percent of an \$80,000 purchase price), and buyers must come in under certain income limits.

If more than one buyer involved, not filing jointly, they can allocate the credit in any reasonable way, as long as the buyer taking the credit and the purchase qualify.

The purchase must have taken place after Dec. 31, 2008, and the property must be in contract by April 30, 2010 and the transaction close by June 30. In November, Congress added credits for repeat homebuyers who meet income guidelines and who have lived in their current home for at least five years.

The credit of up to \$6,500, applies to purchases made between Nov. 1, 2009, and April 30, 2010, that close by June 30. Only primary residences qualify for the credits.

The law allows taxpayers to choose whether to claim this credit on their 2008, 2009 or 2010 tax return.

In addition, the State of California offered credits of up to \$10,000 on new construction purchased between March 1 and May 1, 2009. The credits were allocated on a first-come, first served basis. If you qualified for the credit, you can claim it on your 2009 state tax return.

5. **Investment Property Expenses**
 Expenses connected with investment property, including mortgage interest, taxes, maintenance and repairs, property management fees, depreciation, even the cost of the property itself may be tax deductible over time.

However, these deductions must be carefully balanced with rental income and the value of the property itself. Further, investors are often advised to consider trading into other investment property rather than taking their profits when they sell real estate.

For guidance on any of these benefits apply to your situation, consult your tax accountant or attorney. If you don't have one, your Realtor can probably refer you to a competent tax specialist.

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Volunteers loaded trucks with the donations. Pictured center front is Daniel Herrera.

Cedar Grove Church Sends Basic Essentials to Nicaraguan Families

By Patricia Koning

Last Saturday was loading day at Cedar Grove Community Church, as church members packed over 400 "Family 2 Family" tubs of essential supplies into a shipping container destined for Leon, Nicaragua. Each 18-quart lidded tub includes 10 pounds of rice, four pounds of beans, 32 ounces of oil, pasta, sardines, tuna, matches, towels, toothbrushes and toothpaste.

Nicaragua is the second poorest country in the western hemisphere after Haiti. The Family 2 Family project for Nicaragua was already underway when the earthquake hit Haiti in January.

"The idea is for our families to directly help families in poverty-stricken areas," says Susan Thomas, a member of Cedar Grove. "Our church has taken this on as a special project. We all think, in our daily lives, that we have our issues, but then people in other parts of the world have

so little and everything else pales in comparison."

Thomas was part of a Cedar Grove delegation last year that delivered Family 2 Family tubs to San Pedro Sula, Honduras. "It was simply amazing," she says. "It made me want to do everything I can to help."

In April, Thomas along with Howard and Chris Wilson, also Cedar Grove members will travel to Nicaragua to distribute the tubs. They will also visit schools and poor neighborhoods and participate in a festival hosted by Mike Silva International.

The Livermore Soroptimist and church groups in Oregon partnered with Cedar Grove on the Family 2 Family tub project. Out of the 412 tubs headed to Nicaragua, Cedar Grove families contributed over 200. Church families were asked to either fill one tub or donate \$40, the cost of a single tub with all of the supplies.

The Grocery Outlet on Railroad Avenue gave Cedar Grove a 5% discount on groceries for the project and Target donated gift cards to cover the cost of some of the tubs. "So many people in the church helped make this happen," says Thomas. "We're also grateful to our community partners."

Over the last week, church members have participated in "packing parties" to get all of the supplies loaded. As of last Thursday there were still over 100 tubs to fill.

Thomas says that Cedar Grove hopes to make Family 2 Family an annual church project. For more information on Cedar Grove, visit www.cedargrove.org.



A ribbon cutting ceremony was held last Friday to celebrate the opening of the Fallon Interchange. The event marks the completion of the Fallon-El Charro Road/1580 Interchange Project. The \$18.4 million dollar project was funded in large part by the Lin Family (\$13 million) as part of the mitigation for the Eastern Dublin Plan. Pictured are (left to right) County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Caltrans District Director Bijan Sartipi, Dublin City Council Member Don Biddle, developer Jim Tong (representing the Lin Family, who paid for the majority of the improvements), Dublin City Council Member Kate Ann Scholz, Mayor Tim Sbranti, Congressman McNerney's Representative Cheri Clasen, Pleasanton City Council Member Jerry Thorne, former Dublin Mayor Janet Lockhart, and Dublin City Manager Joni Pattillo.

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Application Time Extended to Apply For Funds from Organic Initiative

The USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has extended the timeline to apply for a special \$2 million Organic Initiative, available through the agency's Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Organic producers and those transitioning to organic now have until March 12, 2010, to apply for the current round of funding consideration.

Producers awarded contracts under this initiative will receive 75 percent of the average cost of conservation practices, rather than the usual 50 percent. Beginning farmers, limited resource farmers, and individuals who are members of socially disadvantaged groups may receive 90 percent cost share. Organic and transitioning producers can receive up to \$20,000 per year or \$80,000 over six years through

this initiative. Organic producers may also apply for assistance under general EQIP.

The Organic Initiative in California includes cost share for more than two dozen conservation practices, including conservation crop rotation, cover crop, nutrient management, pest management, prescribed grazing, and the new pilot practice, high tunnels.

The NRCS encourages organic producers and those transitioning to organic production to contact their local USDA Service Center as soon as possible to learn more about this opportunity before the March 12, 2010 deadline. Information and applications are available at any NRCS office. For Alameda County, contact the Livermore office, located at 3585 Greenville Road, Suite 2, Livermore.

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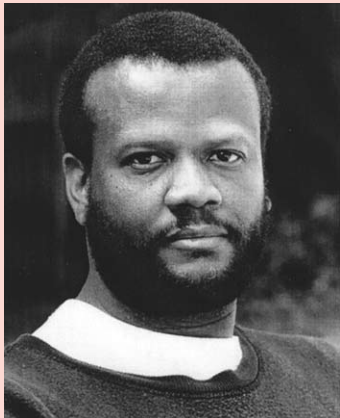
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Two celebrated Bay Area poets, Forrest Hamer and devorah major, will read. An open mic will follow.

Hamer is the author of "Call & Response," winner of the Beatrice Hawley Award; "Middle Ear," winner of the Northern California Book Award; and "Rift." His work is widely anthologized, and appears in three editions of "The Best American Poetry." He has received fellowships from the California Arts Council and the Bread Loaf Writer's Conference, and he has taught on the poetry faculty of the Callaloo Creative Writing Workshops.

California born devorah major served as Poet Laureate of San Francisco from 2002 to 2006. Her poetry books include "street smarts," "where river meets ocean" and "with more than tongue." She has two novels published, "An Open Weave" and "Brown Glass Windows;" and two chapbooks, "Black Bleeds into Green" and "Amour Verdinia/Verdenia Amour," with Opal Palmer Adisa.

major is currently performing her commissioned performance poetry show, "Black Classic: African-American Voices from 19th Century San Francisco," throughout Northern California. She is a poet in residence at San Francisco's Fine Arts Museums and adjunct Professor at the California College of the Arts.

Refreshments will be provided. Admission is \$5 at the door.

For information, contact Wollard at 925 824-4824 or cherw@livermorelit.com. Ravenswood is located at 2647 Arroyo Road in Livermore



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Volunteers, Bonnie Schmidt (left) and Monica Kulander, display boar's head, part of the set for 'Die Fledermaus.'

Making of an Opera

Part Two: Setting the Stage

By Heidi Massie

(Second of a three-part series about Livermore Valley Opera's March production of Johann Strauss' "Die Fledermaus," and the dedicated volunteers who bring opera to the stage.)

The months leading up to opening night of an opera are a very busy time for the hundred or so volunteers of Livermore Valley Opera. These hard-working, never-tiring opera lovers spend their free time taking on whatever needs to be accomplished to make the opera successful. Tasks such as fund-raising and marketing involve hours of distributing fliers, postcards, emails, and press releases to promote ticket sales for sell-out performances. But that's not all.

Meanwhile, others are hard at work "setting the stage," that is, building the elaborate sets and procuring the props necessary for a high quality, professional opera. Sometimes an opera presents unique challenges with set and prop requirements as is the case with "Die Fledermaus," which

opens on March 13.

"Our goal is to create sets and choose props that are true to the time period in which the opera takes place," explains Bonnie Schmidt, LVO's props manager and diligent volunteer. "'Die Fledermaus' is set in the 1870's of the Austrian-Hungarian region. The first act takes place in the solarium of an elegant home so we need an extensive amount of furniture." Schmidt researches the time period to gain an idea of furniture styles, fabrics and colors and then works with the professional set designer and stage director in choosing appropriate pieces. "They look for styles and colors that fit the time period but will also show well under stage lights for the audience."

Some props are rented or purchased, but occasionally, Schmidt receives an unusual prop request.

"Act I is a dinner scene," says Schmidt. "Our stage director tells me he wants a boar's head that will be wheeled in on a cart, so I'm thinking, where am I going to find a boar's head?!"

Finding this prop ended up be-

ing easy. "The topic of the boar's head came up while my husband was watching the NFL playoffs with some friends who are hunters. It was a stroke of luck that one of them, Pete Fallon, just happened to have a boar's head in his garage. He said, 'I've got one. You want to borrow it?' The head is the most unusual prop I've had to find, getting it was easy, thanks to friends in the community."

Set building is another huge task that takes months to complete. Tucked away in a boarded up grocery store with a floor covered in sawdust, is a group of very dedicated volunteers who, like Santa's elves, spend days, nights and weekends working with hammers, saws, and paint brushes. Leader of the elves is set construction chief Bill Rabe, who recently received LVO's Volunteer of the Year award.

"I used to build sets in my garage. Now, thanks to this location, I have more room and more help," explains Rabe, a retired LLNL computer scientist. "I have a team

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MAKING OF AN OPERA

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of 'regulars' who have built sets for the past three years including Larry Snyder, Brian Maxwell, Harald Kipp, Rich Sutherlin and Jill Evanko, the team's artist."

The challenge for Rabe is to construct sets that can come apart for easy transport to the theater and maneuvering on stage. Although some sets are borrowed or rented, "Die Fledermaus" design includes a 17-foot high, 32-foot wide self-standing false proscenium or stage "frame" that stands outside the curtain, and a staircase and landing. "Most sets we build are used over and over. This opera is requiring far more elaborate sets and therefore more construction time by my team."

Rabe is given set specifications designed by professional set designer Jean Francois Revon who has assisted in the creation of over 250 theater productions in the bay area.

"Our sets are known for their creativity, thanks to Revon," says LVO president Mike Miller. "Now that LVO's operas are at the Bankhead, we can do so much more with sets than we could at Livermore High School. Because Bankhead is a full-sized performance

theater, we can have sets "flown in" allowing for an enhanced opera production." Miller explained that flown-in sets are those that are hoisted up into the ceiling and lowered during scene changes. "Now we are able manage our sets just like those of professional opera companies."

The motivation for LVO's tireless volunteers is best explained by its volunteer coordinator Monica Kulander. "This is my love, as it is for all of us. At any given time there are 30 to 100 people doing various things that need to get done, whether with a paint brush, running rehearsals, buying dinner or housing performers. We do it because we love it."

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Volunteers are busy constructing the set for 'Die Fledermaus.' Pictured are Rich Sutherlin and Brian Maxwell. Other regular volunteers are Larry Snyder, Harald Kipp, and Jill Evanko.

Perloff Shares Insights into How She Transformed a Ruined Historic Landmark into a Vibrant Center for Theater and Education

Award-winning artistic director Carey Perloff will share her insights into how she transformed a ruined historic landmark building into today's vibrant American Conservatory Theater (A.C.T.) on March 18, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. Perloff's appearance marks the finale of this season's 2009-10 *Rae Dorough Speakers Series*. Following her presentation, Perloff will take questions from the audience.

Perloff is celebrating her 17th season as artistic director of A.C.T., where her most recent directing credits include Tom Stoppard's *Rock 'n' Roll*, José Rivera's *Boleros for the Disenchanted*, and a new translation of Jean Racine's *Phèdre* by Timberlake Wertenbaker. She is currently collaborating with choreographer Val Caniparoli on *The Tosca Project*, a new dance-theater piece that will have its world premiere at A.C.T. in June 2010.

In her presentation, *From Archaeology to Artistic Director: A Career in the American Theater*, Perloff explores her early roots in archaeology, describing how excavating ancient sites led her to excavating the meaning and emotions of theatrical texts from all over the world, and to rebuilding a ruined historic theater in the heart of San Francisco. The American Conservatory



Carey Perloff

Theater opened as the Columbia Theatre on January 10, 1910—built in the aftermath of the 1906 earthquake, which destroyed all eight of San Francisco's downtown theaters. The theater suffered severe damage during

the Loma Prieta earthquake in 1989 and lay in ruins for several years before funds were raised to rebuild. Under Perloff's guidance, the theater was reopened in 1996, and it is now the jewel in the crown of A.C.T.

Before joining A.C.T., Perloff was artistic director of Classic Stage Company in New York, which under her direction won numerous OBIE Awards. She is known for premiering works from such illustrious playwrights as Harold Pinter and Tom Stoppard, and directing innovative productions of classics while championing new writing for the theater. Tickets are \$30, \$12 for students 21 and under, and are available by calling 925-373-6800 or visiting www.bankheadtheater.org.

Dine & Discover at Eddie Papa's Restaurant with the San Francisco Treats Menu: Eddie Papa's restaurant is offering a special prix fixe dinner before the event in honor of Perloff's contributions to San Francisco theater.

The menu takes a fresh look at San Francisco favorites, including Fisherman's Wharf Crab Bisque, Green Goddess Wedge Salad, a California Beef Melt on Sourdough Bread, and Seafood Cioppino. Dessert is a treat for everyone that has ever loved the IT'S-IT ice cream sandwich, which was invented in 1928 at San Francisco's Playland

at the Beach. Papa's version, called That's That, features vanilla ice cream sandwiched between house-made oatmeal cookies and dipped in dark chocolate.

Dinner is \$25 per person; there will be one seating, 5:30pm-7pm. Eddie Papa's is located directly across from the Bankhead Theater, at 2417 First Street in Livermore, California. For reservations, call 925-373-6650.

The *Rae Dorough Speakers Series*, named for longtime Livermore resident and community activist Rae Dorough, features renowned commentators discussing interesting and timely topics ranging from oil to iPhones, dark energy to American theater. The series is sponsored in part by Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC. Programs begin at 7:30pm and include an audience Q&A following each speaker's presentation, as well as a post-talk reception with the speaker.

Rae Dorough was professionally known for over 30 years as a respected real estate broker and an active participant in and supporter of charitable organizations and city commissions concerned with health and social issues. Rae's husband, Gus, and their seven children were pleased to provide the initial funding to create and sustain this new Bankhead Theater series in Rae's memory.

Livermore High School Takes on *The Laramie Project*



Photos - Doug Jorgensen

Students at Livermore High School rehearsed their roles in the school's production of "The Laramie Project." Final performances are this weekend.



By Patricia Koning

For Livermore High School drama teacher Carol Hovey and several seniors in her drama program, last weekend's performances of *The Laramie Project* mark the culmination of a dream they've held for several years.

"The purpose of theater is to entertain, educate, and enlighten," explains Hovey. "Many productions are very entertaining and educational. Few productions are enlightening in this way. I really wanted to bring a new understanding of tolerance to our school community."

The Laramie Project, by Moisés Kaufman and members of the Tectonic Theater Project, is about the reaction to the 1998 murder of Matthew Shepard, a gay student at the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyoming. The play is based on the Tectonic Theater Company's interviews with Laramie inhabitants, journals kept by the company members during the interview process, and news reports.

The play's 67 characters include Shepard's parents, the emergency doctor who cared for Shepard, Wyoming Governor Jim Geringer, local law enforcement, University of Wyoming faculty, church leaders, Shepard's friends, and the murderers. A cast of 29 students will perform in the Livermore High School production.

Hovey considered staging *The Laramie Project* with her drama department several years ago. In the 2007/08 school year, she held off because Livermore High School had a new principal. In 2008/09, she was not able to obtain approval from the Livermore School District in time to mount a production. This year, it all came together.

The Laramie Project is not without controversy. In November, parents of students at Green Valley High School in Las Vegas unsuccessfully sought an injunction to prevent student performances of *The Laramie Project* and *Rent*.

Hovey reports she received only positive feedback on the production and had over 70 students audition. "I was pleasantly surprised," she says. "I don't normally receive this much feedback. It seems like people are excited we are doing this."

Members of her drama department certainly share in that excitement. Several seniors say they were afraid they'd graduate before the department put on *The Laramie Project*. "This is my favorite cast of all of the productions I've been in," says one senior who has been in five LHS productions. "I think everyone is here because they want to be in this play, not because they want to be in a play."

For the students, one of the challenges is playing real people who are still living. Hovey had the students conduct research on their characters to help them prepare for their roles. "It's very challenging, you don't want to insult them," says another cast member. "There is definitely a fear of getting it wrong."

While the actors may share the stage, they generally don't interact with one another. The cast members say it is difficult not to draw upon one another's energy in their performance. "All of the characters are equally important," comments one cast member. "There is no lead. There is not a role that doesn't contribute something important to the play."

The cast members feel this production has something for everyone. "*The Laramie Project* has a really good message. It doesn't show one point of view, but every possible point of view," says a cast member. "It's a basic message of tolerance. It might not change your mind about gay people, but people will come away more tolerant of others."

Performances of *The Laramie Project* will be held on Friday, March 5 and Saturday, March 6 at 8 pm at the Livermore High School Theater. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students with a student body card. Parental guidance is suggested. An adult must accompany children under the age of 13.



Exhibit Retail the Impact of Horses on History

“The Horse, of Course! - Horses in the History of the Amador-Livermore Valley,” is a new exhibit on display from March 10 - August 15, 2010 at the Museum On Main Street, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton.

Ever since the arrival of the Spanish in the late 18th century, the horse has played an important role in the life of the Amador-Livermore Valley. The museum’s latest exhibit examines how horses have shaped the valley’s history through their work in farming, ranching, transport, athletics, and recreation.

Displays will include a re-created blacksmith’s shop, original jockey’s silks and memorabilia from the Alameda County Fairgrounds racetrack (including an autographed photo of jockey Russell Baze), posters and photographs from the history of the Livermore Rodeo, and a variety of objects, photographs, and documents that illustrate the horse’s importance in the valley’s history.

Two free events will help launch the exhibit.

An Opening Night reception will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 10 at the museum. Light refreshments will be served. The public is invited to attend. There is no fee to attend.

Calling all Cowgirls and Cowboys is the second event. Family fun is offered at this free Community Round-Up at the museum from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 13. Kids can try out roping skills, design a brand, make-and-take a pony puppet, and more.

The museum is located at 603 Main Street, Pleasanton. Hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Admission is a \$2 requested donation.



Photos courtesy of Amador-Livermore Valley Historical Society
Photos are (top photo) Alameda County Fairgrounds races, 1970s; (center) rider in Vaquero outfit; (bottom left) Livermore Rodeo; and (bottom right) cattle drive in Livermore, 1940s.

Museum on Main Chosen to Participate in Conservation Assessment Program

The Museum on Main Street, Pleasanton, has been chosen to participate in the 2010 Conservation Assessment Program (CAP) by Heritage Preservation.

The Museum on Main joins the 2,700 museums that have participated in CAP in its twenty-year history of serving small museums. Heritage Preservation’s CAP program is supported through a cooperative agreement with the federal Institute of Museums and Library Services. CAP assists museums by providing funds for professional conservation and preservation specialists to identify conservation needs of the collections and historic buildings, and recommend ways to correctly improve collections and building collections.

Heritage Preservation’s President Lawrence L. Reger, praised the Museum on Main Street for “making the vital work of caring for collections and sites a priority of their institution, even in these challenging financial times, and helping ensure that they are available to present and future generations.”

CAP provides a general conservation assessment of the museum’s collections and buildings. Professional conservator Niccolo Caldaro of Fine Arts Conservation in San Francisco, and Mark McMillan, an historical architect with Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates in Emeryville will spend two days surveying the museum and three days writing comprehensive reports that will identify conservation priorities. The entire on-site consultation will enable the Museum to evaluate its current collection care policies, procedures and environmental conditions. The assessment reports will help the museum make appropriate improvements for the immediate, mid-range, and long-range care of their collections.

Museum Director Jim DeMersman said, “This is a great honor for us to receive this award and will help us dramatically in setting our priorities in caring for the wonderful items that are a part of our local history collection. We are one of seven museums in California to receive this grant this year.”

CAP provides much needed assistance to the approximately 12,000 small museums and historical societies that care for 198 million artifacts of our nation’s historic, artistic, and scientific heritage. The importance of preservation programs like CAP is underscored by results of the Heritage Health Index, a comprehensive study of the condition of U.S. collections that was released in December 2005. Key findings include:

- 75% of small museums and historical societies need a condition assessment of their collections;
- 49% of small museums and historical societies rely on volunteers in part, if not totally, for conservation and preservation activities;
- 86% of small museums and historical societies do not have an emergency plan with staff trained to carry it out.

“We certainly meet those criteria in every way,” said DeMersman.

The Museum on Main Street is located at 603 Main Street in historic downtown Pleasanton. Hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. For more information, please visit the museum’s web site, www.museumonmain.org



Danville Tenor Performing Live Solo Concert

Danville tenor, George Komsky, is returning home from Hollywood to perform a live solo concert for the first time before a hometown audience.

George Komsky Live in Concert takes the stage at Walnut Creek's Leshner Center for a night of Opera, Pop Opera, Neapolitan classics and musical surprises. A portion of the proceeds from the show will be donated to the Wheelchair Foundation, an organization dedicated to providing wheelchairs for those without mobility and without the means to afford it.

The performance is set for Fri., March 19 at 8 p.m.

George is a protégé and scholarship beneficiary of world-renowned vocal teacher Seth Riggs (among his pupils: Barbara Streisand, Josh Groban, Natalie Cole, and current Metropolitan Opera star Philip Webb).

George Komsky grew up in Danville, dreaming of being on 'the world stage', and at an early age was moved by the beauty of the Bel Canto singing style immortalized by the great Luciano Pavarotti, Placido Domingo, and Tito Schipa. Komsky started his vocal training at age 11 after his grandfather Leo, of Walnut Creek, CA took him to study with the local Cantor at Temple Isaiah in Lafayette. Years of vocal training followed along with a place in Monte Vista High School's prestigious Chamber Choir that traveled to Italy in 2001 to perform Verdi's Requiem in St. Paul's Basilica in Rome.

An introduction to Professor



George Komsky

Emeritus Dewey Camp of San Francisco State University broadened Komsky's horizons and gave him the necessary training to win the auditions for UCLA's highly competitive Opera Department in 2003.

After a short break from college, Komsky became the lead soloist for the Irish dancing phenomenon Riverdance in 2004 for its North American Tour.

When he returned, Simon Cowell's "America's Got Talent" was launching and a performance by George at a Hollywood showcase caught the eye of one of the show's producers, who invited him to compete on the show's inaugural season.

The show garnered 12 million viewers that summer and judge David Hasselhoff said of George: "No matter what happens on this

show you are going to make it, you've got a big career in ahead of you..." George's rendition of the Pop Opera classic Caruso lead show judge Piers Morgan to add: "You are without a doubt, the finest adult singer in this competition."

After graduating UCLA in '07, Komsky starred in Dublin Worldwide Productions the "Twelve Irish Tenors" and once again toured the US before returning to Los Angeles to further his vocal training. That year, a fateful introduction to the world's greatest living Vocal Coach Seth Riggs, changed his life and his understanding of the Italian style of singing. It took only one lesson with Mr. Riggs to distinguish his talent and identify George as a distinct Leggero Tenor, or Light Tenor as they are called - vocally suitable for lighter tenor roles written by Rossini, Donizetti, and Bellini.

Komsky has worked with Riggs as he prepares to audition for the LA and SF Opera, as well a potential return to "America's Got Talent" in 2010.

The local performance will be peppered with classics from the Barber of Seville and The Elixir of Love, along with Tosca and other classics.

Tickets are \$25 regular, \$20 seniors and \$15 students. Ticket information is available at www.lesherartscenter.org or call 925.943.7469.

Tickets can also be purchased at the Leshner Center for the Arts Ticket Office located at 1601 Civic Drive or the Barnes & Noble Ticket Office Outlet in Walnut Creek.



Monpezier French Bastide town, oil painting by Marv Dalander.

Livermore Library Gallery to Host French Connection Exhibit

The public is invited to the opening reception for The French Connection III art exhibit at the Livermore Library. The exhibit features a collection of paintings and photographs created by sixteen artists who traveled with Charlotte Severin to Spain and the Dorgogne of France last September.

The reception is Sat., March 6 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the library gallery, 1188 So. Livermore Avenue.

The group began its journey in Barcelona, Spain, traveled to Burgos, the prehistoric caves of Altamira and Santillana Del Mar, the Guggenheim Museum of Bilbao and on to the SF Arts and Humanities' French farm house, Petite Rousset near the Bastide town of Eymet.

The artists painted and sketched 2 to 3 hours each day, amassing a collection of visual memories of scenes ranging from castles to cave art.

In addition to Charlotte and Jerry Severin, the group included Bonnie Bartlett, Marv Dalander, Kathleen Elm, June Ferreri, Karen Fichman, Mary Ann Johnston, Ray Kistler, Herman Leider, Elena Morris, Pat Miller, Jan and Gil Potter, Marty Spellman, Nancy Storch and Justin Trent.

The exhibit will be available for viewing through March 31 during regular library hours: M-Th. 10-5; Fri. 10-6; Sat. 10-5; and Sun. 12-6.

Dedication of New Mural Scheduled

A new mural has been completed in Downtown Pleasanton. It is located at the corner of Peters Street and Rose Avenue on the side of the Valley Plumbing Home Center business. The Pleasanton Downtown Association (PDA) sponsored and funded the mural that depicts images of days gone by in the city.

The dedication of the mural by artists Ron Norman and Bill Weber will take place from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 4. The public is invited. The mayor and both artists will attend. There will be a small reception.

The Murals Subcommittee of the Pleasanton Downtown Association's Design and Beautification Committee researched a site for

the mural and received permission from the building's owners Sharol and Mike Cheney.

This is the second mural that PDA has commissioned for the beautification of the downtown. The Murals Committee will begin

work on selecting a site and an artist for the third one in the near future.

For more information contact the Pleasanton Downtown Association at 925-484-2199.



New mural is pictured in photo.

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Kathy Kallick Band

Church to Host Bluegrass Concert

Asbury United Methodist Church is presenting a concert by The Kathy Kallick Band.

Show time is Friday, March 12 at 8:00 p.m. (doors open at 7:15 p.m.).

"A profound songwriter and expressive singer, Kathy Kallick is a mountain gal at heart. Her singing has always been earthy and passionate, and she knows how to pen beautiful impressionistic pieces with memorable contemporary messages." - Joe Ross, Bluegrass Now.

Tickets are \$12 in advance /\$15 at the door. Order tickets by phone 925-447-1950 ext. 0 or by mail. Tickets also available in the church office, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 4743 East Ave., Livermore, CA 94550. Please make checks payable to Asbury UMC. Come at 6:30 p.m. for a jam session in the Chapel.

There will also be a dinner and a bake sale to benefit the youth mission trips. See www.AsburyLive.org for more info.

Haitian Dancers Perform in Livermore

The Resurrection Dance Theatre of Haiti will perform at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore on March 16, 7:30 p.m.

The Dance Theatre, an artistic expression of the boys of St. Joseph's Home for Boys in Port au Prince, is the culmination of overcoming incredible odds and finding the courage and strength to become what God has gifted them to be. The Resurrection Dance Theatre of Haiti blends its unique style of Haitian dance with earlier influences of Afro-Caribbean movement and gesture.

The result is an amalgamation of style and essence that defies category. Their performance ranges from dance that can only be called "introspective" to "elemental" to "rooted in the underside of Haitian history as seen from the slave's perspective."

This dance troupe consists of boys who have been rescued from life on the streets in Haiti. They now reside at St. Joseph's Home for Boys. Their performances range from sharing the history of Haiti, including their nation's struggle against slavery, past and present, to life lived in both the rural and urban settings of Haiti. The troupe has performed across the US and



Walnes Cagnas.

Canada including performances at Dance Africa Chicago and Dance Africa New York. Their tours are intended to raise awareness about Haiti's challenges as well as to raise funds for the ongoing work of St. Joseph's.

The performance is presented by the Haitian Timoun Foundation.

Tickets can be purchased at 373-6800 or www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

For information about the foundation, go to htflive.org.



Drums.

Mystery Writers to Provide Clues on Hosting a 'Killer Party'

How to Host a Killer Party is the theme of a program to be presented at the Pleasanton Library on Sun., March 7 at 2 p.m.

A trio of murderous mystery writers will lead a poisonous panel discussion. They are Diane Orgain, *Motherhood Is Murder*; Diane Mentink, *Endless Night*; and Penny Warner, *How to Host a Killer Party*.

Mixing fun and fundraising for charities seemed like the perfect job for Presley Parker when she's suddenly downsized from her position teaching abnormal psychological at the university. Pres is psyched about her first big gig—hosting a "surprise" wedding for the San Francisco Mayor at notorious Alcatraz prison.

But the party's over when the

bride bolts faster than an escaping prisoner, and is later found dead floating in the bay, a victim of poisoned chocolates. When Presley becomes prime suspect, she looks to her quirky Treasure Island co-workers for help, but it's the attractive, mysterious crime scene cleaner Brad Matthews who helps tidy up her tarnished reputation. If she doesn't solve this mystery, she'll be exchanging her party dress for prison stripes.

Warner has been writing since she read her first Nancy Drew in 6th grade. Since then she's had over 50 books published, fiction and non-fiction, for adults and children.

She's been lucky — her books have won national awards, garnered excellent reviews, and have been



printed in 14 countries, including Russia, France, Spain, Germany,

Holland, Australia, Canada, Indonesia, India, Israel, Poland, Japan, and China. Her best-sellers include *Healthy Snacks for Kids*, *Kids' Party Games and Activities*, *Best Party Book*, *Games People Play*, *Kids' Holiday Fun*, *Learn to Sign the Fun Way*, *Baby Play and Learn*, *Kids Pick-A-Party*, and *Kids' Party Cookbook*.

She's appeared on television featuring ideas from her books, including the national Dr. Spock PBS series, "Parent Sense," the "Later Today" show, "HGTV," "Channel 7 News," "People Are Talking," "Mornings on 2," and dozens of others. In her spare time, she writes a weekly newspaper column on family life and contributes to popular websites including NancyDrewForever.com, BalloonTime.com, OrientalTradingCompany.com, ToysRUs.com, BirthdaysRUs.com, Evenflo.com, DrSpock.com, Fisher-Price.com, ParentalWisdom.com, iParty.com, and Party411.com. Penny and her husband Tom also write interactive mysteries as fundraisers for libraries across the country.

Penny lives in Danville, has two grown children, and two adorable grandchildren.

Books will be available for sale at the event. For presale, please call Towne Center Books, 925/846-8826.

Library Programs are free and open to all.

For more information, please call Penny Johnson, 925/931-3405.

No registration is required.

Music Review

Two Amazing Artists

By Nancy O'Connell

Las Positas College presented a concert titled "Not Simply Baroque" on Saturday evening, February 27th, in the college library. The audience was small, but appreciative of the two talented performers, Judith Linsenberg, with her recorders, and Katherine Heater, harpsichordist. Kevin Fryer, who creates beautiful harpsichords himself, interviewed Judith before the concert began at 8 p.m., allowing a few latecomers to navigate the labyrinth of the construction zones and find their way to the library.

Judith Linsenberg revealed that she studied recorder with the same teacher from the age of five until she left home for Princeton University. The program notes state that she graduated summa cum laude and then attended Stanford where she earned her PhD in early music. With her performances, she has garnered an international reputation. She demonstrated her five recorders that she was going to play during the concert, and said, "I have another one in back, unless I forgot it and left it at home."

The harpsichord used was a beautiful work of art. Created by Ron Nakashima, it is fashioned after one which was built by Joannes Ruckers in 1624! Audience members wandered up during intermission to admire the painting inside and Nakashima's craftsmanship. This harpsichord belongs to faculty member, Marilyn Marquis, who spearheaded these early music concerts.

The first work on the program was *Sonata IV, Op.2* by Giuseppe Sammartini, who was born in 1695, ten years after Johann Sebastian Bach. Both men died in the same year, 1750. This sonata was written in four movements. The *Andante* had beautiful melodies, and the *Allegro* which followed had sprightly tunes. Both players used ornamentation to embellish their parts. By the 16th century musicians were improvising with their ornamentations and totally transforming the written score. When I glanced at the harpsichord music afterwards, Katherine was performing her part from only a figured bass line, an astounding feat. This meant that she had only one note per chord and the note

would have numbers above it to indicate the harmony.

The Sammartini was equally demanding for both players, as should be true in all sonatas. Judith would bend her knees and rise up again in time to the music, conducting the cadences towards the end of each movement with her body as she nodded to Katherine.

A *Ground in Gamut*, (or G) Z.645 by Henry Purcell followed. Purcell died in 1695, the same year that Sammartini was born. Purcell, the greatest English composer of his century, often used the *ground bass* in his music as a form to organize and give continuity to his longer pieces.

Ground bass means that the same notes in the bass are repeated every four or eight measures. The melody above is constantly changing and is ornamented, but the bass notes remain the same throughout. A famous modern example of this is the adaptation of Pachelbel's *Canon* which was so popular a few years ago. This Purcell was for solo harpsichord, and Katherine, who teaches harpsichord at UC Berkeley, modestly stated she was giving Judith a break before the Bach Suite, but she displayed a remarkable virtuosity on her instrument – so much variety on a single keyboard!

Judith has transcribed three of Bach's cello suites for the recorder. This evening, she performed the *Suite No. 1 in G Major*. As a cellist, I have played this magnificent work, and have heard both Rostropovich and Pablo Casals perform this in live concerts. I much prefer the cello version. In particular, in the *Allemande*, the *Sarabande* and the first *Menuet*, where there are double stops and chords, there are passages which the recorder can't reproduce.

She used arpeggios for the chords. Nevertheless, she played brilliantly. She held up her leg to cover the opening at the end of the recorder to play a low E. The beautiful melodies in the *Sarabande* were effective, but again in the rollicking *Gigue*, where the cello has so many chords and the open D string to use against a moving upper line, the sound couldn't be duplicated, and on the recorder it

didn't sound as Bach intended.

The *Recercadas* of Diego Ortiz was the earliest work on the program, and it was rich with ornamentation. Judith played on three different recorders, and some of the passages were very difficult. The portion which called for tenor recorder sounded deep and rich.

After the intermission, *Frais et Gaillard* by Bassano was performed. In the late 16th century, many dance forms, like the *galliard*, were composed for keyboard and voice, and transcribed later for instruments. Judith read us the vocal text, and as she looked around she asked, "Are there any children present? You might want to cover their ears. The words are slightly bawdy."

Together they played Bach's *Sonata in F Major*, and since it was composed for flute, it was far more appropriate for the alto recorder than the cello *Suite*. Both musicians played superbly with a score where the ornamentation featured was written out by Bach himself.

Judith then skipped to the 20th century and played Pete Rose's *I'd Rather Be In Philadelphia*. It was composed for solo recorder in 1992, just before she left for Europe. Rose accompanied her on her errands one day, and the three numbers were titled *Optometrist*, which was jazzy in sound; *Shoe Store*, which was written for that recorder she did forget to bring, and sounded like soul music and the blues; and *Lunch*, a lively, shoe tapping number loosely based on *Tea For Two*.

Their program closed with traditional English Country Dances. *Irish Lamentation* featured a haunting melody filled with longing and pathos, played on the tenor recorder. *Scotch Cap* had a long harpsichord introduction before the soprano recorder entered. The last one had the strange title of *Jack's Maggot*, but here Maggot meant a whim or a fancy. It was a very lively tune.

Come and enjoy the next concert in this series, titled "Three Generations of Bach," featuring Yuko Tanaka on the harpsichord and fortepiano. It will be on Saturday night, March 20th.

Mad Science: CSI, An Interactive Show

Mad Science CSI: Live comes to the Bankhead Theater in Livermore on March 5.

The show is part of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center Family Fun Series.

The performance begins at 7 p.m.

When a crime is committed at the Las Vegas premiere of the *Max Spade Magic Show*, the CSI team springs into action. Sydney Mathis and David Hart play the role of CSI investigators and are on the case, assisted by supervisor Gil Grissom through a live video connection from the Las Vegas Crime Lab.

Audience "recruits" will jump up on stage to become part of the action – analyzing mysterious gasses, launching experimental projectiles and firing lasers across the scene of the crime. Together they will use their superior logic and forensic know-how to uncover hidden details, investigate the evidence and solve the crime.

Mad Science Productions, the Mad Science Group's stage show division, was launched in 1997, and within a year, the company was providing highly successful large-scale theatrical shows to amusement parks, theme parks and fairs across the continent. The winner of multiple awards and accolades every year since its in-



ception, Mad Science Productions has been delighting international audiences with its entertaining and educational shows.

Today, the Mad Science Group is a family of education, entertainment and production companies serving children, parents and communities around the globe. Throughout its prolific growth, the company has remained dedicated to its many stakeholders—children, parents, educators, franchise owners and staff—and to its mission: to spark the imagination of children everywhere.

This show is appropriate for ages 8 and older.

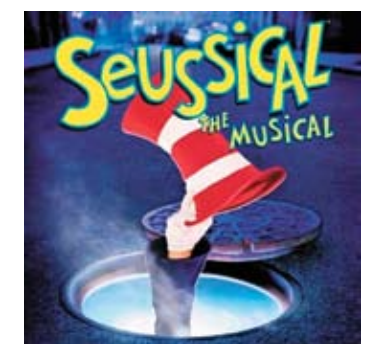
For tickets, call 373-6800 or go to www.livermoreperformingarts.org. The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First St., Livermore.

Seussical the Musical Performance in Pleasanton

The drama departments of Amador High School and Foothill High School will offer a preview of their upcoming Amador Theater production of *Seussical the Musical*. The preview, Sat., March 13, will be at the Pleasanton Library.

Based on the beloved children's characters and stories of Dr. Seuss, this 2:00 p.m. program will feature scenes from the play performed by high school cast members, all of whom are drawn from the Pleasanton community. Afterwards the cast and directors will discuss the play and hold a question-and-answer period with the audience. This free program is best suited for children ages 5 and older. No registration is required.

The full stage production of *Seussical the Musical* will be performed March 18-20 and 25-27. For more information or to pur-



chase tickets, visit www.civictickets.org or call the Amador Theater box office at (925) 931-3444.

For information on other library activities and events, see the library website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/library/programs-and-events.html, or call the Children's Desk at (925) 931-3400 extension 8.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

ART EXHIBITS

Livermore Art Association Gallery, located in Carnegie Park, offers art classes, unusual gifts, painting rentals, art exhibits and information pertaining to the art field, 2155 Third St., Livermore. The gallery has been open since 1974 and is run as a co-op by local artists. Hours are Wed.-Sun. 11:30-4 p.m. For information call 449-9927.

Seward Johnson Sculptures Coming to Downtown Pleasanton, April 1, interactive exhibit by sculptor J. Seward Johnson placed on sidewalk locations. The eleven life-size, three-dimensional bronze sculptures depict the everyday activities of people who may be found anywhere, from a man reading a newspaper on a park bench and an elderly woman carrying a bag of groceries to a child welcoming a soldier home from duty. The exhibit will remain in place through June 30, 2010. More information about the J. Seward Johnson exhibit is available by contacting Pleasanton Fine Arts Coordinator Julie Finegan at jfinegan@ci.pleasanton.ca.us or (925) 931-5355.

Livermore Art Association Spring Show, March 27 and 28, The Barn, 3131 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Reception is Saturday, March 27, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. No admission charge. Information Angela Johal, 925-371-7777 or angelajohal@designs@yahoo.com, or Bill Hackett, 925-606-0812 or cheshirkat@mac.com.

Call for Artists, Art in the Park, Danville: 12th Annual Fine Arts Festival, October 2 & 3, On the Town Green, Front Street Park, by the Library. Categories: Paintings in All Media, Photography, Ceramics, Sculpture, Graphics and limited openings in Fine Jewelry (no crafts). Sponsored by Alamo Danville Artists' Society and the Town of Danville, this event is a Fund Raiser for Art in the Schools of the San Ramon School District. Art in the Park includes a Judged Inside Art Show and food, wine and live entertainment. Booth spaces are 10' x 10' and the fees are \$85 for non ADAS members. Application: e-mail ormawebb@comcast.net or call 925 828-9170.

MEETINGS

Middle School Poetry Society, Students from Harvest Park, Hart and Pleasanton middle schools are invited to participate in Middle School Poetry Society. Poet Martha Meltzer will lead a series of six Wednesday workshops which will be held at Harvest Park Middle School in room D-33 on March 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 14. On April 21, the students will share their work at a poetry reading. Please contact Lynn Gatehouse at lgatehouse@pleasanton.k12.ca.us to register

Pleasanton Art League and Livermore Art Association, General meeting Mon., March 15, 7:30 p.m. Cultural Arts Building, 4455 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Theme is Art Materials Play Night. Try many different mediums, some new on the market, such as water-soluble oil paint, scratchboard, self-hardening clay, watercolor crayons, acrylic paints, plasticized papers, Tyvek and liquid watercolors and more. Everyone is welcome. Materials will be supplied by PAL and Way Up Art & Frame at no charge to you. Bring an apron.

WINERY EVENTS

Cuda Ridge Wines at First Street Wine Company, first Thursday Night Spotlight of 2010 at First Street Wine Company on Thursday, March 4 from 6:00-8:00. Larry Dino from Cuda Ridge will be pouring the new releases: 2009 Sauvignon Blanc, 2008 Merlot, and 2008 Petit Verdot; as

well as the gold medal winning 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon and 2007 Cabernet Franc. All of the wines will be available for purchase. First Street Wine Company is located at 2211 First Street in Livermore, near the flagpole. There is a minimal \$5.00 tasting fee.

Chocolate and Cabernet, Fenestra Winery will be hosting its annual "Chocolate and Cabernet Weekend" on March 13 and 14 from noon to 5 p.m., both days. Red wines are paired with different chocolate dishes, both savory recipes and sweet chocolate treats. The fee is \$10 per person (\$5 for non-drinkers and children). The fee includes wine samples, buffet plate, logo glass and a decadent pairing for your taste buds. Wine club members get in an hour early at 11 a.m. on March 13 only. Guest chefs include Gimanelli's Deli in Pleasanton and some home-made recipes from Fenestra's own tasting room staff. Dishes will range from snacks and appetizers to main dishes and desserts, all including some version of chocolate in their ingredients. The winery is located at 83 Vallecitos Road, Livermore. It is open for sales and tasting every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from noon - 5 p.m. For more information, visit the website at www.fenestrawinery.com or email info@fenestrawinery.com.

Wine release, Mitchell Katz Winery, Sat., March 20, noon to 5 p.m. Live music, heavy appetizers, keepsake wine stem, various varietal tasting. New releases: 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon - Walker Vineyards - Certified Organic and Gold Medal 2010 SF Chronicle Wine Competition award winning wine, 2007 Petite Sirah - Falling Star Vineyard. \$20 per person entry fee. 1188 Vineyard Ave., Pleasanton. No reservations required. 931-0744 or www.mitchellkatzwinery.com.

Livermore Valley's Barrel Tasting Weekend, March 20 and 21, noon to 4:30 p.m. Chance to pre-purchase wines before they have even bottled (aka "futures") and experience unique activities offered at each of our participating wineries throughout the weekend including food pairings, bottle your own wines, winemaker discussions, music and more! For a list of wines being sampled, activities by winery, and to purchase tickets visit www.LVwine.org. Advance Tickets are \$25 and \$35 day of event. Ticket includes: a take home glass with the Livermore Valley Wine Country Logo, barrel tasting at each participating winery for Saturday & Sunday, and a Barrel Tasting map. Proceeds benefit the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association, a nonprofit organization that supports the marketing and educational programs for wineries and growers in the Livermore Valley AVA. Participating Wineries: Bent Creek Winery, Big White House & John Evan Cellars, Cedar Mountain Winery, Charles R Vineyards, Chouinard Vineyards, Concannon Vineyard, Crooked Vine & Stony Ridge Winery, Cuda Ridge Wines, Deer Ridge Vineyards, Eagle Ridge Vineyards, Eckert Estate Winery, el Sol Winery, Fenestra Winery, Garre Vineyard & Winery, Les Chenes Estate Vineyards, McGrail Vineyards & Winery, Mitchell Katz Winery, Murrieta's Well, Nottingham Cellars, Page Mill Winery, Retzlaff Estate Winery, Tamas Estates, The Steven Kent Winery, Wentle Vineyards, White Crane Winery, Wood Family Vineyards

MUSIC/CONCERTS

Beethoven's Wig, March 6, 11 a.m. Pleasanton Civic Arts Presents SaturYAY! Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Tickets at <http://civicartstickets.org> or (925) 931-3444.

Battlefield Band, Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center Presents. March 6, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Ohlone Wind Orchestra, directed by Tony Clements, 6 p.m. Sun., March 7. World premiere of Brent Heisinger's "Soulscapes." Also featured are a variety of contemporary and classical pieces including Reed's "Three Revelations—Lotus Sutra," with guest conductor Anthony Mazzaferro. Guest soloist John Monroe joins the OWO for Bourgeois' "Trombone Concerto." Smith Center at Ohlone College, 43600 Mission Boulevard in Fremont. Tickets: \$10 - \$15 at 510.659.6031 or www.smithcenterpresents.com

Jake Shimabukuro, ukulele, March 17, plays jazz, blues, funk, classical, bluegrass, folk, flamenco, and rock. 7:30 p.m. in the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. Cost: \$26 - \$46. Information: 925-373-6800 or <http://www.LivermorePerformingArts.org>.

Three Generations of Bach, Harpsichord and Fortepiano Recital, March 20, Early Music Concert series, Yuko Tanaka will perform music from three generations of the Bach family from the early baroque to the high baroque on the harpsichord and the early classical period on the fortepiano. At 7:30 p.m. in the library at Las Positas College, 3033 Collier Canyon Road, Livermore. Cost: \$15. For information call 925-424-1467 or see www.lpcaremusic.org.

Los Angeles Guitar Quartet, Fri., March 26, 8 p.m. Del Valle Fine Arts concert. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Livermore Amador Symphony, concert March 27, "Enigma, Romance and Scandal," 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Kristina Anderson, violin. Mitchell Sardou Kein, conductor, Elgar's Enigma Variations. 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Jeffrey Siegel, Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center Presents. March 31. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

ON THE STAGE

I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre Studio Theatre production. March 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14. 1048 Serpentine Lane, Suite 309, Pleasanton. Fri. and Sat. 8 p.m. Sun. 2 p.m. Ticket information 462-2121 or www.trivalleyrep.com.

Ramona Quimby, March 5, 6, 7. Saturdays and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.; March 5 at 7:00 p.m.; additional performance at 11:00 a.m. on March 6. In Front Row Theater, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Road, San Ramon. Adults \$19, children \$15. Information: www.ci.san-ramon.ca.us/Parks/theater/calendar.htm.

Chicago, The California State University, East Bay Theatre and Dance Department's winter musical, "Chicago," opens March 5. An opening night Friends of the Arts benefit will raise money for student scholarships. Details are at www20.csueastbay.edu/news/2010/02/chicago-021110.html

April Verch, Canadian Fiddler, Step-dancer and Singer, March 9, Music in a fusion of Celtic, jazz, folk, and bluegrass styles. Presented by the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council. At 7:00 p.m. in the Lynnwood Methodist Church, 4444 Black Avenue, Pleasanton. Cost: adults \$17, seniors \$15, youths under age 12: \$10. For information and tickets call 925-931-1111 or visit www.pleasantonarts.org/special_events.html.

Melodrama - Sunol Repertory Theatre, "She Was Only Marginally Modest or Have You No Shame!" takes place in a Colorado Moose Lodge. It is written by Vern Harden, and directed by Sue Marshall. Tickets are on sale at Little Valley Winery Tasting Room at 739 Main St. in Downtown Pleasanton every Thurs.-Sun. 12-5 p.m. For more information go to www.sunol.net/srt. Performance dates are March 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 & 27 at the Sunol Glen School Theatre, 11601 Main St., Sunol. Admission is \$15 for reserved seating.

Champions for the Arts: A Celebration of Our Regional Arts Heroes, Thurs., March 4, 7 to 9 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Showcasing music and performing and visual arts by students from Livermore, Pleasanton, Sunol and Fremont. Event is free and open to the public. Special guest will be Supervisor Scott Haggerty. For more information, go to www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

One Act Plays, presented by Las Positas College, March 10 at 12:30 p.m. and March 12 at 8 p.m. Campus theater, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Free admission. 424-1119.

The Curious Savage, presented by Asbury Players, Sat., March 13, Sun., March 14, Friday, March 19 and Sat., March 20. Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. Curtain time is 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$8 for seniors and children under 12. For additional information or to reserve tickets, please call 455-1048.

Die Fledermaus, Livermore Valley Opera, March 13, 14, 19, 20, 21. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Seussical, the Musical, Amador Valley and Foothill High Schools, March 18-20 and 25-27, Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Adults \$12, student (18 and under) \$10. Tickets at <http://civicartstickets.org> or (925) 931-3444.

Friday Night Open Mic for Teens, March 19. Performers sign up between 6 and 7 p.m. Rules and forms available on ptown411.com. Veterans Hall, 301 Main St., Pleasanton. \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door; student tickets with valid ID \$5 in advance and at the door.

Cabaret, straight from New York, Fri., March 19, 8 p.m. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center. www.sanramonperformingarts.com or 973-ARTS.

The Mikado Singalong, Lamplighters Music Theatre presents, Gilbert & Sullivan. March 20, 8 p.m. Leshner Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek, 1606 Civic Drive. Tickets \$14-\$48. 925-943-7469 or lesherartscenter.org. For more information call The Lamplighters at 415-227-4797 or go to lamplighters.org/season.html. Patrons are invited to be a part of the extended chorus in this fun production. Also featuring a costume contest, raffle and face painting, this unique event promises to be a lot of fun. Competition to rewrite the little list lyrics.

DANCE

The Moore School of Irish Dance in Walnut Creek will present its annual show celebrating Celtic culture and history on March 6th and 7th at the Del Valle Theatre in Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$15 for general admission. The show will include both traditional and original choreography. Tickets may be purchased on-line at www.lesherartscenter.org or by phone at: 925-943-SHOW. Saturday's show is at 7 p.m. and Sunday's show is

at 2:00 p.m.

Le Tableau Magnifique, premier Ballet Company with Livermore School of Dance, will present its second annual showcase, "Reveries and Remembrances", on Saturday, March 27, 2010. The performance includes a full-length production of the hauntingly beautiful Giselle, excerpts from The Firebird, a montage of contemporary ballet set to some of the late Michael Jackson's most innovative music and Phantom of the Opera "Masquerade Ball." Performances will be at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at The Livermore High Performing Arts Theater at 600 Maple Street. Tickets are \$8 for adults and seniors and \$6 for children age 17 and under. For more information or tickets please contact Livermore School of Dance at (925) 245-9322 or by e-mail at LTMBallet@gmail.com.

AUDITIONS/VOLUNTEERS

Heidi Chronicles audition, Directed by Susan Hovey. Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre production. Auditions: Saturday, April 3rd, auditions at 1pm and Tuesday, April 6th at 7:30 p.m. Callbacks at Studio Theatre, 1048 Serpentine Lane, Suite 309, Pleasanton. Roles for 5 women and 3 men who need to appear ages 20-40 throughout the show. Go to www.trivalleyrep.org for audition materials and information.

MOVIES

The Red Pony, March 4, A classic film series hosted by Candace Klaschus, Las Positas College. At 7:00 p.m. in the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton. Free. Information: 931-3405.

Book Into Film, "The Rear Window," March 14, A film based on the book, It Had to Be Murder by Cornell Woolrich. Read the book. View the movie at 2:00 p.m. in the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton. Followed by a comparison of the movie with the book. Free. Information: 925-931-3405.

Flow, Amador Valley High School's Environmental Club, will be showing the award-winning film Flow about the world water crisis. The film has won many awards, including Best Documentary at the United Nations Association Film Festival and Jury Prize at the 2008 Mumbai International Film Festival. The movie will be shown in Amador Valley High School's multipurpose room on Wednesday, April 21 from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Admission is free and snacks will be for sale. The club can be contacted at avhsenvironmental@yahoo.com.

CHORAL

Valley Concert Chorale, performs Mozart's Requiem, March 7, 3 p.m. The Las Positas Chamber Choir and San Francisco Concert Chorale will join the chorus. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Cantabella Children's Chorus, performs Sun., March 28, 4 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council fund-raising event. Tickets at www.civicartstickets.org.

OPERA

Die Fledermaus, Livermore Valley Opera, March 13, 14, 19, 20, 21. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Live Theater-Casts from the Met: 10 a.m. Saturdays at Dublin's Royal Hacienda Cinema. March 29, Hamlet; and May 1, Armida. Replays of each opera will

be shown on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. as follows: April 14, Hamlet; and May 19, Armida.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mad Science - CSI, Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center Presents. March 5, 7 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org

Spring Book Sale, at the Dublin Library, Friends of the Dublin Library. Fri., March 5, 6 to 9 p.m. members only (memberships available at the door). Sat., March 6, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun., March 7, 1 to 5 p.m.; and Mon., March 8, noon to 6 p.m. (bag day - \$4/bag of books).

Oscar Party, March 7, Vine Theater, downtown Livermore. Doors open 3:30 and the Oscars start at 5:00. \$15 gets you Oscars on the big screen, a glass of champagne in a 2010 Oscar Night glass, "giant" cupcake from Livermore's Tiffane's Cupcake Boutique, a "lavish" gift bag, photo op on the red carpet and Oscar ballots with an opportunity to win a prize. Come dressed up...or come as you are. www.vinecinema.com, 1722 1st Street, reserve tickets at (925) 447-2545.

The Beer Geeks, Sun., March 7, 2 p.m. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Chris Nelson and Merideth Canham-Nelson, "The Beer Geeks" will speak of their beer travel adventures. This Carmel Valley couple wrapped up an itinerary featuring 15 dream "Year in Beer" trips with a December 2008 journey to Belgium, having visited more than 90 breweries. Since then, Chris Nelson and Merideth Canham-Nelson have continued their beer travel adventures, bringing their total to more than 500. There is no charge for this event. For information, call 373-5505.

Livermore Valley Coin Club 47th annual coin show and sale Sunday March 14, from 10 am to 5 pm. at the Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur Drive Springtown in Livermore. Dealers offering appraisals and opportunity to purchase coins. Admission is free. Wooden "nickels" commemorating the event will be given away while supplies last. Raffle will feature a U.S. \$10 gold coin for the grand prize and 14 additional runner-up gold and silver coins. Tickets for the raffle are \$1.00 each or 6/\$5.00, available at the show. An hourly drawing will also be held for a U.S. silver dollar. Members of the Livermore Valley Coin Club will set up numismatic displays, information table and will be available to discuss the club's activities. Lunch service will be available. For further information please call Stephen Kramer at (925) 980-9307.

St. Patrick's Day Festival, March 13 and 14. Two days of Irish events including entertainment, games, food, and arts and crafts. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Dublin Civic Center, 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin. Information: www.dublinstpats.com.

Evening with author Lisa See, Wed., March 10, 7 p.m. Dublin Library. Books include Snow Flower and the Secret Fan. Copies of her books will be for sale. 556-4500.

Carey Perloff, from Archaeology to Artistic Director: A career in the American Theater, Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center Presents. March 18, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

History of the Alameda County Fairgrounds, Thursday, March 18, Rick Pickering, Director of the Alameda County Fairgrounds, discusses the rich history of the site. Museum on Main Ed Kinney Lecture series. 7 p.m. at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Tickets are \$5 members and seniors, \$10 non-members, \$3 students and teachers with ID. Reser-

ervations are suggested. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Call the Museum on Main at 462-2766.

Haiku Workshop with Jerry Ball, Tuesday, March 23, 7:30-9:30 pm. Century House, 2401 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Cost \$5; students free. www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/community/arts.

Goodguys 27th All-American Get-Together, March 28-29. Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton. Presented by Goodguys Rod & Custom Association. 8 to 5 Sat., 8 to 4 Sun. Over 3,000 American-Made & Powered hot rods, customs, classics, muscle cars and trick trucks. Vendor/exhibitor booths or take a trip to the Swap Meet for automotive related parts and Cars 4 Sale. There's fun for the whole family with a Model Car Show, free model make and take, plus a kids play area. Adults \$15; youth ages 6-12 \$6; children 6 and under free. Parking: \$8. www.allamericangettogether.com

Science and Engineering Fair, March 30, April 2, 2010. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore. Information https://tvsef.llnl.gov/

Ideas for the Bankhead Theater's 2010-11 season are being solicited. People are invited to suggest favorite artists, dance companies, theater performances, operas, speakers and more. There are two ways to participate. One is a discussion board on Facebook, www.facebook.com. If you aren't already a Bankhead Theater Facebook Fan, sign up today. Second, take the LVPAC Patron Survey, www.zoomerang.com, and let us know your feelings about the past, present and future of the Bankhead Theater, LVPAC Presents performances, the types of theatre you enjoy and music genres you listen to, the proposed Regional Theater, BART downtown, and other theater specific questions.

ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR-GROUNDS

Gem Fair, March 12-14, Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton, 12 to 7 Fri., 10 to 6 Sat., 10 to 5 Sun. Quality jewelry & beads at manufacturer's prices. Classes and demonstrations for your jewelry making needs. Adult weekend pass \$5, child under 12 free Parking: \$8. www.gemfaire.com.

Country Folk Art Craft Show, March 13-15, Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton. Features artisans from across the country, offering their handmade items and unique, hand-selected gift items for sale. 5 to 9 Fri., 10 to 5 Sat., 10 to 4 Sun. \$7 adults; \$2 children 5-10; children under 5 free Parking: \$8. www.countryfolkart.com

Interior Design Workshops Offered at College

The Interior Design Department at Las Positas College will offer three interior design workshops on Saturdays this spring: March 6, 13, and 20 at 10:00 am in room 1410 on the college campus.

Based on the suggestions from last year's workshop participants, the College is offering three topics of interest to professional designers, design students, and members of the community. The guest presenters at all three workshops are well-known and very successful interior designers.

All workshops are scheduled from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Building 1400, Room 1410 at Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore. The fee for each workshop is \$10.00.

March 6 - All about Baths: One of the most frequently remodeled/redecorated home spaces is the bathroom. Realtors tell us that money spent on bathrooms will enhance sale time and sale price. The guest presenter will be: Julie Turner of The Bath Studio in San Ramon.

March 13 - All about Kitchens: People spend more and more time in their kitchens with families and friends. Learn what you need to make your kitchen both efficient and welcoming. The guest presenter will be: Shelly Lober of Kitchens of Diablo in San Ramon.

March 20 - All about Color: White? Beige? Be creative. Learn about the latest color trends for walls, floors, carpets, and upholstery. You may be surprised by the possibilities. The guest presenter will be: Debbie McGrath of Stainmasters - Northern California/Reno Region.

Attendees are asked to register in advance (LPC Community Education) or just before the workshops begin. For more informa-

tion, or to register, please contact Philip Manwell at (925) 424-1382 or pmanwell@laspositascollege.edu.

For registration information

please call (925) 424-1554 or go online at www.laspositascollege.edu. Las Positas College is located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore.

Teens to Make Videos

Grab your favorite book, gather your friends, and come to the Livermore Public Library to film a book trailer on Wednesday, March 10, from 3:30pm to 5:30pm in the Storytime/Craft Room of the Civic Center Library.

A videographer will be on hand to assist teens in making short video clips, similar to a 30 second movie trailer, of their favorite book. Teens may star alone in the video or compose a skit with a group of friends. All videos will be posted to YouTube and to Teen Space on the library's website.

This free event is in conjunction with Young Adult Library Services Association's (YALSA's) Teen Technology Week, March 7 through March 13, 2010.

For more information, please visit TEEN SPACE on the library's website: www.livermore.lib.ca.us or contact Sandy at 925-373-5500 extension 5583.

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Saturday, March 6, 2010 • 8:00pm
Tickets: \$26/\$36/\$46, Students \$12

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Valley Concert Chorale
Sunday, March 7 • 3:00pm
Tickets: \$27/\$30/\$33, Students \$12

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On February 6, 2010, Barbara Hoffman (far left, front row; 2009 TVT President) with then Treasurer Michelle Rosenberg hand two checks to Hoofprints on the Heart Adaptive Riding Center Program directors Peggy James and Barbara Soules. Also pictured (in back row from the left) are 2010 TVT President Penny Marrs, current Treasurer Jan Carlisle, HOTH Katy Kempton and 2009 TVT Poker Ride Chairman Kim Fisher.

Trailblazers Present Funds To Hoofprints on the Heart

The Tri Valley Trailblazers Club, Inc., is a local, non-profit equestrian club that has been in existence since the late 1960's with a commitment to stimulate interest in all matters as may pertain to the use, enjoyment, or improvement of horses, horsemanship, as well as preservation and enhancement of trails.

The two checks represent \$2000 profit from the Trailblazer Poker Ride held Oct. 4, 2009, an annual event for the club members and others who are active trail riders and advocates based in the Livermore area.

One check will be managed through HOTH specifically for adaptive riding participants with Cystic Fibrosis. This fund was set up memory of Aaron Ray Smith who was sick with cystic fibrosis from birth. He never let the illness get him down and he lived life to the fullest in honor of his mother, Christine Treat and brother Zack, as well as grandmother Marijanne Nichols. The family members are all avid riders, even Aaron, until his death at age 22 last year. Grandmother Marijanne has rescued and rehabilitated many horses in the Bay Area. This scholarship will insure that Aaron's spirit will live on to help others with the same affliction and love of horses.

The Hoofprints on the Heart (HOTH) Adaptive Riding Center is a nonprofit founded by three women with various life experiences having a common dream of pairing horses with special gifts to people with special needs. Many disabled people are not able to participate in traditional recreational or sports activities. Horseback riding offers a chance to be successful in a unique activity while receiving education and therapeutic benefits.

Gems, Jewels and Jeans Event to Raise Funds for Cancer

The American Cancer Society Discovery Shop in Pleasanton will hold its annual jewelry event on March 12 and 13.

The "Gems, Jewels and Jeans" event will feature precious and semi-precious gems; themed, heirloom, or contemporary jewelry pieces; and a new addition this year—designer jeans.

The Discovery Shop is located in the Mission Plaza Shopping Center at 1987A Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. The shop hours are Monday to Friday 10-6, Saturday 10-5, Sunday 12-5. Contact Monda Wiseman, Mgr. at (925) 462-7374 for more information.

All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society's programs of research, education, service and advocacy.

Beer Geeks to Talk about Their Beer Travel Adventures during Library Program

Chris Nelson and Merideth Canham-Nelson, "The Beer Geeks" will speak of their beer travel adventures at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, at 2pm on Sunday, March 7.

There is no charge for this event.

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have continued their beer travel adventures, bringing their total to more than 500. But for Chris and Merideth, beer travel is not just about beer — it's also about meeting people and experiencing other cultures.

A book about the couple's 12 months of beer travel experiences is currently in the works. Through chance meetings, unexpected happenings and misadventures, this pair created a lifetime of memories in just one short year. "Beer travel doesn't always go as

smoothly as planned and that has made for some pretty funny stories," Canham-Nelson confesses. Most importantly, however, the couple can look back and fondly remember how they spent their 19th year of marriage. In the meantime, fans can keep up with their beer travels on their website, www.thebeergeek.com.

The Friends of the Livermore Library have underwritten this program. For additional events, check the library's website at www.livermore.lib.ca.us.

Gardening Series Offered at Library

Alameda County Master Gardeners of the University of California Cooperative Extension will present *Selecting and Preparing Your Vegetable Garden Site* at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, at 2pm on Saturday, March 20. There is no charge for this event.

This is the first of three programs of a Spring Gardening Series.

Subsequent programs include *Digging In: Planting Your Vegetable Garden* on April 17, and *Protecting your Crop: IPM (Integrated Pest Management)* on May 15. Shari Wentz and Janis Turner, Alameda County Master Gardeners of the University of California Cooperative Extension, will share their vegetable gardening expertise and knowledge in selecting and preparing a vegetable garden site.

Both Shari Wentz and Janis

Turner are former Livermore middle school teachers who in retirement have become Alameda County Master Gardeners. Some may recognize them from the Plant Dr. Booth they occupy at the Livermore Farmer's Market. Janis and Shari have been Master Gardeners for several years, but back yard vegetable growers for as long as they have been Livermore residents; for Shari that has been 38 years, for Janis, over 40 years.

Master Gardeners are trained Alameda County volunteers who provide information and education to residents on sustainable landscaping and gardening practices. They use University of California research and information to help residents select appropriate plants, practice water conservation, reduce the use of pesticides, practice yard waste reduction and promote food se-

curity.

The Friends of the Livermore Library have generously underwritten this program as part of the Friends Authors and Arts Series. For additional events, check the library's website at www.livermore.lib.ca.us.

Items Needed for Health Kits for Haiti

Asbury United Methodist Church is collecting items to make health kits to send to Haiti. The health kits will provide basic necessities to people who have lost everything.

Each kit requires the following items: 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27"), 1 washcloth, 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized), 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers), 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up), 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, No child-size brushes), and 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages.

Please bring these items to Asbury UMC, 4743 East Ave., Livermore on the followings days and times: Saturday, March 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, March 8 to 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., or Saturday, March 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Monetary donations are accepted. Please make the check out to Asbury United Methodist Church and mark "health kit" in the memo line.

For more information, please call Joanne Petty at 925-447-1950 ext. 4.

Coin Club Hosts Annual Show and Sale

The Livermore Valley Coin Club will hold its 47th annual coin show and sale on Sunday March 14, from 10 am to 5 pm. The show will be held at the Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur Drive Springtown in Livermore.

More than 30 dealers from all over Northern California will offer gold, silver, and base metal coins from the United States and foreign countries. Ancient coins will be offered as well. Prices range from a few cents to hundreds of dollars. Dealers will make appraisals and purchase coins from the public.

Admission is free. Wooden "nickels" commemorating the

event will be given away while supplies last. This year's raffle will feature a U.S. \$10 gold coin for the grand prize and 14 additional runner-up gold and silver coins.

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6/\$5.00, available at the show. An hourly drawing will also be held for a U.S. silver dollar. Members of the Livermore Valley Coin Club will set up numismatic displays, information table and will be available to discuss the club's activities.

Lunch service will be available. For further information please call Stephen Kramer at (925) 980-9307.

Milestones

Community



Pictured are, left to right: Savannah, Kathleen, Myah, Julia, Stephanie, Katja, and Kiara (not pictured are Ashley, Kiley, and Bailey).

Scouts Raise Funds to Benefit New Orleans' Park

Fifth grade Girl Scout Troop 31545 at Alisal Elementary School in Pleasanton held a Father Daughter Dance on February 9, 2010. The Scouts raised over \$160 for their Bronze Award charity. The charity's purpose is to help replant a tree in a children's park in New Orleans, LA that was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.

Troop 31545 sponsored the event as part of earning their

Bronze Award, a special honor given to Junior level Girl Scouts who have completed at least 15 hours of service toward their project, and earned at least 4 other badges related to their community service and fund-raiser. The Father Daughter Dance was a Mardi Gras, in celebration of the theme of the project.

The troop would like to thank the Alisal Elementary staff and all

of the Girl Scout families of Alisal who came to enjoy the dance and supported their cause. The donation will go to the New Orleans Park Foundation.

Troop members contributing to this project include: Savannah Choate, Ashley Frans, Kiara Lansa, Bailey Musto, Stephanie Owens, Kiley Pohlmann, Myah Slaton, Julia Vargas, Kathleen Wallis, and Katja Zengel.



Ryan McCubbin Earns Eagle Scout Honors

Jack and Sue McCubbin announced their son, Ryan McCubbin, has earned the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest honor in the Boy Scouts of America. Ryan began his scouting experience with Cub Scout Pack 939 at Almond Avenue Elementary School and earned the rank of Arrow of Light, the highest award in Cub Scouting.

Ryan continued his Boy Scout experience at Troop 939 at the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore. He volunteered for 6 weeks at a local Open Heart Kitchen and became acutely aware of the value to and need for this charitable

organization which helps bring food to hungry people during hard times. His Eagle Scout Leadership project was to plan, build and place donation boxes in local churches for Open Heart Kitchen in the city of Livermore. \$2500.00 in donations were received within the first two months.

Ryan enjoyed high adventure outings in his seven years with Troop 939. He accumulated over 400 miles of backpacking, bicycled from Livermore to Yosemite, hiked Mount Whitney and canoed 70 miles at Boundary Waters in Minnesota to name a few of his favorite trips.

He will graduate from Livermore High School in 2010 and further his study of German language and culture in Germany this summer prior to going to college where he plans to study Cognitive Science in the fall.

The McCubbin Family would like to recognize and thank the many adult leaders of Troop 939, including Mr. Matt Feltz, Mr. Sam Steele and Mr. Dave Reece. These leaders continue to dedicate their time to the betterment of the our youth and community, and provided valuable encouragement and leadership to Ryan during his many years in scouting.

Education

Valley Christian Students Tops in Debating

Last weekend twelve debaters from Valley Christian High School travelled to a debate tournament at Contra Costa Christian School. The tournament, hosted by the Logos Forensics Association, featured 40 students competing from four different schools: Ripon Christian School, Berean Christian High School, Valley Christian School, and Contra Costa Christian School.

The Logos Forensics Association (LFA) is a debate league created for private Christian schools. Founded by the Institute for Principle Studies in Modesto, the goal of the league is to provide high school students with opportunities to refine their skills in public speaking, rhetoric, and research.

The topic of debate at the tournament was healthcare policy. Each team (two people per team) presented their researched opinion on what the federal government's next step should be in healthcare reform. The tournament consisted

of four debate rounds where students had to face different teams and various positions.

The Valley Christian team took first place overall at the tournament. In the Individual Debaters category, Kendyl Clausen was 10th, Hannah Pryfogle 8th, Joshua Landgraf 6th, and Alex Buescher captured 3rd. In Team Awards, Olivia Coackley & Claire Zasso placed 4th, mere points beneath their teammates Joshua Landgraf & Skylar Burt who placed 3rd, while Alex Buescher & Hannah Pryfogle took the 1st place award in Team Debate.

InternXchange Program

Rebecca Hucker of Pleasanton is a national finalist for participation in the summer InternXchange program sponsored by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) for American college students studying journalism or communication. InternXchange participants study at the International Center for Journalism at Freie Universitat in Berlin for six weeks and then serve a five-week internship with a German newspaper, magazine, TV or radio station, press or PR agency. Finalists receive an expense-paid trip to New York City in March to interview at the DAAD office at the United Nations Plaza. Ms. Hucker is a junior at California State University, Chico majoring in Public Relations and German.

BULLETIN BOARD

(Organizations wishing to run notices in Bulletin Board, send information to PO Box 1198, Livermore, CA 94551, in care of Bulletin Board. Include name of organization, meeting date, time, place and theme or subject. Phone number and contact person should also be included. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday.)

Plant Sale, wholesale prices for trees, shrubs and bedding plants, Sat., March 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sun., March 21, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Livermore High School, Cowboy Alley. Proceeds from sale will go towards a new electronic timing system for LHS track.

Free Teen workshop, discovering and being yourself offered by the Pleasanton Community Counseling Center at the Pleasanton Library on Sat., March 7, 2 to 4 p.m. Free. Participants will receive Jamba juice gift card. Please call Jenny to register 600-9762 ext. 7#.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., March 6, 60 miles Cinderella training ride from Benicia to Jelly Belly Factory, meet 9 a.m. in B Street parking lot, Bekki Livingston, <http://sports.groups.yahoo.com>. Sun., March 7, 25 miles Martinez to Benicia and Vallejo, meet 10 a.m. at Martinez Regional Shoreline Park, Bill Goodwin, 487-0521. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to contact the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Sunol 4-H 44th Annual Pancake Breakfast fund-raiser, April 25, 8 a.m. to noon at Sunol Glen Elementary School, 11601 Main Street, Sunol, CA 94586. Tickets at the door \$6 adults, \$4 children. Also silent auction, bake sale, plant sale. Information contact Paulette Hartkopf 510.862.6247 or email phartkopf@yahoo.com.

Volunteers Needed To Coach Calculus, Livermore High School is in need of four or more calculus coaches to help advanced students work on calculus problems during weekly review sessions in March and April in order to prepare for the AP Calculus exam on May 5th. The students are highly motivated, hard working, and committed to mastering the subject matter. If you are a mathematician, physicist, engineer or math aficionado interested in volunteering, contact Susan Johnston, susanjohnston@livermore.k12.ca.us, via email.

Texas Hold Em', a fund-raiser for the Livermore High School 2010 Safe and Sober Grad Night, will be played at Castle Rock, March 18, April 17 and May 22. Prizes are first place \$500, second place \$300, 3rd place \$100. Players must be age 21 and over. Registration is at 6 p.m. with the first hand at 7 p.m. Prepaid reservations are good for an extra \$200 in chips. Buy-ins \$40 for \$1000 chips; re-buys, \$20 for \$800. Food and beverages available for purchase. Information, contact Patti Coggin at 294-9213, 784-3244 or patticoggin@comcast.net. Castle Rock located at 1848 Portola Ave., Livermore.

Brain Fitness Lecture, William Jagust discusses his cutting edge research on age-based memory loss, dementia and Alzheimer's disease. Jagust is a UC Berkeley Professor, renowned scientist, and expert in this field. Lecture presented by Tri-Valley Cal Alumni Club for the benefit of the Tri-Valley Community Farmer Restaurant at the Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main Street, Pleasanton. March 9, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. \$10 includes light refreshments. Audrey Glafkides 925-463-6615 audreyglafkides@morganstanley.com.

Reunion Amador Valley High School - Class of 1980, 30 year reunion, Fri., Sept. 17, casual BBQ at a classmate's ranch; Sat., Sept. 18, Pleasanton Hilton. For more information, go to Facebook or contact Mindy Gottesman-Smith at minismith@aerosurf.net.

California Retired Teachers Association, Tri-Valley Division 85 will hold a luncheon meeting on Tuesday, March 16, 11:15 at The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union Hall (IBEW), 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. The meeting will feature a panel discussion on domestic and foreign travel. The cost is \$11.00. Guests are welcome. For information call 925 443-9913.

Livermore Adult Education Winter/Spring registration continues. Computer Training; QuickBooks Pro 2006 3/29, PivotTables/PivotCharts 2007 3/31, MS Word 2007 4/13, MS Excel 2007 4/12, MS PowerPoint 2007 4/13, MAAccess 2007 4/14. Career Technical Education; Clinical Medical Assistant 3/27, Pharmacy Technician 4/27, Phlebotomy Certification 4/24, Orthopedic Technician 3/14, Clinical Nursing Assistant, Sterile Processing

Technician, Healthcare Interpreter, Physical Therapy Aide, Career Counseling by Appointment. Parenting Family and Consumer Awareness; Navigating the College Application Maze 5/18, 5/22, CPR 3/8, 4/12, 5/10, First Aid 4/19, Basic Life Support 3/29, 4/26, 5/24, Yoga 3/8, 3/10, 4/26, 4/28, Pilates 3/11, 4/29, 6/17, Weight Watchers ongoing. Art; Drawing and Mixed Media 4/13, Watercolor 3/8, 4/15, Monoprints and Image Transfers 4/26. Community Interest; Bird Watching 3/13, 5/12, Creative Writing 4/13, Dog Training Basic Obedience 3/9, Dog Training Intermediate 4/27. Finance; Estate Planning; Trusts vs. Wills 3/25, Retirement Planning 3/16, 3/25. ESL, GED, Adult High School Diploma ongoing. Register online at www.livermoreadulted.org, phone 925-606-4722 or site location is at 1401 Almond Ave., Livermore.

Birds of Mt. Wanda, free morning walk, Sat., March 13, John Muir National Historic Site, 8:30 a.m. Gradual climb led by Ranger Cheryl Abel. Meet at the CalTrans Park and Ride lot, corner of Alhambra Ave. and Franklin Canyon Rd., Martinez. Bring water and binoculars (if available). Wear good walking shoes. Trail is steep. Heavy rain cancels. Information, call 228-8860.

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society meeting 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 9, at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. The speaker is Lisa Louise Cooke. The topic is "Solving Family Mysteries with Google Earth." Map to the meeting site: www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-BethEmek.html. Visitors welcome, no charge. Information Marie Ross 925-447-1806.

College Admissions 101, March 9, from 7-8:30 PM Livermore Public Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Learn how colleges evaluate applicants, how to find colleges that fit, how to best prepare for college admissions. Presented by Diane Keller, a college consultant in Pleasanton. For more information contact Diane at 925-963-2932 or visit her website at www.dianecollegeconnection.com/. This event is free.

Livermore Lions Host Club invites the public to the Thursday, March 11 meeting 7 PM at Applebee's Neighborhood Grill, 4301 First Street in Livermore for a presentation by Jeff Flynn from the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority, "Wheels." The Authority is introducing a new service called the "Tri-Valley Bus Rapid Transit Service." Flynn will present a slide show and hand-outs to showcase the new service and their sleek new eco-friendly bus. The meeting and is open to all interested individuals. \$15 includes meeting/dinner/talk - pay at the door. Contact 3rd VP Lion Jerry Hill at 925-846-9628 for more information.

Mad Hatter's Tea Party, Assistance League of Amador Valley fund-raiser, Sat., April 24, Aahmes Shrine Event Center, Livermore. Tickets are \$50 per person. This fun event features tea tables individually decorated by members, yummy food, a hat contest, raffle prizes, and a champagne bar. Tables preview begins at noon and the party is from 1:00-4:00. The entertainment is The Goodwill Bags Fashion Show featuring Authentic Vintage Clothing. For more information call Carmen 371-4566. www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org

Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated will host Laurie Firestone, former White House Social Secretary for President George H.W. Bush, as speaker at the club's annual membership luncheon starting 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 13, at Castlewood Country Club, Pleasanton. TVRWF invites registered Republican women and men to attend to learn about the club and its activities in this important election year. \$30 per person. Advance reservations required. Call 454-2927 to RSVP. Visit www.trivalleyrepublicanwomen.org for more information.

NCHRA Tri-Valley Chapter will be hosting a chapter meeting on Wednesday, March 10, topic is California Employment Law in 2010 - Tracking the Trends. 11:30 a.m. - noon - registration/networking/light lunch. Noon-1 p.m. - program. 4125 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. Fee \$35 general, \$25 NCHRA members. Register at www.nchra.org.

Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club (LAVGC), meets Thurs., March 11, 7 to 9 p.m. at Harvest Park Middle School, in the multipurpose room, 4900 Valley Blvd., Pleasanton. Guest speakers are Susan Ballinger and Victor Ruesga. Both speakers have extensive training and education in garden design theory and will share their knowledge. The topic will be

"Designing Beautiful and Bountiful Gardens: Plants we love, edibles and more." All garden enthusiasts are welcome to attend-- get outside and garden. For more information call Lydia Roberts at (925) 461-1725. Or, visit our website: www.orgsites.com/ca/lavgc.

Green & White Gala, Dublin Sister City Association is hosting the 25th annual event March 12, at the Dublin Senior Center in honor of its sister city, Bray, Ireland and in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. The Gala includes dinner by the Pampered Chef, prizes and surprises and a full evening of Irish music and entertainment. Tickets are \$65 per person and may be obtained by calling the Green & White hotline 925-828-4758.

Armchair Travelers, a monthly program, will take place at the Livermore Civic Center Library Thurs., March 11, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. There is no charge for this event. Dale Schauer will share digital photographs and video of the two-week trip he and his wife Carlotta took on the Seine and Rhone rivers in France. The presentation will showcase scenes of their journey from the coast of Normandy to Paris, and then on to Arles near the Mediterranean Sea. Dale will provide historical information about the sites they visited. Adults are invited to this free program in the Community Meeting Rooms of the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. For additional information please call 925 373-5500.

Tri-Valley Holistic Moms Network, meets March 15 at Harvest Park Middle School, 4900 Valley Ave., Pleasanton. Kat Weiss, owner of Kat Weiss Landscape Design in Livermore and a Registered Landscape Architect in California, will talk about low maintenance, low water gardens. This meeting is free for Chapter members & first time visitors. Meetings are held on the third Monday evening of each month. www.holisticmoms.org or e-mail Tri-ValleyHMN@hotmail.com

Computer classes, free, Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. E-mail Basics, Saturday, March 6, 10:15 am - 12:15 pm. Introduction to the Internet, Saturday, March 13, 10:15 am - 12:15 pm. Searching the Internet, Saturday, March 20, 10:15 - 12:15 pm. Classes are hands on, first come first served, and take place in Community Meeting Room B. Stop by the Civic Center Library Adult Information Services Desk or call 373-5505 for further information.

Livermore Moms (formerly Livermore Moms Club). General meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the Livermore Moms is to share ideas and talents so that we may grow as parents, learn better ways to understand our children to help them become confident and capable individuals. There are also family, moms and couples nights out. The March 8 meeting will be a Round Table Discussion. Meetings are free for members, as well as for first time visitors. Contact programs@livermoremoms.com for more information and meeting location.

Secrets of Life and Death, film and discussion with Michelle Peticolas, filmmaker, hospice worker and student of Sufism, featuring the film, "Caring for the Dying: the art of being present." Thurs., March 4, 7 to 9 p.m. Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Ave., Dublin, CA, 829-8770. Free.

Pleasantonians for Peace is sponsoring a candlelight Vigil on Wed., March 10 at 7 p.m. in front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main Street, downtown Pleasanton, for the second year anniversary Vigil of Pleasantonians 4 Peace. This is the anniversary of the seventh year of conflict in Iraq. Participants will reflect on the human and monetary costs of the war, honor veterans who have sacrificed, and visualize ways of moving beyond this conflict to a more peaceful world. Questions?? Call Cathie Norman at (925) 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at mj7882@gmail.com; or orkdowding@pacbell.net. Visit the new website www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org.

AAUW Scholarships, Scholarships for college women undergraduates are being offered by the American Association of University Women Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin Branch. Two or more scholarships from \$500 to \$2500 will be awarded to women who currently live in Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin or Sunol or who graduated from a Livermore, Pleasanton or Dublin high school. The recipients must be college undergraduates who will be juniors or seniors at the beginning of the 2010 college fall term and plan to complete a full course of study at an accredited four-year college or

university. The deadline for an application to be submitted is April 1, 2010. For an application and further information, contact Joan at (925) 484-0602.

Pleasanton VIP Travelers, offering the following trips: San Juan Bautista, 135 year old family farm, have lunch, shop, March 31, depart 8:30 a.m. return 6 p.m. \$65 members, \$67 nonmembers. Grand Ladies of San Francisco, tour of old Victorians, lunch included, April 15, leave Pleasanton 8:30 a.m. return 5 p.m. \$83 members, \$84 nonmembers. Sign up at the tour desk at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton.

Daughters of the American Revolution, Jose Maria Amador Chapter, Pleasanton, volunteer women's organization that promotes patriotism, preservation of American history and promotion of education. Members and prospective members welcome. For more information and meeting location, contact Susan at 699-4147 or susanhs@comcast.net.

Wellness Panel, Danville-Alamo Branch of AAUW presents on Saturday, March 20, a wellness panel presentation discussing women's health issues in the second half of life. The focus of these presentations will be for women over 50. Sondra Altman, MD, will present a talk titled "Hormones: The Good, The Bad and The Confusing." She will be joined by Linda Michaelis, RD, Nutritionist who will discuss ideas about eating correctly and Asha Bajaj, DPT, Physical Therapist discussing "Bone up on Bone Health." This event is being held at the Shadow Hills Cabana Club House, 1001 El Capitan Drive, Danville from 9:30 a.m. to Noon. Refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m. prior to the panel presentation. To attend, please send a check for \$8.00/person (Payable to Danville-Alamo AAUW) by Monday, March 15. Mail your reservation to Danville-Alamo Branch of AAUW, P.O. Box 996, Alamo, CA 94507 Attn. Programs. If you have any questions about this program, contact Loretta at 765-0895.

March Madness Bingo Mondays, Sports fans receive a free Treasure Hunt game at Bingo every Monday in March. Wear any sports related attire to receive a free game. Proceeds benefit Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch, Arroyo Seco Elementary School and East Avenue Middle School. Payouts ranging from \$175 - \$500 Just \$9 to play one pack. Door prizes, free homemade treats, pull tabs, flash games, and more. Bingo Ranch, 3070 Pacific Avenue, doors open at 4 p.m., games start at 6:30 p.m. Contact Laura Sheppard with any questions: 925-606-7777 or www.bvyr.org/bingo.html.

Penscott Management Corporation presents: Integrative Medicine: Providing Powerful Tools for Real Changes. Thurs., March 11, 7 to 9 p.m. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Free. Open to the public. Speakers are Pamela McDonald, author of "The APOE Gene Diet," and Kate Mackinon, craniosacral therapist. Information at www.apoegenediet.com or 980-9655.

Hacienda School, 3800 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton is holding an open house on Friday, March 5, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Hacienda School has students in grades 1-8. It is a year-round, full day program, with individualized Montessori curriculum. Every student receives Chinese and Spanish instruction. Emphasis is placed on thinking skills and personal values.

Grant Available, The local chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, an international honor society for women educators, is taking applications for a \$500 recruitment grant. The grant is available to a woman student pursuing a career in education. Open to a graduate of a high school in Livermore, Pleasanton or Dublin; a full-time student of upper division or graduate standing as of fall 2010; must have a good GPA. The deadline to apply is March 20, 2010. To receive an application form, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Kathy Brooks, 1581 Oslo Ct., Livermore, CA 94550.

San Ramon Valley Newcomers Club invites new and longtime residents to their monthly luncheon on March 18th at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Dr., Danville. The speaker will be John DeKoven, owner of Bunjo's Comedy Club in Dublin. Cost depends on menu choice. 11:30 to 2 p.m. Call Myrna, 925-560-0656 for info and reservations.

Success with Money and Spending Class, March 6, 9 am to 12 p.m. at Community Education Las Positas College in Livermore. This class will help couples and individuals who want to improve their relationship with

money. Tax season is a perfect time to take a fresh look at your money and spending. This class has been designed to be real-world practical and whether you are a novice or veteran of managing a personal budget, you will find your time will be well spent. The class will be presented by Barbara Hause, MBA, and a Certified Financial Counselor. Cost is \$49. For more information including location specifics; a list of suggested items to bring to the class, and registration call 925-424-1467 or go to www.laspositascollege.edu/communityed.

Free Income Tax help will be available at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center this tax season, Feb. 4 through April 15. Trained volunteers from AARP will be available to answer questions and help the public prepare state and federal tax forms. Appointments are on a first come, first served basis. Tax assistance will be provided Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Saturdays, March 13 at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. For further information about this service, please call the library's Information Desk at 925-373-5505.

Free Friday visits with an Educational Therapist at the Pleasanton Public Library. Kathryn Tournat of BellaMenti will offer Free Parent Consultations at the Pleasanton Public Library for a limited time. Friday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon, February 19 through March 26, 2010, bring your questions and concerns, and consult with Kathryn Tournat of BellaMenti Thinking and Learning Solutions. Tournat is the Director of BellaMenti. She is a uniquely qualified Professional Educational Therapist, with a Masters in Science and 25 years of Applied Human Cognition practice. She bolsters any aged brain with a valid assessment, a subsequent Plan of Action, and the knowledge and ability to implement successful remediation in reading, writing, math, listening, organizing, socializing, and thinking. For more information about this library program, call Penny Johnson at 931-3405.

Pleasanton Newcomers Club and Tri-Valley, great way for new and established residents to meet new friends, keep in touch with old friends, have fun and become acquainted with neighbors, merchants, restaurants, professional services, and Pleasanton and Tri-Valley communities. Coffee on first Wednesday of each month, or come for lunch on the second Wednesday of each month. www.pleasantonnewcomers.com or call Sandy B. at 249-1776.

Bingo, every Sunday, Games 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. 18 \$250 pay-outs, 1 \$350 payout, & more! Bingo Ranch, 3070 Pacific Avenue, Livermore. 606-7777. Must be 18 years old to attend. Pacific Avenue, Livermore. 606-7777. Benefits LVCS / CCEF.

RELIGION
GriefSupport, Meetings are March 11 and 25 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. Meetings are open to all, regardless of religious orientation. Please call Mary at 846-5377 with questions.

Calvary Chapel, Livermore, presents: "The Truth Project: Know what you believe and why." Wednesdays at 7 pm in March, and April. Located on 545 N L Street, Livermore. Call (925)447-4357 or visit calvalrylivermore.org for more information.

Lenten Retreat, Fr. Patrick Hannon, C.S.C. author of "Geography of God's Mercy: Stories of Compassion & Mercy" and several other books, will be the Lenten Retreat presenter at St. Charles Borromeo 1315 Lomitas Ave., in Livermore March 8-10 in the Church. Session times are 10-11:30 am or 7:30-9:00 pm. This three day retreat is open to all ages and all who wish to come. For more information contact Julie at 447-4549 ext 114 or at upatholic@aol.com. A \$5 free will offering is appreciated.

Tri-Valley Unity, "Our Strength Within" is the sermon topic of licensed Unity teacher Bob Hardy Sunday, Mar. 7, at 10 a.m. service. All are welcome. Ongoing classes and groups. 2260 Camino Ramon, San Ramon. (925) 829-2733; www.trivalleyunity.com

Divorce Care, Valley Bible Church, 7106 Johnson Dr., Pleasanton. Begins March 16, 13 week seminar and support group for people who are separated or divorced. 30-minute video shown each meeting featuring experts on a variety of topics. Meetings Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. There is a \$25 charge for workbook and other materials. Preregistration is required. Contact Mark Porter, 846-9693 or mporter@hotmail.com.