



Refurbished home at Concannon.

## Blessing of the Grapes Begins Concannon's 125th Harvest

The 159th annual Blessing of the Grapes in Livermore Valley was held at Concannon Vineyard in conjunction with the winery's 125th consecutive harvest celebration.

Third and fourth generation family members Jim and John Concannon cut a grapevine to officially inaugurate the new Concannon winemaking facility.

As part of a \$30 million renovation, Concannon Vineyard recently purchased a new 21st century European-built basket press, which works the same way as the winery's original 19th century European-built basket press. After abandoning the original, for more "modern" methods several decades ago, Concannon is returning to its celebrated past. As it turns 125 years old, Concannon Vineyard is reclaiming its heritage as one of California's earliest and longest continuously operating wineries while it invests for the next 125 years and continues the Concannon family's involvement.

According to Livermore Vice mayor, John Marchand, "The Concannons have always had a strong sense of family, and the community has always been part of that family. The community has benefited from Concannon's generosity and commitment for generations."

Chris Chandler, executive director, Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association continued, "The Concannon family has been involved with wine grape growers as partners to promote the continued growth of Livermore Valley for four generations."

"Although the Concannon Estate is one of the most advanced solar-powered, organically farmed operations in the world, we view it as a rediscovery of the past versus a winery of the future," said David Kent, CEO of The Wine Group LLC, Concannon's parent company.

Renovations at Concannon that preserve and enhance its historic legacy include:

- Improving the 200 acres of preserved vineyard land surrounding the winery. These vineyards were the first in the Livermore Valley to be placed under a permanent conservation easement. In the process of replanting, blocks of old, time-tested Petite Sirah and Cabernet Sauvignon were retained and the grapevine clones that Concannon pioneered in California were perpetuated.

- A return to traditional methods of farming and crafting of grapes for Concannon's flagship wine—the Concannon Vineyard Heritage Petite Sirah. Other varieties planted in this way are Merlot, Petite Verdot, Cinsaut, Mourvedre, Zinfandel, Viognier, Sauvignon Blanc, Syrah and Semillon. A demonstration vineyard planted with different varieties will complete the new landscape plan.

- The restoration of the historic 1883 Concannon family home, extensions to the estate's vast system of stone walls, patios and arbors, and the doubling in size of its park-like setting. Last year the old Victorian house—complete with mature palm trees—was moved from a now-busy traffic intersection to a new location deeper within the estate. The new front lawn has become the summer home for the Livermore Shakespeare Festival. Once completed, the house will be rededicated in honor of James Concannon's wife, Ellen Rowe. The final phase of the estate's redevelopment, a complete reno-

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## Plans Move Forward for Hotel, Theater

The Livermore City Council gave the go-ahead for staff to move forward on several major projects in the downtown.

The council unanimously approved preparation of an exclusive negotiating rights agreement (ENRA) for a regional performing arts theater and an upscale hotel.

Staff was also directed to conduct further interviews with five firms submitting proposals to develop a portion of the Livermore Village site. The site was the location of a former Lucky Store along Railroad Avenue between Livermore Avenue and L Street.

One of the ENRA discussions will be conducted with the Liver-

more Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC), which proposes to build a 2000-seat regional theater on the eastern portion of the Livermore Village land.

Councilmember Jeff Williams said that moving forward with negotiations is a necessary step in acquiring a full set of data for the regional theater. It doesn't mean the council has decided to have it built. "We can't decide until we have serious discussions," he commented.

Negotiations for the hotel will be with Keenan-Bariteau. The site is on the corner of Liv-

ermore Avenue and Railroad Avenue, opposite the regional theater. Envisioned is a boutique size four star hotel. One of the hotels developed by the group in Healdsburg has been named the 24th top hotel in the U.S. by Travel & Leisure. Four star hotels generally provide valet service, in room breakfast, full restaurant and bar, as well as meeting space for 250 to 300 people.

Jack Bariteau told the council, "Hotel Livermore will merge with the culture of the community. The theaters are an attraction to us. We will be able to bring in weekend visitors, as well as the business traveler during the

week." He added, "Financing is a challenge. The traditional sources of credit are not available today. It is the most difficult obstacle we face in building the hotel."

Director of Economic Development Rob White discussed the regional theater option. He said it could occupy up to one-fourth of the Livermore Village site with the remainder available for housing and retail. It is anticipated an agreement would be in place to proceed with the theater sometime in 2009.

LVPAC General Manager David Dial pointed to the success of the Bankhead Theater as

an example of why the nonprofit should be selected to build the regional theater. He noted that the first year of operation of the Bankhead produced \$1 million for local user groups and \$3.5 million of economic benefit for the community.

Dial described the team that would work on the regional theater. The team includes Conversion Management Associates, Inc., who would serve as project manager. CMA built the Cathedral of Christ the Light for the Catholic Church, the Big Rock Ranch in Marin for Lucasfilm, LTD, and renovated Stern Grove

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The running of the cows was one of the highlights of last weekend's Pleasanton Arts and Heritage Festival. The cows help to advertise the Udderly Divine fund-raiser to be held Oct. 4 at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Funds will benefit the Alviso Adobe Community Park and Museum on Main.

## Livermore Teachers Rally to Protest Lack of Contract

By Patricia Koning

Over 400 staff members from the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District rallied in front of the District office last Wednesday, protesting the lack of a contract agreement between the District and the Livermore Education Association (LEA), the teachers' union.

"We share the teachers' frustration and concern that negotia-

tions have not been completed. The picketing activity of the teachers' union is a normal part of the negotiations process," said Livermore School Superintendent Brenda Miller. "The District asks for the public's understanding and patience as we continue to strive to reach an agreement."

While the rally was organized by LEA, they were joined by members from two of the

District's other bargaining units, the Classified Service Employees Association (CSEA), which represents clerical workers, teachers aides, paraprofessionals, and other non-credentialed staff, and the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), which represents maintenance, custodial, and other service workers.

"LEA leadership was very

(See RALLY, page 2)

## Hosterman, Brozosky Vie for Pleasanton Mayor's Seat

In the race for Pleasanton Mayor, the two adversaries from 2006 are reprising their battle.

Incumbent Jennifer Hosterman is seeking her third two year term as mayor. Former councilmember Steve Brozosky is her opponent.

Issues include traffic, hillside protection, and public participation in government. The two are on opposite sides of the hillside measures. Measure PP is a citizen sponsored initiative; Measure QQ was placed on the ballot by the council majority. Both claim to protect ridgelines from development. QQ would provide for a stakeholder process to create the ordinance. Measure would prohibit the building of structures and grading on slopes of 25 percent or greater or within 100 feet of a ridgeline.

STEVE BROZOSKY

Steve Brozosky is currently a member of the school board and

was previously on the city council for four years. He is a 26 year resident of Pleasanton. He and his wife Annie have two children. Brozosky co-founded a Software Development company, Government Outreach, in 2004 to provide software solutions to transform the customer service for government.

He is currently on the Board of Directors for the Rotary Club of Pleasanton. He recently traveled to Mexico, Central America and South America to deliver wheelchairs, and is involved in the Pleasanton-Tulancingo Mexico Sister City Organization. He has volunteered as a leader with the Pleasanton 4-H, as an advisor to Amador Valley High School Interact Club, as a soccer coach, and describes himself as an advocate for the arts.

Brozosky said he is running for mayor, because he isn't happy with the current direction the city

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## 15th Assembly District Has Two Candidates

The 15th Assembly District features two candidates: Democrat Joan Buchanan and Republican Abram Wilson.

The seat is currently held by Republican Guy Houston, who is term limited out. The 15th Assembly District includes Alamo, Brentwood, Danville, Livermore,

Oakley, San Ramon, Walnut Creek and a portion of Pleasanton. The district also includes Sacramento Delta communities, Galt and portions of Stockton and Elk Grove.

Each candidate was interviewed regarding issues such as

(See ASSEMBLY, page 6)

## Schools Get More Money From the State Budget

By Ron McNicoll

The Pleasanton School District expects an additional \$600,000 in revenue from the \$104 billion state budget signed into law by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on Tuesday.

The state budget will have a cost of living adjustment (COLA) increase of 0.68 percent, which will result in the extra \$600,000. Pleasanton district superintendent John Casey said that back in January, in the governor's first budget message, it looked like schools might decline slightly in revenue. In the governor's revised budget in May, it looked like no gain or loss compared to the current fiscal year budget. Now the slight uptick in the COLA is welcome.

However, Casey pointed out that the indicators that usually are used in setting the COLA show that inflation is growing at about 4.5 to 5 percent. Ideally, that's what the schools' COLA should be. "The economy is poor. We know the state is in a financial

state of turmoil. We know we have to be party to the solution. However, don't give us less money (as was the case in the January proposal)," said Casey.

The extra \$600,000 is a windfall for the school budget, which was approved by trustees in late June. It will be up to the school board to determine how the new money will be used, said Casey. He doesn't have any recommendation about where it should go. The trustees could opt to put the whole amount in the general fund reserve.

The district has kept its reserve at 5 percent of the total budget. That 5 percent is a little over \$5 million in a \$108 million budget. It's a level higher than the 3 percent reserve required by the state. One argument for putting it in reserve is future state budget uncertainty.

Casey said, "This (state) budget is put together fairly tentatively. We are not sure how strong it will be. We will know more as

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## Pleasanton Council Okays Apartments Next to BART Station

The Pleasanton City Council approved 350 apartment units, along with 14,000 square feet of retail space next to the West BART station.

The vote was 4 to 1, with Matt Sullivan opposed. He wanted a task force to be assembled, to

study the potential for transit oriented development (TOD) within the Hacienda Business Park to complete its work first. He wanted the site to be part of the discussion.

"I am the biggest advocate for

(See APARTMENTS, page 4)

## Twelve Livermore Gymnasts Represent Team USA at World Acro Championships



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Practicing one of the routines are Jillian Gibllin, Katie Rodgess and Maren Focke-Rey.

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By Patricia Koning

Kristin Allen is balanced over ten feet off the ground with her entire weight resting on Michael Rodrigues' outstretched hand. In this seemingly precarious pose, she's doing the splits, arching her back, and then looping her feet behind her ears back to her shoulders.

The pose is complete, and Kristin bounces to the ground. There is no resting for this pair of acrobatic gymnasts—it's onto the next tumbling pass and dance move.

Kristen, a 16-year-old Livermore resident, and her partner Michael will represent the United States this October at the Acro World Championships and International Age Group Competition in Scotland. Joining the pair, who won the elite level at the National Acrobatic Gymnastics Competition last month in Iowa, are 10 other members of Livermore's West Coast Training Center (WCTC).

Tucked in an industrial park off Preston Way, the West Coast Training Center is home to one of the premier acrobatic gymnastics teams in the country, with more members on the US Gymnastics national teams than any other facility.

Five members—Kristin and Michael along with Hannah Busha, Steffi Scheid, and Mariah Spray—were selected to the U.S.

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### PETS OF THE WEEK

Yum! Gum Drop and Licorice are two sugary-sweet kittens looking for a good home. Satisfy your sweet tooth by nuzzling up to these cuddly and playful cuties. Like candy pieces, two kittens are always better than one! To take a nibble, visit Valley Humane Society's Kitty City. Open Tues-Sat from 11AM to 5PM. Visit the web site [www.valleyhumane.org](http://www.valleyhumane.org) or call 925-426-8656 for more details.

# 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.

**25th Anniversary Tulancingo Visit.** Family picnic, Sat., Sept. 27, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pleasanton Fairgrounds. Free parking, gate 12. \$5 per person at the door (under age 5, free), food, drinks, games, entertainment. Gala banquet, Sat., Sept. 27, 7 p.m. Pleasanton Senior Center, \$45 per person. Farewell dinner, Sun., Sept. 28, 6 p.m. Hawaiian theme, Pleasanton Marriott, \$36 per person. For information and reservations (deadline Sept. 18), contact Jorge Victoria (925) 462-6723 or Dick Stafford (925) 462-6245.

**"Asha for Education: Dance to Give a chance,"** is a fundraiser to be held Oct. 4 at 8 p.m. at Foothill High School in Pleasanton in the multi-purpose room. Aarshi Vipani and Prachi Naik are organizing the event, Dandiy/Garba/Raas, which will feature live music, food, jewelry, clothing, prizes for best dancers and best dressed. Tickets are \$10 per person. Funds will help to provide education to underprivileged children in India. For Tickets Please Contact Prachi Naik (925) 640-3552 or Aarshi Vipani (925) 640-1460. All Proceeds go to Asha for Education: DoorStep Project.

**Croce Family Flea Market,** Sat., Oct. 4, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Croce Elementary School, 5650 Scenic Ave., Livermore. Great deals.

**Valley Spokenmen Bicycle Touring Club,** Sun., Sept. 28, 50 miles winding tour from San Ramon to Livermore and beyond, meet 10 a.m. at Central Park, Barbara Burger, 997-1325. Wed., Oct. 1, 25 miles explore Danville and San Ramon, meet 9:30 a.m. at Osage Station Park, Barb Hailey, 820-8006. Anyone going on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

**Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA,** general meeting 2 p.m. Tues., Oct. 7, Dublin Library. Audiologist Kenneth Billheimer will present the program. New officers will be selected. Happy hour in Pleasanton, 5 p.m. Sheraton Hotel, Fri., Oct. 3, RSVP to Lorraine 846-5695 by Oct. 2. Champagne brunch in San Ramon, 11:45 a.m. Marie Callender's Restaurant, RSVP to Marsha, 830-8483 by Oct. 1.

**Stuffed animals.** The Hampton Inn Livermore is collecting stuffed animals for Good News Bears, a nonprofit based in Livermore. The organization donates the animals to children and adults everywhere who are in need of solace, comfort and love (www.goodnewsbears.org). Individuals or organizations can place donations of stuffed animals in a special box at the Hampton Inn, 2850 Constitution Dr., Livermore. Donations will be picked up by the Good News Bears Oct. 7.

**Danville-Alamo Branch of AAUW** will have a book signing for club member, Paula Boswell, on Tuesday, October 7 from 3-5 PM at Shadow Hills Cabana at 1001 El Capitan Dr. Danville. The public is invited. For more information, please email president@aauw-da.org or call Tena at 837-0826. Paula Boswell wrote No Ordinary Life: The True Story of a Dutch Girl and an American Marine. She was born and raised in the Netherlands. She moved to the United States in 1952 and has lived in the San Francisco Bay Area since 1956. Danville has been her home for the last thirty-nine years.

**Hawaiian Party,** Assistance League of Amador Valley is hosting their fall fundraiser "Rock-A-Hula," a Hawaiian party to be held at the Livermore Barn, 3131 Pacific Avenue on Saturday, September 27, from 6-10 p.m. The event includes a barbeque dinner catered by Cabana Dave's, dancing music hosted by Mark Davis from KKKO Radio, casino games & prizes. Tickets are \$35 per person. There is also a raffle with a Hawaiian Vacation as

the grand prize. For more information please call 925-461-6401. www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org.

**Teen Volunteers Needed** for new Tri Valley Youth Court (TYVC) to serve as Advocates (youth attorneys) and Jurors. Advocates prepare and present the case for the Defendant. Jurors are needed one evening per month - the first Tuesday from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm at the Gale/Schenone courthouse in Pleasanton. TYVC is a youth driven justice program for first time teen offenders. For more information, visit our website at www.trivalleyyouthcourt.com or call Tonya at (925) 337-7175.

**Tutor Training and Orientation.** The Pleasanton Public Library needs adult volunteers to provide free tutoring to adults who want to improve reading, writing, and English speaking skills. Tutors have flexible hours, volunteer once a week and we supply all materials. Training and orientation 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sat., Oct. 4. Tutor qualifications are: at least 18 years old, average reading and writing skills, interest in helping another adult. No teaching experience needed. Please call to register for the Project Read orientation. For more information, call Janice Bauman, 931-3411 or email jbauman@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

**Flea Market,** sponsored by Fraternal Order of Eagles, Sat., Sept. 27, 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. in parking lot, 527 North Livermore Ave. Rental \$15 for 15'x15' space, \$5 for a table. Sign up at the Eagles Social Room or call 449-6281, 449-5807. Vendors welcome.

**Walk-a-thon Fund-raiser,** Family event sponsored by Sisters in Service, East Bay Chapter on Sunday, Oct. 5, to support destitute and oppressed women and children in India, at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park, Pleasanton. Come any time between 12:30-3pm. Suggested Registration \$15/ person, \$30/per family. Lunch included in registration fee, games & music. www.sistersinservice.org. http://www.ebparks.org/parks/shadow\_cliffs More info call Gloria Gregory @ 925-998-3785

**Walk SMART Fundraiser,** Families of Spinal Muscular Atrophy, a non-profit organization dedicated to raising money for research, will hold its 6th annual walk for a cure on Saturday, Sept. 27 at Emerald Glen Park in Dublin. The 1.25-mile walk will begin at 10 a.m., registration at 9 a.m. It is open to anyone interested in participating. This is a short walk (or roll for those in wheelchairs) on a paved path. It is ideal for families, strollers, and those with a busy schedule who want to help children. All walkers are asked to collect \$100 in pledges. If a walker is unable to collect pledges the suggested donation to participate and receive a T-shirt is \$25. To find out how to participate, register on line or to donate to this cause visit our website at www.smanorcal.org or contact Carol at info@smanorcal.com or phone (925) 371-6813.

**Free Caregivers Support Group** (caregivers for seniors only), Wednesdays, starting 10/01/08 through 11/05/08 at 2pm. Prior registration required - to sign up, please call Carol at 925-244-1185.

**Make your pet a star!** Submit your best pet photos for the Furry Faces Calendar Contest! Entries accepted through Oct. 1st. \$15 donation for each photo entered. The contest benefits Valley Humane Society. See the website for details, entry form and rules www.valleyhumane.org or come in. 50 photos will be selected for voting online Oct. 8-22.

**Celebrate Opening of Livermore Opera.** Friday night dinner at Livermore-Pleasanton Elks #2217, Sept. 26, music from the Barber of Seville, presentation by Jim Schmidt, board member of Livermore Valley Opera. Dinner served at 6:30 p.m. Tickets must be purchased by Sept. 23. Members and family \$17, nonmembers \$18 for dinner. RSVP to Andy McCarthy 606-5508, or Lodge office, 455-8829, 940 Larkspur Dr., Livermore.

**Crab feed,** Veterans of Foreign Wars

Post 6298 will be holding a Crab Feed, Saturday October 11, 6 pm at the Veterans Memorial Building 301 Main Street. Proceeds will be used to help send "Care Packages" to deployed troops. Cost \$35. Call Larry Jackson at 462-0788.

**Christmas Boutique.** Livermore Lions, Nov. 1, looking for vendors. Quality handmade (or hand embellished) items sought. For applications, call Toni at 784-5826 or Joan at 980-2628. Single or double tables available. Priced reduced for nonprofit organizations.

**Organizing Your Office: More Time and Profit,** class offered through Las Positas College, Sat., Oct. 11, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Registration \$79 plus \$25 book fee. 424-1467; www.laspositascollege.edu/community

**RELIGION**

**St. Michael's/St. Charles' Monday Night Bible Study Group** for "Celebrating the Mass," through Nov. 3, 2008 on Monday evenings from 7:30-9:15 pm at St. Charles' Pope John XXIII Room, 1315 Lomas Ave., Livermore. Focus will be on the different sections of the Mass and how it developed from the scriptural text. For more information contact Julie at upcatholic@aol.com or 447-4549 ext 114. There is a donation of \$10 for materials.

**Bible study fellowship.** Livermore, Pleasanton, Danville. 33-week study of the Life of Moses. Day classes have preschool children's program; evening classes a school-aged children's program. Two women's classes: 9:25 a.m. Wednesdays, Cedar Grove Church, 2021 College Ave., Livermore; 6:55 p.m. Mondays, Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Parkway, Pleasanton; men's class 6:55 p.m. Tuesdays, Community Presbyterian Church, 222 W. El Pintado, Danville. www.bsinternational.org, or 877-273-3228.

**10 Great Dates.** Couples seeking to enrich their marriage experience can join 10 Great Dates any Saturday evening through Nov. 15 at Centerpointe Church in Pleasanton. Sessions begin at 6 p.m. with a video presentation covering the evening's discussion. Couples leave by 6:30 p.m. for their date. All evenings are designed to stand alone so there is no attendance requirement. Complimentary child-care is provided for children nine and under. The fee is \$20 for the workbook that covers the 10 sessions. For additional information, please call Centerpointe at 925-846-4436 or see www.centerpointechurch.info.

**Experiencing Jesus.** ten-week series, begins on Wednesday, October 1, and continues through December 10. Classes taught by the Rev. Roberta McReynolds will be held from 6:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in room 2D1, the Upper Room, at First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore. Dinner is included (not optional) and a commitment to attend each session plus a fee of \$30 (and the price of the book) are required. There will be no class on Nov. 26. Advance registration is required. The deadline is September 24.

**Inactive or Returning Catholics Experience.** co-sponsored by Catholic Community of Pleasanton, St. Michael's Church in Livermore, and St. Raymond's Parish in Dublin, provides discussion of issues in today's church, education on current belief and practice, opportunities for individuals to tell their stories, ask questions and renew their faith. Begins Oct. 1. Held Wednesdays 7 to 9 p.m. for ten weeks at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. Information, call Father Jerry Kennedy, 474-2760.

**4th annual Autumn Quiet Day,** a day of reflection and peace centered around the labyrinth. Saturday, October 11, 2008 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Led by Judy Hughes, Marriage and Family Therapist and labyrinth facilitator. Cost: \$15 for materials - Bring a bag lunch - Drinks will be provided. First Presbyterian Church of Livermore, 2020 Fifth Street (Corner of 4th and L Streets), Livermore. For more information call Judy Hughes at 925-485-2524.



Taking a milk and cookie break are Amador students (left to right) front, Lawrence Samuli, Rachel Mccaslin, Jessica Burnthorn, Brent Barstow; back, Jessica Fox, Lucas Hasserjian and (head shot) Rishi Choudhry.

## Got Advertising? These Amador Students Will

By Ron McNicol

A business marketing class at Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton has been selected as one of three in the state to work on a professional advertising campaign.

The San Francisco advertising agency that handles the ad campaigns for the California Milk Processor Board is running the friendly three-way high school competition. The end result will be the creation of a new ad in the well-known series of Got Milk? ads.

The contest is ad agency Goodby Silverstein & Partners' way of celebrating the 15th anniversary of the "Got Milk?" slogan. The agency will coach the high school students at points along the way to enhance the learning experience.

Amador Valley is the northern California representative in the contest. When the class's teacher, Joan Thomas, heard about it, she saw it as the ideal hands-on learning project for the class. Thomas had more than 20 years' experience in technical industry marketing, mostly with Hewlett-Packard, before becoming an Amador teacher six years ago. She says she knows what sales and marketing jobs entail. This contest promises a solid experience.

### CORPORATE-WORLD EXPERIENCE

Tanya Carter is a senior who will be part of a five-student team that makes the final pitch to the ad agency in November. She said, "This is more than an assignment. It's an opportunity to obtain real experience in the corporate world. It gives us insight."

Tanya and Thomas also like the campaign because it focuses on good health choices for teenagers. The focus on teens is a new direction in the "Got Milk?" ad campaigns. The milk processors have seen milk consumption in

California halt its decline and stabilize, because of previous ads, said Steve James, executive director of the milk processors board.

However, what the processor board is seeing now is a drop-off in milk consumption when students leave elementary schools. In grade school, milk is included with lunch. At the middle and high schools, students have to consciously choose to buy it. Many teens drink fruit juice, soda pop or bottled water instead of milk. The new campaign is an attempt to remind them how healthy milk is for them, and how that choice is good for them, said James.

In order to come up with a good commercial, the Amador students will be using a couple of video cameras supplied by the ad agency, so that they can interview teens about their attitudes toward milk. It's the kind of market research any agency would undertake. Then the class will brainstorm ideas about what kind of approach would appeal to teens. The next step is to write ad copy and plan a video presentation.

The class will be dealing with several media. Besides print media and television, the ads will

go to radio and the internet. Thomas noted that teens have a special affinity for new media. They will be very helpful in approaching the internet as a marketing tool.

### HEADING FOR BUSINESS CAREER

Tanya is a good example of a student heading for a career in business, said Thomas. She is a "brilliant, upper echelon student" who has taken part successfully in competitions. In one contest in which she did well, Tanya had 10 minutes to solve a problem, and make a presentation to judges, who were in the role of business owners.

Tanya said that she is interested in majoring in business after she graduates next year. "I like to interact with others. Marketing is something I'm interested in. I like to promote things, and I like new ideas," said Tanya.

As in the business world, there will be a financial pay-off in the marketing contest. There is a \$2000 prize for the entry accepted by the advertising agency. Thomas said that if the class wins, "I think I would do a combination of things. I'd take a portion of it, and give gift cards to every student, for materials they can use in college."

## RALLY

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happy about the size of the turnout," says LEA President Kathleen Reardon. "There was a strong feeling of unity and solidarity of purpose among the people in attendance. Other bargaining units rallied with us to show support for our cause. Because of the 'me too' clause in their contracts, a salary increase for LEA is a salary increase for all."

The teachers got their point across with signs that read "Fair Salary is What We Deserve", "Students: Our Special Interest",

"We Are Teachers, Not Suckers", and "Where is Management's Sunset Date?", among other phrases. There are three main sticking points between the District and LEA: the amount of the salary increase, raising the Health Care Cap, and removing the sunset date from the Option One Early Retirement Incentive.

"We're just asking for a cost of living increase," said Marilyn Avenue teacher Anne Rosendin. "The District's offer translates to about \$55 more per pay period. That doesn't even come close to

catching up with the health care increase this year."

LEA and the District met earlier this week for another bargaining session. Reardon said its unclear if the rally will have any effect on the negotiations.

"Did we get our message across that we are serious about a fair and equitable salary and benefit increase? Did we get our message across that we will not stand for a Sunset date on Option One Retirement Incentive? That remains to be seen," she said.

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# EDITORIALS

## New Necessary Fee

The Livermore City Council has approved a special development fee to help meet the community's increasing human/social services needs.

Voting unanimously, the council acted last week following a discussion with audience members.

It was pointed out, as one example among many of the growing needs mentioned during the discussion, that low-income persons aren't the only recipients of the Food Pantry's free food giveaways. The need is hitting the middle class too. The Pantry's clientele has reportedly risen 123% in three years.

Elderly needs are growing especially fast locally. Among them, the Friendship Center, the adult day care program, needs a new home. The council was told that money from the new fee could facilitate the project by attracting private donations and grants.

The fee will be paid by developers of new buildings and renovations, generating an estimated \$200,000 a year, or \$12.2 million by city buildout in 2030.

Meanwhile, the City Council will explore enacting a citywide fee, paid by all homeowners. This fee would be minimal (\$10 was mentioned) and would require voter approval, with a two-thirds majority required for passage.

We support the new development fee and commend the City Council for adopting it. It's an appropriate development fee, given that the increase in human/social service needs is related to the area's population growth. The council is doing what is necessary to help sustain the humanness of our community.

## Fit In Both Body & Mind

Livermore's Rancho Las Positas Elementary School is the winner of the Bay Area regional award in the 2008 Governor's Challenge Competition.

Sponsored by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, the competition drew 152 Bay Area schools. Rancho Las Positas was one of eight schools at which 100% of the student body met the Governor's Challenge of being physically active 30-60 minutes a day, three days a week for a month. The school will receive a \$5000 check from the Governor's Council to be used to further promote fitness.

This award involves more than physical fitness. Academic fitness, too, is being significantly affected.

In hand with the increased physical activity, Rancho Las Positas's academic performance index has risen 8.5%, from 804 to 873, since the school joined the competition two years ago.

Jack Steinfeld, Governor's Council chairman, remarked, "We know fitness has a positive impact on health, focus and self-esteem. The students at Rancho Las Positas are helping to demonstrate that connection."

Adding a cheer that speaks for the Governor and all of us, Steinfeld exclaimed, "Way to go, Rancho!"

## APARTMENTS

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TOD/mixed use development. I think this is the wrong project. It is too small to do the things we want. There is a housing cap with a limited number of units left. This project should be folded into the discussion of development along I-580. If you're going to build TOD, you have to do it right. You can't just build high density next to a station and call it TOD."

Sullivan said it is an attractive project. The city does need the affordable units. "However, we need to look at the big picture, talking about both BART stations at the same time. I don't think we will be able to build TOD in the Hacienda Business Park unless the housing cap were blown away."

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman replied, "It's my belief we are talking about smart growth here. TOD will be discussed as part of Hacienda. If we can put together a project at high density, even if the cap is not blown away and I think it will be, the project can be taken to the voters. I would be willing to go to bat for a good project."

Sullivan countered, "My goal is to do something good within the cap."

City Manager Nelson Fialho said that if the current proposal were not approved, there is no guarantee that residential would be included in a future project. He argued that the project is included in the updated general plan and had received a lot of public input.

BART owns the 8.5 acres next to the station. In addition to the housing and retail, there will be a substation. A parking garage has been completed on 1.2 acres of the site. BART is leasing the land for 93 years for development.

The housing would range from 600 square feet to 1300 square feet, with the majority one and two bedroom units. Twenty percent of the units will be for those with very low income. There would be three courtyard areas to include a pool, spa, firepits, a children's play area and several water features. A fitness center would be part of the complex. There would be 460 parking spaces within the buildings and 222 surface spaces between the housing and the freeway.

The developer, Windstar

Communities, has a letter of intent from Safeway to occupy the majority of the retail space. About 1000 square feet would be set aside for a police substation.

One of the issues concerns the future of the surface parking. The area where it would be built could be needed to build a flyover at the 580/680 intersection. The council asked that a plan be in place to replace the parking elsewhere.

Councilmember Cindy McGovern asked that an additional five percent be set aside as moderate rate income units. She also asked that at the end of the 93 year period, the lease would be renegotiated to retain the affordable units.

Councilmember Cheryl Cook-Kallio declared, "The affordable housing almost makes me giddy. TOD is about limiting our carbon footprint. The idea that this project is next to BART, the mall and offices is great."

The project will be able to be built using tax credits and bond financing, because it provides 20 percent affordability. The developer was concerned that changing the balance could impact the financing. "It is tough to get a loan for anything. I can't say we wouldn't obtain financing by adding 5 percent affordable. I haven't talked to any lenders," commented Eric Heffner of Windstar.

No one spoke in opposition to the project.

John Reynolds, representing BART, said that the architect is the award winning designer of the Fruitvale Station project. He pointed out that the public-private partnership helped to finance the parking garage. The development in Pleasanton and in Dublin is paying to build the station. "Without the projects, the station would not be coming out of the ground," he stated.

Steve Brozovsky suggested the project could provide a demonstration project for TOD. The city could see how it works, the level of traffic generation, and the number of students generated.

Christine Steiner, a long time advocate for affordable housing, liked the number of low income units. "If you could add 5 percent that would be great."

Hosterman commented, "I think this is a beautiful project. I like the very affordable component. This is the kind of housing we need in Pleasanton."

## Myers Suggests Sales Tax Help Fund Flood Fees

By Ron McNicoll

If Valley cities could divert some sales tax revenue to Zone 7 Water Agency, they would not have to worry about losing potential development a boost in the Zone 7 flood control fee.

Zone 7 director Dale Myers made the proposal at the board's meeting Sept. 17. Myers said that the sales tax revenue would come from the commercial developments that the cities are afraid will be scared away by the Zone 7 fee hike.

The current flood control fee is 73 cents per square foot of newly covered surface. Zone 7 is proposing that it go to \$1.81. The fee hike could mean an increase of about \$1000 to \$2000 to builders for a single family home. However, the big financial impact on developers is in commercial property, and also large residential complexes. With thousands of square feet of buildings and parking lots in a shopping center, it could be quite costly.

Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin have developments on the near horizon that could be killed off if the flood control fee were boosted very soon, their representatives have said in the past few weeks.

Livermore said the fee hike would drive away the outlet mall proposed for a site near the airport.

Pleasanton said it would lose the 124-acre Staples Ranch development, which would include a senior life cycle center with 600 residential units, a 37-acre auto mall, retail shops, a park and an ice rink.

Dublin is concerned about the commercial properties at West Dublin BART station, which will also include development on the Pleasanton side of the station. Dublin public works director Melissa Morton told directors at their meeting, "The BART project is tenuously balanced in regard to finances." She would like to see the fee allow grandfathering to accommodate the development.

### TIMING IS THE ISSUE

The cities support the fee increase. Their only complaint is about the timing. They want Zone 7 to either impose the fee soon, grandfathering in the proposals almost ready for development, or delay the hike for an unspecified time, then increase it in stages over several years.

Myers said he was against grandfathering, because it violates the principle of equity. It favors the first developers over those who come later. However, if the board were to go along with a phase-in, Zone 7 still needs its total cash amount to cover the improvements it will make. The agency's policy is not to go to a bond issue in such a case, but to collect the fees as

development occurs, and carry out the work.

To avoid the favoritism shown in grandfathering the early developments, the cities could pay the hike from sales tax that the new developments will generate, said Myers. Zone 7, as a special district, has a property tax to support its flood control mission. However, it doesn't receive a dime from sales tax. Only cities, counties and the state have that revenue source.

The sales tax transfer to Zone 7 would be specific only to those developments. Zone 7 would not tap any other source of the city's sales tax.

Livermore vice mayor John Marchand, a former Zone 7 director, told the Independent later that he is not sure how Myers' suggestion would work out for Livermore in terms of the city diverting some of its sales tax.

The city already has an arrangement with the outlet mall developer to give the developer an amount over a sales tax cap from the development. For example, if revenue is \$1.2 million, and the cap is \$1 million, the developer would receive the \$200,000, according to Livermore city engineer Cheri Sheets. That arrangement reimburses the developer for putting in some of the infrastructure work, said Sheets.

Marchand said that there shouldn't be any need for sales tax diversion. Marchand said that Zone 7 could have an extra \$4 million from a quick fee hike from the outlet mall developer, at least in theory. However, in practice, the development would go away. There would be no revenue from it. Zone 7 would be sacrificing work on an important flood control project, the first project of its Steam Management Master Plan, because of what would be a dead-end insistence on \$4 million, said Marchand.

That first project, near El Charro Road, will total \$14 million. However, the benefits from it, because the work would be completed sooner, would amount to \$32 million, said Marchand. It's not worth taking in \$4 million to lose that advantage of the \$18 million savings, he said.

No one on the Zone 7 staff or board responded to Marchand's comment at the meeting. Assistant general manager Kurt Arends later told the Independent, "Without knowing the basis of their estimates, we are unable to respond."

Several audience members backed the notion of no grandfathering and no phase-in.

Livermore resident Doug Mannett said he opposed both. "Development should pay its own way," he said. He added, "If you grandfather or phase, you provide favorable status to those developers."

## DOWNTOWN

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in San Francisco.

MacCracken Architects will design the theater. The firm served as the architect for the Bankhead Theater and the commercial buildings that surround the plaza in front of the theater. Plant Construction Co. will build the facility. Plant constructed the Bankhead on time and under budget, noted Dial.

Len Alexander, LVPAC Executive Director, said if all goes well, work should begin on the theater next summer. He noted that the regional theater would connect to the Bankhead via a walkway. "We are excited about how this is shaping up," he declared.

Support for the theater came from a variety of audience members.

Sally Dunlop, a retired music teacher, told the council a regional theater would offer an opportunity for students to experience a wider range of theatrical experiences, including Broadway performances. Dunlop noted, "Listening to music on an iPod and experiencing it live are different." One student after seeing a live performance chose a career in the theater world, she stated.

Michael Reichard, who manages the Retzlaff wine tasting room in the downtown, spoke of the positive economic impact of the Bankhead Theater. Since the Bankhead Theater opened, sales have increased by 216 percent, he said. He added that he is looking forward to a greater impact from the regional theater.

Resident Rick Nordyke suggested that the council should not let the opportunity to build a regional theater in Livermore slip away. He pointed to Oakland, which lost the A's baseball team to Fremont because it did not move forward with a proposal to build a new stadium on Jack London Pier. Nordyke stated, "Even if it is a good product, with diligence done, there is always a faction that will look for problems, saying the glass is half empty. Now is the time to look at the project as half full and put your faith in professionals who have done their homework." Tom O'Neill used a similar theme. He likened it to a marriage

Dick Quigley stated, "We shouldn't grandfather. But phase it in? Yes." He said he'd be comfortable to increase the fee to \$1.30, which was an earlier proposal by Zone 7, before a new formula would be drawn up. Then it could be ramped up to \$1.81.

Board president Sarah Palmer said, "We'll see what we can do with a compromise." She emphasized that the money has to be in Zone 7's hands when it starts the work. The board asked Zone 7 staff to meet with the cities' staffs to further study on estimated costs of the flood control projects.

### LOWER WATER RATE BOOST PREFERRED

The board also looked at a committee recommendation for a water fee hike in 2009. Traditionally, the board approves the rates each October, so they can be enacted Jan. 1. Directors said

they liked an option that would boost the rates 16 percent next year, followed by increases that would bring the three-year total to 40.5 percent. The district would tap cash reserves and a special fund to help ease the blow.

Myers said he would like to keep another option in play for the decision to be made next month. That option would boost the rate next year to 22 percent, and have a three-year rate increase of 46 percent. It would not tap any Zone 7 standing funds.

The Valley's four water retailers prefer the 16 percent hike, said Pleasanton representative Steve Cusenza. The retailers understand the options. "These are tough economic times," he said.

Directors said they want more information from staff at the next meeting about next year's water supply, and about the process of drafting the water rate proposals.

## MAILBOX

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### Don't Be Confused

Anne Fox

#### Friends of Pleasanton

In November 2000, 63,000+ Alameda County voters placed the grass roots "Open Space Initiative" Measure D to preserve vanishing open space lands, watersheds, and wildlife habitat on the ballot. Measure C, the so-called "Developers' Phony 'Open Space' Plan," was put on the ballot by selected county supervisors backed by big-money developers for the financial gain of a few developers, to silence the will of the voters, in the hope that voters would be confused. Voters weren't. Measure D passed. Measure C failed.

Now in Pleasanton, after 5000+ voters placed the "Save Pleasanton Hills/Housing Cap Initiative" Measure PP on the ballot, local developer-backed politicians have placed the "Developer's Phony 'Save the Hills' Plan" Measure QQ on the ballot for the financial gain of a few developers, to silence the will of the voters, in the hope that voters will be confused.

In 2000, voters weren't confused. Don't let the pro-uncontrolled growth politicians confuse you in 2008.

Within eastern Alameda County, development isn't per-

mitted on slopes greater than 25% and buildings must not be on top of a ridgeline or hilltop. It is long overdue for Pleasanton to adopt the same standards.

Vote "yes" on Measure PP and "no" on QQ.

### Selecting a President

Albert J. Rothman

#### Livermore

Editor: Do we Americans have a popularity contest for President of the US? Who is the most attractive candidate, one who we like to be with, who feels familiar to us? Or do we care who has integrity, intelligence and honesty?

Objective media observers have pointed out that the McCain/Palin campaign has issued lies about Obama and other matters, including the Bridge to Nowhere in Alaska. Too bad McCain didn't keep his persona as a war hero and a true maverick. Recently it appears he is more concerned about winning the election and will do anything to achieve it.

Palin seems to have a streak of meanness that has shown up in her treatment of those in her administration. She is not above vindictive actions. How would she get along with Democrats if she became vice-president and, God help us, President of the US? And how much of her private religion would be imposed on the country as George Bush has done?

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We Americans are on trial. Do we put in office the most qualified person? Or are we blinded by color and personality?

larger theater. "It is important to move forward and have that discussion. I think we can make it work. I have talked to a lot of people. There is strong support for the theater. There are also a lot of questions."

Former councilmember Tom Reitter, who now serves on the LVPAC board, talked about financing. He stated that the group of bankers that could provide a letter of credit focus on niche markets. Reitter said he didn't know what the economy would be like in the spring. "What is important is to keep the process going and have faith that something wonderful will happen. It is an opportunity that can be transforming for the downtown. The regional theater will increase the tax increment above what it would have been. It will also raise the quality of the development around it."

Five firms have been selected for further discussion regarding the development around the theater.

Barry Swenson Builders is currently working on a project for the former Groth Bros. site in Livermore. The Swenson proposal calls for more retail in the Livermore Village and a change in the housing mix. The regional theater is considered a valuable contribution to the site.

Downtown Livermore Partners is from Davis. Other than for-sale residential units, the group holds onto developments for long term development purposes. The group is well capitalized with long standing relationships with large and medium financial institutions.

Federal Development is an international company based in Washington, D.C. It specializes in public-private partnerships. The council was told that Federal has an advantage in that it has access to international financial markets. The theater would be part of the development.

Genesis Real Estate Firm is located in Dallas, Texas. Livermore Village was described as a challenging project in that it needs to provide everything residents, the city and financial institutions want. Genesis said it believes it has the resources to accomplish that. The firm offers expertise in high density infill

urban development. It had made an attempt to buy the Livermore Village site earlier, but found it didn't pencil out.

Holiday Development emphasized its innovative approaches to design and mixed use development. Rick Holiday has worked for Eden Housing and helped found Bridge Housing. He described himself as scrappy and resourceful when it comes to financing. The opportunity to build around the regional theater is something our company would like to do," said Holiday. He mentioned that a project they are working on in Truckee is likely to include a performing arts theater.

## BUDGET

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it comes to fruition during the year."

There are also worries about the next state budget, because of the predictions for continuing economic woes through next year, said Casey.

Another option open to the school board is to spend all or part of the \$600,000 on programs or salaries. "The board can look at programs that were reduced last year, and at classified and management positions that were reduced, and also new programs," said Casey.

There were no pay increases for teachers and other school employees in the budget for 2008/09. Teachers are under a three-year contract. However, salary negotiations can be reopened at any time. "Salaries will be on the table, as employees face increased cost of gas and food. We talk to our unions about how we spend any new money that comes into the district," said Casey.

The Livermore school district is expected to receive about \$500,000 from the COLA increase, said Susan Kinder, the district's executive director of fiscal services.

Asked about where the money might be used, Kinder didn't single out any category. However, she said, "We are still in negotiations (on a teachers contract). Anything can happen." The contract for the last school year is still being negotiated.

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## MAYOR

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is headed. He believes the current council ignores the public. By not defending the Oak Grove referendum in court, the council did not support the right of the people to put a referendum on the ballot.

The council sponsored Measure QQ on the November ballot is confusing people, which Brozosky's feels was its purpose. The council could have campaigned against Measure PP, rather than supporting a competing measure, said Brozosky. He points out that the council did not need a ballot measure to move forward with creating a hillside protection ordinance. It could have assembled a task force and moved forward at any time.

Asked why he didn't support creation of a ridgeland protection ordinance, as directed by the general plan, when he was on the council, Brozosky said that there were no hillside developments coming to the council. "If there had been, I would have supported creation of an ordinance," he stated.

Brozosky brought up the issue of the Oak Grove development as an example of why PP is needed. (Oak Grove includes 51 units and 497 acres of permanent open space in the eastside hills.) "My biggest problem with it is that it was never reviewed completely by the planning commission. Once the commission failed to certify the EIR, the project was sent to the council where it was approved. I don't believe that if the planning commission had been able to tweak things and hold public hearings, we would have had a referendum or the initiative," Brozosky said.

He acted in an advisory capacity in writing Measure PP, the citizens' initiative. He believes the most important provision is that it would protect the housing cap by providing a definition of a housing unit. Without the definition, there was talk of exempting such things as senior units and workforce housing from the cap. The proposed definition is consistent with the census description of a unit, Brozosky said.

"The citizens voted in the cap. The city needs to defend it," Brozosky stated. He would be open to having developers put their proposal on the ballot to see if people would accept them, even if it does mean the housing cap would be exceeded. "Let people decide if a project is good enough, if they are willing to go over the cap," he said.

Brozosky thinks it will be difficult to build transit oriented development (TOD) in Hacienda Business Park because the housing mass needed to accomplish the objectives won't be available. At the same time, the business park is the easiest place to build affordable housing, because the infrastructure is in place. The eastside offers another opportunity for affordable housing. The city needs to complete a specific plan for the eastside, to provide a blueprint as to what the city wants to see built there.

When it comes to providing affordable housing, Brozosky prefers rental to ownership units. He says people stay in the ownership housing. However, the rental units send a message that says the city is willing to help people. "We expect and have faith that you will do better."

He argues that if you look at all of the amenities provided in Pleasanton, housing is already affordable. "People move here for the parks and the world class schools. In other areas, where parents pay for private schools, the \$10,000 to \$15,000 a year they pay is gone. If they were to invest the same money in a mortgage payment in Pleasanton, they have an investment at the end of the same period of time. Pleasanton

is a good deal when you look at the total costs and benefits," he declared.

One type of project he has been pushing for is Habitat for Humanity. "I have encouraged developers to provide land or help with infrastructure. I guarantee you, the community will get behind it. They will see it as a source of pride. Habitat for Humanity is a hand-up, not a hand-out," he said.

Traffic is congested, creating a situation where pedestrians are not safe. Because traffic is not moving, drivers are becoming aggravated. They speed to get where they are going, he said. Brozosky suggested taking photos of speeders, then sending the photo with a letter from the police telling them not to speed.

He believes lights need to be synchronized better. The technology is available to accomplish that. When people sit at red lights, they are wasting fuel and polluting the air. Perhaps we should establish a traffic commission to work on traffic and safety, Brozosky suggests. Brozosky said that breaking the city into quadrants and working on traffic flow in each could be one way to help alleviate congestion. "Most people aren't driving across the entire city. It is unrealistic to solve the entire traffic pattern," he commented.

The Stoneridge Drive extension should not become another lane on the freeway. To avoid that, the extension should be built in conjunction with improvements to Highway 84, extensions of Jack London Blvd. and Dublin Blvd. He suggests that allowing right turns only from Stoneridge to El Charro and Stanley could help solve some of the concerns. The city could use GPS data to show that speeds were slower on Stoneridge than on the freeway, keeping people on the freeway.

"We don't have good communications with other jurisdictions," continued Brozosky. "We have to work together to solve issues, such as traffic congestion, that impact all of us."

He offered ideas for helping promote business in the city. He said he is concerned about the future of downtown. "There are too many vacancies. Pleasanton has competition it didn't have before. Livermore has done a good job; Dublin has a lot of things going. We can't take our downtown for granted by allowing a bank on every corner," he commented. Brozosky believes the arts center will add to the vitality of the downtown. He pointed out that when he was on the council he convinced his fellow councilmembers to provide the \$6 million seed money for the arts center. "I convinced them that the foundation couldn't raise money without a financial commitment from the city," according to Brozosky.

"We need to work on the entire downtown area to bring in the right kinds of businesses. Perhaps an improvement district, where fees or taxes could be deferred, would provide incentive. The city needs to invest in the downtown core. Empty buildings do not provide tax revenue," he said.

To help reduce the number of people commuting out of the city to jobs, Brozosky said he would recruit companies that match the skills of workers in Pleasanton.

When it comes to water, Brozosky wonders why the state continues to build. The water infrastructure is not there to support continued building. The city itself should stop approving development that requires large areas of landscaping that require irrigation. The city should set an example by planting drought tolerant landscaping, he contends.

One of his pet peeves is the new firestation on the Bernal property. He supports the high level of green building used at the station. However, he is annoyed that the city has not tracked operational savings and positive or negative impacts. "Building green is a no brainer," he said. "Even if something is good it may never pay off. However, it is important to look at the benefit, to trade costs for improving the environment. Providing data will also let residents know what works best in their homes or businesses."

When it comes to council meetings, he does not like the fact that the time speakers are allotted has been reduced from five minutes to three minutes. He says it has not shortened the meetings. He has served to irritate people. He suggested that presentation of awards and proclamations could take place earlier, and the business of the meeting start at 7 p.m. "It is frustrating for people who have scheduled business before the council when their issues are heard late or continued," said Brozosky.

If elected, he would keep looking at public safety. He is happy with the new police chief and the level of police presence. The new BART station and expansion of Stoneridge Mall would likely require more law enforcement.

### JENNIFER HOSTERMAN

Jennifer Hosterman has lived in Pleasanton for 20 years. Her husband, Michael is an attorney operating his own practice in downtown Pleasanton. They have three daughters.

Hosterman graduated from the University of San Francisco with a Bachelor's degree and from the John F. Kennedy School of Law with a Juris Doctorate. She enjoys outdoor activities, cooking, and spending time with her family when not participating in civic activities. Prior to being elected to the City Council in 2002, she was Chair of the Bernal Property Task Force and a founding member of the City of Pleasanton Energy Committee. She was elected Mayor of Pleasanton in November of 2004, the first woman in the city's history to fill that office.

Hosterman said she is seeking reelection because she is committed to seeing through some of the regional and local traffic issues she has worked on during her first two terms in office. Her top priority would be to find funding for improvements to Highway 84.

"Highway 84 is critical to relieving congestion in Pleasanton. The \$200 million pricetag to improve 84 is one of the least costly projects," according to Hosterman. She added that Assembly Alberto Torrico has committed to help obtain the funding.

Local arterials need to be opened at some point, including Stoneridge Drive. "I support the extension of Stoneridge Drive given where we are with the Staples Ranch project. It's time has come. I can't ask our community to use I-580 to access Staples Ranch." Hosterman does believe that it is important that Livermore extend Jack London and Dublin extend Dublin Blvd. so that Pleasanton does not bear the brunt of cross-valley traffic.

When it comes to the two hillside measures on the November ballot, she has written arguments in favor of Measure QQ, which the council majority placed on the ballot.

Hosterman explained that Measure PP, the initiative by the community, if passed, would be the beginning of a number of lawsuits. "One of my jobs as mayor is to safeguard taxpayer dollars. The last thing we need is

a lot of lawsuits." She added in explaining her support of QQ, "I don't just represent the people who signed the initiative petitions, but the entire community. I felt that the community deserved to have another choice."

She also believes that Measure PP contains loopholes that would allow for construction of large homes on hillsides, referring to the 10-unit exemption. "Measure PP lacks language to truly preserve the ridgelines. On the other hand, QQ provides for an open public process that would produce an ordinance that would protect the ridgelines. The council has heard loud and clear that protection of the ridgelines is important."

If the council knew of the importance of protecting ridgelines why didn't it move forward with an ordinance? Hosterman said the council has been busy with other projects the residents have said are important. She mentioned the Firehouse Arts Center, construction of the Adobe Alviso Park, restoration of Kottlinger Creek and the Veterans Building, and moving forward with amenities on the Bernal property.

In addition, said Hosterman, there are already a number of policies in the general plan that provide protections. The issue in this election is that there is no specific ordinance to deal with the southeast hills. If Measure QQ were approved, her goal would be to have an ordinance completed in less than a year. She doesn't favor placing it on the ballot, saying that would delay implementation.

The Oak Grove project with its 51 units and 497 acres of open space in the southeast hills led to the initiative and an earlier referendum. Hosterman said there has to be a balance between what level property owners are allowed to develop while at the same time safeguarding our natural resources. She says that careful consideration was given to the placement of the units in Oak Grove to have the least impact on sensitive areas.

"Oak Grove is a model for good development. There are two other projects coming forward in the southeast hills. If the city could come up with similar projects, with the fewest units and most open space, they would get the green light from the council. If I'm still mayor, I envision open space from Callippe Preserve to Shadow Cliffs within the

urban growth boundary. I think that is doable."

Hosterman believes the housing cap may be going away, referring to the legal challenge by Urban Habitat. While the city has asked the California Supreme Court to review the case, Hosterman notes, "If the court does not take it up, there would be a reversal of our cap." She continued, "If that happens, there is a plus side. The cap has given the city an opportunity to carefully look at what types of housing it would like and where it would be built. We have gained a better understanding of smart growth. In the future, instead of arguing over small numbers of units, we can discuss appropriate densities and placement near transit that make sense," stated Hosterman.

She thinks there is a tremendous challenge in building affordable/workforce housing given the high cost of land in the city and the fact that Pleasanton has the highest median income for a city of its size in the United States.

Hosterman pointed to the 350 apartment units approved near the West BART station as a step in the right direction. Twenty percent of them are affordable. "In my mind it is the type of transit oriented development we want to see. I believe there is an opportunity to provide additional high density development near the mall. In addition, I am committed to looking at the opportunity in the Hacienda Business Park of creating higher density TOD next to the BART station."

She said, yes, she would go to bat for a project that she believes would be good for the community, even if it would take the city over the housing cap, if the cap were retained.

Water is an issue facing the entire state, says Hosterman. She is proud of the new water element in the updated general plan. The element contains policies that require the city to use drip irrigation in future projects, among other provisions.

Pedestrian safety is a big issue, Hosterman said. She says that placing blinking lights and running lights at a crosswalk near Safeway has been effective in helping people cross Santa Rita Road safely. Perhaps there is an opportunity to do something similar at other crosswalks. In addition, people have to slow down.

Hosterman added that work is underway on a bike/pedestrian master plan that would allow the city to go after funding to build infrastructure to help make it safer for walkers and cyclists to move around the city.

When it comes to businesses and jobs, Hosterman believes there are tremendous opportunities in the green building area. People will be needed to install such things as double paned windows and photovoltaic systems. She explained that the energy efficiency economy is moving quickly. The jobs are replacing the post-industrial jobs that have gone overseas. In the past, people were able to pull themselves out of poverty by moving up the industrial ladder. Those jobs are not there today. "The new economy is going to create jobs that will be located in every community in America," according to Hosterman.


While there are vacancies in the downtown, Hosterman said she is not concerned. "The reality is there is a 5 to 6 percent vacancy rate in the downtown. It is such a vibrant place to be, I believe it will continue to attract quality businesses. The city may need to create a position for someone who could actively seek new businesses that fit Pleasanton, then help to find spaces for those businesses to occupy."

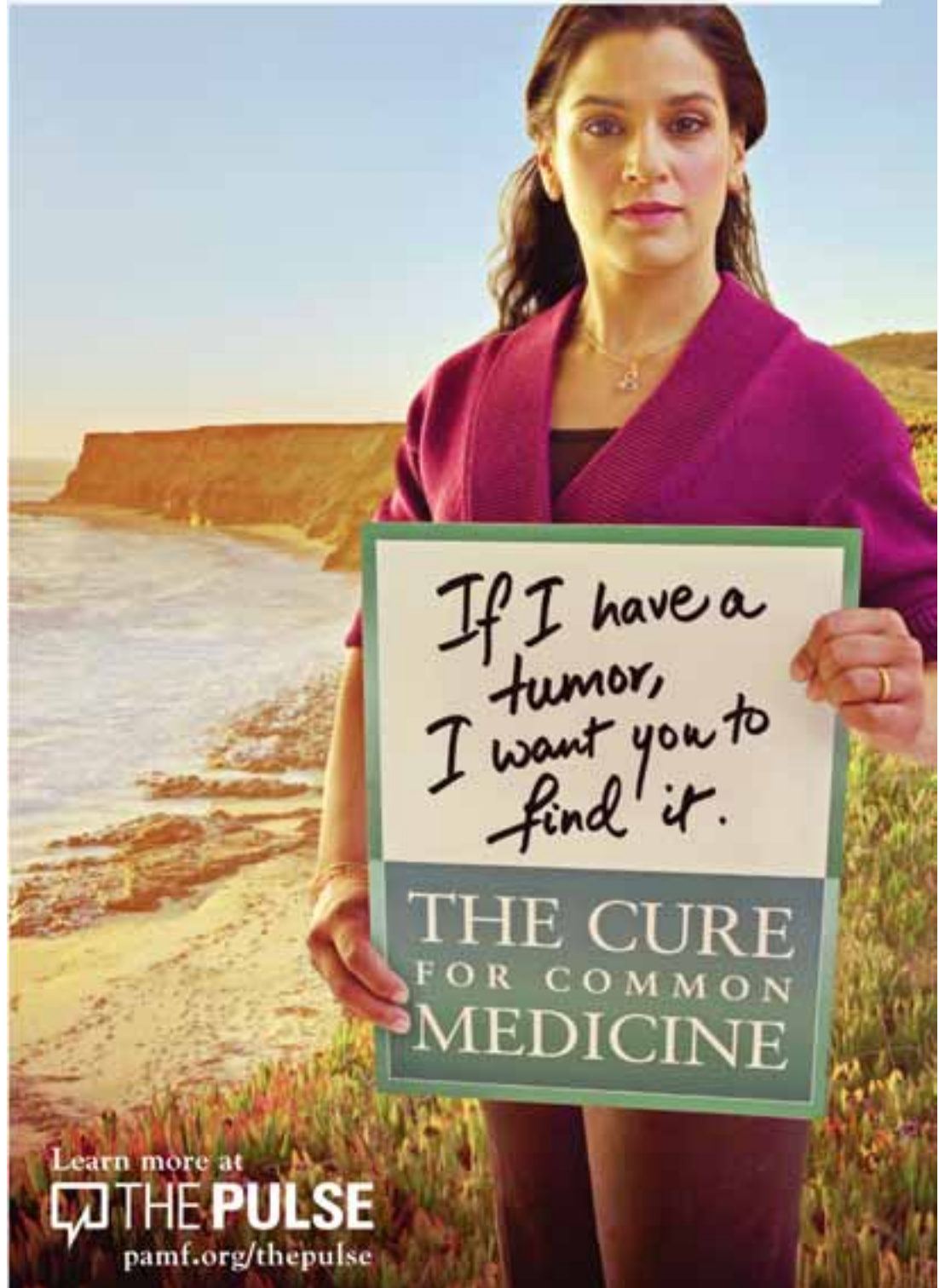
Asked about limiting the amount of time speakers can address the city council, Hosterman said she knows her opponent is making it a campaign issue. However, she says that for the most part people are able to make their message clear in two to three minutes. "In an effort to move the agenda along, I have asked speakers to keep within three minutes. I do say that if they need more time, they can take it. Few people have asked for more time."


She does agree that meetings do take a long time. She said that she has encouraged her fellow councilmembers to get as many questions answered as possible ahead of the meeting. Questions could still be addressed at meetings, particularly those asked by the public.

Hosterman stated, "I want to continue to work to improve the quality of life in Pleasanton. I look forward to a community that embraces all people, and finds ways to safeguard not only economic diversity, but social and ethnic diversity as well."


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# ASSEMBLY

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the state budget, health care, and education.

## JOAN BUCHANAN

Joan Buchanan has served on the San Ramon Valley School Board for 20 years, including four terms as president. Prior to that, she worked in the private sector as Director of Commercial Operations at Delta Dental. She lives in Alamo.

In discussing the current state budget crisis, Buchanan says there are two main reasons behind it. The biggest is the requirement for a two-thirds vote to approve a budget. The other reason is "unprecedented partisanship. Republicans take the no new taxes pledge before they are elected. Democrats on the left are entrenched in their positions. There are not enough legislators in the middle working to create a solution," according to Buchanan.

When it comes to the two-thirds requirement, Buchanan says people don't trust government enough to want it changed. Perhaps a 55 percent or 60 percent majority vote would be acceptable.

Buchanan says she can work with all factions. She says she has worked across party lines for many years to create solutions for the school district. "I want to do what's right, rather than get credit for something. I can compromise without compromising my basic values," she stated.

The state cannot continue to borrow its way out of budget deficits, Buchanan declared. It is paying \$1.5 billion in debt service each year. "In the meantime, people are being hurt. That is unacceptable."

Buchanan suggests it is time to consider a two year budget cycle, for the state to undertake more long term planning. There should be a growth model looking at multiple years. "Short term planning is not working. The state needs to have reserves, a budget balanced in a real way." She added, "This is a budget that requires shared sacrifice to move forward to a time the state can become more solvent."

Having more money come into the state is necessary. She would not increase the sales tax, viewing it as a hardship on lower income people and on industries such as car sales. "Some proposals make sense, such as the idea of adding \$10 to the vehicle license fee. The money would be used to provide access to state parks."

While not endorsing the idea, she says there is a need to look at restoring the top income tax bracket. She would work to close tax loopholes. "Cutting medications for the disabled while exempting private plane and yacht purchases from paying sales tax says the wrong thing about our state values. It certainly does not reflect my values," Buchanan states.

Education is one of the keys to moving the state forward. "I see too much discussion about whether the economy is grown by Wal-Mart or investing in jobs of the future, such as biotech. My concern is about growing the middle class. To do that, you have to invest in education, provide people with the skills to be able to qualify for good jobs," Buchanan said. She points out that there are shortages of doctors, nurses, engineers and other skilled people. Rather than recruiting from out of state, the focus should be on preparing California residents to take these jobs. The bottom line is that when people make more money, there is more money coming into the state.

Buchanan sees it as a lack of leadership that education is not a greater focus of concern. There is something wrong when a 4.0 student cannot get into UC, she commented. There needs to be job training and access to higher education, among other changes.

Prison reform is an issue. The state has the highest incarceration rate in the United States. "We look at the problem backwards. There is a need to keep kids out of prison in the first place," she continued, citing the State of Missouri as an example. The state has decentralized its juvenile detention centers, creating smaller ones where the kids are surrounded by counselors and academic support. The number of kids who are repeat offenders has dropped to 10 percent.

Congestion is an ongoing issue. Buchanan supports BART to Livermore. She is also supportive of the high speed rail, which she points out will help take both people and freight off roads. "It makes sense," she stated. She would make sure this area receives its share of state infrastructure dollars. The new HOV lane on I-580 will help relieve some of the congestion.

Planning communities can help alleviate congestion by putting the jobs where people live. "Smart growth, while protecting urban growth boundaries, is a way to take cars off the road.

There is also a need to invest more in regional transportation that is linked."

Buchanan is a strong supporter of urban growth boundaries. She favors agriculture water for North Livermore. When it comes to New Farm, a controversial development in the Tassajara Valley, Buchanan said there is a need to respect the will of voters and follow the right process. Voters instituted an urban growth boundary, which will be revisited in the future.

Immigration is an issue that the federal government needs to deal with. The state should put pressure on the federal government to do a better job of controlling the borders. "Unless you are Native American, you're here because someone has immigrated. California relies on immigrant labor for everything from getting crops to the market to more engineers in Silicon Valley," Buchanan added.

Health care is another issue facing the state and the country. Buchanan supports cradle to grave universal care.

Any system should contain four critical elements. One would be to protect the provider-patient relationship. The second would be to have reimbursements at a level that causes physicians to be willing to practice in the state. The third would be to create a system that focuses on preventive rather than curative care. And finally, any health care system should be independent of the government. A commission of professionals could oversee it. However, the funds to run it would be separate from the general fund and protected from access by the state. Financing of the system would have to be shared among the government, business and employees.

In the meantime, we need to make the current system work better, continued Buchanan. She supports the bill that prevents insurance companies from canceling for medical reasons. In addition, the pre-authorization system needs to be changed to make it more workable for people.

Attracting and retaining business and industry to the state is critical. The passage of the stem cell research bond was a good start. It has made the state an incubator for stem cell research. Other areas of focus should be biotech, green technologies, and energy.

If elected, she would like to "green" state buildings. "If we could get most of the energy from solar, that would save on utility bills," she explained.

She has not decided how she stands on redistricting. The measure on the ballot has some great elements, such as creating compact districts. However, the fact that it requires complete agreement among the task force members could mean that we wind up in the courts. "I'm not sure we want the courts making political decisions," she stated.

Water is of particular interest to the 15th Assembly District, because a major source of water, the Delta, is located within the district. It is very important to correct the Delta. A draft plan is being prepared that protects the environment and generates an adequate water supply for both urban and agriculture uses. She is hopeful that it will work and that all parties will support it. Buchanan adds that the issue of levee repair needs to be addressed.

Asked why voters should chose her over her opponent, Buchanan stated, "I bring valuable experience from the private sector. I have created corporate budgets and run large operational divisions. I know how to work with people. In my public sector experience, I was able to take the school district out of the red to a balanced budget. I leave it with reserves, a rainy day fund and an irrevocable trust to deal with retirement costs."

She continued, "I believe that we all serve the same people and need to work for the common

good. I won't take a 'no new taxes pledge' or align myself with the other side. I plan to work across party lines to eliminate the gridlock in Sacramento."

## ABRAM WILSON

Abram Wilson was elected to the San Ramon City Council in November 1999, appointed mayor in 2002 and then became San Ramon's first elected mayor in 2003. He was unopposed in both his 2005 and 2007 mayoral re-election campaigns.

Wilson said the current state budget crisis is one of the reasons he is seeking the Assembly seat. He supports a nonpartisan effort to deal with the deficit, believing it is in the best interest of all to work together, not support party line solutions. "I will make sure lawmakers are cognizant of who they work for," declared Wilson. "The bottom line is that any solution should address what's in the best interest of everyone."

"Communication is important. My ability to talk to people has worked, not just in San Ramon, but with all of the cities in the region. It is important to start talking before problems arise," he added.

He pointed to the City of Vallejo as an example of people not talking and working towards a solution. The city is bankrupt. "It does no good to keep giving people raises and pensions and then go bankrupt," he stated.

Wilson believes the final state budget this year will represent a compromise.

He supports budget reform as a way of avoiding future stalemates. He points out that as mayor he sun-setted every program in San Ramon to determine which were cost effective. "I believe funds are being wasted in Sacramento. Every program should be analyzed," he stated. "People are hurting. There has to be reform."

"I believe we need less spending, not higher taxes to solve our budgetary problems. If we sunset all programs, it will force the Legislature to spend more time on oversight. That will improve delivery of vital services. I support a spending cap based on population and inflation growth that mandates a reserve for when times are tough. I believe our constituents want us to solve problems, not cover them up by approving more taxes," he stated.

Among programs to consider is prison reform. "We need to look at why people keep going back to prison, to find out what's not working in the system. Rather than throwing money at the problem, we need to find solutions," according to Wilson.

He supports Proposition 6 - the Safe Neighborhoods Act - a comprehensive public safety funding initiative that targets street gangs and drug dealers that also increases funding for local law enforcement.

Education is important for the future economic health of the state, Wilson said. Both of his parents were educators. Wilson says he has worked to strengthen the educational system. He would continue his battle for equalization of funding by showing people how it benefits them to have all of the school districts on equal footing when it comes to funding.

Wilson believes it is possible to stretch education dollar by reducing inflexible categorical grants so that schools can spend those funds as they see fit. "It makes no sense for local schools to pay for a mandated program when the state doesn't fully fund it."

Vocational education is important. Wilson said he would work with corporations to find out what skills graduates should have in order to work at their companies. He would bring representatives of those corporations into the classroom to help educate kids. When the kids leave school, they will be job ready.

When it comes to immigration, Wilson said that there are rules and regulations that should be followed. "It's not fair for those who come here legally. Legal immigration has enriched both California and America, but we must have a state border patrol

to stop illegal immigration."

He supports programs that bring in workers legally. He cites the Bracero program as one that worked. Resident workers were brought into California to harvest crops, then returned home. It had the advantage of also protecting the workers from abuse, because they were documented, he said. On the other end of the job spectrum, Wilson notes too many bio-tech and high-tech companies are struggling to find domestic technical labor and that's hurting businesses. "I'll work with the federal government to increase H-1B visa quotas and allow immigrants who obeyed the law to enter our work force," he said.

Wilson has worked with other cities in the region on transit and transportation issues. He said that has been the key to obtaining funding to help relieve congestion.

He suggests expanding I-580 to five lanes in both directions while adding HOV lanes and widening Vasco Road to four lanes with a full length median barrier.

Wilson supports BART to Livermore. "Moving people is important," he declared.

He is less sure of the proposed high speed rail project. He said he still has to evaluate it. "It sounds good. It's the cost and the details I am concerned about."

Another area he believes is important is local control. "It is imperative. That's why San Ramon became a city," Wilson said he would respect urban growth boundaries, that is important to work as a region to know what each community wants. The New Farm development in Tassajara Valley has been an issue, because the property is outside the urban growth boundary. Wilson said that he looks to the residents of those areas to determine what they want. The city's general plan, approved in 2002 by San Ramon residents, spells out San Ramon's desire to eventually control the Tassajara Valley. "Ultimately, when we do anything it would go on the ballot," according to Wilson.

There is a need for California to attract and retain businesses as a way of providing jobs that will make the state economy stronger. "If they are successful, the state is. We should not keep taxing them to the point they leave. If they do leave, we have nothing," commented Wilson. "A stronger, vibrant economy benefits everyone."

It is important move the economy forward. "To do that, it is important to cut regulations, to make it easier for businesses to locate in the state. You can approve all the social programs in the world, but they are not going to attract businesses," he said.

Water is a key issue. The Delta is mainly situated within the 15th Assembly District. A plan needs to be in place to protect the environment and the water. Water is important for urban uses, agriculture and habitat, he declared. Wilson believes there is a need to provide more storage for water above and below ground so water is available when it is needed, such as during the current drought. The issue of the safety of the levees needs to be addressed.

When it comes to health care, the state should think outside the box.

He doesn't see universal care as a solution. "A government-run, universal health care program will only lower quality and create the rationing of health care.

The market will control it and be able to come up with solutions. More competition among insurers could provide better health care options. Currently, health care costs are spiraling out of control.

"Let's allow individuals to carry their health insurance between jobs, permit tax deductions for all medical expenses, encourage out-of-state insurers to compete in California and expand community-based health clinics," he stated.

The state should encourage energy efficiency. For one thing, it is a way to save money. All types of energy generation should be available. "There is no one solution," he commented.

Wilson supports the redistricting proposal on the November ballot.

Asked why voters should chose him, Wilson declared, "I have a proven record of working with constituents on both sides of the aisle. I have balanced the budget in San Ramon and leave it with reserves and rainy day funds. My door is always open. I have already accomplished many of the things other candidates said they will do. I will be fair and honest. I have support from both sides of the aisle." He notes that all members of the Livermore City Council, with the exception of Councilmember Jeff Williams, have endorsed him.

## Friends of Livermore Committee Endorses Buchanan for Assembly

The Friends of Livermore Committee (FOLC) has endorsed Joan Buchanan for the State Assembly District 15 seat currently held by Guy Houston, who is termed out.

FOLC has only made one endorsement for state partisan office in the past, because it is a non-partisan group focusing on land use issues. Because of her positions on these land use issues that, feels compelled to support her now, states Bob Baltzer, chair of FOLC.

Joan's positions on land use are clear. She supports Smart Growth with defensible Urban Growth Boundaries, transit oriented development and infill to meet housing needs. She supports local agriculture in and close to cities to preserve the area's agricultural heritage while reducing the carbon footprint of food transportation. Specifically, she supports the acquisition of recycled water for agriculture in the North Livermore Valley. She stands behind the principles of the 2000 Alameda County Measure D and the 2002 Livermore UGB initiative.

Buchanan is a Democrat running against San Ramon

Mayor, Republican, Abram Wilson. Wilson has favored urban development outside the present Contra Costa Urban Growth Boundary and thinks that Greenfield development is appropriate if a few amenities come with it.

In the business world, Buchanan's financial and analytical skills made her Director of Commercial Operations for Delta Dental before the age of 30. She left the private sector to raise her five children and in the process became one of the San Ramon Valley's most effective activists, according to Baltzer.

Her nearly 20-year service on the San Ramon Valley Unified School District (SRVUSD) Board included 4 terms as president. Under Joan's leadership the district took a new direction and SRVUSD now ranks among the top 5% of all school districts in California.

"Buchanan's expertise in negotiating, budgeting and organizational development combined with her entrepreneurial approach ensure that she can hit the ground running in the Assembly and be an effective advocate for the positions that we all support," concludes Baltzer.

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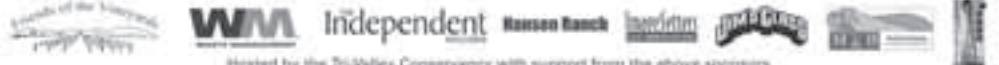
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# Earthquake Map Identifies Areas of Concern

Following a 90-day technical review period, two maps that establish earthquake hazard zones in the East Bay Area are now official. The maps designate areas where special precautions may have to be implemented in new development and construction projects in order to protect life and property in the event of a large quake.

Liquefaction zones include much of downtown Livermore, from Highway 580 to just north of Bess Avenue; Livermore Airport; the Santa Rita Rehabilitation Center; and city hall as well as Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton.

Earthquakes of magnitude 5.5 or greater can trigger landslides or liquefaction, a phenomenon in which soil temporarily loses its ability to support structures. The Seismic Hazards Mapping Act mandating the maps was passed after the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, which triggered significant landslide and liquefaction damage throughout the Bay Area. "These maps are similar to those that define potential flood or wildfire areas," said State Geologist John Parrish, head of the California Geological Survey, which issued the maps. "Although the maps prompt a disclosure element in real estate transactions for existing properties, the earthquake hazard zones are created with an eye toward future construction and are part of our efforts to be prepared."

Communities covered fully or in part by the maps include Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, Castro Valley and Hayward. Each map covers an area of about 60 square miles known as a "7.5-minute quadrangle."

The maps establish Zones of Required Investigation. For development within a zone, the lo-

cal building department must review - before permits are issued - that a registered geologist investigate the site for evidence of liquefaction or landslide potential. If such evidence is found, design modifications must be made in the planning stage.

CGS also announced the release of a preliminary Seismic Hazard Zone map for the Altamont Quadrangle, which includes part of the City of Livermore east of the City Civic Center complex. Like the maps released today, this map will become official after a 90-day review opportunity for governments and geotechnical experts, followed by a 90-day revision opportunity for CGS.

What the new maps show:

- Dublin Quadrangle: About 10 square miles of land, mainly east of Highway 680, are in Zones of Required Investigation for liquefaction. The zones run from the border with Contra Costa County in the north to the county fairgrounds in the southeast, with a finger continuing south along Arroyo de la Laguna. There are additional liquefaction zones on the floors of several canyons flowing to the west, such as Dublin and Hollis canyons, and along Palomares Creek. Borehole logs of test holes drilled in Livermore Valley indicate the widespread presence of near-surface soil layers composed of saturated, loose sandy sediments.

Roughly 30 square miles of hilly land in the southwestern half of the Dublin Quadrangle are designated as Zones of Required Investigation for earthquake-induced landslides. Portions of Castro Valley and the Castlewood Country Club also are included in landslide zones.

- Livermore Quadrangle: About 19 square miles of land

are designated as Zones of Required Investigation for liquefaction. The liquefaction zones encompass about two-thirds of the Livermore Valley floor and most of the stream valleys and canyons leading into the surrounding hills.

The combined total area within the Livermore Quadrangle designated as Zones of Required Investigation for earthquake-induced landslides is roughly 15 square miles. Most of the zones are concentrated in two separate hilly areas, one north of Highway 580 in the Mount Diablo foothills to the Contra Costa County border, the other southeast of downtown Pleasanton.

- Altamont Quadrangle (preliminary): About nine of the 20 square miles of valley floor

within the Altamont quadrangle are designated Zones of Required Investigation for liquefaction, within which there is evidence of the widespread presence of near-surface soil layers composed of saturated, loose sandy and silty sediments.

About 14 of the 40 square miles of upland area within the quadrangle are designated Zones of Required Investigation for earthquake-induced landslide hazard. Most are concentrated in the northeast, southeast, and southwest parts of the quadrangle, where slopes are generally steeper and/or rock strengths are generally weaker. Numerous historical landslides, including two of the largest mapped in the quadrangle, occur along the trace of the active Greenville Fault.

## Middle School Students In Running for Scholarships

Six award winners of the 2008 Tri-Valley Science and Engineering Fair sponsored by the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in March are among 300 students selected nationwide as semifinalists in the Society for Science and the Public (SSP) U.S. Middle School Competition.

The students will vie for more than \$40,000 in scholarships. The local students selected are: Nikhil Gupta and Gokul Ramesh of the San Ramon Valley Unified School District, Garrett Stevenson of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, and Uzair Mohammad, Dana Hartman and Kevin Johnson of the Livermore Valley Charter School.

The students, in 5th through 8th grades when their entry was submitted, won the nomination by excelling at their regional or state science fair. Each entrant submitted written essays of their science, math and engineering projects. Projects of selected semifinalists included research on water purification and fuel cells, mathematical algorithms, and the amount of lead present in a student lunch box.

Finalists will receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. for a four-day event to be held in October. In the nation's

capital, finalists will compete for more than \$40,000 in scholarships provided by the SSP. The top 10 winners will be selected based on presentation of their original science fair project and participation in team scientific activities to be held at the Koshland Science Museum and announced Oct. 22.

The Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory conducts the Tri-Valley Science and Engineering Fair (TVSEF) in March every year. The fair is geared for students in grades 7 through 12 from Danville, Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, San Ramon and Sunol. Students compete for cash and other prizes, as well as a chance to represent the TVSEF at the next level of competition either the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair or the California State Science Fair.

"Given the caliber of science projects submitted to the Tri-Valley Science and Engineering Fair, it's no surprise that these students were selected for the SSP competition," said Nadine Horner, fair director. "We wish them all the best of luck."

To learn more about the Tri-Valley Science and Engineering Fair, go to the Web at <https://tvsef.llnl.gov/> To learn more about the Society for Science and the Public, go to the Web at [www.societyforscience.org](http://www.societyforscience.org).

# RODEO CORNER

The Livermore Stockmen's Rodeo Association has formed a non-profit arm for the purpose of raising funds to help certain groups within the community.

The Livermore Rodeo Foundation's (LRF) primary goal is to help Veterans, schools and civic groups. Another goal is to provide scholarship funds to students who focus on agriculture based degrees. The Stockmen feel its organization is ideally positioned to impact the town's needs while promoting the heritage and tradition of Rodeo in Livermore.

Non-profit organizations can receive donations from almost any organization or individual but has to distribute that money to other non-profit entities such as schools, the VA Hospital or the Breast Cancer Library at Valley Memorial. The benefit of donating to a foundation instead of directly to an organization, in most cases, is the pooling of money to achieve bigger and better things. Among the possibilities would be to refurbish some rooms at the local VA Hospital or to support an after school Agriculture program at the high schools. Other ideas include sponsoring a local 5k run to support the Breast Cancer Library or fund the repair of Veterans' graves at the local cemeteries. Donations to the Livermore Rodeo Foundation will be tax deductible and will be managed by a volunteer Board of Directors gathered from local businesses and residents.

The Livermore Stockmen's Rodeo Association (LSRA) was formed to support the efforts of the Red Cross in helping soldiers and Veterans. Initially the rodeos were held for the purpose of raising funds to achieve this goal. Now, in addition to keeping the Rodeo alive, LSRA is trying to support Veterans, schools and community. By supporting the Rodeo and the Foundation, residents will help to keep an integral part of the local heritage alive. At the same time, residents will be instrumental in touching the lives of local Veterans, students and several other groups that really need our help.

The decision was made at the annual stockholders meeting on September 2. A new board was also elected. It is as follows: President Don Podesta, Vice President Neal Hornbeck, Secretary Christie Dixon, and Treasurer Mark Cardoza. Directors: Scootie Castello, Craig Rivers, Don Staysa, John Goltz, Tim Ponder, Donnie Perry, Stan Kueffer, Dave Fagundes, Sheila Fagliano, Jr Castello, Carol Rivers.

LSRA notes, "We're excited to get going and things are starting fast. December has the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association's (PRCA) annual convention and National Finals Rodeo. This is the convention where we meet with our National Sponsors, sign the Specialty Act, bullfighters, barrel man/rodeo clown and announcer. It's also where we keep up with the professional sport of rodeo, the state of the sport and the future of the sport. Livermore Rodeo is a PRCA sanctioned rodeo and has voting rights on the direction the sport takes.

"It's funny how fast time goes. Mark your calendars for June 13th and 14th 2009 and get your family and friends to town. It'll be a weekend they won't forget and a perfect way to create lifelong memories."

## Water-Wise Workshop Planned

A water-wise gardening and water efficiency workshop will be presented Tues., Sept. 30 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Livermore Library.

The free workshop is co-sponsored by Zone 7 Water Agency and Alden Lane Nursery, with participation from other area nurseries and from the Bay-Friendly Landscaping & Gardening Program.

The workshop will provide information on ways to create a beautiful, low-maintenance and water-conserving garden around your home, the amount of water plants really need, types of plants are the most drought-tolerant, and the role of mulch in water conservation.

There will also be information about rebates for water saving washing machines and toilets, and indoor water efficiency.

## CONCANNON

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vation of the tasting room and hospitality center, will begin early next year.

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games of 300-257-248 he ended the night with a 805.

In the Getaway Fours League, Lee Pettus bowled a 225 game, Keving Hutcherson a 204. In the Balhorn/O'Dell Match Point league, Andrew Klino turned in a high game of 227, Denise Greimsley rolled a 225. In the Modified Guys & Dolls on Wednesday night, John Graf rolled a 741 series with games of 256-268-217. Right behind him David Drab had a great series of 727 with games of 246-258-223. Maria Lockridge also bowled a great set with games of 256-215-245 for a 716 series. High games in the Cheyenne League from Mark McCreary a 286, Ray Salas and Tim Piper a 279 each, and Mark Sanders a 278 game. Ron Shaffer in the Friday Family Affair rolled a 238 game. Brian Kirby bowled 80 over average with a 198 game.

Senior bowler, Rich Lukes in the Sirs & Sirettes league, rolled a nice 233 game, Jim Rochin a 215, and Pete Oaks a 214. In the Donna's Mixers league, Jim Rochin had a great series of 634 with games of 201-203-230. In the same league, John Foscalina rolled a 625 series with games of 206-221-198. More high games came from Rose Nelson with a 226 and Sam Cancilla a 208. In the Friday Primitimers, senior bowler Rich Bagujo started off with a 255 game.

Youth bowler, Noah Eagan who sports a 67 average, rolled a 135 in the Friday Family Affair League.

## Sharks Tickets

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District is selling San Jose Sharks hockey tickets for the upcoming season. All tickets are \$51 and located in the Upper Reserved section.

Available tickets are: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, vs. Detroit Red Wings; 7 p.m. Saturday, March 14, vs. Los Angeles Kings; and 7 p.m. Saturday, April 4, vs. Anaheim Ducks.

To reserve tickets, please call LARPD at 925-373-5700.

## Softball Signups

Livermore Girls Softball Association/Livermore Smoke will be hosting its walk-in registration on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Mocho St. from 6pm-9pm. This will be the only walk-in registration. Any player from Livermore, Sunol or unincorporated are eligible to play. Copies of birth certificates mandatory for all new players joining the league. To obtain Registration Form and BOTH Player and Parent Code of Conduct forms please go to [www.livermoregirlssoftball.org](http://www.livermoregirlssoftball.org). These three forms are mandatory to play. T-ball & 8U = \$125 and 10U and up \$160. \$20 discount for families with more than one sibling playing.

Mail in option: Send Registration Form AND both Parent and Player Code of Conduct Forms and registration fee to: LGSA/Livermore Smoke, Attn: Registration, P.O. Box 905, Livermore, CA 94551.

Mandatory tryouts for 10U and up are scheduled for Saturday, November 15 & December 6, 2008 at Joe Mitchell School on Elaine Ave. Last names that begin with A-L 9am-12pm; M-Z 1pm-4pm. Pitchers and Catcher tryouts following regular tryout. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to check-in. Pre-registration is requested for tryouts. Questions? Contact Stacie Heinz [www.livermoresmoke2008@comcast.net](mailto:www.livermoresmoke2008@comcast.net)

## Livermore Youth Football

Livermore Youth Football results: The Livermore Norsemen traveled to Martinez to bring home a shutout victory over the Bull Dogs 26-0. Big special teams plays, an onside kick recovery, and a blocked punt helped set the table for the Norsemen offense. Steve Volpatti scored twice with TD runs of 71, and 49 yards. Volpatti added two TD passes to Miles Mastrobuoni to lock up the game by halftime. Once again great offensive line play opened huge holes for Livermore backs to pile up 250 yards on the ground, and 310 yards over all.

The Bull Dogs running game was shut down by the strong Norsemen front eight led by Brian White, so Martinez tried the passing game. They were met by an untested Norsemen secondary who rose to the task. Excellent play from defensive backs Jason Barrow, Steven Chappell, Levi Banks, Jessie Taylor, and Salvatore Glaviano. The Bull Dogs only drive into Norsemen territory was stopped with a great interception in the Livermore end zone by Miles Mastrobuoni. Livermore gave up only two first downs, and held Martinez to less than 100 yards total offense.

## Pleasanton Hosting Swim Meet

The City of Pleasanton's Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center will be the venue for the Junior Plus Swim Meet on Saturday, October 4 and Sunday, October 5, 2008. The Pleasanton Seahawks Swim team will host the two-day event that is expected to draw about 400 swimmers plus their families. Competitors arrive each morning at 7:00 a.m. and the meet will continue until approximately 3:00 p.m. Swimmers will be visiting from throughout the Greater Bay Area, the Sierra Nevada region and Central California.

The City of Pleasanton has been working closely with all organizations involved to implement its plan for both a successful competition and reduced impact on the neighborhoods surrounding the Aquatic Center, located at 4455 Black Avenue near Santa Rita Road. Congested traffic conditions are anticipated on Santa Rita Road and Black Avenue each morning as the swimmers begin to arrive for the day's competition. Accordingly, City staff has developed a traffic flow system for the Aquatic Center to facilitate competitor drop-off, and participants have been notified of pre-designated parking locations that would reduce the impacts on the surrounding neighborhoods.

For more information, please contact Ian Anderson at (925) 931-3423.

## Celebration of Life Slated

The 16th Annual Celebration of Life will be held Tues., Sept. 30 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Faz Restaurant in Pleasanton.

Theme is "Healing Through Touch." Presenters include Katherine Darlington, RN, Healing Touch Practitioner, and Jennifer Dayrell, acupressure therapist.

Sponsors include the American Cancer Society, Alameda County Unit; Hope Hospice, Jack Kuhn, Kaiser Permanente, LifestyleRX, San Ramon Regional Medical Center, The Wellness Community, and ValleyCare Health System, Library and Ryan Comer Cancer Resource Center.

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## OBITUARIES



Chris Lagiss

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Chris Lagiss passed away on Friday September 19, 2008 at the age of 92.

He was a Livermore Valley grape grower since 1955, a very vocal member of the Livermore Valley wine community, and a founding member of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association. In 1978 he established Livermore Valley Cellars which he proudly owned and operated for thirty years. His greatest enjoyment was spending an afternoon sitting in front of the tasting room (except during football season), talking with customers and regaling them with his stories.

The Livermore Valley will be a little quieter with his passing, but the memories he helped to create will live on and leave a lasting impression on all who crossed his path.

He leaves behind his wife Beverly, daughters Terry and Chrysanne, and his grandchildren Brendan and Alliana. There will be a viewing from 5 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, September 25, at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Avenue, Livermore with a Trisagion Service at 7 p.m. The funeral service will be Friday, September 26, 2008 at 10 a.m. at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Avenue, Livermore.

For more information on the event, please go to [www.seejanerun.com](http://www.seejanerun.com).

## Lacrosse Registration

Pleasanton Lacrosse Club Boys & Girls 2009 spring registration is now open at [www.pleasantonlacrosse.com](http://www.pleasantonlacrosse.com) for boys U9-U15 (grades 2-8) and girls U11-U15 (grades 3-8). Availability is limited so sign up ASAP; wait lists are common. Late fees will be assessed after 11/1 (boys) and 11/20 (girls). Questions? Web site or [pleasantonlacrosse@prodigy.net](mailto:pleasantonlacrosse@prodigy.net).

## Beginner Lacrosse Clinic

Livermore Phantom Lacrosse will be hosting a lacrosse clinic for new players on Saturday, Oct. 4, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Max Baer Park. The clinic provides instruction on the fundamentals of lacrosse to boys and girls ages 8 to 14. This is an excellent introduction into the fast moving and ever growing game of lacrosse. Demonstrations will be presented by local coaches, high school and college players, and maybe a surprise guest. \$50 fee includes quality lacrosse stick, t-shirt, & ball. For updated information and registration info please visit [www.phantomlacrosse.org](http://www.phantomlacrosse.org) or contact Bob Mezeul at 925-425-9901.

## Tee It Up for Teens

11th annual Tee It Up for Teens Golf Tournament will be held Mon., Oct. 13 at Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton. This will be a benefit for Young Life Tri-Valley.

Format is four person team scramble. Festivities include a BBQ lunch, driving range, raffle, tee prizes, refreshments, dinner and a live auction.

For information or to sign up call 417-0486 or go to [www.younglifetrivalley.younglife.org](http://www.younglifetrivalley.younglife.org).

## Women's Triathlon

Today See Jane Run, an athletic shoe and apparel retailer for women headquartered in San Francisco, will host the 5th Annual All Women's Triathlon at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park in Pleasanton on Saturday, September 27. Nicknamed, the See Jane Tri, the event attracts women of all fitness levels across the nation to participate in the event while helping raise money for the Breast Cancer Fund.

See Jane Run is donating \$4-\$7 from every entry fee to the Breast Cancer Fund (donation amount is based upon paid participant registrations) with a guaranteed minimum donation of \$2,500. To date, See Jane Run has donated over \$60,000 to the Breast Cancer Fund through events and training programs.

For more information on the event, please go to [www.seejanerun.com](http://www.seejanerun.com).

## Girls Softball

2009 Registration is open for all divisions in the Pleasanton Phantom Girls Softball League. All girls living in Pleasanton, Dublin and Sunol are eligible to play PGSL softball. Three ways to register: 1) Online at [www.pleasantonsoftball.org](http://www.pleasantonsoftball.org); 2) Walk-thru: Thursday, September 25 from 6pm-9pm, Round Table Pizza, 530 Main St., Pleasanton; 3) Mail-in: PGSL, P.O. Box 911, Pleasanton, CA 94566 (download a registration form from our website). For more information or questions you can email Nancy Costa at [nancy.c@pleasantonsoftball.org](mailto:nancy.c@pleasantonsoftball.org).

PGSL Upper Division Try-Outs: Upper Divisions consists of girls in grades 3 thru 8 and is for all girls wanting to increase their skills and learn to play at a more advanced level. All girls interested in playing uppers are required to try-out. No previous uppers experience necessary. All players trying out must be registered for the 2009 season prior to attending one of the sessions below. All sessions will be held at the SportsPark GSB fields 6 & 7. If the fields are closed, but it is not raining, try-outs will be held in the parking lot. Please check the SportsPark weather line (931-5360) and the PGSL website for updates. Pitchers & Catchers arrive at 4:15 p.m. to register for a 4:30 p.m. start. All other players should arrive by 4:45 p.m. to begin at 5:00 p.m. Try-Out Dates: Oct. 6-Mini (3rd & 4th Grade) Last name A-H; Oct. 7-Mini (3rd & 4th Grade) Last name I-Q; Oct. 8-Mini (3rd & 4th Grade) Last name R-Z; Oct. 9-Minor (5th & 6th Grade) Last name A-H; Oct. 10-Minor (5th & 6th Grade) Last name I-Q; Oct. 13-Minor (5th & 6th Grade) Last name R-Z; Oct. 14-Major (7th & 8th Grade) Last name A-H; Oct. 15-Major (7th & 8th Grade) Last name I-Q; Oct. 16-Major (7th & 8th Grade) Last name R-Z. If you cannot attend on the scheduled day, contact the division director listed on the PGSL website.

## Joe Humphrey

Joe Humphrey died September 17, 2008. He was surrounded by the love of his family after a short struggle with pancreatic cancer. He was loved and supported by family and many friends throughout his illness.

Joe was born November 9, 1922 in Hollywood to Sam and Helen Humphrey, and then moved to Oakland where he attended school and graduated from Fremont High with the class of January, 1941. He attended Merritt Business School and was first employed as a stenographer with Safeway Stores, Kaiser Shipyards and in the personnel office in Sitka, Alaska for one year. He joined the Marines in April, 1943 and served aboard a troop transport ship, the General Hugh L. Scott. He was discharged in 1946 with the rank of Sergeant.

Through a friendship formed in the service, he enrolled at Valley City State Teachers' College in North Dakota. While in college, he excelled in sports and he met his wife, Geneva. They were married in 1947; he completed college and moved to Elbow

Lake, Minnesota for his first teaching and coaching position. After 8 years, he and his family moved to Livermore in 1957 where he taught and coached in the Livermore School District until 1980.

Since retirement, he enjoyed fly fishing, tennis, traveling the US and more importantly an annual family camp-out in Northern California with his children and grandchildren - the last one in July of this year. He was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Ministries.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Geneva. Sons, Tim of Washington State, Kurt (Rebecca) of Portland, Scott (Tracy) of Portland, daughters Beth Fitch (Alan) of Oregon and Jill Rogers (Marcus) of Pennsylvania. Also ten grandchildren - Peter Vanek, Sam and Ben Humphrey, Kelsi and Alexandra Fitch, Megan and Eric Humphrey and Jason, Jessica and Nicholas Attebery, five great-grandchildren and his sister Betty Carvin, of Vacaville.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Kaiser Hospice and the American Cancer Society. A memorial service celebrating Joe's life will be held on September 27, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Ministries, 1385 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore.

## Helene Marie Castro

Helene Marie Castro passed away on September 13, 2008. She was born April 2, 1948.

Helene was a resident of Pleasanton, California for 21 years and a teacher for over 25 years. She was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. After high school she worked as a secretary in the Chicago police department for 3 years to pay for her college tuition. She earned undergraduate degrees in Elementary and Special Education from the University of Illinois at Chicago and taught special education in Chicago area schools. She earned her Master's in Education from California State University East Bay (Hayward) while raising her children. She taught in Hayward for 8 years at Ochoa Middle School and in Livermore for 9 years at Junction and Christensen Middle Schools and Granada High School.

She was the beloved wife of John Castro for 38 years; loving mother of Daniel (Kimberly), Karyn, Lisa (Spencer) Scribner; proud grandmother of Myles and Ellie Scribner; sister of LaVerne (John) Robertson, Sandy (Deni) Carolan, Diane (Trevor) Sibley, Debi Keate; aunt to many nieces and nephews; and daughter of the late Daniel and Helen Newman.

Helene was an excellent cook who always enjoyed hosting family and friends, and her kitchen was a favorite gathering spot for holidays, special occasions and everyday meals. Friends and family enjoyed her warmth, conversation, contagious laughter and unconditional love. She is and will be missed greatly.

## Tom "Heavy" Gowler

Pleasanton resident Tom "Heavy" Gowler was born in Valentine, Nebraska on May 3, 1938. He passed away on Sept 16, 2008 of lung cancer.

He is survived by his sister, Beverly Buffington. Heavy has lived in California most of his life. He was an excellent horseman and will be missed by many at the Pleasanton fairgrounds.

No services will be held. Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

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A vigil/prayer service was held Sept. 21 in Pleasanton. A Catholic funeral mass was celebrated in Pleasanton at St. Augustine Church September 22.

To honor her generosity and giving nature, the family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Shepherd's Gate Shelter for displaced and abused women and children in Livermore.

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Sept. 28 -- 3:30-5:30pm Part II -- Going Deeper: Why the Bible is a Gay Friendly Book What can we learn from the Old and New Testament stories and teachings and the last 100 years of scholarly inquiry? If you would like to know how people of faith and good will can affirm homosexuality, this seminar is for you.

The community is invited to attend -- either one or both parts of the seminar.  
Reservations and further information: (925) 449-6820 or [pastor@uccliv.org](mailto:pastor@uccliv.org)

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Members of the choir pose in front of the quilt they created.

### Quilt Created by Boys Choir Shown at Quilting in the Garden

A handmade quilt created by students at the Pacific Boychoir Academy Middle School of Oakland recently was selected to be displayed at the 2008 Quilting in the Garden event at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore, 2033 Railroad Ave. The annual quilt show, which will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 27 and 28, features quilts by local and regional artists and members of the community, food and drink, and quilting supply vendors.

This past year, Livermore resident, art teacher, and mom Carolyn Lord has been hard at work leading a project for middle school boys at the Pacific Boychoir Academy (Oakland): The production of a handmade "family quilt."

At Pacific Boychoir Academy Middle School in Oakland, Lord taught fifth-through eighth-

grade boys all about sewing, color, and composition and helped the boys craft their very own, Amish-inspired family quilt. Each student designed and sewed one square. Each square is comprised of sixteen pieces of fabric - reflecting the school's logo, a sixteenth note. In the process, the boys learned how to use a sewing machine, power tools, and more. The finished product represents the interests and aesthetics of the group and commemorates a specific time of their lives.

Pacific Boychoir Academy Middle School students in grades five through eight created their "family quilt" this past school year. In the process, the boys learned all about the color wheel, composition, and working with a sewing machine and power tools. The traditional Amish-inspired quilt represents the unique

interests and aesthetics of the group and commemorates a specific time of their lives.

This fall, the quilt will be auctioned to help raise funds to support the Pacific Boychoir Academy's mission.

The boychoir is a nonprofit community organization not affiliated with any church, ethnic group or specific geographic area.

The Oakland-based Pacific Boychoir Academy Middle School is a day school for boys in grades four through eight that seeks to develop confident, engaged young men capable of achieving extraordinary outcomes through personal discipline and teamwork. To learn more about the Pacific Boychoir Academy and the middle school, go to the website at [www.pacificboychoiracademy.org](http://www.pacificboychoiracademy.org).

### Back to Nature for Century House Poet Reading

Pleasanton Poet Laureate Martha Meltzer will host nature poet Sandra Stillwell and City of Pleasanton naturalist Eric Nicholas at the next Century House Poetry Reading on Sunday, October 5, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Century House is located at 2401 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton. Admission is \$5.

Stillwell finds inspiration for her poetry in life and nature as well as in the culture of her ancestors, the Karuk People of Northern California.

Nicholas, a writer as well as a naturalist, will discuss how nature and art relate.

An open mic segment will follow when aspiring and accomplished poets of all ages will be invited to read a favorite or original poem of 40 lines or less.

Light refreshments will be served during intermission.

Century House poetry readings take place on one Sunday of even-numbered months, with the exception of December 2008. For more information, contact Michelle Russo at 931-5350 or [mrusso@ci.pleasanton.ca.us](mailto:mrusso@ci.pleasanton.ca.us) or visit [www.civicsartsliterary.org](http://www.civicsartsliterary.org).



### Film Classics Screen at Library

The Pleasanton Public Library and Las Positas College present: Great Performances: A free series of classic films for the entire family. The series is hosted by Candace Klaschus, Professor of Media Studies at Las Positas College. She presents a talk about each film prior to the viewing.

Programs begin at 7 p.m. The first film, Oct. 2, is "The Public Enemy."

Refreshments are served. The schedule is as follows: Oct. 2, The Public Enemy; Nov.

6, Gold Diggers of 1933; Dec. 4, I Am a Fugitive from a Chain Gang; Feb 5, Now, Voyager; Mar 5, Stella Dallas; April 2, The Westerner; May 7, Kitty Foyle; and June 4, Sullivan's Travels.

The program is free and open to all. No registration is required. The Classic Film Series continues every first Thursday of the month through June 4, 2009. For more information, call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.

### Fall Book Sale Scheduled

Friends of the Pleasanton Library will hold its Fall Book Sale 2008 on Fri., Sept. 26; Sat., Sept. 27; and Sun., Sept. 28 at the library in the large meeting room, 400 Old Bernal Ave.

The Friday night sale will run from 6 to 9 p.m. and is only open to members of Friends of the Library. Memberships will be available for purchase at the door.

The sale is open to everyone on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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books of all types from best-sellers to biographies to children's picture books and more will be for sale. Paperbacks will cost 50 cents, hardbacks and trade backs a dollar. The books are in good to perfect condition. There will also be videos and other media for sale.

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## ART & ENTERTAINMENT

**First Annual Livermore Poetry Contest.** All Livermore Residents 18 and over are welcome to enter. Deadline: October 31, 2008. Cash Prizes. Results will be announced in early December. Awards will be presented at the December 8, City Council meeting. Sponsored by the City of Livermore in affiliation with Livermore Poet Laureate Connie Post. Entry Forms accompanied by complete Rules and Guidelines are available at City of Livermore - City Hall - Second Floor, 1052 S. Livermore Avenue Livermore. For questions, call: 925-960-4140 Or e-mail Poet Laureate Connie Post at [connie@poetrypost.com](mailto:connie@poetrypost.com).

**Celebrating the Valley: Jeans & Jewels.** Tri Valley Conservancy (TVC) hosts a night of fun, food, dancing and bidding on one-of-a-kind auction experiences. Includes dinner, dance and auction at Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery on Thursday, October 2, from 6 to 10 p.m. Bid on one-of-a-kind experiences such as: a private picnic on a wine country estate; kayaking and lessons, dinner with winemakers, bottle your own wine, airplane rides! Tickets to "Celebrating the Valley - Jeans and Jewels" are \$75 per person. To purchase tickets, contact Barbara Graham at Tri-Valley Conservancy: 925-449-8706. All reservations must be made in advance - tickets will not be available at the door.

**Auditions Valley Concert Chorale** by appointment on Monday, September 29, at the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore. The church is located at the corner of 4th and L Streets. The Chorale is seeking experienced singers with sight-reading skills who enjoy singing exciting and challenging music. The Chorale performs a wide variety of music ranging from classical to contemporary, and folk to jazz. To schedule an appointment, call (925) 462-4205.

**Competition for Young Musicians.** Livermore-Amador Symphony Association 36th annual, application deadline is Sun., Oct. 5. Open to instrumentalists and vocalists who reside or attend school in Livermore, Sunol, Pleasanton, Dublin or San Ramon. Students are eligible through grade 12. If not enrolled in high school, the maximum age is 17. All instruments will be considered. The purpose is to select two young musicians who will perform as soloists with the symphony on Feb. 14, 2009. Each winner/soloist will be awarded \$250. Completed applications must be accompanied by a \$5 fee and a cassette tape, CD or DVD for preliminary screening. Application forms and additional information may be obtained from the symphony's website, [www.livsymph.org](http://www.livsymph.org) or by calling the competition coordinator at 447-1947.

**Diablo Light Opera Company.** Gloria Trombley directs, "Will Rogers Follies." 8 p.m. Sept. 26, 27; 2 p.m. Sept. 27. \$34-\$41. Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. 943-7479. [www.leshercenter.org](http://www.leshercenter.org).

**Pops Concert.** reservations for the Livermore-Amador Symphony's October 10th and 11th evening POPS concerts on sale (8 a.m. - 8 p.m.). This year's theme is "POPS Goes to the Movies." Call (925) 447-4924 for reservations. Concert will be held at The Barn, 3131 Pacific Avenue, Livermore. All seats are reserved at \$20

each. If leaving a phone message, state name, phone number, and the date and number of tickets desired.

**Vineyard Nights Live Music on the Patio:** Nova Jazz Trio Friday, September 26, a first rate professional ensemble that has been playing San Francisco's hot spots for years. Wine, beer, appetizers or dinner. Restaurant open 6 p.m., music 7-10 p.m. \$15pp minimum. Indoor seating available. For more information contact Garre Winery, 7986 Tesla Road, Livermore. 925.371.8200. [www.garrewinery.com](http://www.garrewinery.com).

**A Different View.** exhibit of art works based on East Bay Regional Park District parks, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore, from September 17, through October 30. A reception (reservations required at 925-373-6800) is planned for September 24, 2008.

**Lend Me a Tenor.** Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre (formerly Pleasanton Playhouse) Studio Theatre, 1048 Serpentine Lane, Suite 309, Pleasanton. Sept. 26, 27, 28; Oct. 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12. Fri. and Sat. 8 p.m. Sun. 2 p.m. Ticket information 462-2121 or [www.trivalleyrep.com](http://www.trivalleyrep.com).

**Del Valle Fine Arts.** Saturday Oct. 4, 8:00 pm. Bankhead Theater. The Percussion Group Cincinnati, performs on a battery of instruments, familiar and exotic. Tickets are \$29, \$24 and \$19 (high school students free and college \$10 day of performance) and can be obtained at the Bankhead Theater box office, 925-373-6800, Mon-Sat noon to 6:00 pm or online at [www.livermoreperformingarts.org](http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org). Additional information is available at [www.pgcinfo.com](http://www.pgcinfo.com) and [www.delvallefinearts.org](http://www.delvallefinearts.org) or by calling 925-447-2752.

**Fiddler on the Roof.** Asbury Players present a Reader's Theater presentation of Fiddler on the Roof, September 26, 27, 28. Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$5 general admission. Please call 455-1048 for additional information and show tickets. Tickets can also be purchased at the door, 30 minutes prior to curtain.

**San Francisco Comedy Competition.** City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Presents, Sun., Sept. 28, 8 to 10 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. For the past three decades, the San Francisco Comedy Competition has produced many of America's best known club and television comedians. Former winners include Robin Williams, Ellen DeGeneres, Dana Carvey, Patton Oswalt and Will Durst. The show is appropriate for adult audiences. \$15, \$20 and \$25. [www.civicsartstickets.org](http://www.civicsartstickets.org). 925-931-3444.

**Quilting in the Garden.** 11th anniversary event presented by Alden Lane Nursery and In Between Stitches, Sept. 27 and 28, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featured artist, lectures, classes, tours, quilt show, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore. 447-0280.

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### Magic At the Pleasanton Senior Center

The Pleasanton VIP Senior Club will host an afternoon with Majaing the Magician and Magic Genii on Oct. 5.

The festivities will take place from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 3535 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton.

Majaing the Magician and Magic Genii use a combination of magic, comedy and juggling to entertain audiences. They have performed in 13 countries, in Las Vegas and at the Magic Castle in Hollywood.

The show features trained birds that appear and vanish at the magician's fingertips, a rabbit, lots of audience participation and feats of levitation.

Dessert will be served. Tickets are \$10. They will be available through Oct. 2 at the travel desk at the senior center. Tickets will not be sold at the door. For more information, contact Joanne Kelly, 224-9888.

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Daniel Glover at the keyboard.

### Performance Benefits Valley Concert Chorale

Concert Pianist Daniel Glover will perform a piano recital to benefit the Valley Concert Chorale on Saturday, October 4, at 7:30 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore.

The church is located at the corner of 4th and L Streets. Tickets are \$25.

Glover, who is the accompanist for the Valley Concert Chorale, is an internationally known concert pianist who has performed extensively throughout the world. Of Glover's talent, the San Jose Mercury News said, "Glover is an incisive, exciting, and apparently tireless player...a natural for hyper-virtuosic challenge."

The Livermore program will feature the religiously inspired works of Franz Liszt including his Benediction of God in Solitude, and the descriptive Legends, which tells the story of two events in the lives of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Francis of Paola.

The second half of the recital is dedicated to two Russian composers, Nicolai Medtner and

Sergeo Rachmaninoff.

Tickets and information about the Valley Concert Chorale is available at [www.valleyconcertchorale.org](http://www.valleyconcertchorale.org) or by calling the general information line at (925) 866-4003.

Glover has performed in 42 states and 22 countries throughout Europe, Asia, North America and the Caribbean. He holds a master's degree from New York's Juilliard School, where he attended as a scholarship student. Among his numerous competition awards is first prize in the prestigious Liederkrantz Competition in 1990.

The Chorale's educational outreach program Music in the Schools, presents original musical performances at Tri-Valley primary school assemblies to celebrate the joy of music and singing with area students. Individuals and corporations are invited to provide financial contributions of any amount.

For information, call Pam Grove at 925-462-4205.

## Group Showcases Classic and Experimental Music

Del Valle Fine Arts begins its 40th season at 8:00 pm on Saturday October 4 at the Bankhead Theater with a bang – many bangs!

A trio of musicians, The Percussion Group Cincinnati, performs on a battery of instruments, familiar and exotic. A Washington Post review concluded, "Some of the most beautiful and unusual chamber music of the season...a performance of remarkable intensity and a far wider range than the usual chamber music fare."

PGC was founded in 1979 and consists of members Allen Otte, James Culley, and Russell Burge, all of whom are faculty members and ensemble-in-residence at the College-Conservatory of Music of the University of Cincinnati.

Showcasing classic and experimental concert music from America, Chile, South Africa and China, their musical palette consists of marimbas, drums, gongs, prepared piano, a computer, a deck of cards and more. No stone or rather, no instrument, no potential for beauty- is left unturned here. In addition to community concerts, workshops, and master classes, the Group regularly appears as concerto soloists with symphony orchestras, and has presented their program "Music From Scratch" to hundreds of thousands of children across North America.

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The Percussion Group Cincinnati

sic of John Cage, having made tours and festival appearances with him on a number of occasions in Europe and in America. The group's work appears on various CDs, including their own "ars moderno" label; their recording of John Luther Adams' evening-length "Strange and Sacred Noise" was released in surround-sound by Mode.

Tickets are \$29, \$24 and \$19 (high school students free and college \$10 day of performance) and can be obtained at the Bankhead Theater box office, 925-373-6800, Mon-Sat noon to 6:00 pm or online at [www.livermoreperformingarts.org](http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org). Additional information is available at [www.pgcinfo.com](http://www.pgcinfo.com) and [www.delvallefinearts.org](http://www.delvallefinearts.org) or by calling 925-447-2752.

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### Grammy Award Winner Rickie Lee Jones Performs Oct. 1 at Bankhead

The Grammy Award winning composer and song stylist, Rickie Lee Jones, will bring her distinctive musical talents to Livermore's Bankhead Theater on Wednesday, October 1 at 8pm for one performance only.

Jones has experienced significant commercial success. However, a restless creative spirit — combined with a stubborn refusal to fit comfortably into any one musical niche — sealed her ultimate destiny as a highly regarded cult heroine

Rickie Lee Jones' career spans nearly three decades spanning many genres: folk, rock, jazz, soul, spoken word and pop.

Despite her continuing efforts to challenge herself and her work, to most of the world, Jones will forever be defined by her breakthrough hit, "Chuck E's in Love," a Top Five single which led her to a best-new-artist Grammy Award in 1980.

Rickie Lee Jones in concert is a presentation of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center's acclaim LVPAC Presents program. Next up in the series, on Friday, October 3rd at 8pm are the incomparable comedians, musicians and political satirists, The Smothers Brothers - headlin-



Rickie Lee Jones

ing LVPAC's fall gala.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in Downtown Livermore and operated by the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center. The ticket office is open Tuesday through Saturday from 12:00 noon to 6 p.m. On performance days the ticket office opens at noon and remains open through intermission. To purchase tickets call 373-6800, or visit the Bankhead Theater website at [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org).

### New Date for Reception

The artist reception for a new show at Worthington Gallery West will be held Fri., Oct. 3 from 6 to 8 p.m. The show, "Signs of the Past - Today: Iconic Neon Signs and Advertising Images found in California and Nevada" will run Sept. 26 through Oct. 25. The work is by photographer Ann King.

The gallery is located at 739 Main St. in downtown Pleasanton. There is no admission charge.



Bird pendant by Diana Carey.

### LAA Gallery Features Jewelry

The Livermore Art Association Gallery will feature the jewelry of Diana Carey during the month of October.

Diana creates unique pendants and earrings from carved stone, silver and bronze. The gallery will be displaying about 30 pieces from her collection. They will be for sale.

Other local artworks, which celebrate the harvest theme of "Oranges & Golds," will also be displayed.

LAA Gallery hours are 11:30-4:00 Wed-Sun, and also Thursday evenings until 8:00 during the Farmer's Market season. The Gallery is located in the historic Carnegie Building at 2155 3rd St. Livermore. For more information call the Gallery 925-449-9927.

### Acrobats, Comedy at Amador Theater

Two performances this weekend will raise the curtain on the City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Presents Series at the Amador Theater.

Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats will perform Fri., Sept. 26 at 8 p.m. The Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats(R) have been performing for over 20 years. Their productions feature acrobatic displays, feats of daring and balance, explosive Kung Fu, brilliant costumes, and a touch of Chinese comedy.

Tickets are adults \$20, \$25, \$30 and child (12 years and under) \$10, \$15, \$20.

On Sunday, the focus is on comedy when the San Francisco Comedy Competition hits the stage. Curtain time is 8 p.m.

For the past three decades, the San Francisco Comedy Competition has produced many of America's best known club and television comedians. Former winners include Robin Williams, Ellen DeGeneres, Dana Carvey, Patton Oswalt and Will Durst. The show is appropriate for adult audiences.

Tickets are \$15, \$20 and \$25. The Amador Theater is located at 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Tickets for either performance are available at the theater box office, by calling 931-3444 or go to [www.pleasantoncivicarts.org](http://www.pleasantoncivicarts.org)

### Pleasanton Resident Wins Film Making Prize

Northern California filmmaker Clinton Torres was chosen the winner of the Dell Frame of Reference \$25,000 grand prize on Sunday, August 31, at the 35th Annual Telluride Film Festival for his "Prohibition 2020" short film.

Torres lives in Pleasanton, and works at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for the Global Security "S" Program, where he does bioinformatics for biological threat detection. He plans on using his prize money to fund filmmaking classes and his next film.

Contestants completed films in two separate rounds for the competition. The first round entry was a film up to five minutes long which blended a film style, a theme, and a song. Three finalists were selected based on creative execution, technical skill, and public appeal. The finalists were then tasked with creating a ten to twenty minute short film in the style of French New Wave,

with a required theme and song.

The first round film that Torres wrote and directed was filmed on a video camera he borrowed from his girlfriend's parents. Each of the three first-round finalists received a computer, a cash prize, and a trip for two to the 2008 Telluride Film Festival.

His second round film, at approximately 16 minutes, was the longest and most complicated he has made yet. Selected by a panel of judges as the winner, his short film screened at the Dell Lounge in the Brigadoon tent during a special breakfast awards ceremony at the Telluride Film Festival.

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# Nine Members of Girl Scout Troop 1930 Earn Gold Awards

By Patricia Koning

All nine members of Girl Scout Troop 1930 have reached the pinnacle of the Girl Scout world by earning their Gold Award. On Sunday, Sept. 7, the Girl Scouts celebrated their achievement at a special ceremony. Livermore Vice Mayor John Marchand presented the girls with certificates on behalf of the City of Livermore.

"It's very rare for this many girls from one troop to achieve a Gold Award. I think it happened because of Troop Leader Kathy Dreisbach's leadership and the fact that they girls really supported each other," said Clare Kalantar, a parent of one of the Girl Scouts.

The Gold Award is the highest award that a 14- to 18-year-old Girl Scout can achieve. It's akin to the Boy Scout's Eagle Award. The project, which must be approved by the Girl Scout council, is intended to fulfill a need within a girl's community (whether local or global), create

change, and become ongoing. Projects must encompass organizational, leadership, and networking skills.

The girls began working towards fulfilling the Gold Award requirements about three years ago. Achieving the end result—the community service project—required a lot of prerequisites, such as leadership activities, community service hours, related badges, and research. The girls had to obtain supplies by raising money or through donations.

Many of the girls' projects benefited Livermore schoolchildren. Katrina Kalantar worked with 17 students in the BELIEVES program at Portola Elementary School, helping them create projects for the Livermore School District's Science Odyssey. Caroline Snow collected games, movies, and other activities for Marilyn Avenue Elementary School's Extended Student Services (ESS) program, which she attended while in elementary school. She also helped refurbish

classrooms and labeled materials in English and Spanish.

Other projects helped the broader Livermore community. Kelsey Engel added 60 feet to the path at the Butterfly Garden outside the Livermore Public Library. Sunde Edwards-Stewart created "treasure chests" of toys and new blankets for children at Shepherd's Gate.

Three girls worked on projects to benefit Oakland's Children's Hospital and Research Center. Nadia Lillie created activity kits for young patients. Jennifer Dreisbach made six quilts that were distributed through Quilts for Kids. Sydney Batchelder made 67 comfort pillows for autistic children at the hospital.

Both Jennifer and Sydney organized sewing days so that their troopmates could provide assistance. To be comforting and suitable for autistic children, the pillows had to be made from thick, durable fabric with specific patterns and beans sewn inside.

Alanah Waples pursued her



Taking part in the Gold Award ceremony were, standing, left to right, Caroline Snow, Jennifer Dreisbach, Sydney Batchelder, Lindsey Herbert, Katrina Kalantar; front, left to right, Kelsey Engel, Sunde Edwards-Stewart, and Alanah Waples



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Brandon McCallum and Cameron Carlson demonstrate a balancing skill.

## ACROBATS

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Gymnastics senior national acrobatic team. Maren Focke Rey, Jillian Giblin, and Katie Rodgers were selected for the junior national team. On the Junior Olympic National team are Brandon McCallum, Cameron Carlson, Hannah Douglas, and Soffia Metzler.

"This is a huge accomplishment for me and the team," says Marie Annonson, head coach and owner of WCTC. "All twelve of our athletes who tried out for the Worlds' team were accepted. The enthusiasm in the gym right now is terrific. The athletes are really excited to go to Scotland together."

Acrobatic gymnastics is a relatively unknown, yet familiar sport. Athletes compete in groups of two, three, or four and perform balance and flight stunts that are similar to those seen in Cirque de Soleil performances. (In fact, acrobatic gymnasts are often asked to join Cirque de Soleil and other similar performing groups.)

The gravity-defying stunts are just one component of complex routines that incorporate tumbling and dance sequences similar to floor routines in artistic gymnastics, all choreographed to any style of music.

Annonson, who has been a competitive gymnast since the age of 5, says she was drawn to the sport because of the balance between artistry and skill strength. "I was also scared of the high beam, so acrobatic gymnastics was a nice fit for me, because there is no apparatus involved," she explains. "In each group, there is a base so not everyone has to go flying through the air."

Parent Linda McCallum, whose son Brandon will perform at Worlds, likes the teamwork aspect of the sport. "The kids really learn to work together," she says. "Every routine is unique, down to the costumes and music. It's almost like pairs ice skating in the artistry."

Acrobatic gymnastics is not a sport to be dabbled in. The elite-level athletes practice between 20-25 hours a week with double workouts on weekdays. Many of the athletes are on independent study so they can fit schoolwork into the rigorous training routine.

Kristin is in her second year of independent study. "We've done it both ways, fitting in practices around the school day and working independently," says her mother Karen Sprague. "The biggest benefit of independent study is she can sleep more, which means she's healthier."

Steffi Scheid, a sophomore at Livermore High School, says the commitment is the toughest part of being an acrobatic gymnast. She's the base of a trio, which means during routines she's often supporting her two partners Hannah Busha and Mariah

Spray.

In a stunt called a teepee, Steffi and Hannah do face-to-face handstands with their feet touching. Using the back of Steffi's head as a step, Mariah climbs up to the girls' feet, where she performs a sequence of balance moves.

"The tumbling sequences are the most nerve-racking part of the routine," says Steffi. "When we do the balance stunts, it's easy because we are so focused."

Steffi's trio has been performing together for four years and they've won their level at nationals every year. The acrobatic gymnasts make a yearlong commitment to their partners at the start of the season, but the groups tend to be stronger if they've been together for multiple seasons.

Kristin and Michael have only been together for about six months, which makes their outstanding performance at nationals even more impressive. They've got their eyes on gold at Worlds and Michael expects them to finish at least in the top three.

If they finish in the top six, they will earn a spot at The World Games 2009, which will held next July in Kaohsiung City, Taiwan. The World Games feature sports not contested in the Olympic Games, such as water skiing, field archery, competitive climbing,

and sumo wrestling. (Only acrobatic gymnasts competing at the senior elite level, ages 15 and older, can qualify for the World Games; the other WCTC athletes are competing at the age group level.)

For updates on the WCTC athletes' performance at the Worlds, visit [www.acro2008.com/](http://www.acro2008.com/). For more information on WCTC, see <http://westcoast-tc.com/>. For more information on acrobatic gymnastics, visit [www.usa-gymnastics.org/acro](http://www.usa-gymnastics.org/acro).

love of animals and created pet starter kits with the Pleasanton SPCA. She asked the community for donations and enlisted the help of a fourth-grade Girl Scout troop, who earned a badge for their efforts.

Lindsey Herbert created "sunshine in a box"—care packages of cards, games, and socks—to send to U.S. troops stationed in Iraq. "I wanted to give back to those keeping us safe," she said.

Six of the nine members of Troop 1930—Sydney Batchelder, Jennifer Dreisbach, Kelsey Engel, Lindsey Herbert, Nadia Lillie, Alanah Waples—have been together since they were Daisies in Kindergarten. Those six members plus Katrina Kalantar, who started Girl Scouts in kindergarten with a different troop, also received their 10-year Girl Scouts Award.

Troop Leader Kathy Dreisbach notes that while the Gold Award must be completed by the end of a Girl Scout's senior year, the members of Troop 1930 are just starting their junior year at Granada High School. "This gives them the freedom to pursue activities that aren't necessarily required," she explained. "Their leadership can benefit the Girl Scout organization as a whole."

As leaders, the girls have a message for younger Girl Scouts. "They should stay with it. We've been in this troop together for so long it's like we are family," said Sidney.

"We weren't at the same schools for many years, so seeing my troopmates at meetings

felt like a big party every week," adds Kelsey. "It's just fun to hang out together."

Caroline has the final word: "People think Girl Scouts are nerdy, but we are definitely not."

## Applefest Set at Ravenswood

A \$2 donation to attend an event that will be giving out pink pearls may seem too good to be true - except for when the pink pearls aren't the kind you wear as jewelry. These pink pearls are apples. They are only one of the many types of heirloom apples that will be part of Applefest, coming up Saturday, Sept. 27, at Ravenswood Historic Site.

Applefest, organized by Ranger "Apple" Amy Wolitzer with the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, allows the public a chance to sample many unique types of apples in a historic setting. The event features activities such as cider making, old-time games and docent-led tours of the buildings and orchards. Visitors can also learn about the apple's role in U.S. history. Old-fashioned games will feature "hoop 'n' stick," a potato sack race and charades of classic apple stories (think Snow White).

The apple orchards were planted in the 1980s as part of LARPD's effort to give visitors a feel for what Ravenswood was like in the 1890s during its heyday. There were apple and almond orchards on the original estate. Apple varieties include trees from the original strain of Golden and Red Delicious, Court Pendu Plat, the Baldwin and the Pink Pearl. The Park District also planted 35 new apple trees this spring at Ravenswood. When selecting the trees, LARPD chose varieties popular in the late 1800s, such as the Spitzenburg, Ribston Pippin and Cox's Orange Pippin.

Applefest will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at Ravenswood Historic Site, 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore. A \$2 donation is requested. For more information, call the LARPD Ranger Station at 925-960-2400.

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A pair of AT-6 aircraft staged a fly-by during the Livermore Airport open house last weekend. In addition to the air demonstration, there were displays of a wide variety of aircraft on the ground.

### Preparedness Fair Part of Farmers' Market

The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department is holding an emergency preparedness fair on September 25 from 4 to 8 p.m. in conjunction with the Farmers' Market.

Both the market and the fair will be at Carnegie Park, 3rd and J Streets, Livermore.

In addition to the fire department, the following groups or agencies will be on hand with information: Livermore Police Department, Red Cross Bay Area Chapter, Noah's Wish, LDS Church, DOMs, LARK, Boy Scouts of America, LPPD HazMat, Your Safety Place, and the Masonic Lodge.

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## Community Welcome at Health Fair

The Hindu Community and Cultural Center Human Services will host a health fair on Sept. 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event will be at the Shiva-Vishnu Temple, 1232 Arrowhead Ave., Livermore.

Free medical advice will be offered on internal medicine, cardiology, diseases of the stomach, intestine and liver, lung diseases, allergy, asthma and immunology, childhood diseases, women's health, psychiatry, physical medicine and rehabilitation, orthopedics, skin diseases, nutrition and diet urology/nephrology, eye disease, chiropractic services, alternative medicine, and dental hygiene.

There will be free evaluation of blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol, and bone density. Bone marrow donor registration will be available.

All are welcome. The health fair is conducted as part of human services activities at the temple for the benefit of the local community. Certified physicians will offer advice on the health condition of interested visitors after preliminary screening. All visitors will be required to sign a liability release/authorization form to participate in this free health screening.

For more information, email [anand\\_gundu@yahoo.com](mailto:anand_gundu@yahoo.com) or Human Services Chair at call the temple at 449-6255.

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### Nostalgia Day Car Show in Downtown

The 19th annual Nostalgia Day Car Show is set for Sun., Sept. 28 in downtown Livermore.

The event is sponsored by the Altamont Cruisers and is a fundraiser for youth and the Crusiers Against Drugs program.

Street rods, custom and classic cars will line First Street from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be arts and crafts, food for purchase, music from the 50s and 60s, and hourly prize drawings.

There is no admission charge. For car registration or vendor information, call 461-2020 or go to [www.AltamontCruiser.org](http://www.AltamontCruiser.org).

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