

Hosterman Holds Narrow Lead in Mayor's Race

What looked like a victory for mayoral challenger Steve Brozosky on election night, could be a win for incumbent Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman.

As of Tuesday, Hosterman had taken over the lead with 10,723 votes to 10,608 for Brozosky - a slim margin of 115 votes.

According to the Alameda County Registrar of Voters office, there are approximately 15,000 provisional, 5,000 damaged, and 3,000 vote by mail or absentee ballots remaining to be counted. The spokesperson was unable to say how many of those ballots were from Pleasanton.

The Registrar of Voters has 28 days after the election to certify the results.

The council race results saw Jerry Thorne returned to office with 11,355 votes. Cheryl Cook-Kallio was elected

to replace Brozosky on the council with 8406 votes. Dan Faustina finished third at 7708 and Brian Arkin fourth with 6269 votes.

Measure P, the vote to approve plans for the Bernal property, was approved by a 16,305 to 3,559 margin.

Two incumbents were returned to office in the Livermore School Board race. Anne White was the leading vote getter with 11,671, followed by William Dunlop with 11,643. Kate Runyon was also elected to serve on the board with 11,169 votes. McKinley Day received 10,870 votes.

East Bay Regional Park District, Ward 5, representative Ayn Wieskamp was easily returned to office receiving 55,400 votes to 16,185 for her opponent, Frank Pirrone.

Chosen to serve on the Sunol Glen School District board were Graham

Barnes, 221, and Guin Van Dyke (incumbent), 175. Linda Pappas received 109 votes.

Sandra Bean was chosen to serve as Superior Court Judge over Dennis Hayashi by a margin of 136,179 to 129,685.

Guy Houston (R), the incumbent, defeated Terry Coleman (D) 70,249 to 58,750 for the 15th State Assembly seat, while Mary Hayashi (D) defeated Jill Buck (R) 52,623 to 25,784. The State Senate 10th District seat went to Ellen Corbett (D) with 107,599 votes to 40,190 for Lou Filipovich (R).

In federal races, Ellen Tauscher (D) was reelected to the 10th Congressional District with 110,281 votes to 56,200 for Darcy Pearl (R). Jerry McNerney (D) ousted 11th Congressional District incumbent Richard Pombo (R), 88,835 to 78,223.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

With the addition of a \$3000 late campaign donation, mayoral candidate Steve Brozosky's donation total was over \$70,000. He loaned himself \$3000 while awaiting the donation, which came from Randy Brown, a self-employed consultant.

Brozosky had spent over \$47,000 with Spinovations Strategies, a company run by Richard Pombo spokesperson Carl Fogliani. He paid for campaign literature.

Jennifer Hosterman reported a total of \$25,475.

The Chamber PAC received \$35,328 in donations, with \$9100 coming in between Oct. 22 and Oct. 31. Of that total, \$5000 came from PG&E and \$4000 from Safeway, Inc.

A \$3000 donation from the Pleasan-

ton Chamber of Commerce Political Action Committee raised council candidate Cheryl Cook-Kallio's total to over \$19,000. Cook-Kallio received \$6000 from the Chamber's PAC. Another last minute donation to her campaign was a \$1500 check from Sprinkler Fitters & Apprentices.

Jerry Thorne's council campaign got a boost from literature sent out by the Coalition for Jobs and Environmental Balance, sponsored by energy companies. The value of the mailing was \$11,035.

Thorne's campaign collected \$19,607 according to the final report turned into the city clerk's office on Nov. 2.

Total donations for the other two council candidates were Dan Faustina, \$10,555, and Brian Arkin, \$14,240.

Park District To Operate Climbing Gym

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District agreed to take over operation of the climbing wall at Sunrise Mountain Sports on a one year trial basis starting in January 2007.

The vote was 4 to 1. Director Dale Turner was opposed. He felt that a government agency should not be involved in a private business.

Board President Scott Kamena said he was surprised by the support. "It's like a cult of rock climbing. What touched me most were the kids. I like the idea of giving it a year's trial. I'm willing to rent the business and see what happens."

Owners Kim and Rob Granfield plan to close the business in order to focus on Sunrise Mountain Sports, their retail business adjacent to the rock gym.

LARPD staff had recommended that the board not approve the proposal. General Manager Tim Barry felt the cost would be too much. He estimated the district would lose about \$35,000 a year in operating the climbing wall. In addition, there would be \$25,000 to \$38,000 in start-up costs.

Mike Nicholson, ranger/naturalist supervisor, told the board that the wall serves a pretty substantial population. It would offer an opportunity for the district to expand its programming. "It's a unique program. Only one other district in California offers it."

Nicholson also noted that the district had considered building a climbing wall. Leasing this fa-

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Foothill High School stayed unbeaten with a 23 to 7 victory over cross-town rival Amador Valley last week. It is the first perfect regular season for Coach Matt Sweeney. Action now moves into the playoffs with Foothill seeded second. They will take on James Logan in a North Coast Section 4-A game on Friday at Foothill. In the photo Amador receiver, Nick Vuoto, is brought down by the Foothill defense.

Livermore Looks to Ban Superstores; and Marijuana Dispensaries

The Livermore City Council decided to ban two different uses within the city.

At its meeting on Monday, the council directed staff to bring back two different ordinances for future consideration. One would ban medical marijuana dispensaries in the city. The second would be aimed at stopping superstores from locating in Livermore.

The vote for the superstore ordinance was unanimous. Mayor Marshall Kamena made the motion to support the ban. "It is not aimed at one store, but at discount superstores of a certain size. Stores would know it is not a use Livermore allows."

Superstores average in size at about 250,000 square feet. They are generally distinguished not

only by their greater size, but by their inclusion of grocery items, with groceries comprising at least 25 to 33 percent of the store area.

The main reason given for the ban is the potential negative impact on the downtown and neighborhood centers if a superstore were to be built. Senior Planner Steve Stewart told the council that a superstore with a grocery may impact nearby grocery stores and potentially destabilize the neighborhood centers they anchor.

The issue of superstores arose when Wal-Mart submitted an application to build one at the corner of Jack London and Isabel Avenue. Proposed is a 222,000 square foot store that would include a tire and lube service area.

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McNerney Surprised By Margin of Victory

Jerry McNerney, the Pleasanton Democrat chosen as the next 11th Congressional District (CD) representative, was surprised by the margin of victory over Rep. Richard Pombo. As of Tuesday, the margin was over 7 percent.

He told the Independent that he thought it would be closer.

McNerney added that he knew he would win when President Bush came to Stockton about a month ago to speak for Pombo.

Bush's visit sent a signal that

the Republican Party knew that Pombo was in big trouble. Further, Bush's visit brought out more precinct walkers for McNerney. He even put out a tongue-in-cheek press release, urging the president to come back to Stockton for another fund-raiser, in hopes of getting out even more precinct walkers.

He said his victory was partly the result of a mood in the United States that wanted to "see checks and balances, transparency and

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Assisted Living Work Earns Award

The annual Pleasanton Mayor's Award went to the entire Assisted Living Facility Subcommittee.

The announcement was made during the annual Mayor's Award Dinner on Monday.

Members of the subcommittee are Barbara Hempill, Harvey Kameny, Marty Kameny, Pat Lane, Joanne Olsen, and Christine Steiner.

The dinner uses a special

theme each year. This year the theme was "Commission Jeopardy." The Mayor acted as the game show host. Commissioners were the contestants. The presentation was a tongue-in-cheek look at commission accomplishments over the past year.

None of the contestants gave the right responses. For example, the Civic Arts answer was \$1,000,000. Commissioner Tony Rivera said the question was how

much had members of the Pleasanton Civic Arts Foundation pledged towards the Firehouse Arts Center.

"Wrong," declared Hosterman. "It's how much money was spent by Commissioner Howard Seebach on a bronze statue of himself in front of the Firehouse."

The Economic Vitality Committee was represented by Dave

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Local Fast-Draw Gunslinger Debunks Old West Myths



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Larry Hamby gets ready to draw.

Larry Hamby of Livermore, one of the nation's best fast-draw gunslingers, is being featured by the Discovery Channel this month and next, debunking a couple of Old West myths.

Hamby owns the San Leandro based Security Six, which trains security guards, armored car personnel, alarm agents and private investigators in techniques involving firearms and other weapons such as nightsticks and tear gas, and licenses them to make arrests. He is a state certified instructor in those fields. In addition, he's a licensed gun dealer, operating out of the San Leandro Gun Range. Holder of a ninth degree black belt, Hamby also teaches karate at the Livermore Valley Tennis Club. He has lived in Livermore for about 20 years.

Fast-draw gunslinging is a side activity he pursues through the Single-Action Shooting Society (SASS). "It's just a hobby," said Hamby.

When he first took up this hobby, only a few hundred were participating in the U.S. He himself is Member 401 of SASS, which has exploded to a present membership of around 70,000. "Fast-draw is becoming more and more popular all across the country," he observed.

Hamby has mastered the art. He is both fast and deadeye accurate, and has won innumerable awards. In 1998 and again in 1999 he shot his way through the 10-12 stages of competition and was awarded a special prize

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Businesses To Be Encouraged To Help Out On Making Connections In Trail System

The Valley's trail system is such a benefit to businesses that their owners should be encouraged to help complete the trails network, according to Ken Mercer.

Mercer, who became chair of the Tri-Valley Business Council (TVBC) in August, intends to use his position to help get those trails linked up.

Developers have built trails within cities. Zone 7 has constructed trails along the arroyos

between cities. However, there are still a few important spots around the Valley that are breaks on the trails map. They need to be filled so that the network is complete.

One reason to finish them is so that employees in one city can commute to work in another city, said Mercer. He cited Dublin as an example. Work still needs to be completed to link Dublin to Pleasanton under Interstate 580. If companies like Sybase could contribute to the completion, it

would enable an employee to ride from Pleasanton, Livermore, or from a BART or ACE train station to their Dublin workplace, said Mercer.

"I think Sybase would be happier if there were a better way to get to work, for example, get off ACE and ride your bike. It would make them happy, versus no way to go from ACE to Sybase. Maybe there is a way you can do it. Maybe it helps keep employees

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Alamo Canal Trail Connection Enters Planning Stage

When completed, the Alamo Canal Trail extension would provide a connection between Pleasanton and Dublin under I-580.

East Bay Regional Park District, in partnership with the cities of Pleasanton and Dublin, coordinated a study to determine if the trail could provide a safe, non-motorized route between the two cities.

The Pleasanton City Council last week heard the results of the study. Jim Townsend, trails pro-

gram manager for EBRPD, presented the findings.

Townsend commented that if the trail were extended, it would close a long standing trail gap linking Centennial Trail in Pleasanton with the Alamo Canal Trail in Dublin. Alamo Canal, in turn, connects to the Iron Horse Trail. When completed, there would be a trail all of the way from Martinez to downtown Pleasanton.

"The biggest challenge is get-

ting under the BART structure," Townsend told the council. There is water on the bottom of the route and concrete on the top. The level of the water varies. During rainy periods, the trail would be closed. The 800-foot trail will be ADA compliant.

The next step will be to pursue a Measure B grant of \$300,000 to pay for the design stage.

"This is a complicated and

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Do You Remember?



By Anne Homan

The Bolsa and Hops

One of the first landscapes to disappear from farms or ranches is the wetland. Often drained on purpose, it also loses its watery base because demands made by the surrounding farmland and people have lowered the water table. California has lost approximately 99% of its wetlands.

Long ago, Arroyo Las Positas, Arroyo Mocho, San Ramon Creek and Tassajara Creek, streams flowing west and south through the Livermore Valley, ended in a *bolsa* (pocket or basin) or *laguna* (lake) in the low area, now a part of Pleasanton, below Dublin and I-580. In a sense the area was a delta for these streams, built up by erosion from the hills during the rainy season.

Even in the dry season, the area remained a willow marsh much favored by waterfowl. The owners of Century House on Santa Rita Road could shoot ducks from their front veranda. In the wet season the area was sometimes called Tulare Lake. Aerial photographs taken during the phenomenal flood of December 1955 show the extent of the old *bolsa*.

Between 1888 and 1889, a nine-mile canal was excavated by a steam dredger at a cost of over \$17,000 to E.R. Lilienthal of San Francisco, George C. Stanley, and the Black estate to allow the *bolsa* water to drain into the Arroyo de la Laguna to the west of Pleasanton. In the 1890s, farmers continued this undertaking, creating a number of canals still visible across Pleasanton—the Pleasanton, Arroyo Mocho, Alamo, Tassajara, and Chabot Canals.

The Rose Canal farther south carries the water from Arroyo del Valle over to the Arroyo de la Laguna. This arroyo becomes Alameda Creek and flows to the bay. Today, Zone 7 is responsible for the upkeep of these canals.

Once the area was drained, farmers experimented with various crops planted in the extra-rich virgin soil: grain, gooseberries, sugar beets, grapes, hops.

Hops add the bitter taste to beer and act as a natural preservative in the beermaking process, and the hops grown here proved to be special. Beer makers desired them for their bright golden color, fine silken texture, and high content of lupulin.

By 1897 about 300 acres in the old *bolsa* were covered with hop vines. That year the Pleasanton Hop Company, owned by the Lilienthal family, built a processing plant consisting of 12 hop kilns, each of them 60 feet high, plus three large warehouses. The facility was located west of Hopyard Road and south of Black Avenue.

The hopyards lined what is now called Hopyard Road. Planted in the spring, hop vines grew at an amazing rate, as much as six inches per day, to soon cover six-foot-high trellises. From there they drooped like thick curtains that would swing in a breeze.

Harvest time, lasting several weeks, was in late August and early September. Pickers pulled the vines down from the trellises and stripped off the tiny graceful bell-like flowers into large baskets. These were emptied into individual sacks assigned to each picker, and the sacks were weighed.

Wagons carted the sacks to the kilns where the green hops were hoisted up and dumped knee-deep onto an elevated wooden grating covered with burlap and then dried with heat of 150° to 170° for 10 to 12 hours. The burners of the kilns ran day and night during harvest season with a deafening roar.

After cooling, most of the hops were baled in burlap and transported by rail from Pleasanton to New York City, where they were shipped to England. Guinness, the London brewer, was the largest purchaser of Pleasanton hops. The crop averaged 1,600 to 2,000 pounds per acre of dried hops, which is equal to 3½ tons per acre when green. By 1902 the hopyards covered 1,900 acres.

About 300 workers were employed year-round, but at harvest season, as many as 1,500 pickers came from all parts of the state. They earned a penny a pound, and a tent city was set up to house them all. The average pay was \$2.50 to \$5.00 per day. The exact dates of picking were broadcast throughout the state by daily newspapers and placards. The pickers were a diverse group: Chinese, Mexican, Japanese, and European Americans. A tribe of Paiute Indians came from Reno, Nevada, every year. Families often came together. Alfred Sachau of Livermore remembered that when his mother decided she wanted a piano, she and her 12 children worked at the hopyards during one harvest, earning \$400. "Then we came back home and my mother went right out and bought a piano."

The Spring Valley Water Company started supplying San Francisco with water from the area, and the water level in the wells used to irrigate the hopyards fell. The hop harvest declined rapidly; only 70 acres were planted in 1909. In November 1910 a *Herald* article was titled "Pleasanton Hop Yards will Be Dismantled."

The Orloff and Hansen dairies took over the property in 1919 and raised hay, alfalfa, and grain for their cattle, which provided milk for local residents. Eventually, the land was sold to developers. Today, Hacienda Business Park and the landscape of suburbia cover this once fertile area.

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Orchestration instruments, decorated by artists, were unveiled during a reception last weekend. The instruments will be placed at various sites in Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin starting Dec. 1. The instruments will be auctioned to raise funds for the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton and the performing arts theaters in downtown Livermore.

Designer Trees Highlight Annual Fund-raising

Tree designers are set to weave their holiday magic transforming the Shrine Event Center at 170 Lindberg Way in Livermore into a breathtaking array of color, lights and a Christmas wonderland. "Celebrating the Joy of Christmas Tree Lane" is the theme for ValleyCare Health System's annual fundraiser on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 30, and December 1 and 2.

New this year is the Family Stroll on Thursday evening from 5 - 8 pm. This is a chance to bring your family for \$10 (up to six people), have a photo taken with Santa, visit the Children's Secret Santa Shoppe, enjoy light refreshments and stroll through the forest of beautifully decorated trees.

Friday, December 1 is the Tinsel Tea from 10 am - noon, featuring a casual tea and silent auction. Tickets for the tea are \$20.

That evening guests will enjoy a sit-down dinner, entertainment and friendly bidding on the exquisite silent auction baskets at the Silent Night Soirée from 6:30 - 11:00 pm. Tickets for the Silent Night Soirée are \$60.

Saturday, December 2 guests will enjoy celebrating the season with a gourmet luncheon, entertainment and the drawings for all the beautifully decorated Christmas trees. Tickets for the luncheon are \$75.

Chance drawing tickets for the trees and the Christmas china table setting will be sold at all events. Proceeds benefit the ValleyCare Health Library and Ryan Comer Cancer Resource Center. Tickets are available through the ValleyCare Foundation at 925-373-4560.

If you would like to volunteer, become a sponsor or make a donation, please call ValleyCare today at 925-373-4020.

Family Week Proclaimed

Both the Livermore and Pleasanton city councils have issued proclamations recognizing National Family Week. The week is celebrated between Nov. 19 and 25.

The Alliance for Children and Families sponsors the annual celebration.

In Pleasanton, the council approved the proclamation last week. In it, the council notes, "Everyone has a role to play in making families successful, including neighborhood organizations, businesses, nonprofit groups, and of course, families themselves. Pleasanton is known as a community of character where families come to raise their children."

The Livermore council approved its proclamation at Monday's session.

Livermore's proclamation states, "Nothing is more critically connected to happiness than how well we love and support one another. The strength of our community depends on the strength of our families. Our most basic institution of family needs help and support from the extended family and the public institutions that surround us."

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<p style="font-size: small; color: white; background-color: black; padding: 2px;">\$578,900</p>	<p>3973 Stanford Way, Livermore</p> <p>4 Bedrooms 2 Baths Bonus Room w/ Hot Tub Move-in condition</p>
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Green Tech Finalists

Novazone, based in Livermore, was named as one of three finalists in the Emerging Technology Awards (ETA) for the Green Technology category. Aimed at celebrating tomorrow's leaders today, the Emerging Technology Awards honor Silicon Valley's spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship.

Novazone is a leading provider of innovative ozone-based solutions to improve the safety and freshness of food and water.

The three Green Technology finalists, along with the winner for each category, were recognized at an awards ceremony November 14, at Palo Alto's Crowne Plaza Hotel.

ETA categories include biotechnology, collaboration, customer relationship management, entertainment, green technology, medical devices, mobile technology, security, supply chain management, internet telephony and wireless. In addition, a Venture Capital firm will receive a special vision award. The awards were created by the Silicon Valley/San Jose Business Journal.

For more information on Emerging Technology Award tickets, call (408) 299-1871 or email cspiller@bizjournals.com

Senior Care Directory

The Alameda County Senior Care Directory, 2006 is now available for seniors, family members, caregivers and others interested in the care of the aging populations. The directory, published by Born To Age, also contains cost comparisons of home care nursing services and information on caring for aging parents, financing long term care and services available in the community.

The Born to Age Senior Care Directory is

available free of charge in locations throughout the Alameda County, including area libraries, senior centers and hospital health education centers. It can also be mailed for a \$2.00 postage and handling fee by sending a request to: Born To Age, P.O. Box 6863, Napa, CA 94581. A complete listing of services is also listed on www.borntoage.com.

New Director for Teller Ed. Center

The University of California's Edward Teller Education Center (ETEC) in Livermore has a new director, Carey Kopay of Lincoln, Calif. Kopay assumed leadership from ETEC's first director, Stan Hitomi on Oct. 30.

Kopay received a master's degree in biology from the University of California, Santa Barbara. She was the assistant director of the University of California, Davis Biotechnology Program, where she led K-14 educational outreach and facilitated partnerships between industry and high school science programs. She has a California State Teaching Credential in biology and general science and has taught at both the high school and community college levels.

Established in 2001 by the University of California Office of the President, ETEC is located adjacent to the Department of Applied Science (DAS) facilities at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's east gate. In collaboration with UC Davis, UC Merced and LLNL, ETEC is dedicated to providing professional development for K-12 teachers within the Tri-Valley area and San Joaquin Valley. For more information about ETEC go to the Web at <http://universitygateway.llnl.gov/strategic/ucdavis/etec.html>.

GUNSLINGER

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called the Clean Match Award. "It means I didn't miss any target. Not one miss," he explained. "Not many get this award."

With that background, it was only natural that the Discovery Channel would call him for its "Mythbuster" series to test some gunslinger myths from the Old West.

One myth concerned a marksman named Kid Curry, who claimed he could flip a silver dollar off the back of his hand and empty his pistol — five shots — before the coin hit the ground.

Hamby in his test recorded a blazing fast draw of 172 milliseconds. "I seriously doubt that Kid Curry could beat that," Hamby said. However, he managed no more than four shots as the coin fell to the ground. He said he proved it was physically impossible to get off the number of shots claimed by Kid Curry.

Another myth — showcased in a Clint Eastwood film — involved a cowboy on horseback saving his partner from hanging by shooting the noose.

"It can't be done. I showed it just can't be done," Hamby said.

He demonstrated that the accuracy of such a shot would have to be so pinpoint-perfect as to be virtually impossible. And even if the bullet were right on target, it probably wouldn't go through the rope, but would be deflected by the noose's movement.

The episode featuring Hamby was broadcast on November 1 and will be repeated through this month and into December.

Hamby grew up on a farm in

Alton, Illinois and enlisted in the Air Force, where he belonged to a bullseye pistol team. He moved to California in 1980, bringing his passion for marksman shooting. He said not much was happening in California in those days and he had to go to neighboring states to find action.

He competes in what is known as Cowboy Action Shooting and is accomplished in all three of the 19th century gun types — pistol, rifle and shotgun — that are used. Target distances are 7 yards for the pistols, 10-15 yards for the shotguns, 35-40 yards for the rifles. There also are long-range rifle shoots that employ single-shot buffalo rifles with bullets of 45/70-caliber or larger. These targets are from 300 to 500 yards out.

We asked Hamby if he can hit a target that distant. "Oh yes. Absolutely," he replied.

"I do very well at the compe-

titions," he said. "I have a lot of firsts, seconds and thirds. I'm usually in the top five. If I don't make the top ten, that's almost unheard of."

These events typically attract around 500 competitors.

In 2002 Hamby won the "King of the Cowboys" event sponsored by the Roy Rogers Museum in Victorville, California — one of his proudest awards.

He competes mainly in regional and sectional meets. He said the competition for national honors is a little too intense for him. "The guys who compete at that level are the elite. They practice all day — literally all day. I'm the next level down. I have too many other things going on in my life to make that kind of commitment," he said.

Larry Hamby is 60 years old. He looks 35-40. "Cowboy action shooting and fast-draw keep you young," he said with a big smile.

Tri-Valley CAREs Files Freedom Of Information Suit

Tri-Valley CAREs filed a lawsuit in the federal district court in San Francisco against the Department of Energy, charging numerous failures to comply with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

According to Tri-Valley CAREs, the DOE has failed to provide responsive documents as required by law for as long as three years on five separate information requests.

The five FOIA requests involve unclassified information on the feasibility of developing earth penetrating nuclear weapons, the environmental implica-

tions of a terrorist attack or catastrophic accident related to Livermore Lab's existing plutonium stockpile, the Lab's ten year site plan, and the Dept. of Homeland Security's biological agent research suits in Livermore.

The suit asks the judge to issue a court order appointing a special counsel to investigate DOE's pattern of failing to comply with the law. The special counsel would then determine whether disciplinary action is warranted and against whom.

Tri-Valley CAREs brought similar lawsuits against DOE in 1998 and 2000. DOE then produced the documents.

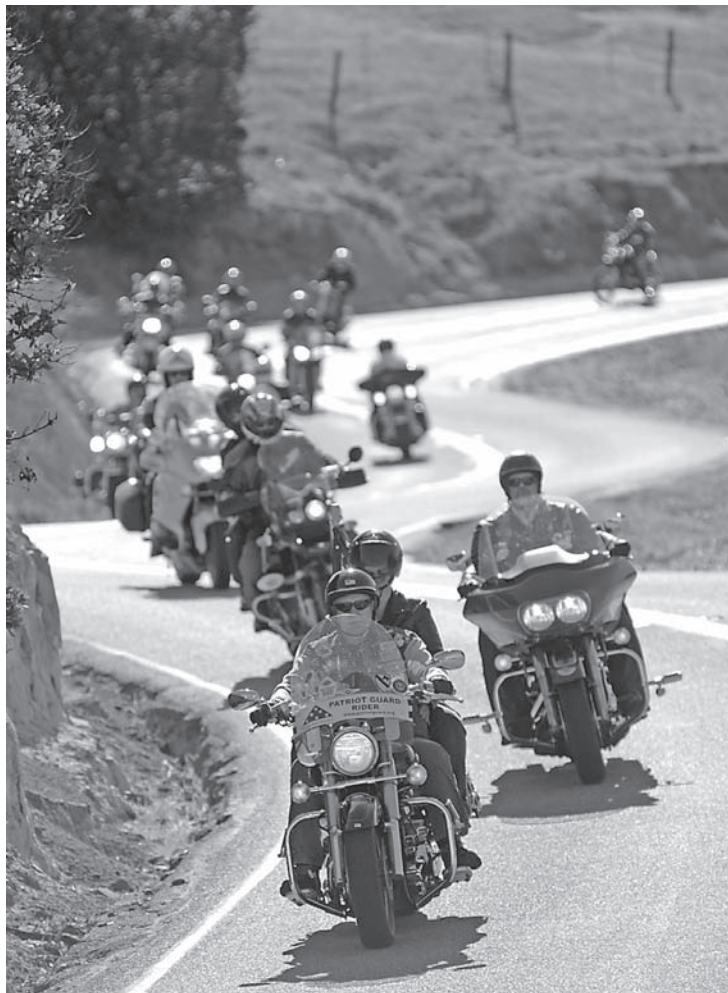


Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Motorcyclists from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory took part in their annual ride to salute veterans last week. The ride goes from Livermore to Site 300.

The Early Birds Get the Bargains In Downtown Livermore

Early birds will find great bargains and more in downtown Livermore this Saturday, November 18.

Livermore Downtown Inc. is hosting a holiday kick-off. Many of Downtown Livermore's gift shops and boutiques will be open and ready to serve shoppers from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. There will be special deals, offers and treats.

Special prizes will be given to those still wearing their pajamas. For more information contact Livermore Downtown Inc. at (925) 373-1795.

One of the stores open will be Sweet Dreamz Lingerie. Those arriving early on Nov. 18, will receive a 20% discount during these hours. Orange juice and pastries will be served.

It is described as offering "shabby chic lingerie." Sweet Dreamz Lingerie is located at 2074 First Street in downtown Livermore. For additional information, call 447-3769.

Danville to Host Annual Tree Lighting

The Danville tree lighting, a long time family tradition in Danville, will take place the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 24, 2006, from 5:15-8:30 pm along Diablo Road near the Old Oak Tree.

From 5:15-6:15pm, gather at the tree for holiday refreshments and music and sing along with the San Ramon Valley High School Chorus under the direction of Ken Abrams. From 6:15-6:30 the ceremonial lighting of the tree by Father Christmas and Snow Angel will occur. Finally, from 6:30-8:30 the festivities continue with holiday music, entertainment and refreshments

located at various businesses throughout downtown Danville.

Call the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce, at 925-837-4400 x14 for more information.



**This Saturday it's
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Between 7 and 10 a.m. ~ Hot Apple Cider ~ Donut Holes

Come dressed in your pajamas to receive a 10% DISCOUNT on ANY ITEM in the store! ...and "the Bird" is on sale, too! We will offer an additional 5% DISCOUNT on our Audubon birdcall plush birds, and any other toy, game, book, or puzzle that you can convince us is "bird-related" in some way, for a total "bird" discount of 15%!!!

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Jump out of bed on Saturday, November 18th and grab your mother, daughter, sister, girlfriend, colleague, grandma, aunt, niece...to get a head start on the Holiday Shopping! Downtown Livermore's gift shops and boutiques. You can also grab breakfast and one of the many downtown restaurants open in the AM! So leave the kids at home with dad or the babysitter and come have a great time while crossing your holiday shopping off your list! All of the businesses listed below will open and serving special morning goodies and beverages as well as offering you "Early Bird" specials!

Special prizes given to those still wearing their pajamas!!!

Blacksmith Square Merchants:
Diva In U, 21 S. Livermore Ave.
Sweet Feet, 21 S. Livermore Ave.
Riya's Art and Craft Boutique, 21 S. Livermore Ave.

First Street Core Merchants:
The Music Source, 2156 First Street
Country Morning & Sunni's Pet Boutique, 2044 First Street
Van's Health Foods, 2148 First Street
Orghipchick, 2145 First Street
A&R Floor to Ceiling, 2106 First Street
Sweet Dreams Lingerie, 2074 First Street
ArtSpace, 133 S. Livermore Ave.

Railroad Ave Merchants:
Charlotte's Web, 2160 Railroad Ave.
Country Charm, 1601-B Railroad Avenue
August Tea Room, 1601-B Railroad Avenue
In Between Stitches, 2033 Railroad Ave.

Second Street Merchants:
Cooleykatz Toys 1959 Second Street
Tommie's Deli and Sandwiches, 2152 Second Street

Third Street Merchants:
Up Town Girls, 2027 Third Street

Vine Center Merchants:
Jaciline's Salon, 1776 First Street
Café Art, 1764 First Street
Candy Bouquet, 1744 First Street

J Street Merchants:
Woopsiedaisy Toy Shop, 154 S. J Street
All About Me Kids Salon, 156 S. J Street
Livermore Valley Florist, 224 S. J Street
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EDITORIAL

Jack Is Back

Jack Smith is back, pushing once more for development in North Livermore.

A quarter of a century ago the Hayward attorney and former mayor was the spokesman for Geldertown and later Las Positas New Town. These projects would have heavily urbanized the area. Las Positas New Town was defeated by a 2-1 margin in a countywide vote in 1984.

Smith's present project is a 110-acre cemetery on the west side of North Livermore Avenue. The cemetery, which could have up to 210,000 graves, is a permitted use under the county's Measure D, which mandates that the area be preserved for agriculture and open space. However, an array of buildings are proposed, including a mausoleum, a mortuary, a crematory, a caretaker's residence and two other homes. These exceed Measure D requirements.

Water is also a major concern. As proposed, the project would operate off wells, but that area's water supply is very limited. "Make no mistake, there is not enough water for this use," said David Quinn, the closest neighbor of the proposed cemetery.

The issue is currently before the Alameda County Planning Commission, with a decision slated in December. The Board of Supervisors, it's anticipated, will make the final decision.

As for Jack Smith, it's amazing to see that the old warrior is still active. The cemetery is a family endeavor, as his daughter is reportedly part owner in the enterprise. Unfortunately, what Jack Smith and family want from North Livermore remains, as always, at odds with what the community wants. Since Las Positas New Town's crushing defeat, the county's voters have approved Measure D, establishing agriculture/open space goals for North Livermore. Livermore voters have reaffirmed that, turning back the Pardee development by a huge margin. The cemetery would be precedent setting, opening the door to other non-conforming projects and subverting the agriculture/open space goals that the public so overwhelmingly supports.

Jack Smith must be told (politely, of course), "Hit the road, Jack."

MARGIN

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accountability. People are very dissatisfied with the war in Iraq."

McNerney said that he also had positive issues that drew voters, such as producing more clean energy and wanting to boost Stockton as a Silicon Valley type of job center. If more jobs were created in the Stockton area, residents there would not contribute to Eastbay commute traffic crowding.

Looking ahead to his transportation priorities, McNerney said that "we can bring BART to Livermore. I doubt we can go farther than that. We can improve the Altamont Commuter Express, and Interstate 205."

McNerney does not see any money in the budget for a Pombo pet project, turning Highway 152 between Gilroy and the Central Valley into a freeway. Pombo touted in press releases that a second freeway to the Central Valley would take traffic off Interstate 580.

Critics said the road would just induce more development in the Central Valley and south San Jose, and make the situation worse in those areas, while not improving the Tri-Valley situation.

McNerney would like to be appointed to the Committee on Energy and Commerce in the 110th Congress, which convenes in January. Other panels he'd like to serve on deal with agriculture and transportation, as well as science. Pombo sits on both the agriculture and transportation

committees.

McNerney has a Ph.D. in mathematics and is a wind energy consultant. He is the first math Ph.D. to serve in Congress.

McNerney, whose Air Force son encouraged him to run for Congress two years ago, said he would like to be on the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on International Relations. However, considering that he will be a freshman congressman, he said that it is unlikely that he would obtain a seat on either panel.

McNerney took off last Saturday on a red-eye flight to Washington to start orientation. He said he plans to find an apartment in Washington and spend as many weekends as he can in the district.

Rep. Ellen Tauscher, McNerney's neighbor in the 10th Congressional District, supported Steve Filson in the Democratic primary against McNerney. Filson presumably had a better profile for a suburban Democrat — progressive, but also pro-business.

McNerney, who had labor union help, said that he is practical, and simply wants to work on passing legislation. He added that he had broad support from many walks of life, not just the union members and environmentalists that were highlighted in news stories.

Efforts to reach Pombo for comment about the election before deadline were unsuccessful.

TRAILS

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happy for a nominal amount of money," said Mercer.

Mercer, who is vice president of ValleyCare Health System, said that a bike commute would be a good source of exercise, and also take cars off the road, resulting in cleaner air.

Employees also obtain recreational benefits from trails, with noontime strolls, said David Lunn, a Vision 2010 trails enthusiast. He noted that the Oaks business park being developed in west Livermore near the airport will have trails in it. The trail is expected to be completed out to Isabel Avenue.

Lunn showed slides at the meeting last week that located the gaps in the system. They include the I-580/I-680 undercrossing, the Bernal bridge undercrossing on the Arroyo de La Laguna, El Charro Road to Isabel Avenue near the Livermore golf course, the Vallecitos

undercrossing on the Arroyo de La Laguna, and Veterans Park to Lake Del Valle.

Mercer said that he wants to publicize the trail needs to businesses in light of their value as amenities. "If a business is located near one, why not ask them to contribute to the system," said Mercer.

He said he didn't know what form that contribution would take, other than it would definitely not be one more development fee. It's tough enough to provide affordable housing in the Valley, so a fee would be out, he said.

The voluntary way that business could contribute would be up to the individual business, Mercer said. Mercer intends to bring up trails later this month at the next quarterly meeting of the TVBC board of directors, which has representatives from 37 area businesses.

Missing Emails Could Bring New Policy

In the future, the City of Pleasanton will create copies of all emails sent and received by the mayor and members of the city council using city-owned computers.

The computers are in their homes.

During the recent election, questions were raised about the city's policies after it was found that there were no records of Steve

Brozosky's emails. Brozosky ran for mayor against incumbent Jennifer Hosterman. His campaign made use of Hosterman's emails, using them to show that she used city property for her campaign, which is illegal.

When copies of Brozosky's email records were asked for, it was found they did not exist.

Brozosky said, during an interview, that he has been talking

with the city about the problem. A new procedure will create copies of all emails. The new procedure doesn't necessarily keep the copies for any extended period of time, he added. "The city does not have an email retention policy," he stated. "We need one."

He offered an explanation as to why there were no records of his emails. Brozosky said, with

District Promises Replacement Field

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District board approved a plan at last week's meeting that struck a compromise on future plans for the park adjacent to the Bothwell Arts Center.

Directors adopted a plan to redo the park without a softball field. There would be play equipment, pathways, an open turf area, water feature, patio and possibly bocce ball courts.

The District has over \$800,000 in funding available to redesign the park surrounding the Bothwell Arts Center.

Board members directed staff to look at building a new field at two different district facilities: May Nissen Park and Max Baer Park. Work on renovating the Bothwell Park would not begin until these is at least one replacement field available for gifts softball fields.

Funding for the softball fields would either come from the district's reserves or from the funds for the Bothwell Park. If funds were taken from the park, some of the features would be removed, such as the bocce ball courts.

The existing softball field at Bothwell is used for practice and games by the Livermore Girls Softball Association (LGSA), which lobbied to keep the field for its use.

"This was truly a win-win situation for the neighbors of Bothwell Park, who want a multi-use park that would better serve their needs, and for the LGSA, which won't have any seasonal interruptions and will ultimately play ball on a new or newly renovated field," says Tim Barry, LARPD General Manager.

The decision came after an hour or more of testimony from neighborhood park and softball advocates.

Those speaking in favor of a neighborhood park noted there is no park in the downtown area. With all of the development taking place, a park is much needed. They did not want to share the site with a softball field out of concerns for safety. Several speakers pointed out that while the girls may not be able to hit a softball a great distance, other users of the park playing hardball can hit the ball far enough to reach the tot lot.

Softball players, coaches and

parents of players favored retaining the current softball park. They pointed out there are not a lot of places where girls softball can be played. Softball is a growing sport, played by both youth and adults.

Resident Robin Groth, who sponsors teams, said she applauded the proposed compromise. "I would like to see further discussion of May Nissen and Max Baer sites. However, the big issue is the need for a sports complex."

Others raised the issue of a sports park, including Director Steve Goodman. He stated, "We need a bond measure. I will personally knock on doors to make it happen. Development is not the way Livermore will go to fund a sports park." He added that the \$23 million taken by the state to balance its budget would have made it possible for the district to build a sports park.

All of the directors expressed strong support for both the girls softball program and a neighborhood park.

President Scott Kamena stated, "We should have been building fields all along."

Meeting Will Explain Sycamore Grove Burn

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) will host a community meeting on Monday, November 20 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss plans for a prescribed burn at Sycamore Grove Park in the coming weeks. Mike Nicholson, a LARPD Ranger/Naturalist Supervisor will join Carol Rice of Wildland Resources Management in explaining the short and long-term goals of the prescribed burn. The meeting is open to the public. It will be held at the Robert Livermore Community Center, located at 4444 East Avenue, in the Cresta Blanca Room.

The burn marks the first sig-

nificant restoration project from the Sycamore Grove Resource Management Plan, adopted by the LARPD Board of Directors in 2002. The goals of the burn are to control invasive, non-native weeds and noxious plants, such as mustard and several species of thistles, and to increase the biodiversity of the park.

At this time, the District plans to conduct the burn during the week of November 27. Additional information, including the specific date of the burn, will be released as soon as it is available. The time and date of the burn is contingent upon weather conditions and the park will be closed

to the public on the day of the burn. The burn will be scheduled after the first substantial rains of the seasons germinate seedlings in the burn area, and on a designated Bay Area Air Quality Management District burn day.

The controlled burn will take place in the center of the park, encompassing about 40 of its 724 acres. The burn will be administered by several local fire agencies in cooperation with the park district including the California Department of Forestry, Alameda County Fire Department, Livermore/Pleasanton Fire Department, and East Bay Regional Park District Fire Department.

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garden center, drive-through pharmacy and grocery sales.

The current Wal-Mart store is 126,000 square feet. The Costco is 183,000 square feet.

The exact wording of the ban will be coming back to the council. However, it is anticipated that it would follow the wording of a Turlock ordinance that has been upheld in the courts. The Turlock ordinance limits the sale of non-taxable merchandise to 5% of the floor area. Groceries are nontaxable.

Councilmember Tom Reitter was concerned that a superstore could construct different uses under what he called a "two roof" scenario. The grocery store and other retail would be connected by doorways, but have separate roofs. He asked the staff to address the issue in the ordinance.

Reitter also asked to see data from studies conducted elsewhere of the economic impacts of such stores on local businesses.

Members of the public who spoke were adamantly opposed to a Wal-Mart superstore in the city. Mayor Marshall Kamena reminded them that the ban would apply to all superstores. Several said the city already has enough large box retail stores.

John Knowlton told the council that he believed it had done a good job in planning the city, especially in the downtown for small retail shops. "A megastore will drain those stores."

Attorney William Fleishhacker represented the Wal-Mart land use division. He argued that the city already has full regulatory discretion to ap-

prove or deny based on information it receives. "Further regulation is not needed at this time," he told the council.

Fleishhacker pointed out that the site selected for the store in Livermore is zoned commercial. One of the uses is large scale retail. The city does require creation of a planned development district, a full environmental review and complete economic analysis of impacts and benefits.

Councilmember Lorraine Dietrich said that initially she was uncomfortable considering an ordinance that would impact an application that has been submitted to the city. She has come to believe that the impact on neighborhood shopping centers would be negative.

MARIJUANA DISPENSARY
The vote to ban medical marijuana dispensaries in the city was 4 to 1, with Councilmember Tom Reitter opposed.

Reitter wanted more information on how successful dispensaries operated. He suggested the city work with members of the community and other relevant people to develop regulations for medical marijuana dispensaries.

City staff had recommended the ban. It could be reconsidered if federal and state laws regarding the use, possession and sale of marijuana were brought into conformity. Currently state law allows for the possession, use and sale of marijuana for medical. Federal considers such activity as criminal.

City Attorney John Pomidor told the council that in addition to the inconsistency between

state and federal laws, the concern was for the secondary impacts of a medical marijuana dispensary.

Among the secondary effects listed by staff were street dealers selling at lower prices to entice patients away from dispensaries, driving under the influence of marijuana, smoking marijuana in public places, problem of patients selling to nonpatients, robberies of customers, increased loitering and associated nuisances, and complaints from patients that other illegal drugs are being sold from the dispensary.

Pomidor said that there was unlikely to be any resolution between state and federal law in the near future.

James Anthony, an attorney who represents various cannabis collectives, said that the city has an opportunity to make a choice between banning dispensaries and regulating them. "Regulation is the wisest choice. There are models of will regulated dispensaries," he stated.

Michael Ferrucci, who has advocated for the dispensaries in the past, was upset with the proposed ban of dispensaries. He pointed out that the current moratorium on dispensaries does not expire until September 2007. "There is no rush to institute a ban. There is no threat to the community."

Ferrucci suggested that the city has not given the issue a fair or unbiased consideration.

Mayor Marshall Kamena pointed out that the ban could be easily lifted if federal law were to change.

and Paula Wujek.
The Parkview is adjacent to the Pleasanton Senior Center and Centennial Park.
The assisted living community features studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom apartments along with common areas including a living room, library, wellness center, multipurpose rooms, a community dining area and a private dining room. Residents in the memory care program have studio apartments complemented by lounges, dining rooms and an enclosed courtyard.

The facility includes an affordability component for low and lower income seniors.

the help of the city, he set up a system that identifies emails coming to him from the city and copies them to his own computer. At the same time it removes the emails from the city's system. "There are no copies," he said.

Brozosky said that there are also gaps in other councilmembers' emails. What happens, he said, is that the city backups its systems during the middle of the night. If emails are removed before the backup process takes place, they would not be retained within the system.

CLIMBING

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city would provide the district an opportunity to try it with little investment and little risk.

One question the board had was if there were opportunities to expand use.

They were told that the wall had never been marketed. In addition, programs could be expanded to draw in additional climbers.

In voting to move forward with leasing the facility, the board responded to testimony from speakers, both young and old.

Gary Mansfield described himself as one of the "old broken down Yosemite climbers." He called the climbing gym a real asset that provides an opportunity for both adults and kids to take part in the sport.

Several speakers said they discovered the rock gym through classes at Las Positas College and have continued to climb there.

Jason Ryder, previous manager of the gym said, "The demographic served by the gym is the family." He added, "There is a climbing team. We may be the smallest gym. However, we have the best competition team."

Nick Bradley, a young climber, said climbing is the only sport he is able to participate in, because he has arthritis. "Climbing helps my back," he declared.

Others went on to describe the benefits of climbing including enhanced self-esteem, fitness, and camaraderie. The sport takes balance, strength, flexibility and endurance, as well as courage. You use your brain, as well as your body, they said.

Stephanie Tyler talked about her son, who she said got into trouble at school. Now through rock climbing he has become the 11-year-old national speed and rock climbing champion and has been on the national team for two years. "He dreams of going to the Olympics if it becomes an Olympic sport."

Matt Tyler has been competing for five years.

Director Maryalice Faltings made the motion to lease the facility on a trial period. "This is a unique opportunity to get into an alternative sport," she said. "Smaller segments of the public are involved in sports such as this. In the grand scheme of our budget, this isn't a lot of money. I'd like to see us try it."

Director Steve Goodman pointed out that the district made a decision to operate the pool year round even though it was predicted it would lose money for the district. At that time, he said he challenged people to come and support the pool. They did. He urged those in the audience to "beat the bushes" to get people to come to the gym. "We don't have to make a lot of money. However, we are not in the business of losing money." Losing money would result in the district having to choose one program over another.

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complex project," he stated.

Jim Wolfe, Pleasanton Director of Parks and Community Services, noted that in addition to the cities and EBRPD, Zone 7 and Caltrans are involved in the project. The larger issue is how many capital dollars will be needed to build the project, he said.

The estimated cost to extend the trail is \$2.250 million. Townsend said there is potential to gain funding from the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA). Proposition 50, the cities, and Measure 2, which provides funds to improve access to transportation. He also anticipated there may be money from Proposition 84, approved by voters during the Nov. 7 election. EBRPD is also looking at renewing Measure AA, which if approved could provide funding, said Townsend.

Over the next 12 months, design and permit processes will be undertaken. The project would be put out for bid. Once a bid is approved, Townsend anticipated an eight month construction time with a 2008-09 time frame for completion.

Councilmember Matt Sullivan stated, "It is a great project. I ride my bicycle over the Iron Horse Trail. This is a great connection to that trail."

MAILBOX

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

Artwork Vandalized Louann Tung Livermore

We had a great day today at Granada Native Gardens. With GE volunteer help, two truckloads of mulch was spread and the new generator that GE donated allowed us to use hedge trimmers. The new chipper that GE donated allowed us to make our own mulch! The plants should now be good for the winter and I don't plan another workday until January when we'll likely have plenty of weeds. We will also miss one of our most hard working volunteers Liz who will be moving to Wisconsin in January. Thanks for all your great help, Liz!!

The bad news is that someone actually removed the artwork in the outdoor displays sometime in the past several weeks. As of

Sept 30th, all was well. Two of the three panels were found in the creek. Judging by the algae this must have been done a few weeks ago. The third is missing. The aluminum frames were damaged as well. It's hard to believe no one saw this happening.

To reprint each panel costs about \$350. The lexan cover is about \$100 each so just that amounts to \$1500 not counting repair of the frames. The welds on the frame were easily broken. In all a new frame system should be designed to be more secure. Also, as I mentioned several months ago, the bench tops need to be replaced with trex and the broken slate removed from last year's vandalism. I estimate that to repair all of the benches and outdoor displays could cost around \$5000. If anyone has ideas on how this amount of money could be donated or applied for, please help. Let's send some healing energy to the vandals who have so much anger within them to be so destructive. —Louann, 455-8823.

Response to Pelosi Fan Dora Brogden Pleasanton

You need to take a good look at Pelosi's voting record, all pub-

lic record. Your "elegant and polished" and conscientious Catholic mother of five, has repeatedly voted to uphold partial-birth abortion, and has voted against parental notification when minor children seek abortion.

In 1998, she opposed a constitutional amendment to permit school prayer in the classroom. In 1999, she opposed allowing state and local governments to display the Ten Commandments on public property, including schools.

Last I heard, Fellow Catholics still believe in prayer. Anywhere! What she has achieved, is the reputation as the most far left Liberal the house has ever seen!

Old Lucky Site Marcus Libkind Livermore

The proposal for the Lucky site in downtown Livermore has great potential for increasing the "town feeling." I like what is happening in downtown. I've lived here for 31 years, once owned a retail store in downtown and finally I see something good is happening downtown.

I remember all the false starts and worthless undertakings in years past. But today I'm opti-

mistic that downtown will attract more people and business each year. I'm in favor of that because it makes for a town feeling; the shopping centers near the interstate do not.

I can live with the height of the proposed buildings. What I can't live with is the fact that the parking is going to be owned and paid for by the city. Why should the citizens of Livermore pay for construction of the parking garage for the development? We have already paid for a large public garage one-half block away.

Some would like us to believe that the garage will also service the other businesses downtown and therefore benefit the public in general. That is not true.

There are going to be 281 residential units in the proposed development. That's going to use up approximately 420 parking spaces. The commercial units will require additional parking. There isn't going to be many, if any, parking left for the public (non-tenants) to use when visiting other downtown businesses. The bottom line is that the parking structure is going to service the Lucky development. The residents and retailer are going to be the beneficiaries. The development must pay for it. This is in contrast to the existing parking structure that services people visiting all of downtown.

The bottom line is that the parking is needed for and will be used up by the tenants of the development. Therefore they should pay for it.

Affordable Housing Suit Patricia Belding Pleasanton

Thank you for your November 2, 2006 editorial suggesting that the City of Pleasanton get on the ball and do the zoning for affordable housing that is needed in the community.

The call to do this began in 2001, when hearings were held on the City's new Housing Element. Affordable housing advocates Terry Broderick, Christine Steiner, Jack Dove, and myself were citizen members of the Task Force and spoke at the many meetings for the low and very low-income housing needs in which Pleasanton is deficient. Planning units above the housing cap was never mentioned.

If action had been taken at that time or even in 2003, there would have been more room to do this within the Pleasanton housing cap. Because it was ignored for that period of years and other developments given approval for the limited number of housing units under the cap, such as the development along Vineyard corridor, the City finds itself in the present difficult situation. Let's hope the new City Council will provide the leadership needed to do what you have suggested, that is, to make a real commitment to designating a large percentage of the remaining units under the cap for affordable housing. These aren't outsiders we'll be housing. They will be our children, our parents, teachers, small store staff, and

even many of the employees of our restaurants, business parks and the mall. Such a move will go far to promoting wholeness in our community.

Here's another thought: Pleasanton's policy in the past has been to have mostly mixed income affordable developments. Continuing that policy will mean some increased numbers of market rate units to match the affordable units, in the hundreds, not the thousands. It would be healthy for the community to have a discussion on whether the cap should be increased a little. To match affordable units? To revamp Hacienda Business Park? This kind of discussion is what goes into making a vision for the city, and I hope we have it.

Thank You Anne White Trustee Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District

Thank you to the 9,800 voters in Livermore who re-elected me to the Livermore School Board of Trustees. I want to especially thank those who worked hard to accomplish this - those who contributed to my committee and those who hosted yard signs.

Elections are the ultimate accountability exercise, swift and sure. There is no remediation plan for those who almost made it. Also, voters show their confidence in the future in selecting among the challengers.

A bit of unfinished business in the Livermore School District will be handled before the new member is sworn in. Petitions for two additional charter schools have been presented and the timeline allows for a determination by the current Board at a special meeting on December 11. Between now and then, District staff will analyze the petitions, considering the legal requirements in the charter school law. After their study and report to the Board, it is the Board's responsibility to grant or deny the petitions. Of course, there will be plenty of time for public comment before the decision is made. We welcome your ideas.

I renew my pledge to continue to work with the Board, the Superintendent, District staff and the community to improve opportunities for our children.

Voters Thanked Jerry Thorne, Councilmember Pleasanton City Council

Over the last five years as I have campaigned for a seat on the Pleasanton City Council, I

have had the opportunity to talk with hundreds, even thousands of our residents. I have to say that this has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life and I would recommend it to anyone who wants to give something back to the community.

I would like to thank all of the voters who voted to allow me the opportunity to serve this community as a City Council Member. I would like to extend a special thanks to those who worked so hard on my campaigns and those who have supported me in a variety of ways through all of our campaigns. Sandi and I want you to know that you have a special place in our hearts.

Over the next four years I want to make sure that the dialogue continues with all of the residents of Pleasanton. I will strive to make sure that I deserve the trust the voters of Pleasanton have placed in me. I want to make sure that all input is heard and decisions are made that represent the best interest of the entire community.

Again, thank you to the voters of Pleasanton for this opportunity to serve you.

Thank You Mary Hayashi 18th Assembly District

I would like to thank you for your incredible support in enabling me to win the race for the 18th Assembly District. I am pleased to share with you the news that with 100 percent of precincts reported, I received 52,623 votes, winning 67% of the vote in the General Election. Without your hard work and commitment, I would not have gotten this far, and I am honored and humbled by this opportunity to represent the 18th Assembly District in Sacramento.

I pledge to you that I will continue to advocate for better education, better health care, and a better quality of life for working families. Again, thank you so much for your support.

Charter Organizers Pitch New Schools to Livermore School Board

By Patricia Koning

Last week the Livermore School Board held a public hearing to hear a pitch for two new schools from Charter school organizers. They want to open two new schools to serve students in grades 8-12.

A dozen teachers, staff, parents, and students from the Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS) spoke in favor of the petitions. Only one audience member, Maggie Schumacher, expressed doubts.

In the spring of 2004, the Livermore School Board rejected the petition for LVCS, a K-8 school. The California Department of Education eventually approved the petition and the school opened in August 2005.

"It has been 945 days since the LVCS hearing. What we learned in that time is that we didn't know it all," said LVCS Chief Executive Lon Goldstein. "It was a blessing not to open in the fall of 2004."

Goldstein, a parent of two children at the school and one preschooler, pointed out the school's API score of 888 and WASC accreditation as evidence of success. He also admitted mistakes, such as purchasing the wrong math books and mishandling certain personnel issues.

The letter refers to the abrupt dismissal of the school's first principal, Mike Hazelhofer, by the LVCS Board, an action that sharply divided the school community just four months into the first year. Current Principal Tina Morris was hired to replace Hazelhofer a few weeks after the dismissal.

"Thank you for taking the time to entertain our thoughts," said Morris. "We feel that the natural progression from our K-8 school is onto a charter middle school and high school."

The two schools proposed are the Livermore Valley Charter Academy, which would serve 432

students in grades 8 and 9, and the Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory, which would serve 648 students in grades 10 through 12. The school would have grades K-8 the first year, and become a K-7 school with the opening of the Academy.

"These will be choice schools, open to other students in the community who want to attend," said LVCS Board President Kim Schmitter. "They will help ease problems caused by overcrowding and lack of programs at our local high schools."

If approved, LVCA would open in the fall of 2008 with 108 LVCS students in grades 8 and 9. The additional spots, 108 at each grade level, would be open to any student in Livermore. A lottery will be held if applicants exceed the available space.

Schumacher, an instructor at Las Positas College and mother of four, said the proposed schools sound marvelous, but expressed concern about demographics and the cost of facilities for the new schools. Noting the need for specialized science labs and facilities at middle and high schools, she questioned if that cost might affect programs offered in District schools.

"I heard that some demographics changed drastically when the charter school opened, with the ratio of children on free and reduced lunch going up at some elementary schools," she says. "I wonder what they intend to do to make sure the demographics match those of LVJUSD?"

The fiscal impact that LVCS would have on the District was a big concern during the hearing for the initial petition in 2004. Victoria Schellenburger, president of the Livermore Valley Education Foundation, a fundraising entity for the District, says that is no longer an issue. While the District loses State funding for each student that leaves the District, LVCS does

pay the District for rent and special education.

"You'd have to do some heavy number crunching to figure out who comes out ahead financially," she said. "Finding out who wins on the financial side is pointless."

The plans for the two schools include a rigorous academic program. To graduate, Preparatory students must complete a senior project and meet the University of California "a-g" admission requirements, which include three years of mathematics, two years of laboratory science, and two years of foreign language.

"We hope that you will look at these schools in the light that they will make education in our community even stronger," said LVCS fifth grade teacher Jennifer Winter.

Parents and students expressed their desire for choice in education. Parent Leslie Williams said she loves what LVCS is doing for her son academically. Seventh grader Jenna Stark described how she struggled last year at East Avenue Middle School, but is now thriving at LVCS.

"Though these schools may not be for everyone, they are for me. By letting schools like this move forward you are giving kids like me a shot at a better future," Stark said.

Rick Swiers, an LVCS Board member and parent of two students, noted that a community needs many choices, because one size doesn't fit all. Swiers also commented on how being an older parent might color his opinion of academic and disciplinary rigor. "Maybe I'm too focused on the good old days, but I like having the choice to do so," he said.

Superintendent Brenda Miller pledged to begin the formal review process right away. The Board will present its decision at a special meeting on Monday, Dec. 11.

Tax Windfall To Help Fund Pleasanton Music, Art

Increased state revenue, part of it from taxes on Silicon Valley stock-option cash-ins, will bring more than \$1 million to the Pleasanton school district to purchase equipment for arts, music and physical education classes.

It was money that the state gave to all school districts in the state.

There will be an additional \$277,020, which is \$19 per district student, to acquire classroom technical equipment, and provide specialized instruction for reading teachers in elementary schools. None of the money can fund ongoing expenses, such as teachers' salaries, because neither Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger nor the Legislature can guarantee there will be enough money to come up with the same amount again next year.

The Pleasanton school board at its meeting Nov. 7 approved allocation of the one-time block grant money with unanimous votes on two separate motions.

The money from the larger grant is restricted to equipment for art, music and physical education (PE). The board allocated \$400,000 for art, \$320,000 for music and \$400,000 for PE. An additional \$37,500 will be split into \$2500 for each of the district's 15 sites, as required by terms of the grant.

The total of the arts, music and PE grant is \$1,158,056, or a little more than \$79 per student

in the district.

The largest individual segments of the arts grant go to Amador Valley High School with \$95,000 for visual arts and drama, and Foothill High School, with \$80,278 for visual arts and drama. Some \$45,000 of the arts money will be split evenly among the district's three middle schools in visual arts and drama categories.

In music, Foothill will receive \$75,000 for equipment and Amador Valley will be granted \$50,000. The middle schools will share \$120,000 equally. Elementary schools will receive \$55,000 to split equally.

Some \$150,000 of the PE money will go to helping the district achieve implementation of K-12 PE standards. The remaining \$250,000 will be divided equally among elementary, middle and high schools, at \$83,333 per level, for equipment

and supplies.

Recommendations for the allocations came from separate committees comprised of parents, teachers, and administrators. The panel for the smaller grant included members of the district's student achievement advisory committee.

The panel's emphasis was on setting priorities that would help students achieve their best. The panel did not stop at the top three priorities, which are the only ones that can be funded. The members added six more priorities, saying they should be considered if more funding becomes available. No fund increase is expected at this time.

The wish list includes early interview screening for kindergarten-bound children, accelerated math at elementary and middle schools, and money for supporting the Barton reading program.

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SPORTS NOTES

Youth Volleyball

A Tri-Valley Boys' Club Volleyball team, NorCal Mizuno, is making a great showing in Northern California Volleyball Association's fall club season. In its second year of existence, this 16 and under team made it into fifth place in the 8-team "Gold" division after their early October tournaments. There are also Silver and Bronze divisions in the league.

Battling through close matches they moved up to fourth place with an improved performance on November 5. They've had close matches against the higher placed teams too, so they hope to improve and peak by the end of the season mid-December. Their next scheduled tournament is Nov 19 at Diablo Valley College.

With a majority of the boys from Livermore and Pleasanton, the team consists of Dylan Amiot, John Buchenauer, Anthony Chao, Justin Fung, Wesley Gung, Jimmy Hutchinson, Edward Kao, Scott McManis, Casey Plonczak and Tyler Von Pein.

Softball Tryouts

Livermore Smoke Recreational (L.G.S.A.) softball tryouts to be held Saturday, November 18 and Saturday, December 2, 2006. Joe Michell Elementary, 1001 Elaine Avenue, Livermore. Last Names, "A" through "L", check-in 8 a.m., 9 a.m. start time. "M" through "Z," noon check-in, 1 p.m. start time.

Tryouts are mandatory for 10&U and Middle School. Only plan to attend one tryout. High School tryouts to be announced at a later date. All considered pitchers and catchers have a separate tryout following. Information visit: www.livermoregirlssoftball.org

National Soccer Team

The annual US Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program (US Youth Soccer ODP) Girls Thanksgiving Interregional is scheduled to be at the North Community Park and Coral Glades High School Sportsplex in Coral Springs, Fl. Teams will arrive on November 18, for two days of training, with competition play beginning on the 20th and running through Friday, November 24.

Three players from Pleasanton have been selected. The 1992 girls team includes Kaitlyn Fitzpatrick; the 1990 team Cassidy Fitzpatrick; and the 1991 team Carlee Payne. US Youth Soccer ODP will train and compete in front of U.S. Soccer National Team Staff and leading collegiate coaches to maximize their exposure for selection to National Teams and collegiate programs.

The US Youth Soccer ODP Girls Thanksgiving Interregional will represent teams in the 1989-1992 age groups including the U.S. Soccer Under-15 and Under-16 National Team Pools. For more information on the US Youth Soccer ODP Girls Thanksgiving Interregional, including schedules, visit www.USYouthSoccer.org.

National Hoop Shoot

The Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge will host the National Hoop Shoot event in Livermore on Sat., Nov. 18. The contest is open to both boys and girls ages 8 to 13 as of April 1, 2007. This is a best of 2 free throw event.

The event will be from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Our Savior Lutheran School Gym, 1385 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Each age group qualifies for trophies. The top finishers may continue to district, state, regional, and national competitions.

For information, call Tammy Sturgill at 455-0642 or 437-0109.

Youth Soccer

Pleasanton Rage U15 - Division 1 AC

With the bracket championship on the line the Pleasanton Rage U15 Division 1 AC team hosted the first place Delta Force. With a win the Rage could take over first place and claim the title of bracket champions. The Rage opened the scoring in the 20th minute when Laura Yoshida placed a pass onto the left foot of Julia Frizzel. Frizzel shot across her body striking the shot to the far right post and into the goal. The Force came back to tie the score several minutes late with a high arcing cross that alluded the Rage goalie's reach and left the halftime score at 1-1. The Rage took the lead again in the 47th minute on a nice combination of passes between Frizzel and Paige Robertson. Robertson converted the goal from 10 yards out. The Force again came back with a converted corner kick in the 62nd minute to tie. Late in the final moments of the game the Delta earned another corner kick and again converted for the 3-1 win. With the final goal the Force earned the bracket championship and the Rage took 2nd place.

The Livermore Roadrunners boys U12 soccer team finished their GSSL season with a 3-0 win against Newark United on Saturday. The Roadrunners came out strong, scoring all three goals in the first half. Their first goal was achieved with a passing sequence carried out by Paul Mayes, Juan Carlos Alfaro, and Tanner Turner who crossed the ball to Patrick Taylor for the finish. The Roadrunners scored again on a perfectly placed free kick taken by Sergio Alvarez and one-touched into the goal by Turner. Turner scored the Roadrunners final goal with assistance from Ryan Flayler. The Roadrunner defense held strong and aided goalkeeper, JT Addington, in the shut out.

Next the Roadrunners took on Stanislaus United in their second NorCal Cup match. The Roadrunners scored first late in the second half when Alfaro passed the ball up to Taylor who made a run on goal to score. Stanislaus retaliated quickly and the score was tied 1-1 at the half. Stanislaus scored again early in the second half, moving ahead 2-1. The Roadrunners tied it up again off a free kick taken by Alvarez and finished by Taylor. The Roadrunners immediately scored again on a hard shot into far post taken by Ryan Gollott getting around the Stanislaus keeper to score. Gollott was assisted by Taylor. Roadrunner, Trevor Long, scored the final goal aided by Turner, leading to a 5-2 victory over Stanislaus. Great defensive efforts were made by Hector Gomez, Derek McGovern, and Addington to hold the Stanislaus team to only 2 goals.

On Sunday the Roadrunners took on the California Odyssey in another NorCal Cup match, tying 1-1. It was a tough match with the Roadrunners scoring their only goal on a corner kick taken by Turner. Mayes received the corner and passed the ball in to Taylor for the finish.

In Nor-Cal Cup play over the weekend the Dublin United Class I Soccer U12 Fighters advanced with beat to back wins over the Burlingame Heartbreakers (2-1) on Saturday in Burlingame, and against the CV Revolution (3-0) on Sunday in Dublin. Megan Zummo started off the series for the fighters with a goal in the first half off an assist by

Rebecca Beasley. Adrianna Nugen followed up with the winning score also assisted by Beasley. In Sundays game Megan Zummo once again started the scoring assisted by Amanda Garcia. Garcia tapped in the second goal off a cross by Joanna Giron and Rebecca Beasley found the back of the net to seal the Fighter victory. The mid-field played a tight strong game with outstanding efforts by Niki Mohebi, Mikaila Constable and Veronica Bossio. Heather Seeley performed admirably in goal behind the strong defensive line of "V" Highsmith, Hailey Zummo, Christine Laymon & Annie Jones.

Dublin United Class I Soccer U16 shutout the Newark Pumas 3 to 0. Top Offensive Players: Stephanie Redmon (goal) Zaynib Hamze (goal) Kristina Avolicino (goal); Top Defensive Players: Janine Kakishita, Nicole Skubic, Rachel Gorecki.

The SAYSO Livermore Flame U12 ACI had a tie and a loss in NorCal Cup pool play this past weekend. The Flame tied Sacramento United 1-1, with Jasmine MacDonald scoring for the Flame. Morgan Ebbitt, Tressa Morgan, Mel Summers, Kaylee DeMayo, MacDonald and keeper Emily Slominski all played a great game for the Flame. On Sundays 3-1 loss against the Central Valley Chilipeppers. Jac Summers scored assisted by Tressa Morgan. It was a great game played by all.

CYO Basketball

The Catholic Community of Pleasanton (CCOP) 7th grade girls (team 7005) were defeated by St. Michael's/St. Charles (SM/SC) (team 7007) 12-16 in their first CYO basketball league play. CCOP had the lead at the first period but trailed the remainder of the game. CCOP was never far behind and pulled within three when Lyndsay Godwin sunk a three pointer. SM/SC was able to hold off CCOP for the win. CCOP's top scorers were Nicole Ponzini with 7 points and Lyndsay Godwin with 5. Steals and assists from Jessica Morosoli and Lauren MacDonnell, 2 each, sparked the CCOP offense. The game was kept close due to great defensive plays by Sydney Okumura (5 rebounds, 1 steal), Nicole Ponzini (8 rebounds), Lyndsay Godwin (7 rebounds, 4 blocks, 3 steals).

CCOP 6th Grade Girls defeated SM/SC 36 to 7, played a smart offensive game against SM/SC, using great team work and a beautiful passing game. Top Offensive Players for CCOP #6007: Alana Urban, Kristina Dunworth, Marlo Aghazarian; Top Defensive Players for CCOP #6007: Sydney Hitesman, Aileen Firoozan, Bailey Downey.

CCOP 5th grade girls team #7009 played their first game of the season with great enthusiasm and team effort, losing to St. Isidore's 28 to 20. Excellent rebounding action was provided by Keri Butler, Rachel Orpina and Stephanie Hogan. High scoring CCOP players were Jessica Rumsey with 4 shots and Rachel Orpina with 4 free throws.

St. Isidore (#5009) defeated CCOP (#5011) 29-8. St. Isidore's victory was keyed by a strong defensive effort. St. Isidore also did a good job rebounding both offensively and defensively and made several transition baskets by pushing the ball up the court after a defensive stop. CCOP competed well throughout the game and was led by Malory Masjilo with 6 points and Paige Zollars with 2 points. Top Offensive Players: Malory Masjilo, Paige Zollars; Top Defensive Players: Alyssa Benson, Kaylee Udinski, Elysa Roman.

The CCOP 8th grade American team (#81) defeated St. Joan (#83) 46-33. CCOP opened a 19-10 halftime lead keyed by a strong team defensive effort. St. Joan made several attempts to close the gap in the second half, but each attempt was thwarted by CCOP's defense. Carson Ewanich was the leading scorer for CCOP with 13 points. Stephen Ferrel scored 10 points and Trevor Guerrieri and Michael Udinski each scored 7 points for CCOP. David Elison, Nick Roby and Cameron Seams played well defensively for CCOP. Top Offensive Players: Carson Ewanich, Stephen Ferrel, Michael Udinski, Trevor Guerrieri; Top Defensive Players: David Elison, Nick Roby, Cameron Seams.

Gymfinity Gymnastics

Gymfinity Gymnastic's Valentina Barbalinardo and Lyndsay Albani competed in the level 6 NorCal State Championships held this past weekend in Oroville.

Barbalinardo, competing in the 10B age group, placed 6th on vault, 8th on bars, 10th on beam and 8th on floor on her way to finishing 5th in the all-around. Albani placed 12th on bars in the 11B age group. Full results: Barbalinardo: vault - 6th, 9.15; bars - 8th, 8.725; beam - 10th, 8.725; floor - 8th, 9.0; all-around - 5th, 35.6. Albani: vault - 8.6; bars - 12th, 8.85; beam - 7.75; floor - 8.625; all-around - 33.825.

California Gymnastics

California Gymnastics Academy was represented at the Level 6 NorCal State Championships by Melissa Parker.

RESULTS (by event): LEVEL 6: 13 yrs old VAULT - Melissa Parker (8.85) BARS - Melissa Parker - T10th place (8.25) BEAM - Melissa Parker - 5th place (8.975) FLOOR - Melissa Parker (8.8) ALL AROUND - Melissa Parker - 19th place (34.875).

Livermore Football

Livermore Youth Football League results in playoff action:

Pee Wee: The Livermore Warriors defeated the Benicia Panthers 13-0 in the quarterfinals of Pee Wee playoff action. Kevin Coburn seemed unstoppable as he slashed and powered for well over 100 yards behind great lead blocking from Casey Soltis and Zack Johnson. The offensive line of Zack Sturgill, Bryan Brinkley, Mikey Walls, Jeffrey Brinkley, Jacob Kirby, Mac Morgan and Fritz Eibel dominated the Panthers. Rio Castillo scored a touchdown on a one-yard dive after a key 16-yard run by Soltis. Jake Williams added a fourth quarter touchdown pass to David Moffitt. Moffitt then threw a pass to Zac Rosas for the PAT conversion.

The Warriors defense recorded their sixth shutout and allowed only two first downs all game by Benicia. The front line of Tyler Rardon, Marshall Peters, Brinkley, Sturgill, Eibel, and Jake Bohland stuffed Benicia. Brandon Rios and Joey Gonzales also had tackles for losses. Linebackers Kyle Campiotti, Rosas, and Castillo played well including an interception by Castillo and a fumble recovery by Rosas. Defensive backs Ben Sawyer, Riley Draa, and Soltis played a great game with an interception by Sawyer, a fumble recovery by Soltis and some great open field tackling by Draa. On special teams, Sturgill blocked a punt that was recovered by Rardon. Johnson had several

great tackles on kickoffs.

Jr. Midget: The Livermore Norsemen will advance to the second round of the Diablo Valley Youth Football Conference playoffs, after beating the Concord Cobras 38-14. The Norsemen got off to a quick start scoring on their first possession. Jeremy Mata completed a 15 yard pass to Cameron Sawyer to set up a 30 yard touchdown run by Diquan Madison to put the Norsemen on the scoreboard first. The Norsemen would intercept the ball twice in the first half by Sawyer and Jake Kearney. Madison would reach the end zone again on an impressive 75 yard run. The Cobras scored with no time on the clock in the second quarter, and the Norsemen would lead going into half time 16-8. The Cobras would score first in the second half. Jordan Moss blocked a PAT, and the score was 16-14. After that it was all Livermore offense. Livermore's offensive line of Tyler Leasau, Frankie Robles Zach Pursch, Brandon Mori, Blaine Call, Luc Hamilton, Sawyer and fullback Jake Kearney dominated Concord's defense creating huge holes that allowed Diquan Madison to score three times in the second half. Madison would finish the game with a career high 5 touchdowns, and 285 yards rushing. Quarterback Jeremy Mata was 3 for 3 passing including a 25 yard pass to Kevin Kutchera and kicked 4 PAT's. Livermore's defense was led by Call, who had a sack and tackle for loss, Sawyer, Kearney, Pursch, Dustin Simon, and Jordan Moss who recovered a muffed kickoff.

Phantom Winter Ball

Winter Ball for girls in grades 9-12 lived in Pleasanton, Dublin and Sunol is Dec. 2 with a rain date set for Dec. 9. Winter Ball will take place at Foothill High. Registration for Winter Ball is through the regular registration process which can be made online or mail-in. Mail-in registration and to request a registration form to PGSL, P.O. Box 911, Pleasanton, CA 94566. See the PGSL web site for additional information www.pleasantonsfb.org or contact Louie Greco sicicala51351@comcast.net or 828-1861.

Pleasanton Football

Pleasanton Junior Football League action:

Senior Division All-Star game: The PJFL Senior Division All-Stars took to the field under the lights of Foothill High School's Sweeney Field to cap off the 2006 season. The Steeltans, consisting of all-stars selected from the division champion Steelers and the fourth place Titans, faced off against the Bucphins, a team consisting of all-stars from the division runner-up Buccaneers and the consolation champion Dolphins. The Steeltans jumped out to an early 16-6 lead in what appeared to be the beginning of a lopsided contest as the Bucphins' first series of downs resulted in a net loss of yardage. The series was capped off with Steeltans Jordan Ambrosio and Brent Usedom pushing the Bucphins into their own end zone and scoring a safety.

The Steeltans' first offensive possession was equally impressive as quarterback Bart Houston quickly found receiver Jack Seiverding in the end zone. After a penalty brought the play back, Houston again took to the air, this time connecting with running back Chris Keck on a screen pass that Keck converted into a 34 yard score. After both teams failed to move the ball in their next series of downs, the Bucphins began to find traction. Going for it on 4th and 9, quarterback David Camarena found a receiver in the end zone and closed the scoring gap 10-6. Keck immediately struck back with a 71 yard streak down the sideline, resulting in his second touchdown for the Steeltans. After struggling for most of the first half, the Bucphins finally unleashed Carson Ewanich, one of PJFL's top running backs. Ewanich capitalized on a short screen pass by racing 50 yards to the end zone, bringing the Bucphins to within four points of the Steeltans and beginning what would be the first of 20 unanswered points by the Bucphins. Following a 16-12 halftime score, Bucphins RJ Anderson kept the rally alive by intercepting an errant Houston pass, one of three pickoffs on the night for Anderson. Bucphins quarterback Camarena took advantage by connecting with Ewanich for 20 yards for the next Bucphins score, then carried the ball himself on the next possession, scoring on a 38 yard quarterback sneak.

Down 26-16, the Steeltans offense went back to basics with running backs Keck and Ashtiani grinding out 43 yards on five plays. From 27 yards out, Houston found Cameron Rowland for 12 yards, then again for 13 yards and a critical touchdown which closed the gap to Steeltans 24, Bucphins 26, with only five minutes left in the game. Just as the game appeared back on track for the Steeltans, the Bucphins went back to Ewanich who delivered another 48 yards, stopped only by the end zone. Down 24-32, the Steeltans had time for one last possession. After Keck and Ashtiani combined to bring the Steeltans within 26 yards of the Bucphins' end zone, Houston was pressured by a blitzing linebacker, the only threat to Houston all game, as linemen Dawson Graham, Jake Thornton, Jason Haycock, AJ Parr, Cole Hanley, and Bobby Kilian combined to keep Houston safe throughout the night. On 3rd and 10, Houston threw incomplete to Rowland, set-

ting up a 4th down that would be the Steeltans last chance to survive. With the game on the line, Houston dropped back and went right back to Rowland, placing a perfect strike over the head of defensive back Ewanich and into Rowland's hands. The Steeltans needed a two-point conversion to catch the Bucphins and Ashtiani got the call, going up the middle with relative ease and tying the game at 32-32.

With less than two minutes to play, the Bucphins made a final drive that kept the crowd in suspense. Reaching the Steeltans seven yard line on seven plays, and with only 6 seconds left, the Bucphins brought kicker Alex Osterholt in for a field goal that would seal the win. As the ball was snapped, defensive guard Dawson Graham and linebacker Connor Coatney broke into the backfield, partially blocking the kick and ending the game in a spectacular 32-32 tie.

Seahawks Head to Nationals

The Pleasanton Seahawks Senior Group traveled to Concord last weekend to set the Terrapins pool on fire. As a result of some outstanding swimmers, the Seahawks qualified a Girls 400 Free Relay for Spring Nationals in Long Island, NY. There are now 5 Seahawks swimmers qualified for Spring Nationals: Catherine Breed, Lisa Narum, Karen Wang, and Kayleigh Foley. They join Brandon Fischer as he qualified to swim his individual Breast stroke events and is looking to qualify for the 2008 Olympic Trials. In addition, Catherine Breed, 13 swam some awesome times in the 500 Free (5:11.79) and 1650 Free (17:41.22) to earn her first Sectional cuts. Katrina Anderson, 15, swam the 200 Back in 2:11.16 to win a Sectional cut. Christopher Guido, 14, swam to a new Sectional cut in the 1650 Free (16:57.76).

Martial Artists

Martial artists from United Studios of Self Defense in Livermore competed in a martial arts tournament in South San Francisco on Sunday, 11-12-06. The tournament was attended by almost 1000 competitors from over 25 schools, and by people as far away as Virginia, making it one of the largest single-day martial arts competitions in the state. The Livermore school finished 5th among the tight competition, tying the school's best ever finish.

Students competed in Sparring, which is a controlled use of techniques against an opponent; Kata, which are pre-set series of moves done to represent defense against multiple attackers; and Weapons Competition which is similar to the Kata event, but with weapons such as the bo staff, sword, spear, and others.

United Studios of Self Defense is the only martial arts organization in the world to produce and conduct tournaments for the attendance of their students.

Many of the competitors from this tournament will go on to compete December 3rd at the campus of UC Irvine, which will see more than 5000 competitors. United Studios of Self Defense regularly breaks their own world record for attendance at a single-day tournament at this event.

1st Place Finishes: Kara Sweeney: Women's Sparring, Blue Belt; Kegger O'Neal: Jr. Men's Sparring, Green Belt through Green w/Stripe; Kegger O'Neal: Weapons Competition, Ages 13-up, White Belt through Green w/Stripe; Kate Samuelson: Women's Sparring, Purple Belt; PJ Kalcic: Jr. Pee Wee Boy's Sparring, Blue Belt through Blue w/Stripe; Jonathan Weiss: Pee Wee Boy's Sparring, Blue Belt through Blue w/Stripe.

These six first place finishes included Kara Sweeney winning in her first competition at the black belt level, two of Kegger O'Neal's three trophies on the day, and first time champions in Kate Samuelson, PJ Kalcic, and Jonathan Weiss.

2nd Place: Skyler Goddard: Men's Sparring, Brown Belt; Jonathan Wilkes: Pee Wee Boy's Sparring, Orange Belt Kegger O'Neal: Jr. Kata, Green Belt through Green w/Stripe; The three second place finishes included the performance from Livermore Assistant Instructor Skyler Goddard, Jonathan Wilkes in his first tournament, and Kegger O'Neal's third trophy, coming close to a first-ever sweep of all three events.

3rd Place: Louis Napolitano: Men's Sparring, Purple Belt; Jason DeSantis: Jr. Pee Wee Kata, White and Yellow Belts; PJ Kalcic: Jr. Pee Wee Kata, Blue Belts through Blue w/Stripe; Anne Samuelson: Pee Wee Kata, Purple Belts Max DeSantis: Pee Wee Boy's Sparring, Blue Belts through Blue w/Stripe; The third place finishes were highlighted by PJ Kalcic's first ever trophy in the Kata event, Jason DeSantis' first ever tournament performance, Louis Napolitano's solid performance, and strong showings from Anne Samuelson and Max DeSantis competing in new divisions.

4th Place: Nichole Crawley: Pee Wee Kata, Purple Belts; Max DeSantis: Pee Wee Kata, Blue Belts through Blue w/Stripe; Shashwat Verma: Pee Wee Boy's Sparring, Blue Belts through Blue w/Stripe. Livermore's fourth place finishes were punctuated with Shashwat Verma in his first tournament against many of his Livermore classmates, and Nichole Crawley and Max DeSantis finished strong, also competing largely among

their own classmates.

In addition to the people mentioned above, United Studios of Self Defense in Livermore received strong performances from Nathan Coats in both the Sparring and Kata events. Gabrielle Dreyes represented her school against competitors much older and higher ranks, and received an "honorable mention" at the tournament, the only person to receive such recognition. Robert Huntington, Alan Pham, and Jacob Wilkes all competed in their first tournaments, and all had strong performances as well. Kevin Taylor competed hard in his first competition as a Brown Belt. Garren Weiss and Matthew Weisner finished the day strong for the squad from Livermore with strong showings as well.

Alumni Soccer Game

Foothill and Amador Valley High School Alumni will be playing in the 4th Foothill-Amador Alumni Soccer Game on Saturday, December 30th. There will be 2 games featuring Men's and Women's soccer players from the 70's, 80's, 90's and 2000's.

The games have become an annual event that benefit the Soccer Programs at Foothill and Amador. All gate receipts (\$7 adults and \$4 students) and Snack Bar proceeds will go directly to the programs.

The teams will be playing for trophies that will be awarded to the schools of the winners. The winning school will gain possession of the trophies each year. Games during the 1st three years featured victorious teams from both Amador and Foothill.

Ryan Gordon was a 2003 graduate of Foothill High School. He was killed in a boating accident shortly after graduating. He played soccer at Foothill for four years and was planning on attending Santa Barbara City College where he planned to continue playing soccer. The original Alumni Game was organized to fund a scholarship that benefits a graduating member of the Foothill women's or men's soccer team who aspire to play soccer in college. Since the 1st year all proceeds go directly to the soccer programs at the 2 high schools.

If you are an ex-soccer player from Amador or Foothill and would like to play, you can get more information and/or register at All-Star Sports. There is a \$20 fee to play.

Players and fans are invited to the "HopYard Alehouse" after the games. Fifteen percent of proceeds will be donated to the programs.

There will be "special entertainment" at each of the half-times this year!

The games will be played at Amador Valley High School, women at 4 p.m. and men at 6:30 p.m.

To register go to All-Star Sports, 3037-A Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton; 846-7928.

For more information, call Curt Gorden, 426-1540 or Janet Mullaney, 426-6756.

Phantom Girls Softball

2007 Registration for all Pleasanton Phantom divisions is now open. Phantom softball is open to girls in grades K-12 living in Pleasanton, Dublin and Sunol. Registration can be made online or mail-in. See the PGSL website for additional information www.pleasantonsfb.org.

Stroke Camp

Livermore Blue Dolphins will be offering a free stroke camp especially tailored to swimmers aged 11-13. The clinic is perfect for those on summer rec leagues who want to get a competitive edge for next summer season or anyone wanting to start year round swimming.

Swimmers will receive underwater video analysis and individualized feedback. The middle school camp will last for 3 weeks and will run M,W,F from November 27 - December 15, 6PM to 7PM.

Space in the camp is limited to only 16 swimmers. Please contact the Blue dolphins at (925)-447-SWIM to enroll.

Pleasanton Lacrosse

The Pleasanton Lacrosse Club Spring 2007 season registration is now open. Programs are available for girls and boys grades 3 thru 8. The season runs from February thru mid May.

Full equipment required for all players. Register early as spots are limited and additional fees for late registration will apply after October 31st.

To register and/or obtain more information go to www.pleasantonlacrosse.com or call Byron Hay at 925 998-5550.

Livermore Lacrosse

Spring registration has opened for Livermore Phantom Lacrosse. Boys and Girls, grades 3 through 8 are welcome. For information, go to www.phantomlacrosse.com.



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OBITUARIES

Family Matriarch Margaret 'Peggy' Concannon Dies

Longtime Livermore resident and icon Margaret "Peggy" Concannon passed away on November 10, 2006, following a long illness. She was 79.

A loving grandmother, mother, sister and aunt, Peggy was preceded in death by her husband Joseph Concannon, Jr. She is survived by her sister Mimi Eimers of Santa Rosa, sister-in-law Pat Ganahl of Anaheim; in-laws James and Helen Concannon of Livermore, Nina and Jack Radisch of Berkeley; daughter, Elizabeth and husband Matt Gelfuso of Covina, son Thomas and wife Teri of Livermore, daughter Leslie and husband Glenn Ziegler of Portland, son Joseph and partner David of Sacramento, daughter Maggie and husband John Borkovich, also of Sacramento, seven grandchildren, and numerous godchildren.

Peggy moved to Livermore in 1954 and married Joseph Concannon, Jr., whose grandfather founded Concannon Vineyard and Winery in 1883. She was known as a gracious hostess and for her extraordinary knowledge of food and wine. A tireless volunteer and historian, she was a highly respected community member whose door was always open to both family and friends in need of a good meal or some sage advice. A Stanford graduate, Peggy was a steadfast supporter of the Stanford Cardinal. As an active alumnus for decades, she enjoyed greatly the many reunions and other alumni events she attended.

Born the daughter of Southern California lumber businessman Ernest Ganahl and wife May in Los Angeles in 1927, Peggy knew first hand the rewards and challenges of running and supporting a family owned business. She and her husband Joseph, Jr., along with James and Helen Concannon worked tirelessly to improve both the quality and awareness of the varietal wines the family produced.

A devout Catholic and woman of many accomplishments, Peggy was known for her devotion to community service. She was a founding board member of Hope Hospice, active with the Mulberry Branch of the Oakland Children's Hospital, and a long time member and volunteer music instructor at St. Michael's Catholic Church and elementary school in Livermore.

A rosary will be held at 7 p.m. on Thurs., Nov. 16 at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Avenue. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Fri., Nov. 17 at St. Michael's Church, 458 Maple St., Livermore, with Father Ray Sacca presiding.

Donations in Peggy's name may be made to Catholic Charities or Hope Hospice.

Marilyn Murphy Kane

Marilyn Murphy Kane died at the age of 80 on November 11, 2006.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Jim Kane, and her children Tom of Menlo Park (Diann Lewis), Lisa Walsh of Orinda (Richard), Bruce of Chevy Chase, MD (Erica), and seven granddaughters, Allison and Amy Kane Lewis, Lindsay, Dana and Cameron Walsh, and Laurel and Holly Kane.

Marilyn was born in Fort Collins, Colorado, the daughter of Derris Edward Murphy and Anna Knemeyer Murphy. She is survived by a sister, Helen Koppe (Bruce) of Kirkland, WA, and a brother, Dick Murphy (Shirley) of Troy, Michigan. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Derris, who died in childhood, and Robert, two sisters Bonnie Fawcett and Jan Justin.

Marilyn graduated from Fort Collins High School in 1944 and attended Loretto Heights College in Denver before moving with her family to Richland, WA where she worked for General Electric as a personnel receptionist. In 1951, she moved to San Francisco where she worked for the Atomic Energy Commission screening potential employees for what would become the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. She met her husband Jim through mutual friends and they married on June 19, 1954. She moved to Livermore when Jim took a position at the Lab. The family moved to Pleasanton in 1963. The family spent eleven years in the Washington, DC area and returned to their Pleasanton home in 1985.

Marilyn was deeply involved with St. Augustine Catholic Church, where she served in the hospital Eucharist ministry. She and Jim were avid gardeners and were active in the Livermore Amateur Garden Club. Throughout her life she enjoyed playing bridge and tennis. She was a volunteer docent for the Filoli Estate gardens in Woodside and the Kennedy Center in Washington. Marilyn cared about current events and community affairs. She advocated a plan for the Bernal Park that could be enjoyed by all ages.

Marilyn was active and healthy until the onset of acute myeloid leukemia five weeks

before her death. She will be remembered as a loving and generous wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend.

Friends and family are invited to a memorial service and reception at 1:30 p.m. on Thurs., Nov. 16 at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

In lieu of flowers, donations should be made to Hope Hospice. Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Frances Nielsen

Frances Nielsen died November 4, 2006 in Castro Valley. She was 85.

The native of Kansas City had lived in Livermore for eight years. She was a mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Frances was vice president of St. Vincent de Paul and was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Livermore.

She is survived by daughters Leona Mendez of Livermore and Melinda Soars of Santa Rosa; sons Leo Maguire of Menlo Park and Patrick Maguire of San Francisco, a sister Dorothy Smith and brother, Maurice Dunn, both of Kansas. She is also survived by 8 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

A chapel blessing with rosary was held Nov. 11 in Livermore.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Louise Henderson

Louise Henderson died November 3, 2006 in Danville. She was 83.

The native of Japan had lived in the Danville/Livermore area for many years. She was a school teacher and a member of Tri-Valley Bible Church in Livermore. Louise spent many years at the Alameda County Fair making rock people. She will be missed by family and friends.

She is survived by sons Bob Henderson of Ceres, Tom Henderson of Danville, Richard Henderson of Eureka, Don Henderson of Eureka and Jake Henderson of New Mexico, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Nov. 7 at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Livermore.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Louise Hoybjerg

Louise Burchall Hoybjerg died November 6, 2006. She was 86.

Louise was born and raised in Denmark and came to America with her husband, two small children and a prayer in her heart. She grew to love this country. She was active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and volunteered in the temple faithfully for almost 40 years. She will be remembered as a strong, elegant woman who lived her life by following God and her heart. She leaves a legacy of love, faith, devotion and testimony.

She is survived by her four children, Elisabeth, Marianne, John and George, sixteen grandchildren, and 21 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Knud Carljohan Hoybjerg.

Services were held November 11 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Jacquetta Jonas

Jacquetta Sophia Jonas died November 7, 2006 at her home in Livermore. She was 95.

The native of Oklahoma had lived in Livermore for 2 years. Prior to that she had lived in Redwood City for 50 years. Mrs. Jonas was an accomplished artist who worked in oils. She enjoyed golfing, entertaining and cooking for family and friends, and traveling. She and her husband traveled extensively. They loved to take their family on cruises. She had completed 5 years of Bible Study Fellowship

at Cornerstone Fellowship.

She is survived by daughters Vicki Goss of Lake Wildwood and Cathy O'Connell of Livermore; sons John Jonas of Benica, Brent Jonas of Redwood City, and Chris Jonas of Livermore, fourteen grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Donald Jonas in 1991 and by one grandson.

A celebration of her life was held Nov. 12 at Cornerstone Fellowship in Livermore.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Shepherd's Gate, 1660 Portola Ave., Livermore, CA 94551.

Arrangements by Wilson Family Funeral Chapel.

Gladys Marcella Moy

Gladys Marcella Moy died November 10, 2006 in Antioch. She was 95.

She was born at St. Paul's Hospital in Livermore and lived here for 89 years before moving to Antioch 6 years ago. She is the daughter of Daniel and Catherine Flynn Moy. She is the last of six siblings. Gladys attended St. Michael's Grammar School and Livermore High School. She was a quiet, kind sweet lady who loved to cook and would put on lavish meals for her family.

She is survived by a nephew Daniel J. Moy, great-nephews Daniel C. Moy and Bryce W. Moy, and a niece Barbara Demo.

Private services are planned. Interment will be at St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery.

Arrangements by Wilson Family Funeral Chapel.

Myrna L. Bowers

Myrna Louise Bowers died November 7, 2006 with members of her family by her side. She was 64.

She was diagnosed with terminal lung cancer three and a half years ago. Her "never say quit" attitude allowed her to enjoy a tremendous amount of quality time with friends and family. She was born July 31, 1942 in Fargo, North Dakota and moved to Southern California at an early age. She and her husband, Roger, and their children moved to the Livermore/Pleasanton area in 1976. She remained in the Tri-Valley for the remainder of her life. She worked in various occupations throughout her life. Her favorite job was pet sitter. She loved animals, especially her loving companion dog, Ginger. She volunteered at the Humane Society for a number of years.

She enjoyed trips to Hawaii, Mexico and Tahoe. Fishing seemed to be her favorite pastime. She never missed an opportunity to go fishing, even if that meant juggling her chemotherapy treatments around her many trips. Her children were a great source of pride and inspiration, as she was to them.

She is survived by sons Roger and his wife Beverly, Robert and his wife Kelly, daughter Roxanne and her husband Dag, and grandchildren, Summer, Courtney, Morgan, Jacob and Steven.

Friends and family are invited to a celebration of her life at noon on Sat., Nov. 18 at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4267 First St., Pleasanton. A reception will follow at her son's home, 2160 Vintage Lane, Livermore.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Valley Humane Society, 273 Spring St., Pleasanton, CA 94566, or to a charity of choice.

Georg Robert Boring

Georg Robert Boring died recently at the age of 42.

He was born in Richmond, CA, and had lived in Antioch for the past nine years, moving there from Pleasanton, where he lived for 28 years. He graduated from Foothill High School in Pleasanton where he was in the marching band. He was an avid Giants fan and liked bowling and playing golf. He worked as assistant manager at Piedmont Lumber.

He is survived by his parents Wilberta Lynn Boring and Robert Harley Boring, and sisters Linda Ann McLaurin and Laura Diane Loeffler.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Thurs., Nov. 16 at St. Phillip Lutheran Church, 8850 Davona Dr., Dublin.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Florence Broadhurst

Florence Broadhurst died November 10, 2006. She was 104.

Florence (Flo) was born March 13, 1902 in Salford, England and had lived for the past 33 years at Pleasanton Gardens. She was preceded in death by her husband Jack, daughter Joyce, and sons Albert and Allen.

Flo will be remembered as the beloved mother of Edith Caponigro and her husband Dennis. She is also survived by grandchildren Steve, Derek, Kerry and Craig and their spouses Sharon, Tonja, Steve and Susanne; great grandchildren, Mark, Brittany, Giovanni, Sophie, Ben, Olivia, Zoe and Shyla, and many other family members.

She lived a full life, enduring World Wars I and II during which

she worked as a welder, parachute packer and cotton winder. She lost her home to bombings during World War II. Her songs, age 8 and 11, were taken from her and evacuated to the countryside. Both died after contracting tuberculosis from their caregiver.

She had friends both in England and American who loved her dearly and will miss her. She was well known not only for her longevity, but her involvement in Daughters of the British Empire, Pleasanton gardens, Pleasanton Presbyterian Community Church, Pleasanton VIP Senior Program and as a volunteer at the Livermore Veteran's Hospital. She will be remembered in the community for her years of baby-sitting for many young families.

Family and friends are invited to a service celebrating her life on Sun., Nov. 19 at 4:30 p.m. at Pleasanton Presbyterian Community Church, 4300 Mirador Dr., Pleasanton. Immediately following the service, a reception will be held at Pleasanton gardens, 251 Kottinger Dr., Pleasanton.

The family requests no flowers. Memorial donations may be sent in Flo's name to the Daughters of the British Empire, 147 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton, CA

94566.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Mary La Rocca

Mary La Rocca died November 9, 2006 at the age of 80.

The New Jersey native had lived in Pleasanton for the last three years. The remainder of her life, she was a resident of New Jersey. She worked as a financial aid officer for 13 years at Montclair State University. Her hobbies included sewing and tinsel painting.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Eugene La Rocca of Pleasanton, a son, Frank and daughters Carin and Christine. She is also survived by a brother, Steve, and grandchildren, Gen and Christian.

A memorial mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Sat., Nov. 18 at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton.

Donations may be made to National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 150 Grand Ave., Oakland, CA 94612.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner Looking for Help

Organizers of the Livermore Community Thanksgiving Dinner are seeking help from the community for this year's event.

Guests at the dinner include seniors, singles, shut-ins, families and veterans from the VA Hospital. In addition, meals are delivered to those who cannot attend in person.

People can help in the following ways:

- Let those who need transportation to and from the event or for a hot dinner to be delivered know they can call 455-9782 for transportation or a delivery.

- Volunteers are needed to cook turkeys in their homes. Turkeys and pans are provided. Volunteers are asked to deliver the

cooked turkeys to the Bothwell Center at a specific time.

- Entertainers are needed, including piano players, guitarists, singers, or anyone else available to provide a half hour of entertainment.

- Contributions of desserts to the dinner are needed. Desserts (cakes, pies, etc.) can be brought to the Bothwell Center after 7 p.m. on Wed., Nov. 22, or preferably on Thursday morning, Nov. 23.

- Cash donations are needed. Checks can be made payable to The Livermore Community Thanksgiving Dinner and dropped off at the US Bank, 2125 Second St., Livermore

- Help is needed picking up plants at Alden Lane Nursery at

noon on Wed., Nov. 22. The plants are taken to the hall and stored to be used in decorating the hall later that evening.

- Anyone interested in helping is invited to attend a meeting on Wed., Nov. 22 at 7 p.m. at the Bothwell Center, 2466 Eighth Street, Livermore. There will be a brief explanation of the dinner, description of jobs available, and signs up taken. Turkeys will be handed out to volunteer cooks. Other volunteers will help set up and decorate the hall.

- Help is needed returning the plants to Alden Lane Nursery on Fri., Nov. 24. Meet at 10 a.m. at the Bothwell Center.

For additional information, call Randall Moore at 455-9782.

Bank Launches Adopt-A-Bear Program

Valley Community Bank will host its annual Adopt-A-Bear campaign at their Tri-Valley office locations from November 20 - December 8.

This is the eleventh year that Valley Community Bank Senior Vice President Cindy Chase has spearheaded the effort, which will benefit underprivileged children in the Tri-Valley area. Cindy is construction loan officer at the Bank's San Ramon office.

The bears were donated by parishioners at Walnut Creek Unity Church's Teddy Bear Sundays. They will be available for "adoption" from Monday, November 20, to Saturday, December 9, during bank hours at Valley Community Bank locations: 465 Main Street in Pleasanton, Calif., 1986 Second Street in Livermore, Calif., and 2355 San Ramon Valley Boulevard in San Ramon, Calif.

Adoptive "parents" are asked to make monetary donations of any amount as their adoption fee.

Donors' names are attached to the bears. The bears are left at the bank to be picked up and delivered to children in need during the holiday season. This year,

Axis Community Health and CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) will distribute the bears.

For information, call Cindy Chase at (925) 580-4661.



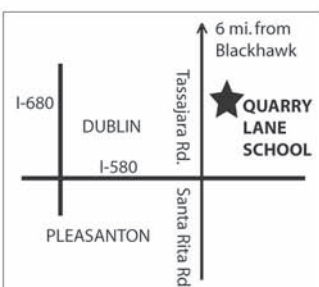
Valley Community Bank Senior Vice President Cindy Chase launches the Bank's annual Adopt-A-Bear campaign. Bears pictured are from G. R. Doodlebug in Pleasanton.



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Wine, chocolate and appetizers. Aloha Island Trading Company, Gourmet Works and Studio 7 provide complimentary appetizers, Livermore wines and chocolates every Friday through December 22nd from 6-9 PM. This is for the enjoyment of adult shoppers. Music is also offered on most Fridays. Aloha Island Trading Company, Gourmet Works and Studio 7 are located at 400, 410 and 420 Main Street in downtown Pleasanton (corner of West Angela and Main). Check www.AlohaIslandTradingCompany.com for the Livermore wineries to be featured each week.

Prometheus Symphony Orchestra, concert Nov. 19, 3 p.m. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 116 Montecito, Oakland. Program: Johannes Brahms' 1st Symphony; Hugo Alven's Midsommarvaka; and Tom Baker's Summer Breezes. Admission free, donation requested. www.prometheussymphony.org.

And Then There Were None, Contra Costa Civic Theatre production of a mystery. Nov. 10 through Dec. 9, Friday and Saturday 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. 951 Poma Ave., El Cerrito. \$18, \$11 age 16 and under. 510-524-9132. www.cct.org.

Gift of Words - Poems for the Iraqi People, Sunday, December 3, 1 to 3 p.m. Century House, 2401 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. City of Pleasanton Civic Arts presents program hosted by Poet Laureate Cynthia Bryant. Cost \$5. Information www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/community/arts/civic-arts-presents.html or (925) 931-5350.

Worthington Gallery West, Textile Art class offered Sat., Nov. 18 from 2 to 4 p.m. Learn embroidery, how to piece applique and other techniques. No experience needed. Refreshments served. There is no charge. Trunk show featuring jewelry designer Josie Adele Nov. 17, 7 to 9 p.m. Free. Cuna Indian Benefit - December 5-30. Benefit for the San Blas Medical Mission through the sale of striking, colorful Mola textiles. Dec. 1, photographer Sue Evans will display her photos 7 to 9 p.m., free, refreshments. Trunk show featuring jewelry designer Kim Pace on

Shakespeare Performers In Livermore

Two professional actors from the Ashland Oregon Shakespeare Festival Players will present two evening performances at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Livermore.

Performances will be November 17 and 18 at 8 p.m. The actors will perform selections from Shakespeare, plus works from classic and contemporary literature.

The church is located at 1893 North Vasco Road, Livermore.

Tickets prices are \$20 general admission and \$15 students

For information or tickets call UUCIL, 447-8747, Joan Dickinson, 447-6454, or go to Books Oasis 2369 First Street, Livermore.

Musicians Perform

Windham Hill artists and cousins, Will Ackerman and Alex DeGrassi are teaming up for a rare performance marking the 30th anniversary of Ackerman's founding of Windham Hill Records.

The performance will be Sat., Nov. 18 at The Wesley Center, 902 Danville Blvd., Alamo. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. with the show beginning at 8 p.m.

Well known for his unique open tuning guitar compositions, Ackerman has gained prominence both as a musician and a businessman and has had more to do with the rise of acoustic based instrumental music as a popular form in the '70s and '80s than anyone else.

Alex deGrassi is revered as an innovative guitarist and composer whose mastery of acoustic fingerpicking styles has grown to include a variety of other techniques and ethnic influences.

General admission is Gold Circle: \$45, Adult: \$30, Sr/Child \$27. Box office and information call, 925-229-2710 or go to www.communityconcerts.com.

Chabot College Hosts Jazz Artist

The Chabot College Jazz Studies Program presents the highly acclaimed jazz vocalist Ledisi as its Fall Guest Artist on Friday, November 17. She will be accompanied by the award-winning Chabot College Jazz Orchestra at the Chabot Performing Arts Center at 8:00 p.m.

Ledisi composed her first song at the age of four on a Casio keyboard, and went on to study jazz, classical and R&B, piano, drums and violin. This extraordinary talent recently signed with high profile talent agency Monterey International, which also represents artists Bonnie Raitt, Bob James, Tuck and Patti, and many more.

Tickets are \$20 for general admission and may be purchased by calling (510) 723-7233. For more information, please contact Jon Palacio Jr. at (510) 723-6831.

Fri., Dec. 8, 7 to 9 p.m. Free. Dec. 15, 7 to 9 p.m. Ruth Van Slyke will offer bracelets made with vintage buttons, buckles and ribbons, also her holiday gnomes available for purchase. Free admission. 739-J Main St., Pleasanton, (925) 485-1183 www.worthingtongallerywest.com. Tues. - Sat. 10:30- 5:30.

The Gifts of the Magi, based on the short stories of O. Henry. Nov. 24-Dec. 10, Thurs., Fri. and Sat. 8 p.m. and Sun. 2 p.m. Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 North Third St., Hayward. For tickets call (510) 881-6777 (Tuesday through Friday from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.). For information go to www.dmtonline.org.

The Edlos Holiday Music, A Cappella, City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Presents will host holiday music a cappella by The Edlos at the Amador Theater, Friday, December 1, at 8:00 p.m. 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. World-class quartet, The Edlos, is known for powerful voices and a broad comic approach to performing. The Edlos Holiday Show combines traditional and not-so-traditional songs. Advance tickets are \$10, \$14, and \$18 for adults, and \$6, \$10 and \$14 for children. Tickets may be purchased on-line at www.civicartstickets.org until 1:00 a.m. the day of the performance, by phone at (925) 931-3444, or in person at the Amador Theater Box Office Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and for two hours prior to the performance. Group sales discounts are available.

Concerto Competition, Prometheus Symphony Orchestra for Bay Area string, wind and percussion players age 18 or younger. Competition is Tues., Jan. 30, 2007 at Zion Lutheran Church, Piedmont. The winner will perform with the orchestra on Sun., March 25, 2007 and will receive a \$150 award. Application deadline is Jan. 20, 2007. Applications are available by calling 447-3659 or on-line at www.prometheussymphony.org.

All-Star Musical Variety Program, "Happy Holidays and All That Jazz," includes silent auction. Benefiting the Young Actors' Theatre Camp Scholarship Fund. Hosted by cabaret star Samantha Samuels. Sat., Dec. 2. Silent auction 7 p.m., show 8 p.m. Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. General ad-

mission \$25; seniors and youth \$23; children 12 and under and groups of 10 or more, \$20 per person. Tickets and information at (925) 943-SHOW. The Young Actors' Theatre Camp (www.youngactorstheatre.com), held at Camp Arroyo in Livermore, is a 6 day, 5 night intensive theatre training congress specially designed for young actors between the ages of 10-18 years old.

Lithorama 2006, show and sale Nov. 18-19, The Barn, 3131 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Livermore Valley Lithophiles Gem & Mineral Club. Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Adults \$3, under 12 free with adult. Dealers with gems, minerals, beads and findings, jewelry, equipment and much. Educational displays from several northern California clubs, including the special "glow room," with a rainbow of colors. Demonstrations, prizes, refreshments. Information at www.lithophile.com or contact Bill Beiriger at 443-5769.

Tommy T's (comedy) Pleasanton, 5104 Hopyard Rd. 227-1800 or www.tommyts.com.

And Then There Were None, Amador Valley High School production of Agatha Christie's mystery. Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Tickets and information khartman@pleasanton.k12.ca.us.

Macbeth, Las Positas College, Fridays & Saturdays, November 17, 18, 2006 at 8 pm; Sunday, November 19, 2006 at 2 pm. Tickets \$10 general, \$7 seniors/students. Tickets can be purchased at the campus bookstore, 3033 Collier Canyon Road, at the door, or at Fine Fretted Friends in Livermore. For further information call the Performing Arts Events Line at 925-424-1100 or call Mary Campbell at 925-424-1118.

WINERIES

Elliston Vineyards, A Holiday Evening at Elliston, Dec. 8 and 15, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Two cocktail parties for groups of 2-35; live music, cheese and chocolate pairings with our wines. \$65.00 per person includes live holiday music, hors d'oeuvres, chocolate fondue, champagne and wine! Reservations and payment required ahead of time. 862-2377. www.elliston.com

Ohlone Orchestra Performs Fall Concert

The Ohlone Wind Orchestra will perform its Fall Concert on Sunday November 19th, at 2 p.m. at the Gary Soren Smith Center for the Fine and Performing Arts in Fremont.

The concert will feature "Gandalf (the Wizard)", and "Hobbits," two movements from Johan de Meij's prize-winning Symphony No. 1, "The Lord of the Rings." Additionally, the concert will include Adam Gorb's jazzy "Awayday," Frank Ticheli's moving "American Elegy," music from Alfred Reed's "Armenian Dances," Gordon Jacob's "An Original Suite," and the Fanfare from Dukas' "La Peri," featuring the OWO brass.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children. Gary Soren Smith Center for the Fine and Performing Arts is located at 43600 Mission Blvd., Fremont.

For tickets or information, call (510) 659-6031 or go to www.ohlone.cc.ca.us.

Young Musician Competition Winners

Max Loh, pianist, and James Choi, violinist, have been selected as the winners in the 34th annual Competition for Young Musicians.

The competition is sponsored by the Livermore-Amador Symphony Association. The two will perform as soloists with the symphony in February. They will perform the works they presented in the competition.

Max is the son of Karen and Lawrence Loh of Pleasanton. He is a student at Amador Valley High School. For the competition, he performed the third movement of "Concerto No. 3" by Rachmaninoff.

James is the son of Jonathan and Sin Hae Choi of San Ramon. He attends California High School. His competition work was the first movement of Mendelssohn's "Violin Concerto in E Minor."

Judges were Dr. Arthur Barnes, conductor of the Symphony; and Ruth Freeman, past principal violist for several musical groups in San Francisco.

Craft Mafia Collecting 'Beads of Courage'

The Pleasanton Craft Mafia, a collaborative group of over 40 East Bay artisans, is partnering with Beads of Courage by collecting beads for children who are coping with cancer.

The Pleasanton Craft Mafia (PCM) is an artisan membership organization based in Pleasanton. The group is comprised of over forty local artists who collaborate on group art shows, educational workshops and social events. PCM's most recent endeavor, however, is geared toward supporting children who are coping with cancer.

Beads of Courage is a non profit organization that offers a program through which children with cancer tell their story using colorful beads as meaningful symbols of courage. Each bead commemorates a milestone that

a child has achieved along his or her own unique treatment path. There are active Beads of Courage programs in 16 children's hospitals across the country, including Children's Hospital Oakland, and Kaiser Oakland.

The Pleasanton Craft Mafia is sponsoring a bead drive, to benefit the Beads of Courage program. PCM will be collecting beads through the end of the year, and will cover the shipping cost to send them to Beads of Courage. PCM is reaching out to the community to ask for donations of beads of any shape or make. The only request is that they have a 1 mm minimum sized hole, to accommodate the stringing material used in the Beads of Courage program. Beads can be

mailed to PCM directly, or delivered to them at any of their upcoming events.

"Giving back to the community was important to us as a group," says Chel Stroud Hery, the founder of the Pleasanton Craft Mafia. "As soon as we learned about Beads of Courage, we knew that it was special, and the program fits right in with our belief that arts and crafts can change lives for the better."

To learn more about the Pleasanton Craft Mafia, including their partnership with Beads of Courage, or to find out where they will be during their upcoming events - visit www.PleasantonCraftMafia.com.

For further information please contact: Chel Stroud Hery 925-249-0979 or Chel@ZNEart.com.

Triumphant Performance of Mozart's Jupiter Symphony

By Nancy O'Connell

On Wednesday night, November 8th, the Pacific Chamber Symphony under Lawrence Kohl, Musical Director and Conductor, opened its fall program at the Valley Community Church in Pleasanton. Musicians came to hear the *Jupiter Symphony # 41* in particular, because it is a masterpiece of unrivaled beauty and elegance.

First on the program, however, were *Three German Dances K.605*. Amazingly, these dances were composed after the great *Jupiter Symphony*, and must have been a commissioned set of pieces, because Mozart, always impoverished, had to please his patrons. These dances demonstrated Mozart's usual treatment of the 'celli and bass playing a typical bass line, giving strong rhythmic balance to the higher string instruments. Two viola players doubled on bells which they shook in the third German Dance, titled appropriately, *"Sleighride"* or *"Schlittenfahrt."*

Sinfonia Concertante for Violin, Viola and Cello, K.320 followed and showcased three soloists: Christina Mok, Concertmaster; Marcel Gemperli, Principal Viola; and Nina Flyer, Principal Cellist. As technically demanding as the three solo parts were, they were played with grace and charm. Ms. Mok, in the upper register of her instrument, made it all look effortless. There was good eye contact between the three soloists. They played together seamlessly, as though used to working together in string trios or quartets. In their musical dialogue there was a good rapport as they answered each other with similar bowings and interpretations. The 'cellist had some fiendishly difficult running passages that answered a theme led first by the violin, then the viola. This passage added to the complexity of the musical score. Throughout, the trio was accom-

panied by the chamber orchestra. In this unfinished work, Mozart for the first time explores using the cello as a solo instrument rather than just providing the bass line.

Playing from memory, Christina Mok, Concertmaster, was in total command from her opening passage in *Adagio for Violin and Orchestra in E, K.261*. She played with great sensitivity. Her tone was rich and golden. The microphones were placed in front of the entire orchestra and seemed to pick up all of the nuances of the entire ensemble, without distorting the soloist's tone. The melodies in this *Adagio* were lyrical and lush. Mok's double stops in her Cadenza were perfectly in tune. If one were to close his or her eyes, it sounded like two violins, not one.

Eine Kleine Nachtmusik, (A Little Night Music) is such a familiar staple in the orchestral repertoire that it loses its appeal to the jaded music goer. However, the violins with their singing melodies and sparkling grace notes made it somehow sound fresh. This work is only for strings, The French horns, winds, and tympani had all vanished from the stage. The variations in dynamics were skillfully led by Maestro Kohl. The pianissimo passages were played as precisely as the loud or forte passages. Not difficult technically, there is a transparency in all of Mozart's music, so that any slight error which might go unnoticed in a work by Schoenberg, can never escape scrutiny in Mozart. All of the performers must play each note with perfect intonation. There is no room for sloppy musicianship in interpreting the music of this former child prodigy who was born 250 years ago.

At last, after the intermission, the great *Symphony in C Major, the "Jupiter"* was performed. Maestro Kohl spoke briefly before the music commenced. He

told the audience that Mozart, in this work, plays with the notion of bar lines. He takes away the pulse of the music and has the instruments enter on different beats. He is experimenting here with musical form. Two hundred years later such experimentation led to Stravinsky and others writing music with different rhythmic notations in the same phrase. One staff of Stravinsky's *Rake's Progress* might look like this: 3/8 for two measures, 6/8 for one, 7/8 for six measures, followed by one measure in 5/4! The poor musician is left wildly counting!


The first horn, Armando Castellano, played with a brilliant tone. The bassoonist had a demanding part. She performed it with great finesse. The winds were excellent. All of Maestro Kohl's cues were precise and clear. The elegant *Andante* had dark overtones with rich 'cello passages played in unison with the double bass. A charming oboe solo in the Third Movement, played by Peter Lemberg, was answered in the strings. All of the violins bowing in unison led to a uniformity of tone. Maestro Kohl's sweeping arm movements led the orchestral masterfully, cueing each section's entrances. In the last movement the flute had some virtuoso melodies that were executed well by Janet Ketchum.

A joyous conclusion is the final movement with its contrapuntal parts, which adds a complexity to the musical whole. In his coda, Mozart brought all five of his themes together, forming a lasting tribute to Jupiter, the god of light and of the sky, that has endured for over 200 years. Will any composer of "rock" music be heard 250 years after his birth? Not very likely.

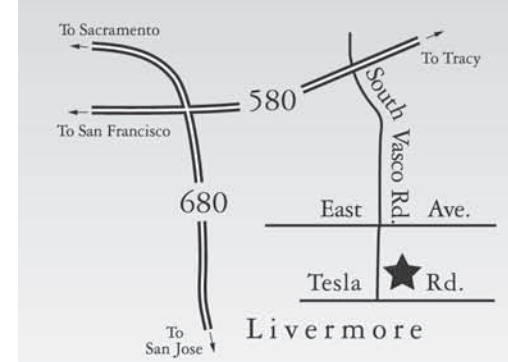
The next concert given by this superb ensemble will be in Livermore on February 9th. The program will feature the works of Beethoven, Prokofiev, Rachmaninoff and Brahms. Reserve the date!

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Stellar Performance by Robert Silverman

By Nancy O'Connell

A performer of international stature, the Canadian pianist Robert Silverman came to Livermore on Saturday, November 11th through the auspices of Del Valle Fine Arts, and transfixed his audience. The Presbyterian Church appeared almost full. A few well-behaved small children were present. Silverman's concert, like the Pacific Chamber Orchestra's heard earlier this week, was a tribute to Mozart, celebrating the 250th year since his birth.

The Piano Sonata # 2 in F major, K 280, was composed when Mozart was just 19 years old, about the age when young American college students of music are beginning the study of harmony and counterpoint. Yet the young child prodigy, Mozart, had already been composing highly original pieces for many years. At the advanced age of 19, Mozart, no longer a child wonder, was halfway through his life.

In the first movement, Silverman's fingers flew over the keys, yet his legato passages were sustained. The melody line was never overpowered by the heavier chords in the bass. The 2nd movement, Adagio, had a haunting theme that contrasted with the sunny, lighthearted 1st movement, Allegro Assai. His Presto returned to the major key, and the soloist's left hand technique was formidable with its broken octaves answering the melodies in the treble clef.

At ease with his audience, Silverman spoke briefly after the first sonata. Dressed in long sleeved black shirt and black slacks, he was unencumbered with a tuxedo jacket or a heavy suit jacket and constricting tie. His playing appeared effortless as he continued the program with Mozart's Sonata # 6 in D major, K 284, composed in the same year as the first one heard, 1775. Here, too, Mozart is experimenting with the piano sonata form. Each work has just three movements, rather than the four one expects in a symphony.

In this sonata, the 2nd movement is his surprise, his experiment. It is in the form of a polonaise. For the listener who is familiar with Chopin's polonaises, Mozart's is decidedly quieter. Beautiful melodies later embellished with trills all sound deceptively simple in Silverman's interpretation. The 3rd movement would be fairly easy to memorize because it is written in the form of a set of variations. The slow Adagio, rather than appearing as a separate movement, is woven into the variations. As Silverman crossed his left hand over the right he created a visual treat for those who were close enough to see his hands mirrored on the dark wood of the piano. As his fingers raced over the keys, he brought the work to a fiery conclusion.

After the intermission Silverman continued his program with Mozart's Sonata # 12 in F major, K 332. The soloist turned his own pages. However, had modified his copy so that sometimes three or four pages lay open on the stand. At other times he had just a staff or two printed out on a long strip of paper, so that he had no awkward page turns. In the 1st movement of this sonata Mozart wrote driving sequential patterns with strong forte passages contrasting with a those which were a quiet piano. His 2nd movement, an Adagio, was harmonically experimental. The familiar melodies were exquisitely played. Embellishments like grace notes and trills added to the listening pleasure but never detracted from the melodic line. Throughout his performance, Silverman had a beautiful clarity of sound. The pedal was never overused. The end of the 3rd movement ended with a very quiet cadence, filling one with a sense of wonder at Mozart's musical genius.

Sonata # 17 in B flat major, K 570, composed just two years before Mozart's untimely death, showed a great maturity of style. The Allegro movement contains two melodies, one in each hand. This sounded like a duet between two voices. The Adagio sounded deceptively simple. However, the pianist modulated into several different keys and the music became more challenging. The Allegretto was light-hearted and joyful, with running sixteenths and contrasting forte and piano sections bringing the program to the end.

But not quite! The audience clapped and clapped and was rewarded with an encore. The first was Mozart's Rondo Alla Turca, which never sounded so elegant when played by young piano students as it did on this night, particularly since most of the youngsters only manage the opening section, without the middle section where the right hand moves at lightning speed.

A standing ovation followed and led to the second encore. With his dry humor, Silverman commented, "You've heard this, too." The Sonata Facile in C, K 546 followed. Having performed with major orchestras in many countries, Robert Silverman has presented solo recitals on every continent and has played with major symphonies. He is on the faculty at the University of British Columbia and has recorded nearly 20 albums.

As outstanding as Robert Silverman was, Del Valle has several more concerts scheduled this year with other talented musicians. The next one will feature the organist, Paul Jacobs, on November 25th at 8 PM at the same location. Come and bring your children so that they can be inspired! Introduce them to the joy of listening to classical music performed by living artists.

Downtown Mural Dedicated to the People of Livermore

The Wine Country Mural in downtown Livermore was dedicated during a ceremony held last Saturday.

The ceramic mural is located on the wall of Strizzi's restaurant adjacent to J Street. The work was a collaboration of artists, the city and Livermore Downtown Inc. The vision for the mural was that of artist Diane Taasevigen, who passed away within works of its completion. She wanted to do something about the bare wall just outside her studio.

Rachael Lavezzo-Snedecor said of Taasevigen, "She had the creativity, vision and perseverance to make the mural happen." Lavezzo-Snedecor noted that Diane came to her with the idea and convinced Livermore Downtown Inc. to become a partner in the project.

She also pointed to one portion of the mural showing three women seated at a table. "They are the ones who made this happen," she stated. Pictured are Nadine Thompson, Renee March and Simone Archer (the illustrator).



Participants in the dedication ceremony admire the mural.

The city became involved, as well. Neal Snedecor, of the planning department, explained that Diane came to the Commission for the Arts to ask for help in funding the project. The city council

approved \$12,000. Snedecor predicted, "A time will come when we will see a lot more projects like this. The city is overjoyed that it is here."

Renee March spoke for the

artists, talking about the planning that went into the final work of art. It started with discussions of favorite things about Livermore, which were sketched by Simone. A draft mural was then created and funding sought. March pointed out that the building's owner, Mike Madden, matched all of the funds raised for the project.

In addition to Madden and the city, the organizers raised funds by selling bricks. The bricks have the names of people or organizations.

March related one story about the mural that drew a chuckle from the crowd. The final mural was five feet too short. March says she asked Diane whether she had measured the wall. She had. However, Diane did not have a 12 inch shoe size. "That's how the olive tree ended up at the end of the mural."

In closing the ceremony, March stated, "I dedicate this to the citizens of Livermore. It is you who make Livermore a great place to live."

Movie Theme for Band's Children's Concert

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band will present their Family and Children's Concert, "Music from the Movies," on November 19 at 2:00 PM in the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton.

From the movie *Pirates of the Caribbean*, the Band will play *Score of the Black Pearl*. The Harry Potter movie music will include *Harry at Hogwarts*, *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*, and *Harry Potter Symphonic Suite*. *Jurassic Park* fans will recognize the music from the movie by the same name. *The Chronicles of Narnia* will be familiar to those who have read the book *The Chronicles of Narnia* and have seen the movie. For *Star Wars* fans *The Star Wars Epic - Part I, The Empire Strikes Back Medley* and *The Star Wars Epic - Part II* will be performed. Director Bob Williams will have the Band close the concert with a special musical surprise.

The concert is free. The Amador Theater doors open at 1:40 PM. For more information call 925-846-5897, or go to the website at www.pleasantonband.org.

'Charlie Brown' Benefits Orchestra

Pleasanton Playhouse is staging "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown," at the Studio Theatre in Pleasanton. This is a fundraiser to benefit the Pleasanton Playhouse Orchestra.

The show has been described

Book Looks at Test Site 'Before Nukes'

Charles Meier has written a book that provides some fascinating glimpses into the history of the area of the Nevada Test Site, a one-half million acre area.

We learn in the book that the area was home to Indian tribes, early American pioneers, miners, and adventurers dating as far back as 10,500 years ago. There is also information about the geology of the site.

"Before the Nukes - the remarkable history of the area of the Nevada Test Site," does not include any information about nuclear testing, other than the first bomb that was dropped. Rather, Meier focuses much of the book on the people who came and went in the area.

Early in the 20th century, there were many mining ventures in the area, with the promise of silver and gold luring many. Always the climate and lack of rich finds drove the potential settlers away. Among the people we meet in the book is Juliet Brier, who kept her husband and three sons alive during their trek through the

desert. One account states, "It seemed almost impossible that one little woman could do so much. It was entirely due to her untiring devotion that her husband and children lived."

Authors and an artist drew from their experiences in the area. Dr. Margaret Long, a physician from Denver, made several trips to the area where she collected material for her book about the Death Valley '49ers. Artist Clyde Forsythe produced paintings of one of the mining camps, "Wahmonie." Meier uses one of his paintings as the cover for the book. B.M. Bower, a writer of western fiction, describes life in the desert, writing 11 of her novels at the Nevada Test Site.

Meier says he was able to spend weekends exploring the springs, remnant of old mines, corals and shelters abandoned many years before. He says his explorations would have been better if he had known about the history of the area. "With that lesson in mind, this historical primer is meant to enrich the memories

of those who have worked on the test Site and enlighten those to come."

He clearly had a good time and put a lot of research into writing this book. He notes, "Evidence of many cultures that traversed the Test Site and stayed for varying periods of time has been found in several locations, predominantly springs, rock shelters, caves and even petroglyphs."

Stories of the mystery of the Lost Breyfogle mine and other facts and rumors about the area are all part of the book.

"Before the Nukes - the remarkable history of the area of the Nevada Test Site," is 112 pages long and includes 61 illustrations. It is available at www.lansingpublications.com and at Amazon.com.

Meier worked at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory as project manager for the 1992 Environmental Impact Statement. He has also worked at Sandia National Laboratories and for the Department of Energy.

Photography Studio Opens in Downtown Livermore

The Marcelo Fuentes Photography Studio is opening in downtown Livermore. Grand opening festivities will be held on Nov. 17 from 4:30 to 9 p.m. The studio will specialize in commercial photography for the wine and food industry, unique

portraiture, editorial fashion, and wedding photography.

Refreshments will be served at 7 p.m. at the studio, 144 South J Street.

Fuentes is a long time resident of Livermore. He says he decided to offer his skills and service to the community and businesses in the area. His skills were acquired from years of working as an independent photographer with as-

signments in Milan, Italy; Barcelona, Spain, and in the Bay Area.

"I want the studio to be a part of the community," according to Fuentes. "In the future, I will offer photography courses. Space will be available for businesses and individuals who have the need for a space for events and art openings."

The public is invited to stop by and take a look at his studio and images. For additional information, call 245-9298.

Diablo Ballet to Stage 'The Magic Toy Store'

The Diablo Ballet will start the holiday season with a matinee performance of "The Magic Toy Store" on Saturday, November 18, at 2 pm at the Regional Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek.

Families will be able to attend this popular annual event for as low as \$7.50 per ticket - thanks to a special two-for-one pricing program created by the Diablo Regional Arts Association through a generous sponsorship from Target. To receive the discount, simply ask for the "Buy 1 Get 1 Free" promotion at the time tickets are purchased.

"The Magic Toy Store" was commissioned by Diablo Ballet Artistic Director Lauren Jonas and choreographed by Nikolai Kabaniaev. It is based on Leonide Massine's "La Boutique Fantasque," which was created for the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo in about 1919. Renowned French artist Guy Buffet designed the sets and costumes.

"The Magic Toy Store" takes



place in a shop where the dolls come to life when no one is looking. The story opens with a pas de deux by the Soldier and Ballerina dolls, who are obviously in love. They flee back to their boxes when the shop door opens and in walks a boy and his parents. The Shop Keeper shows them the Waiter and Devil dolls, but the family is only interested in purchasing the Soldier doll. In an effort to save himself, the Soldier breaks his sword. But, alas, the shop owner promises it will be fixed and that the doll will be ready for pick-up the next day. Next, a girl and her parents

enter and want only the Ballerina doll. Panicked, the Ballerina tears off her tutu - only to delay her fate one more day. That night, the other dolls plot an ingenious way of saving their friends - then spring into action when the unwitting Shop Keeper and his customers return the next morning.

To date, Kabaniaev has created six story ballets, including "The Tale of Cinderella" for Diablo Ballet - which will receive its world premiere on November 17 - 18, at the Dean Lesher Regional Center for the Performing Arts.

This year's production of "The Magic Toy Store" will feature two local young dancers - 12-year-old Emily Liu of Antioch and 13-year-old Olivia Crowell of Danville - in the roles of the girl and boy customers who visit the shop.

For tickets, call (925) 943-SHOW (7469) or buy online at www.DLRCA.org

There is free parking, free admission, free jazz.

No registration is required. For more information, please call Penny Johnson, 931-3405. The library is located at 400 Old Bernal Avenue.

'Straight Ahead' Jazz Performance at the Pleasanton Library

Trumpeter Dave Rocha will be playing 'straight ahead' jazz at the Pleasanton Library on Sunday, November 19th from 2:00 to 3:00pm.

His repertoire includes original compositions as well as arrangements of jazz standards by

such notables as Miles Davis, Charlie Parker, John Coltrane, Gigi Gryce and Charles Lloyd. His rhythm section includes some of the best jazz musicians the Bay Area has to offer. These guys can really swing.

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Vine Cinema 1722 First Street - Livermore. WWW.VINECINEMA.COM (925) 447-2545. Playing Nov. 17 - Nov. 23. Featuring the voices of Robin Williams, Nicole Kidman, Elijah Wood & Hugh Jackman. **HAPPY FEET** Showing Fri - Sun: 11:30 2:00 4:40 7:15 9:35. Mon - Thur: 2:15 4:40 7:15 9:25. Showing Wed & Thurs (Thanksgiving): 11:30 2:00 4:40 7:15 9:30. Denzel Washington in: **Deja Vu** Coming Wednesday November 22. Call for Showtimes. **THE SANTA CLAUSE 3** Showing Fri - Sun: 11:45 2:15 4:30 7:00 9:00. Mon - Tues: 2:20 4:30 7:00 8:50.

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.

E-waste recycling, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, December 2, at the Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur Dr. Livermore. Computer monitors, TVs, Cell Phones and Ink Jet cartridges will be accepted free, other items may be discarded for a small fee. The proceeds will go to support the Livermore Pleasanton Elks Lodge charitable works. The discarded material will be recycled in accordance with state law. Checks should be made out to "ELKS". (Check with your tax adviser for donation qualification. Recycling is required by the State of California, and recycling helps the environment. This is a one day, rain or shine event. For full information, contact Charles Landmesser at 510.590.7510, Terry Cottelear at 630.272.1776 or the Lodge at 925.455.8829

Crafts fair: The United Christian Church, 1886 Colgate Ave., Livermore invites the community to an International Crafts Fair, Nov. 17, 3pm-8pm and Nov. 18, 8am-3pm. Items from around the world available; do your shopping with heart and purpose. Join us for worship on Sundays at 10:30am.

Christmas boutique. Joe Michell Elementary will host 3rd Annual Christmas Boutique. 1001 Elaine Avenue, Livermore, December 2, 2006, 9am-2pm. Food and Beverage available for purchase. Additional information contact (925) 454-1406.

Christmas Dinner. Rotary Club of Pleasanton will host seniors at the 25th annual Christmas Dinner on Sun., Dec. 10, Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Doors open 2:15 p.m., dinner at 3 p.m. Entertainment. Free to Pleasanton seniors. For information, call 931-5365. Ticket distribution will be Tues., Nov. 30 beginning at 10 a.m. Only one ticket per senior. Proof of residency is required. Bring spouses ID to pick up one additional ticket.

Public Employees Association, Tri-Valley Chapter 075. Christmas Party will be held Thurs., Dec. 7, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Emil Villa's Hickory Pit, 3054 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Brunch charge is \$5 per person. Please bring a wrapped Christmas ornament to be raffled off during the party. Door prizes. For information and reservations, contact Bob at 845-6563 or Jan at 447-9549.

San Ramon Newcomers, luncheon Dec. 14 at Barones Restaurant in Pleasanton. 11:30 a.m. social, noon lunch. For information, call 735-3508 or go to <http://newcomers.home.comcast.net>.

Valley Spokenmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., Nov. 18, 7 p.m. birthday ride for club president, meet 9 a.m. in Central Park in San Ramon. Susan Gibbs, 389-6279. Sun., Nov. 19, 40 miles Alamo to Walnut Creek, meet 9 a.m. at Alamo Plaza,

Kandice McDonald 505-400-1609. Wed., Nov. 22, 25 miles North Livermore loop, meet 10 a.m. at the airport, Jennifer Burton, 455-8228. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Adoption Information Seminar, Sat., Nov. 18, 10:30 a.m. to noon at Cornerstone Fellowship, 348 North Canyons Parkway, Livermore. Family Connections Christian Adoptions will present the seminar. For additional information, call 209-524-8844.

Call for Parade entries. Pleasanton Hometown Holiday Celebration taking entries for the parade with the theme "Creating Hometown Memories." Entry forms are available on-line at www.hometownholiday.com, or call the holiday phone line at 931-5352. Completed entry forms can be faxed to 931-5477 or mailed to Hometown Holiday Celebration Parade, PO Box 520, Pleasanton, CA 94566. Deadline is November 17. For additional information, call 931-5352.

Parade volunteers. The Pleasanton Hometown Holiday Celebration Committee is looking for volunteers to help with many aspects of the annual holiday parade. Applications are available at www.hometownholiday.com or call 931-5352. Completed volunteer forms can be faxed to 931-5477 or mailed to Hometown Holiday Celebration Parade, PO Box 520, Pleasanton, CA 94566. Deadline is November 17. For additional information, call 931-5352.

Arts and Crafts and White Elephant Sale, Thurs., Nov. 16, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. in the arts and crafts room. Featuring handmade creations and terrific treasures at this annual fund-raising.

Holiday Tea and Fashion Show. Dec. 3. Museum On Main, Pleasanton. Sitings at noon and 3 p.m. Tickets for members \$30.00/person and non-members \$35.00/person. 603 Main Street, Pleasanton. Presented by Amador/Livermore Valley Historical Society. Information and reservations: 462-2766 or www.museumonmain.org/lectures.htm

The Livermore Lions Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evening of each month. Next meeting will be on Thursday, November 16, at Round Table Pizza, 4098 East Av, Livermore, at 7pm. The Lions will be recognizing middle school students who have won first place at their school in the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Visitors are invited and encouraged to attend. The Livermore Lions Community Chuck Wagon will be at Robertson Park for the Del Valle Dog Show, Sunday, Nov. 19 from 8am - 2 pm and will be serving \$5 pancake breakfasts and lunch. For further information go to our website at www.LivermoreLionsClub.org or www.livermorelionsclub.org

Holiday Lights Tour. Hop onto the Holiday Bus for a tour of festively decorated

homes in the Pleasanton area. Sing along to favorite Christmas Carols. Cookies and hot cocoa will be provided. Please sign up early as space is limited at the Pleasanton Senior Center located at 5353 Sunol Blvd. 931-5365. Date: Thursday, December 14, from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Cost: \$6.00 for residents or \$7.00 non-residents.

Pure Girls Holiday Window Modeling Party - Dec. 2nd. The party starts by watching the downtown Holiday Parade from box seats in front of the store. Dinner and dessert will be served and then helpers will be around to show the latest modeling poses. The event is for girls age 6+ and lasts from 5:30 - 8:30 pm. \$35/girl or bring a friend for \$5 off, plus a gift to each girl who brings a soccer ball to benefit the KICK project. Reservations at 925-485-4380 or 660 Main Street, Downtown Pleasanton.

California Child Care Initiative Project (CCIP). Child Care Links presents the California Child Care Initiative Project (CCIP). CCIP is a quality and capacity building project being implemented by Child Care Links. Licensed and license-exempt child care providers are encouraged to participate. CCIP participants can look forward to: technical assistance and support, free training and support materials, post licensing reimbursement of specific licensing related fees, earning safety equipment or gift certificates for child development materials, mentoring opportunities, participating in workshops and learning to facilitate workshops. To receive a calendar of trainings in 2006, please contact Donnamarie Fuller at (925) 249-3923. No Cost for this workshop.

Film. On Saturday, November 18th, at 7PM, in honor of Native American Heritage Month, the stunning, award winning documentary, "Homesland" will be shown at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Event is free (\$2.00 donation accepted), open to the public, snacks and beverages provided, wheelchair accessible, tables for handout literature available. Short announcements are welcome. Meet and greet starts at 6:30 PM. For more information, call 925-462-3459.

Teachers. Interested in teaching, sharing a special talent? Livermore Adult Education is looking for community members who have talents and training which may qualify them to teach a class. Dance, Tai Chi, Floral Design, Fitness, or suggest a class. Please call 925-606-4722 or stop by 1401 Almond Ave. in Livermore.

Mini Cheer Camp. presented by Foot-hill Falcon Competition Cheerleaders for grades K-6. Sat., Dec. 2, at Foothill, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Fee \$45, payable to Foothill High School, includes class, certificate, lunch and t-shirt. The nationally ranked Foothill High Competition Cheer squads will teach new moves, dances and cheers.

Space is limited. For registration information contact Kim DeJoy at 426-2374 or kdejoyhighcheer@comcast.net or Suzanne Oliveira at 510-226-8832 or

uz296GT@aol.com.
New class: Celebrate the songs of the 30's, 40's and 50's! Your memories are our collective memories. Participants will also create short verse to illustrate and express these moments dear to them. Taught by Linda Zeiser, musician, experienced teacher and well published poet. Ongoing class Tuesdays 10 a.m. to noon in the Pleasanton Senior Center Meeting Room, 5353 Sunol Blvd. No Cost. Sponsored by Amador Adult Ed. and the City of Pleasanton.

Pet First Aid Class, offered by City of Dublin on Sat., Nov. 18 at the Dublin Civic Center, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 556-4500 or go to www.DublinRecGuide.com for more information.

Clutter-Less (CL) is a nonprofit, peer-based, self-help, support group for people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions. Cluttering is a psychological issue, not an organizing issue. Meetings every Monday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Pleasanton Presbyterian Church, Rm 7, 4300 Mirador Drive. Just come, or call 297-9246.

Support group for caregivers of aging relatives. A free support group/class is being offered to meet the needs of members of the "sandwich generation," who are caring for infirm parents, grandparents, and other family members. The students will receive information and learn about helpful resources as well as get emotional support from each other. The class is being held in Room 801, Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Avenue, Pleasanton, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM on every other Tuesday evenings, November 28, and December 12. Students are invited to join at any time. Ruth Gasten, class facilitator, is an experienced adult educator, who cared for her mother until her death at age 94. To register call Amador Valley Adult School at (925) 426-4280 or visit them at www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/adulted.

Laughter Yoga at Dublin Senior Center, ongoing Mondays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. \$5 drop-in okay. All ages welcome. Information, 390-4105.

ValleyCare Auxiliary. Volunteers needed. Nine different areas of volunteer service available in both Pleasanton and Livermore. Floor service, information desks, office, the library, gift and thrift shops. For more information, please call 734-3368.

RELIGION
First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore, has worship services on Sundays at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary, located at 4th and L Streets. Adult Bible study is at 9 a.m. and Sunday school is held at 10:30 a.m. For details, call (925) 447-2078.

Unitarian Universalist, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. Topic for Nov. 19 is, "Making Justice Manifest: Honoring the Work of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee." Rev. Eric Meter speaking. Information 447-8747.

Asbury United Methodist Church,

4743 East Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m. Sunday worship. Information 447-1950.

Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Information 931-1055.

Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton. Sunday school 9:30 a.m., worship with Pastor Glenn Matlock at 10:30 a.m. (nursery for both Sunday school and worship); children's church (age 3-12) at 11:15 a.m.; women's Bible study, Wed. at 10 a.m., Wed. evening programs; choir 7:15 p.m. (boys and girls mission club K-6); seniors 55 Plus meet Thursdays 7 p.m. Information 846-8650.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Livermore, has services at 10 a.m. every Sunday and at 7:30 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month. Sunday School for students (ages 3-20) is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday. The church and reading room are located at third and N Streets. The Reading Room, which is open to the public, features books, CDs and magazines for sale. For information, call (925) 447-2946.

Sunset Community Church, 2200 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Sunday worship service at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Derek Meekins. Nursery and children's church provided. A "Night of Worship" first Sunday of each month at 6 p.m. Wednesday night program for all ages at 7 p.m. Information, call 447-6282.

Third Friday Night Labyrinth Walks, 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Open to the public, the walk takes place on the 11-circuit Chartres-style labyrinth in the courtyard, accessible from the 4th St. entrance. The walks are enhanced by candlelight and include meditative music. If you would like more information about these walks or about labyrinths in general, please contact Judy Hughes, labyrinth facilitator, 925-485-2524, or the church office, 925-447-2078.

WINGS is a weekly gathering of Christian women that encourages spiritual growth through inspiring speakers, small group

discussions, prayer, Scripture study, catechesis, life sharing and community. Meetings on Thursdays, at the Catholic Community of St. Charles Borromeo, 1315 Lomitas Avenue, Livermore, from 9:15 AM to 11:15 AM. Theme is Spirituality. Childcare provided for a nominal fee. Registration fee to join \$25/year; includes materials. Contact Mary Fair at 925-447-4549 or bob.mary.venter@comcast.net.

Tri-Valley Unity Church meets at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. Sunday service and children's school at 10 a.m. Ongoing classes and groups. Special Thanksgiving Day service, 10:00 a.m. All are welcome. Rev. Mary Anne Harris, minister. Call (925) 829-2733 or visit www.trivalleyunity.com.

Catholic Community of St. Charles. An Advent Bible Study: "Joy to the World" - Matthew 1-2 & Luke 1-2, November 27th - December 11th, 7:30 - 9:15 pm at St. Charles Borromeo, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore in Pope John XXIII room. A \$10 donation for material would be appreciated. For more information contact Julie at 925-447-4549 or e-mail at upathetic@aol.com.

Faith Chapel Assembly of God, Pleasanton, 6656 Alisal St. Sunday school for all ages 9:30 a.m., worship service 10:30 a.m. (nursery for both Sunday school and worship), children's church program, age 3-12, 11:15 a.m. Singles and young married home Bible study Monday 7:30 p.m. (call for address). Women's Bible study Wednesday 10 a.m. Information, call the church office, 846-8650.

Coping with the Holidays, evening of support and strategy in surviving the holidays after the loss of a loved one. Facilitated by Fr. Padraig Greene. Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. No registration required. All are welcome regardless of religious orientation.

Historic Garage to the Public

The historic Duarte Garage, located on the old Lincoln Highway, will be open to the public on Sun., Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The garage is located on the corner of L Streets and Portola Avenue in Livermore. The highway went from New York to San Francisco. The 1915 garage is one of the last remaining garages still in existence in Northern California from the Lincoln Highway days.

The public is invited to stop by and check out the collection of Lincoln Highway memorabilia in the garage. In addition, there are vintage fire trucks, a 1913 Model-T, a 1920 Seagrave and a 1944 Mack on display.

For more information, call 447-4561.



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LEGAL NOTICE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 386156

The following person (s) doing business as Pleasanton Sunrooms, 3876 Old Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Richard Wayne Ragsdale, 8242 Moller Planch Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94588

This business is conducted by: an individual

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on November 1, 2001.

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Richard W. Ragsdale

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on October 2, 2006. Expires October 2, 2011.

The Independent Legal No. 2069. Publish October 26, November 2, 9, 16, 2006.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 386469

The following person (s) doing business as Yoga Rhythms, 3408 Isle Royal Court, Pleasanton, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Marcia A. Conroy, 3408 Isle Royal Court, Pleasanton, CA 94588

This business is conducted by: an individual

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

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Marcia A. Conroy

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on October 10, 2006. Expires October 10, 2011.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 387035

The following person (s) doing business as Interior Doors Direct, 4536 Las Lomitas Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Brad Boldrini, 4536 Las Lomitas Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94566

This business is conducted by: an individual

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

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Brad Boldrini

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on October 23, 2006. Expires October 23, 2011.

The Independent Legal No. 2071. Publish November 2, 9, 16, 23, 2006.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 387054

The following person (s) doing business as Wagner and Son, 2405 Wedgewood Way, Livermore, CA 94550 is

hereby registered by the following owner (s): June Bedford Interprises, Inc., 2405 Wedgewood Way, Livermore, CA 94550

This business is conducted by: a corporation

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3/28/2006.

Signature of Registrant: /s/ June Bedford

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on October 23, 2006. Expires October 23, 2011.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 387609

The following person (s) doing business as JAES Construction, 1347 Marigold Rd., Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Jason Edeal, 1347 Marigold Rd., Livermore, CA 94551

This business is conducted by: an individual

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

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Jason Edeal

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 6, 2006. Expires November 6, 2011.

The Independent Legal No. 2074. Publish November 9, 16, 23, 30, 2006.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 386382

The following person (s) doing business as Royal Carpet Care, 5211 Sundance Dr., Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Patrick S. Roberts, 5211 Sundance Dr., Livermore, CA 94551

This business is conducted by: a limited partnership

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

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Patrick S. Roberts and Nitaya S. Roberts

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on October 6, 2006. Expires October 6, 2011.

The Independent Legal No. 2075. Publish November 2, 9, 16, 23, 2006.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 387245

The following person (s) doing business as Sunshine Accessories, 2965 Moreno Ave., Pleasanton, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Gina Marie Baronian, 2965 Moreno Ave., Pleasanton, CA 94588

This business is conducted

by: an individual

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

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Gina Marie Baronian

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on October 27, 2006. Expires October 27, 2011.

The Independent Legal No. 2076. Publish November 9, 16, 23, 30, 2006.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 387246

The following person (s) doing business as Hairini, 202B South T Street, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Thia Pilar, 624 Shelley Street, Livermore, CA 94550

This business is conducted by: an individual

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

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Thia Pilar

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on October 27, 2007. Expires October 27, 2011.

The Independent Legal No. 2077. Publish November 9, 16, 23, 30, 2006.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 387019

The following person (s) doing business as BeeBash, 943 Hazel Street, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Marriaha Eden McDonald, 943 Hazel Street, Livermore, CA 94550

This business is conducted by: an individual

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

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Marriaha McDonald

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on October 23, 2006. Expires October 23, 2011.

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ORDERTO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. VG06290407 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

5672 Stoneridge Drive Pleasanton, CA 94588

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: Christine Nicole Tatro filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Christine Nicole Tatro Proposed Name: Harmony Nichol

2 THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING

a. Date: 1/09/2007 Time: 2:00PM Dept: 707

b. The address of the court is: 5672 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588

3. A copy of this Order To Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county:

The Independent Dated: September 22, 2006 /s/ Jacob Blea III Judge Of The Superior Court The Independent Legal No. 2072. Published November 9, 16, 23, 30, 2006.

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NOTICES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

151)ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weight Loss Program Visit lahealthnutrition.com or for more information, e-mail: lahealthnutrition@gmail.com

152)MISCELLANEOUS

Axis Health Center 4361 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Serves Valley residents with emphasis on those with low income. 925 462-1755

156)NOTICES

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Photos - Doug Jorgensen



PET OF THE WEEK
Phoebe is a very sweet and loving 6-year old lap cat. She adores having her black and silver medium length fur brushed. she craves human attention. She is very outgoing and friendly, even with strangers. She doesn't really enjoy the company of other kitties, however, and would be happiest as the only pet in the household. She is playful and well mannered, and has no litter box issues. For more information on Phoebe, call Valley Humane Society at (925) 426-8656. Valley Humane Society holds mobile pet adoptions for dogs and cats at Pet Extreme in Livermore every Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

SHORT NOTES

Yellow Ribbon Tree

The yellow ribbon tree in downtown Livermore is in need of new ribbons. People can make a donation at Richard's, 4502 Las Positas Rd. (by Target) or to Operation:S.A.M. at P.O. Box 2992, Livermore. After the new year new ribbons will be put on the yellow ribbon tree. A ribbon costs \$5.00.

Book Events

Towne Center Books programs:
On Nov. 17, Author Illustrator Nancy Tillman will share her story, *On The Night You Were Born.* Children (especially 3-6) and adults will enjoy hearing Nancy. 10 a.m. Friday Nov. 17 at the store.
Also on Nov. 17 at 4:00 you can hear Deborah Underwood, author of *Pirate Mom* plus many books on animals. This is part of the Meet the Author series at the Pleasanton Library.
On Nov. 19 at 2 p.m., Simon Read will talk about his books of historical true crime: "In the Dark: The True Story of the Blackout Ripper and On The House: The Bizarre Killing of Michael Malloy."
Tea and a little Shoe Talk with Shoe-ology author Karn Knutson is set for Tues., Nov. 21. Blondies, the shoe store across the street will highlight some of their latest shoes. This is a free event on Noon, Tues. Nov. 21.
Towne Center Books is at 555 Main Street in downtown Pleasanton. For information, call 846-8826.

Recycle for Breast Cancer

Celebrate America Recycles Day by recycling for breast cancer.
Recycle for Breast Cancer and Walnut Grove Elementary School are teaming up for a "Free" E-Waste event from 12:30 - 4:30 on November 16. The community is encouraged to bring unwanted computers, TVs, copiers, keyboards, monitors, cell phones and printer cartridges destined for the landfill to Walnut Grove Elementary, 1999 Harvest Drive in Pleasanton.
All proceeds will go to Recycle for Breast Cancer - a no cost, national recycling program based in San Ramon whose mission it is to prevent electronic waste and toxic chemicals they contain from entering our landfills and environment.
For further information contact: CeCe at 925-462-1430 (Walnut Grove) Larry at 925-735-7203, larry@recycleforbreastcancer.org (RFBC).
For complete details go to <http://www.recycleforbreastcancer.org/walnutgrove.htm>.

Turkey Trimmings

Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff will host a program entitled, "Turkey Trimmings," on Sunday, November 19. Meet Ranger Dawn Soles at 2 p.m. in the group picnic area at Veterans Park.
Participants will make some wonderful turkey inspired holiday decorations for your home. This program is good for all ages. Supplies are limited so sign up early! Reservations required by calling (925) 960-2400. A \$3 materials fee is requested.

There is a \$3 per vehicle parking fee.

Movies and Reading

Vine Theater in Livermore will donate all proceeds from purchases of tickets for the new animated movie *Happy Feet* at the Vine Theater in Livermore to improve the reading skills of Pleasanton students.

Tickets can be used for admittance to any one matinee showing of *Happy Feet* from Monday November 20 through Sunday November 26. The Vine Theater is located at 1722 First St., Livermore. Visit www.vinecinema.com or call 925-447-2545 for exact show times. Tickets are \$15 each and include popcorn and a soda.

The Barton Reading Program matches at-risk readers with highly trained volunteer tutors. The Program, now in its 5th year, has shown to increase reading and writing skills for over 100 students. The tax-deductible donation will be used to purchase instructional materials for new tutors to help more students next year.

To order tickets by mail, send a check to Valley View School, 480 Adams Way, Pleasanton, CA, 94566 Attention: Barton Reading. Please make check payable to Pleasanton Unified School District and write Barton Reading on the check. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope so tickets can be mailed. Also include phone number in case there are questions. Tickets will also be on sale at Towne Center Books (555 Main St., Pleasanton) starting Wednesday, November 1st.

Stories and Crafts

All Livermore libraries will host a pre-Thanksgiving craft program on Wed., Nov. 22 starting at 10:30 a.m. Each library will offer a different project to keep the non-cooks in the family busy. These programs are available from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on a drop-in basis. All supplies will be provided.
Wild Things, Inc., a nonprofit group that houses injured and abandoned animals from five continents, will bring animals to the Civic Center Library on Fri., Nov. 24. The program will begin at 10:30 a.m. Children and adults alike will learn about animals from around the world.
All ages are welcome to participate in these programs. There is no charge. Contact youth services at 373-5504 for more information or pick up a fall-winter storytime schedule at any of the libraries.

Alden Lane

Alden Lane the weekend of Nov. 18 and 19 will have a theme of Under the Sea, a celebration of the tropics and an opportunity to pick up Holiday Tree Ornaments with a South Pacific theme at a 10 per cent discount. Courtright-Williams and her staff will offer complimentary Hawaiian punch and freshly baked cookies both days. Customers wearing tropical clothing will be eligible to win a \$25 Alden Lane Gift Certificate or Ann Morrow's book *A Gift From the Sea*.

Dancers will perform from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. There will also be a soil care class on Saturday.

Late Harvest Release

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Holiday Happenings

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District has three special holiday happenings during this season.

- Breakfast with Santa-Sat. Dec. 2 at 9 am for ages 10 Yrs. and under and their parents. Cost is \$8 per person at the Robert Livermore Community Center. Everyone will enjoy a delicious sit-down pancake breakfast in our new beautiful community center. All children will have the opportunity to sit on Santa's lap, make a holiday craft and have their faces painted. Everyone needs a ticket and must pre-register;

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- Santa Visits-How would you like Santa to make a personal appearance at your home, office or party? LARPD has arranged for Santa to make visits on: Sat. 12/16, Fri. 12/22 & Sat. 12/23 anytime between 5:30-8:30 pm. Price is \$35 for a 10 minute visit. Sorry, only Livermore addresses. Registration will open on Wed. Dec. 6th from 5:30-6:30 pm at LARPD, 4444 East Ave. It will be first come, first served. Sign-ups will continue by phone or in person after Dec. 6th, if space is still available at 373-5700.

- Letters from Santa- Applications are online at www.larpd.dst.ca.us or visit the LARPD office, 4444 East Ave or call at 373-5700 starting Dec. 1st. Last day for a letter is noon on Dec. 18th. \$3 per letter.

For information call Moe Kline at 925-373-5717

International Crafts Fair

The community is invited to an International Crafts Fair, on Friday November 17, 3pm-8pm and Saturday, November 18, 8am-3pm. at the United Christian Church, 1886 College Ave. (at M St.), Livermore. Items from around the world will be available: jewelry, ornaments, nativities, scarves, candles and holders, art pieces, textiles and much more.

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