

Livermore Agrees to Purchase Historic Farm

The City of Livermore has reached an agreement to purchase the historic Hagemann Farm on Olivina Avenue. The sale is based on the city finding funds for the \$1.8 million purchase price.

The city council on Monday authorized staff to seek out funding sources, programs and both public and nonprofit partnerships to acquire the site.

The city has a six month option period at no cost with two additional six month extensions, at a cost of \$75,000 per extension, to explore funding options.

One potential source of funding is a California Cultural and Historical Endowment grant.

Members of the public were enthusiastic about the prospect of having the city purchase the site.

John Stein suggested that while the staff said no general fund monies would be used, that using general fund money in a reasonable amount would be appropriate to preserve a part of Livermore's heritage.

Historian Anne Homan noted that the ranch house is the oldest wooden building in the area. It was built using spruce brought around the horn from Maine. When the land was purchased by the Mendenhall family, additional rooms were constructed using California redwood. "While the land is surrounded by development, it still has the feeling of a farm. Perhaps it would be a place for

the Midway School."

Midway School, an historic structure, has been donated to the Livermore Heritage Guild. A site is being sought to move the school. The school is currently on the Mulqueeny Ranch.

Hagemann Farm today consists of about 4.5 acres of what was once a large agricultural estate dating from the 1800s. The original land grant to the Bernal and Pico families covered over 60,000 acres and stretched from Mount Diablo to Sunol. Over the last 170 years, many historically significant names have been associated with the site, including Pico, Bernal, Mendenhall, Hagemann, and Livermore.

The site includes one of the oldest remaining farmhouses in the Tri-Valley, built in 1837. There are also historic barns, workshops and other outbuildings. The site qualifies for potential listing in the California and National Registers of Historical Resources as a historic district.

The former owner, Carl Holm, a direct descendant of the Hagemann family, sold the property to pay off an estate tax liability debt. The asking price was \$3.9 million. The city had considered purchasing the land, but determined it could not afford to do so at that price.

At one point, a proposal to develop the site was submitted to the city. It included a request to remove the historic protections from the property's west half

to allow for a residential subdivision of the east half. The application was withdrawn and the property placed on the market. It was sold to Steve Bosch, a local residential real estate developer.

According to the staff report, Bosch evaluated the historic significance of the site and determined it was unlikely any development would be approved. He then entered into negotiations with the city to have the city purchase the land.

Under city ownership the entire site would be preserved and become a municipal historic park.

Mayor Marshall Kamena commented, "We will have a lot of fun planning the site, once we get it."

College Mentor Program To Help Young Students

Las Positas College and the Las Positas College Foundation have created the College Bound Scholars (CBS) Program for middle school students. Working together with local K-12 districts, the program targets select middle school students from the Tri-Valley region and pairs them with college and community mentors who will guide them into post-secondary education.

The mission of the College Bound Scholars program is to increase the number of first generation college students enrolling in higher education, specifically Las Positas College. The program will match public middle school students from Dublin, Pleasanton, and Livermore with community mentors who will support and encourage them. A \$1,000 scholarship is invested in the name of each participant at the beginning of the six year term of the program from 6th grade to college. Upon successful completion of the program each student will receive the invested funds, plus interest, as they transition out of the program and into college.

"We are excited to have the opportunity to reach out to middle school students in the Tri-Valley and help them prepare for college," said Pam Luster, vice president of student services at Las Positas College. "Our community benefactors have been very generous in supporting this program and I believe that speaks to our community's

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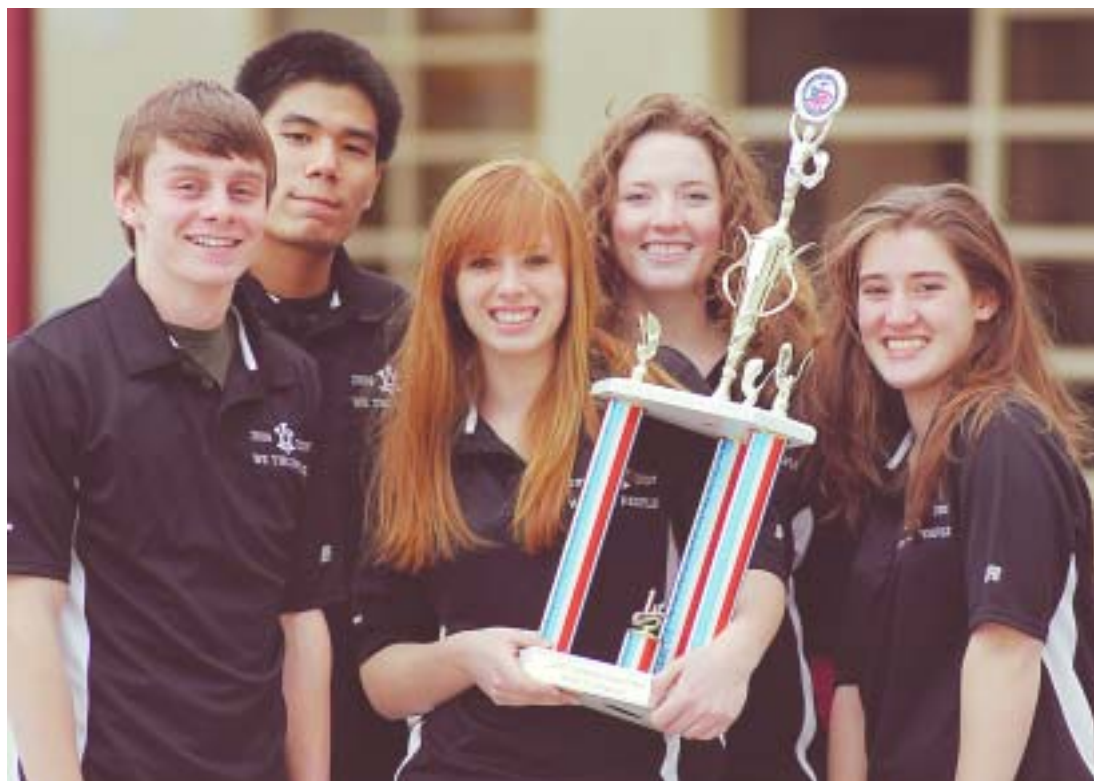


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David Anderson, Angelo Marcelino, Darylen Terry, Catherine Kennedy, and Carena Schmidt hold the trophy the team received for winning the state title.

'People' Team Raising Capital To Compete in U.S. Capital

By Ron McNicol

Teamwork propelled 30 civics students at Amador Valley High School to first place in the state meet of the "We the People" competition in Sacramento Feb. 9. They hope that their same spirit of hard work and cooperation will succeed in raising \$40,000 to pay their way to the national finals in Washington, D.C. at the end of March.

Last year's team fell only 10 points short of winning the national championship out of 1080 point total. Each year, the team is comprised of only seniors. So, this is a new group that has to go for the gold, both in the sense of the first place trophy and the money needed to send them there.

The students will be thinking up creative ways to raise money

on their own. They will also reach out to residents for pledges to do all that they can to help, said Brian Ladd, the faculty adviser to the team.

Early contact efforts already have paid off. Residents Jerry Pentin and Jim Ott, who is a Pleasanton school board member, are both avid cyclists. They will be in a Death Valley bicycle ride (See WE THE PEOPLE, page 12)

The Local Impact of No Child Left Behind

By Patricia Koning

Lawmakers talk about it on the news and school administrators complain about it, but what exactly is No Child Left Behind? More importantly, how does it affect the Livermore School District?

President George W. Bush describes No Child Left Behind (NCLB) as the cornerstone of his Administration. The legislation, which President Bush introduced in January 2001, aims to improve school performance through increased accountability.

Critics of NCLB, who sometimes call it "No Child Left Untested," say that it requires too much testing, unfairly holds schools accountable for student performance, and is inadequately funded.

Kelly Bowers, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services for the Livermore School District, believes the concept behind NCLB is good. However, the law is flawed in implementation.

"I am all for holding schools accountable and making sure we serve and meet the educational needs of all students. Program improvement is something we focus on constantly, no matter what the standardized test results are," she says. "However, many requirements of this law are not adequately funded or uniformly applied. The consequences and sanctions associated with NCLB apply only to the schools and districts with significant numbers of socioeconomically disadvantaged students."

To meet NCLB, schools and school districts must make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) each year. AYP is based on four criteria: 95% or better participation rates; percentage of students scoring proficient or above in

English/Language Arts and math; growth on the Academic Performance Index (API); and graduation rate for high schools.

The 2006 percent proficient rate for California is approximately 35%, meaning that about 1 out of 3 students must be scoring at proficient or better. There are five levels of scoring: Advanced, Proficient, Basic, Below Basic, and Far Below Basic. The goals for percent proficient rates rise by about 10% annually until the 2013/2014 school year, when all students must be scoring at proficient or greater in both math and language arts.

Livermore School Superintendent Brenda Miller says a huge issue with NCLB is the accountability model used. The State of California's API measures the academic performance and growth of schools based on standardized test results.

Schools are responsible for meeting an annual growth target, typically a 1% increase or 5 points. The statewide performance target is an API score of 800 (out of a possible 1,000). There is no across-the-board deadline to meet that target.

"We prefer the growth model because it allows schools to make growth and receive credit for improvement, even if they have not yet reached their target," says Miller.

GROWTH IN LEARNING NOT RECOGNIZED

Numerically significant groups of students at a school or school district also must meet participation rate and percent proficient requirements. The District as a whole has significant numbers of students (defined as 100 or more students with valid STAR (Standardized Testing and Reporting) scores) in the socioeconomically disadvantaged, (See NO CHILD, page 5)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Students perform a group song.

Arroyo Seco Fourth-Graders Sing and Dance Their Way through African-American History

By Patricia Koning

Arroyo Seco students celebrated Black History Month with an energetic, fact-filled assembly on the importance and relevance of African-American history. Fourth-graders from Lisa Wilson's, Amy McCarthy's, and Jonathan Ruff's classes were the stars of the show.

Wilson wrote the script for the performance based on her experience teaching in East Oakland for seven years. She observed that such events were a very positive experience for both students and teachers, and thought it could benefit Livermore students as well.

"This is one way to educate students culturally and provide

recognition for our growing African-American population," she says. "Events like this one give students confidence, bring parents to school for a positive reason, and improve teacher/parent communications."

The performance featured dialogue between the students about the importance of African-American history. The students pointed out that such history played a role in driving to school today, as the traffic light was invented by African-American Garrett Morgan.

Many kids probably have George Washington Carver to thank for their lunches. Carver is credited with inventing peanut butter, as well as revolutionizing

farming methods.

Interspersed with the history lesson were songs capturing the historical eras from slavery to Motown. The kids started off the show with the traditional African children's chant "Miss Mary Mack." This was followed by "Swing Low Sweet Chariot" from the slavery period and "Get on Board Little Children," a song of the Underground Railroad.

The civil rights movement was highlighted with an emotional rendition of "We Shall Overcome" and the traditional chant "Little Sally Walker." The kids switched into pop culture with "For Once in My Life" by Ray Charles, the crowd-pleaser

(See ARROYO SECO, page 12)

Pleasanton Council Takes Aim at 70 Projects

The Pleasanton City Council has approved a list of projects they plan to tackle over the next two years.

The 2007-08 work plan is the culmination of input from the city's various commissions, the public, and a council workshop held in January.

City Manager Nelson Fialho referred to the work plan as a roadmap for staff in allocating time and funds.

There are fourteen categories under which are listed a total of 70 projects. They are not prioritized in any order. Several councilmembers suggested that future work plans should prioritize projects in order of preference.

Councilmember Cindy McGovern said there may be too many projects. She would like to see some kind of priority system. She was willing to try the system for a year to "see how it goes. If we can't get projects done, we may need to hone some of this down," she stated.

Councilmember Matt Sullivan was interested in a process that provided a better way of obtaining input from the various commissions. He also wanted to look at a prioritizing system in the future. He noted that the council has done a lot in the last two years. "We do have our work cut out for us."

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman agreed, "We have accomplished much in the last two years. This list is outstanding and a little unwieldy. It's a long, long list of things the council would like to

get done."

Fialho summarized the categories. He talked about several projects that are underway or new to the list.

One category is the general plan update. Seven elements have been completed. Still to be completed are land use, circulation, noise, air quality, and regional planning. A water element has been added. Fialho noted that the decision to add a water element is based on information that several agencies have been successful in obtaining grants when they were able to show plans for future water use and infrastructure.

Fialho said of the update process, "A lot has been accomplished over the last two years. The goal is to complete the update this year."

Economic development is another area of focus. There will be continued support by the city for expansion of the Stoneridge Shopping Center. Implementation of the Staples Ranch MOU is on the list of projects. Another goal would be to host an economic summit to include everyone in the community.

On the Bernal Property, work is proceeding on restoring Bernal Creek, building lighted sports fields, and completing the Valley Avenue underpass (due to open in March).

New to the Bernal category is a plan to finance the Bernal park. A consultant has been hired to measure community support for a bond measure to construct the (See GOALS, page 3)

Advisory Board Formed to Aid The Firehouse Arts Campaign

The Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation (PCAF) has formed a Community Advisory Board in support of the Firehouse Arts Center Campaign.

Members of the advisory board include newly elected Congressman Jerry McNerney, representatives of the business community, the arts community, educational organizations, the City of Pleasanton and other prominent citizens.

They include John Casey, school superintendent; William Cody, fire chief; Nelson Fialho, city manager; Martin Inderbitzen, attorney at law; Ted Kaye, CEO Las Positas College Foundation; Toby Leavitt, executive director San Francisco Shakespeare Festival; Deborah Acosta McKeehan, former city manager; Eric Nostrand, owner HopYard Alehouse and Grill; Jim Ott, president and CEO of UNCLE Credit Union; James Paxson, president Hacienda Business Owners Association; Robert Randick, managing partner, Randick O'Dea & Tooliatos LLP; Christine Saldivar, executive director Pleasanton Downtown Association; Charlotte Severin, artist; and community members Tim Hunt, Joyce Shapiro and Denise Watkins.

Greg Reznick, President of PCAF, said, "We are thrilled to have the support of so many prominent community members for this important project for downtown Pleasanton. These people share our vision for a new public arts facility that will enhance the vitality of downtown, provide economic benefits to our community, enhance arts education opportunities for our children and youth and provide lo-

(See FIREHOUSE, page 4)

Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan



California Property at Only \$1.25 an Acre!

When the Mexican-American War was over and California had become part of the United States, U.S. surveyors excavated a hole on Mount Diablo's southern peak in 1851 as the central survey point for land in northern and central California and Nevada. From this point they ran an east/west base line as well as a north/south meridian. Ensuing surveys divided the surrounding land into a grid of townships, each six miles square, which are in turn divided into 36 square 640-acre sections. These townships were drawn around the existing Spanish and Mexican land grants; for example, Robert Livermore's Las Positas and the Bernal family's El Valle de San Jose.

The sections can be divided into halves (320 acres) or quarters (160 acres). A piece of property is located with these aids. For example, a person might own 320 acres: the east half of section 12, township 1 north, range 2 east. This is abbreviated as T1N/R2E. "North" indicates that the property lies north of the point at Mount Diablo's summit, and "east" that the property lies east of the point. Once the available land had been surveyed and divided into townships, California settlers had three methods for claiming land.

One was called "preemption." An American citizen 21 years of age or older could choose ("preempt") an unclaimed area of not more than 160 acres (one quarter section), settle there and make improvements. Later, the citizen could purchase the land from the federal government for \$1.25 an acre after establishing proof of settlement.

The law allowing this sort of claim went into effect in 1852; in the mid-1870s the preemption price rose to \$2.50 per acre. On Feb. 5, 1875, schoolteacher Francis R. Fassett was granted the patent to 160 acres he preempted in the southwest corner of section 33 T2S/R2E. The western border of the claim was Beck Road, now North Livermore Avenue.

The Homestead Act of 1862 permitted another type of claim. An American citizen 21 years or older could choose a maximum of 160 acres, and the land was free except for minimal filing fees. The homesteader had to live on and cultivate the property for five years. Within the next two years, proof of actual settlement and cultivation had to be filed, with testimony from the claimant and two witnesses.

A homesteader who did not want to wait this long to own the land officially could at any time, after six months of settlement, "prove up" and pay for the land with cash or scrip. Sheep raiser Michael Mulqueeny received the patent for his homestead on Nov. 20, 1877, with certificate #810, he received 160 acres of section 12 T3S/R3E intersected by Patterson Pass Road.

Government scrip—paper issued by the U.S. government that entitled the claimant to a selected amount of public land for a certain fixed price—provided the third means of becoming a landowner. Agricultural college land scrip was one type. To encourage and help pay for the establishment of agricultural colleges, the federal government gave a certain amount of public land for individual states to sell. The resulting federal scrip could be sold by one state to another or to individuals.

Between 1862 and 1903, holders of this scrip acquired 1,397,760 acres of California public land at \$1.25 an acre. On Jan. 5, 1972 Midway hotel owner Franz Haera used scrip issued for agricultural colleges in the state of New York to purchase 160 acres, the northwest quarter of section 32 T2S/R4E.

Another type of scrip was the military bounty land warrant. A veteran could settle on and purchase 160 acres at the price of \$1.25 an acre with military scrip issued by the federal government. After March 1852 these military bounty lands were made assignable, and a citizen could sell the scrip or buy it from a broker. Rancher Ebenezer Cockerton was not a soldier, but he bought two military warrants and purchased the southeast quarter of section 18 T2S/R3E, 160 acres in the Altamont on Sep. 6, 1876.

Adam Fath immigrated to the United States from Bavaria and served in the U.S. Army as a blacksmith from 1846 until 1856, during the war with Mexico and later in Northern California. After he left the army, he moved to the Livermore Valley and, using his own military bounty land warrant, received the patent to 160 acres in section 9 T3S/R2E on April 10, 1876. This property is just to the east of the intersection of Junction Avenue and Old First Street. The house he built there, the first private home in what became Livermore, is still on the continuation of Old First Street, Gardella Plaza.

The final step in all claims—preemption, homestead or scrip purchase—was a patent affirming ownership issued to the settler by the western headquarters of the federal land office in San Francisco or the governor's office in Sacramento.

Owners of the Spanish and Mexican land grants did not use fences to define their immense land grants. This led to many misunderstandings, when new settlers came after California statehood and claimed what they assumed was open land.

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Granada Black Students Launch Speaker Series



Nican Robinson (left) and DeVon Hardin talked about playing basketball and attending school at UC Berkeley.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The Black Student Union (BSU) at Granada High hosted members of the University of California men's basketball team Tuesday.

An estimated 300-400 students attended the event, held in Granada's Small Gym during lunch period. They heard talks by DeVon Hardin, who himself is from Livermore, and Nican Robinson, a transfer from UCLA.

The two guest speakers discussed life at Cal, from the academics to the social life, as well as what it's like to play sports at the Division I level.

The program was the first of a monthly speaker series planned by the Granada BSU. The group felt it was important to hold the event as part of Black History Month.

"The Granada BSU has been remade this year. Tuesday's event marks their first official public event," explained Michael Hardin, a leader of BSU's adult advisory group and father of DeVon Hardin. "One of their goals is to bring in an interesting speaker to talk with the student body once a month or so."

Hardin said the turnout at

Tuesday's program was "awesome."

In a statement of purpose, the BSU says it aims "to foster a sense of community among all students of the African-American culture at Granada High School."

"Our mission is to stimulate the intellectual, political, cultural and social growth of all Granada students," continues the statement. "Through enrichment programs such as general meet-

ings, the BSU speaker series, our leadership and mentoring program, and community service, we seek to educate ourselves and the larger Granada community in hopes that awareness will spark action and ignite change in our community.

"In addition, the Black Student Union shall serve as a resource to all other groups on campus."

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LPC Express Goes Weekly

Las Positas College (LPC) student-produced newspaper "Express" is now being published on a weekly basis. The change took place at the beginning of the spring semester and steps up production from bi-monthly to weekly.

Readers can look for the student newspaper most Fridays that school is in session. The Express regularly garners awards in General Excellence and for individual reporting from the Journalism Association of Community Colleges. The Express, now in its 18th year of publication, was started under the direction of Abby McCann, who still teaches at Las Positas College.

The move to take the Express to a weekly publication was spearheaded by the new Editor-in-Chief, Lauren Barnard, and the ongoing production editor, Jeff Bennett. Student journalists on the Express staff expect that with a weekly schedule, they will be able to keep the student body apprised in a timelier manner about topics such as school sports, Associated Students of Las Positas College (ASLPC) activities, campus news and entertainment.

The online version of the Ex-

press can be viewed at www.lpcexpress.org through College Publisher, the largest interactive network of online college newspapers in the nation. The parent company of College Publisher, Y2M, was recently purchased by MTV Networks, adding more clout to the youth-market appeal of the company, which now adds Internet to its information resources. A study conducted by Y2M reveals that 77% of college students surveyed read the print edition of their campus paper at least once per month and 57% read it online. (PR Week (US) (August 14, 2006): p12. From General Business File ASAP.)

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Transit Fair Slated

A Transit Fair will be held at the Pleasanton Senior Center on Fri., March 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Representatives from Wheels, Pleasanton Paratransit Service, BART, Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority, County Connection, and the Pleasanton Police Department will be on hand to provide the latest transit information and options.

The fair will also include a lecture presented by the Pleasanton Police Department on public transportation safety awareness, opportunities to discuss the Americans with Disabilities Act with transit representatives, refreshments, door prizes, and more.

The Center's Snappy Cafe will also have a St. Patrick's corn beef lunch available for purchase at \$3.50 for seniors and \$5 adults. Paid reservations for the lunch must be made by Wed., March 14 at the senior center front desk.

For more information, call the Senior Center at 931-5365. The Senior Center is located at 5353 Sunol Blvd.

Online Auction of Property

Alameda County Treasurer/Tax Collector Donald White has announced plans for the county's online auction to sell tax delinquent parcels of property. The auction will take place at www.bid4assets.com March 21 through March 22, 2007.

Interested persons may preview the properties on the website through March 20. If a potential bidder does not have internet access, an offline bid form is available from the tax collector's office, 1221 Oak Street, 1st Floor, Oakland.

The properties for sale are located primarily in Oakland. To be eligible to participate in the auction, a bidder must pre-qualify with a \$5000 deposit. More information regarding the online auction is available at www.acgov.org/treasurer/index.shtml.

Most Unaffordable Housing

Despite a cooling housing market that allowed prices to fall slightly, California still remained the most unaffordable state in the nation during the fourth quarter of 2006, the California Building Industry Association reported last week.

CBIA's analysis of the quarterly National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo Housing Opportunity Index found that during the fourth quarter of the year, affordability actually declined in five of the 28 California metro areas surveyed. In 18 metro areas less than 10 percent of the homes could be afforded by families earning the median income there.

Wes Keusder, CBIA's Chairman and owner of Costa Mesa-based Keusder Homes, said the report verifies what most Californians already know all too well: affording a home in California is becoming more and more out of reach.

California's homeownership rate is 57 percent, 13 points below the rest of the nation. A CBIA study found last year that this homeownership gap means that 1.6 million California families are being denied the benefits of owning their home, including the fact that homeownership is the biggest source of wealth creation for most families across the nation.

Keusder noted that nationally, 41.6 percent of homes are considered affordable and that in 98 metro areas across the country, at least half of the homes are still affordable. In comparison, affordability is greater than 25 percent in only one California metro area - Butte County.

Keusder said that housing affordability would be improved by enacting needed reforms that would make it possible for homebuilders to build enough homes to house the state's growing population - especially more homes designed for first-time buyers.

Senator Denise Ducheny introduced legislation, SB 303, that would make sure that jurisdictions plan for housing and zone enough land to meet their housing needs for the next 10 years.

Award for Tauscher

This week, Chairman of the Strategic Forces Committee of the Armed Forces Committee, Rep. Ellen Tauscher received the Satellite Leadership

in Government Award from the Satellite Industry Association.

The award recognizes those in government who have done the most to modernize the nation's export control laws to recognize the role that satellite technologies play in the nation's economy, video distribution, and national and homeland security.

Also receiving the award this year is Maj. Gen. James B. Armor (Director, of the National Security Space Office). Previous recipients of the Satellite Leadership in Government Award include Senator Ted Stevens (2006) and Admiral James O. Ellis Jr., former Commander of US Strategic Command (2005).

UC Cited for Nuclear Safety Violations

The Department of Energy's (DOE) National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) notified the University of California of multiple nuclear safety violations that occurred at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. The University of California was the contractor responsible for managing and operating the laboratory when the violations occurred in 2005.

Due to the University of California's statutory exemption from such penalties at the time of the violations, no civil penalties were issued in this PNOV. However, had the exemption not been in place, DOE would have issued a fine of \$1.1 million based on the number and severity of violations and this would have been the single largest civil penalty in the history of the enforcement program.

The Preliminary Notice of Violation (PNOV) cites multiple violations of the department's nuclear safety requirements associated with operational events and performance deficiencies at the laboratory.

Specific citations were identified in the areas of work planning and control, adequacy of procedures, training, quality improvement, assessment programs, safety basis, and radiological and contamination controls. The PNOV noted that many of the deficiencies were programmatic and long-standing in nature, and had been the subject of previous enforcement actions directed to the laboratory.

In March 2005, several workers received small intakes of radioactive material while performing decontamination operations at Building TA-50-66. In July 2005, a worker at the laboratory's Sigma Facility inadvertently contaminated himself and transported radioactive contamination to several locations offsite and out of state. An inspection performed by DOE's Office of Independent Oversight in November 2005 also identified multiple deficiencies in the laboratory's implementation of environmental, safety and health programs.

In June 2006, the responsibility for management and operation of the laboratory was transferred to the Los Alamos National Security, LLC, which will have responsibility for implementation of corrective actions. With this transfer, the statutory exemption from civil penalties no longer exists for any future Price-Anderson violations at the laboratory.

Congress At Your Corner

Rep. Jerry McNerney (CA-11) has announced the next installment of the Congress at Your Corner program, designed to allow constituents to meet and discuss issues with Rep. McNerney in the places where they already shop and recreate.

"Instead of asking community members to come to one of my offices, I am going to go to them to make it as easy as possible for them to see their Member of Congress," Rep. McNerney said. "I am committed to meeting with residents throughout the district so that I can effectively serve them and address their needs."

Congress at Your Corner part of an ambitious effort to reach out to residents of California's 11th District. McNerney and his staff will be on hand to discuss issues on residents' minds, listen to their opinions, and aid them in finding solutions to any difficulties they may encounter in dealing with federal agencies.

Upcoming Congress at Your Corner times and locations: Manteca, Sat., March 3, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Main Street Café, 1351 N. Main St., Manteca; and, Danville, Sat., March 3, 4 to 5 p.m. Safeway, 3496 Camino Tassajara Danville.

Livermore First Street Changes Earn An Award of Excellence

The Livermore Redevelopment Agency has been awarded the California Redevelopment Association (CRA) Award of Excellence for its successful redevelopment project—First Street Streetscape Improvement Project. This project is the winner in the category of Public Spaces and Linkages and is one of eight projects honored this year for major contributions to California communities.

Livermore's First Street Improvement Project has created a pedestrian-friendly streetscape environment, and set the stage for revitalizing the downtown core.

Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena, said, "The Streetscape Project has not only changed the physical characteristics of Downtown, but it has enhanced the community's spirit, and has been instrumental in attracting businesses to locate in our Downtown."

Livermore's downtown was historically the heart of the community, the economic hub, and the civic and cultural center. In the 1950's, major stores and offices migrated from the downtown business district to outlying areas. In 1960, First Street was designated as State Route 84, which became clogged with vehicular traffic and created a pedestrian obstacle in the downtown area. Highway 84 has been

moved off of First Street.

The First Street improvements include a central water feature, shade trees, new landscaping, park benches, planter pots, and information kiosks. In addition, a series of large trellises were built to create a unique streetscape.

Mayor Kamena and representatives of the Livermore Redevelopment Agency receives the Award at the 2007 CRA Annual Conference and Expo in Long Beach on February 28.

CRA is a statewide, nonprofit corporation comprised of more than 350 redevelopment agencies and more than 310 private sector firms.

Each year the California Re-

development Association gives Awards of Excellence to recognize redevelopment projects from around the state that the organization believes have significantly benefited their communities. This is the eleventh year CRA has honored the hard work and dedication of the professionals working in the redevelopment field.

Award nominees are evaluated based on their efforts to improve physical conditions in their communities; the extent of community participation in and benefit from the project; the economic viability and fiscal stability of the project; and unique, effective project design solutions.

GOALS

(continued from page one) desired amenities, according to Fialho.

The Vineyard Corridor area is developing in a way the city can be proud of. "It is a beautiful gateway into Pleasanton," said Fialho. Still to be completed is the water infrastructure.

Affordable housing projects will include an updated housing element and a workshop to discuss housing strategies.

The city has made some progress with traffic issues, said Fialho. These include the Tri-Valley Triangle Study of regional improvements. He anticipates a recommended regional plan would be ready sometime in March.

"A fun area," said Fialho, "is the quality of life category." This includes the Alviso Adobe Park, preservation of 500 acres of open space in the southeast hills, moving forward with the Firehouse Arts Center construction in 2008, and competing the Veterans Memorial Building renovations. New projects include redevelopment of Lions Wayside and Delucchi Parks in the downtown, finding a permanent location for the ACE train station, and working with the Museum on Main to operate the Alviso Adobe Park.

Public safety projects include upgrading radio communications equipment and establishing a police substation in the Stoneridge Shopping Center area.

The Callippe Preserve Golf

Course has been completed and is a huge success, pointed out Fialho. As part of the project, the city is to build a Happy Valley bypass road. Fialho said a preferred alignment as recommended by a task force will come to the council within the next 30 to 60 days. A financing plan will be discussed.

Other categories on the list include fiscal sustainability, environmental awareness, youth programs, city services and public information.

Under the environmental category consideration will be given to climate protection programs under ICL. The city will also look at new garbage rates and new recycling programs.

Improved city services will include a more streamlined development review process.

Councilmember Jerry Thorne asked how the fee study was progressing.

Fialho explained that a consultant is looking at the city's fee structure. "When it comes to cost recovery, the city is at the bottom of the barrel. We don't charge the full cost for a service. We plan to look at whether we want to raise the fees and if so, how much. The general fund has been subsidizing almost one hundred percent of the development services. The idea that development pays for itself does not exist when it comes to services."

COLLEGE

(continued from page one) commitment to higher education."

The project is funded by the Las Positas College Foundation through a grant underwritten by a donation from the Foresters Court #77 of Livermore, an organization that attributes its roots to Robin Hood and the Ancient Order of Foresters in England and is committed to community services and philanthropic endeavors. Additional funding from Sandia National Labs supports activities and materials for the program.

In the first phase of the program, K-12 school districts in Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore will identify a total of 30 sixth graders using several criteria including socioeconomic need, first generation in family to attend college, potential to succeed in college and residency. Following the selection process, mentors will be matched with students; then the program will get underway.

In April, the college is sponsoring a "Meet Your Mentor" Awards Night. CBS students and their parents will meet their mentors, and LPC students will work with the CBS students to participate in college activities, tours and awards.

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Students Receive Trees As Part Of Arbor Day Observance

In observance of Arbor Day, the Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club and Alden Lane Nursery will provide a special program to all second graders in Pleasanton during the first two weeks of March.

California Arbor Day is observed on March 7th in commemoration of the birthday of Luther Burbank.

Burbank is well known for developing improved varieties of flowers, fruits, grains and trees. Arbor Day is observed to celebrate the importance of trees and

the great benefit they provide to our well being. During presentations to the 2nd graders, Club members encourage the children to identify the many uses of trees and tell how trees make our environment better.

An important part of the presentation is gifting each child with a seedling to adopt. They will be shown how to plant and care for the seedling. Children are encouraged to place the seedling in a pot until a permanent home is identified.

Alden Lane Nursery donates

all the Coast Redwood tree seedlings for the program; the California Association of Nurseries and Garden Centers provides financial support for the printed materials. The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club prepares the seedling labels, tags and sorts the seedlings for distribution to the schools and provides the Pleasanton presentations. The program is made possible because of the cooperation of the elementary school teachers and staff who arrange for the presentation and supervise the on-site event.

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students with disabilities, English Language Learners (ELL), Hispanic/Latino, African-American, Asian, and Filipino subgroups.

A school that fails to meet AYP for two consecutive years goes into Program Improvement (PI). In the first year, schools must revise their school plans. Parents are eligible to transfer their children to a non-PI school with paid transportation. If a school stays in PI for 4-5 years, sanctions can include removing staff, decreasing management authority, extending the school day or year, and restructuring the school's internal organization.

PI only applies to schools and school districts receiving federal Title 1 funds. Livermore currently has five Title 1 schools: Junction Avenue Middle School and Marylin, Mitchell, Portola, and Jackson Avenue Elementary Schools. Of those schools, Portola and Marylin are in PI.

Both schools met their school-wide API targets in math and language arts. However, Marylin's ELL and Hispanic/Latino subgroups did not meet federal language and math targets. The socioeconomically disadvantaged subgroup did not meet its language arts target.

Portola's ELL, socioeconomically disadvantaged, and Hispanic/Latino subgroups did not meet federal language arts targets. All subgroups met math targets at Portola.

Junction became a Title 1 school at the start of the current school year, a decision Bowers says required careful consideration. The school is entitled to the extra funding. However, taking Title 1 money exposes the school to federal sanctions if it does not meet AYP.

Last year, Junction did not meet AYP because its Hispanic/Latino, socioeconomically disadvantaged, and ELL subgroups did not meet the percent proficient goals in both math and language arts. It is unclear if Junction will go into PI if it does not achieve AYP this year. Bowers says she's received conflicting answers on the issue.

The Livermore School Board recently approved a seven-period day for all students at Junction, making it the only middle school in the District with this schedule. Trustee Anne White describes this action as a proactive attempt to keep the school out of PI.

The new schedule will take effect next fall and extend Junction's school day by about 50 minutes. The longer day will allow intervention or an elective for sixth graders. Seventh and eighth graders can take two electives or one elective if they are in an intervention class.

"One of the sanctions under NCLB is lengthening the school day," says Junction Principal Susan Sambucetti. "We're already doing this because we think it will benefit all of our students."

TEST EXEMPTIONS AN ISSUE

The 95% participation rate re-

quirement causes problems in California, because state law allows parents of students in grades 2-11 to exempt their children from taking standardized tests. Livermore schools have typically met the participation rate requirement.

Last year Altamont Creek Elementary, which raised its API score by 34 points to 842, did not meet one AYP criteria because the participation rate in the students with disabilities subgroup was too low. NCLB consequences do not apply because the school does not receive Title 1 funds.

Assessing students with disabilities is complicated under NCLB. Students with disabilities who take state assessments with the modifications prescribed in their Individualized Education Plan (IEP) are deemed "non-participants" for purposes of calculating school participation rates for AYP. They are automatically given a Far Below Basic score of 200 for the school or district's API calculations. API is one of the four criteria used as indicators for the AYP as well, so the score of 200 affects both API and AYP, but does not affect the individual child's score.

MAKING SENSE OF REQUIREMENTS

On this issue, the CSBA asks, "If it makes sense to design individual education goals and programs for students with disabilities, doesn't it also make sense to measure their academic achievement using specialized instruments?"

Some adjustments have been made to allow for the needs of students with disabilities. However, critics say the reform is not complete. Severely disabled students can take the California Alternative Performance Assessment (CAPA), up to a statewide maximum of 1% of all students in the state.

The California Department of Education is developing a similar alternative test for students with moderate cognitive disabilities called the California Modified Assessment (CMA). Federal regulations for the CMA are expected to be finalized early this year. The stated purpose of the CMA is to provide students with disabilities greater access to the California Standards Tests (CST).

LOW SCORES FOR NON-PARTICIPATION

Participation rate and its effect on overall scores becomes more complicated in high school. To take a CST, the basis for API and thus AYP, students must be enrolled in a course in that subject area.

An analysis of Livermore's test scores for the 2005/06 school year showed that both Granada and Livermore High School (LHS) lost API points because of students who did not take a Math CST.

The report found that 89 LHS students did not take a Math CST, resulting in a loss of 18-36 API points. Granada lost 28-56 API points because 157 of its students did not take a Math CST.

Failure to take a CST results in an automatic score of 200, or Far Below Basic. The issue becomes far more complicated after examining why students are not taking the CST.

To take the Math CST, students in grades 9-11 must be enrolled in a math class for the entire school year. Yet state graduation high school requirements only call for two years of math.

Granada's block schedule also adds an interesting twist. On the block schedule, students take just three or four classes each semester. Each class represents a year's worth of work. Some advanced math students are able to complete the entire math sequence before their junior year. These advanced students, who are not allowed to take the test because of their course schedule, automatically receive the lowest possible score.

This impacts the school's participation rate, even though schools legally cannot test those students.

"So let me get this right," said White at a recent board meeting. "We are not allowed to test them, yet they still count as a non-participant? This is ludicrous."

The District is looking at several remedies to this particular issue. Students who have completed Algebra II can take the Summative High School Mathematics Test, which counts for API/AYP, even if they are not enrolled in a math course. "We just have to make sure we get these students tested," says Bowers. "Sometimes teenagers don't understand how important these tests are for schools."

The District is considering increasing the graduation requirement to three years of math. The Dublin Unified School District recently increased its graduation requirements to match the University of California admission requirements. The change, which calls for six semesters of math, will go into effect for the class of 2012.

Another option is introducing a math class with broad appeal to encourage students to take three years of math, similar to Granada's Forensic Science class. As a result of the new forensic class, which is not required, nearly all of Granada's freshmen now take science.

Trustee Kate Runyon suggested an excel-based math class, focused on science or business, as a course that might have both broad appeal and practical applications.

STATE HAS MORE NON-NATIVE SPEAKERS

Assessing ELL students is another California-specific issue, as the state has more non-native speakers than most other states. Currently students who have been in school for more than one year are required to take the regular assessment tests.

The 2005/06 school year was the first time that ELL was considered a numerically significant subgroup in Livermore. A new assessment under development, California English Language Development Test (CELDT), would allow students to be tested in Spanish. Livermore is participating in a pilot program for the CELDT.

The CSBA says the problem with assessing ELL students is that by definition, students in this subgroup do not have sufficient mastery of the English language to be proficient on standards-based tests. When they achieve that proficiency, they are no longer considered ELL.

As students move out of ELL, new students who have not yet learned English repopulate the subgroup. As a result, the proficiency requirements of this group can never be met. CSBA believes that NCLB should focus on growth relevant to that subgroup. "We need to take the stress off the child that doesn't know English well," says White. "We should be testing progress in a more fair way."

In January, White attended the National School Boards Association's Federal Relations Network (FRN) Conference in Washington D.C. At the conference board members gave members of Congress advice and direction on educational issues, including NCLB and the Disabilities Education Act.

President Bush is committed to reauthorizing NCLB this year. In response, the California School Board Association (CSBA) has launched a "Fix NCLB" campaign with the goal of "fixing NCLB to ensure it achieves the laudable goals it was created to meet."

Some 1,000 trustees representing school boards across the nation attended, with about 70 from California. This is the first year that California has sent more than a handful of school board representatives to the conference. California is unusual in that all of its educational interests, from unions to school boards, are working together to solve the issues.

Community Center 'Elbow Room' Open to Families

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) has opened the "Elbow Room" family fun center to the public. It is open six days a week.

The room was previously used as a teen center. Located in the Robert Livermore Community Center at 4444 East Avenue in Livermore, the "Elbow Room" offers activities such as pool, air hockey, foosball and board games.

The center also features Wii, the fifth video game console released by Nintendo that has a wireless controller. It can be used as a handheld pointing device that can detect motion and rotation in three dimensions. Another "Elbow Room" option is Guitar Hero II, one of the most popular Playstation II games during the recent holiday season. The game allows for solo lead guitar, or create your own band and then go on tour, starting out in a Midwest high school battle of the bands and progressing to bigger venues that finally culminate at Stonehenge in England. The game venues now feature lighting and pyrotechnics that are synched with the music.

The "Elbow Room" is open on a drop-in basis each Monday through Thursday from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m., from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and on school release days from noon to 6:00 p.m. The fee is \$2 per person. Children ages 9 and under must be accompanied by an adult or sibling age 15 and up and all participants must have a completed waiver form on file. For more information, please call (925) 373-5729.

Bills Address HOT Lanes, Baby Safety

Assembly Member Alberto Torrico (D-Fremont) has reintroduced a bill to extend the time mothers have to surrender their babies safely at designated sites to prevent infant deaths caused by abandonment. The bill is part of his legislative agenda, which also focuses on High Occupancy Toll lanes, special education, affordable housing and outreach to the limited English proficient population.

Torrico represents District 20, which includes portions of Pleasanton. AB 81 extends the 72-hour safe surrender baby (SSB) provision to 30 days, giving mothers a chance to recover and clearly consider their options, while also accounting for various mental-health related issues including postpartum depression. AB 81 provides funding for a public awareness campaign to inform mothers that SSB is a safe and confidential option. Additionally, this bill offers grants to county social service agencies that have safe surrender public awareness programs and creates a 1-800 number in multiple languages.

AB 574 would remove sunset dates on High Occupancy Toll lanes in Alameda and Santa Clara counties, allowing both counties to bond against future revenue to help build the lanes sooner. It also allows Alameda County to operate three rather than two HOT lane projects, and grants Santa Clara County the ability to enter into public-private partnerships to operate its HOT lanes.

A HOT lane is authorized, but not yet built, to operate on the Sunol Grade segment of Highway 680. The highway tolls would be collected in a similar fashion to that used to operate the Fastrak collection of Bay Area bridge tolls. Single occupant vehicles would be allowed to access the lanes by paying a toll.

AB 641 would assist the financial feasibility of constructing affordable housing by requiring the deferral of some local fees on housing projects where at least 49 percent of the units are affordable to low or very-low income households. The fees would be deferred until construction is completed.

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After eight days leading the peloton of 144 elite, international cyclists that included Olympic medalists and world champions, Discovery Channel Pro Cycling Team's Levi Leipheimer (USA) was crowned as champion of the 2007 Amgen Tour of California today with a total time of 24 hours, 57 minutes and 24 seconds. A resident of Santa Rosa, Calif., Leipheimer is the second consecutive Californian to win the title. Stage three of the tour, between Stockton and San Jose, went through Livermore. Riders in a sixteen man break-away head up Patterson Pass. Jason McCartney from Team Discovery is the front rider in this photo. He finished third in the race, 54 seconds behind the winner.

WE THE PEOPLE

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March 3. Each has pledged \$1 per mile for their 105-mile course.

The pledge money has been expanded. Pentin, a past president of Pleasanton North Rotary Club, asked the club to donate to the civics team, based on the mileage he will cover on the bike ride. He received nearly \$1000 in pledges. Pentin said that anyone interested in making a donation can get in touch with him at 846-6066 or 846-4555. E-mail is jerry@pentin.com.

Ott also offered to be a contact, at 447-5001, ext. 1103.

Another donor has been the Chinese-American Council. The organization collected the money at a booth at their recent fair in Pleasanton, where they celebrated the lunar New Year. The civics class has also begun writing grant applications, said Ladd.

IT'S A LIFESTYLE, NOT JUST A COMPETITION

Teamwork is one of the things that stands out about the "We the People" experience, said team member Carl Schlachte. "Because it takes a lot of time and effort, we become a community. It's not like writing a paper. These people are my best friends. I have 30 people I know I can hang out with," he said.

Typically, many of the students are on the civics team because they have an interest in history and current events. That was Schlachte's case. He said, "I was always interested in politics. In the eighth grade, I drew a political cartoon lampooning Alexander Hamilton. Now, it's more an idea of using this information to further my knowledge of politics."

Whether or not he pursues political science, law or some other field in college, Schlachte said that the result of his work on We the People has been acquisition of better speaking and thinking skills. "We're lucky to have five seconds to answer questions

from judges. Thinking on our feet is very important. If you stumble while you're speaking, it hurts in competition," he said.

Summing up the competition's effect on him, Schlachte said, "I have become a person more comfortable under pressure. It's a good development process. Everyone changed in some way."

The team started conducting its research and preparing its talks in earnest last fall, though some got a start in the summer. Aggregately, the 30 students combined for a total of 15,000 hours of research and speech preparation, said adviser Ladd. Another 10,000 hours will prepare the team for the finals.

Amador Valley was not the favorite going into the state competition. However, the hard work paid off, said another team member, Bianca Poncedeleon. "I knew we worked as hard as we possibly could. We were well-prepared. (The research and preparation) is the equivalent of all our homework put together," she said.

Once they were at the state contest, the students could tell how it was going for them by the judges' comments after a speech. "If they have a lot of criticism, then it probably didn't go so well. If they are stumbling to find something, then you know it's good," she said.

CONSTITUTION STUDIED IN DEPTH

The topic for We the People is the U.S. Constitution. That's the subject matter for seniors in California high schools. Only seniors

take part in the competitions. The students examine the colonial era and its influence on the nation's founders and on government today. Students delve into current conflicts over constitutional issues, such as freedom of the press, and learn the history of the expansion of civil rights and civil liberties.

Ladd said that attention is also paid to "what makes good citizens. How do we influence other countries, and how do they influence us?" This is all done in a non-partisan context, he said.

We the People is voluntary. A relatively small number of schools take part. Amador was one of three that competed in the 11th Congressional District (CD). After winning at the congressional district level, Amador Valley beat winners from five congressional districts, before achieving the state victory.

Members of the team are David Anderson, Adam Bacal, Olga Beltsar, Mika Bhatia, Yvonne Chi, Tyler Creighton, Aaron Diggins, Robert Doxey, Alexene Farol, Wesley Garwood, Alex Hall, Emma Holmquist, Lauren Ivey, Garima Kalra, Catherine Kennedy, Taylor Lane, Christopher Loncarich, Devin Maguire, Angelo Marcelino, Elena Moreno, Bianca Ponce de Leon, Prachi Priyam, Carl Schlachte, Carena Schmidt, Elizabeth Smutz, Darylen Terry, Linda Wan, Frederick Young, Allen Yu, Alex Zhu.

The team is coached by Brian Ladd.

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"Hit the Road Jack" by Ray Charles, and Aretha Franklin's "Respect."

Throughout the performance, each of the 64 students shared information about one famous African-American on whom they are doing a research report. The personalities featured ranged from the historical—such as Frederick Douglass, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Sojourner Truth—to the modern, such as Barack Obama, Colin Powell, and Condoleezza Rice.

Many students chose entertainers, writers, and sports stars from the past and present. Arthur

Ashe, Venus and Serena Williams, Michael Jordan, Bessie King, Louis Armstrong, Ray Charles, Oprah Winfrey, Alice Walker, and August Wilson were among the personalities presented.

The students wore traditional African scarves made from kente cloth and kofi hats. They decorated the stage area with maps of Africa and flags of each African nation.

For the grand finale, the performers marched off the stage and through the multipurpose room to the traditional African chant "Hoya Hoya."



PET OF THE WEEK

Sparks is a very playful, friendly, and energetic 2-year old Pomeranian mix. We don't know what other breeds are in his lineage, but it is something larger, as he weighs 28 pounds. He loves to play outside, chasing toys and going for walks. In his previous life, he was kept outdoors, but since he has moved to his foster home, he is making rapid progress on his house training and leash training. An active family with another friendly dog would make a very happy home for Sparks. For more information, call Valley Humane Society at 925-426-8656. Mobile pet adoptions for dogs and cats are held at Pet Extreme in Livermore every Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Kitchen Needs Volunteers

Open Heart Kitchen is in need of volunteers to help prepare and serve meals.

Open Heart is a non-profit meal service with programs in Livermore, Dublin and Pleasanton. About 2500 meals are served every week.

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Volunteer opportunities include the following:

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lection Saturdays 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Livermore: Hot meal program at Asbury Methodist Church, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 2 shifts available; Vineyard Christian Fellowship, Thursdays 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.; weekend box lunch program, Vineyard Christian Fellowship, Thursdays 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.; box lunch distribution, Fridays 2 to 3 p.m. at Joe Michell, Marilyn Avenue and Portola elementary schools.

Dublin: Weekend box lunch program distribution, Arroyo Vista Apartments, Fridays 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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<p>LIVERMORE \$1,619,000</p> <p>2256 Sevillano Ct. Open Sat & Sun 1-4 5bd/5.5ba, 4,700+/-sf home + bonus room w/ full bath over garage. Beautiful kitchen, views of vineyards, olive groves & hills.</p>	<p>LIVERMORE \$1,075,000</p> <p>By Appointment 5bd/4ba, 3,541+/-sf highly upgraded home. Dazzling pool nestled in one of Livermore's prestigious neighborhoods.</p>	<p>BRENTWOOD \$745,000</p> <p>By Appointment Deer Ridge home. Backs to open space, cul-de-sac location, 4bd/3ba, huge master bd has retreat and balcony, 3 car garage.</p>	<p>LIVERMORE \$675,000</p> <p>By Appointment Don't miss this 3bd/2ba, 1,675+/-sf Pottery Barn style home, from the decorator paint to the laminate flooring. A must see!</p>
<p>LIVERMORE \$640,000</p> <p>By Appointment 4bd/2ba home boasts a huge 10,000+/-sf lot that is perfect for buyers who want their own slice of heaven. Remodeled kitchen.</p>	<p>FREMONT \$639,950</p> <p>By Appointment Stunning remodel, prime location! Next to park land/situated on cul de sac. Large side yard access, extra garage/workshop.</p>	<p>LIVERMORE \$629,950</p> <p>By Appointment 3bd/2ba home in Windmill Springs, crown molding/beautiful window treatments/Wainscoting, backyard has Putting Green.</p>	<p>LIVERMORE \$619,950</p> <p>By Appointment 3bd/2ba, 1,374+/-sf home. Formal LR/DR, vaulted ceilings, brick fireplace, & granite counter tops. Raised deck/cover & spa!</p>

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