

## Nuclear Complex Faces Downsizing

The National Nuclear Security Administration's (NNSA) top official on Tuesday announced plans to create a nuclear weapons infrastructure that is "smaller, safer, more secure and more cost effective."

Thomas D'Agostino, administrator of NNSA, discussed the plans during a televised press conference. "The nation's aging Cold War era nuclear weapons complex is too big and too costly," he declared. Over the next decade, the proposed transformation is expected to result in a 30 percent reduction in the square footage of the nuclear

weapons infrastructure and a 20 to 30 percent reduction in the work force. Staff reductions are anticipated to occur through natural attrition.

It is anticipated that 600 buildings would be closed down throughout the complex.

"We are at a crossroads with a challenge to turn the complex into a 21st century enterprise at the forefront of technology," he declared. With flat and declining budgets, there is a need to reduce the cost of operating the complex by moving redundancy and consolidating facilities.

The Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory will feature three centers of excellence.

Bruce Goodwin, Associate Director for Weapons and Complex Integration, told reporters that Livermore will be one of two Centers of Excellence for Nuclear Design and Engineering.

The second would be the Center of Excellence for High Energy Density Physics when the National Ignition Facility is ready in 2009. "Using NIF, Livermore will be the only place on earth where it will be possible to see what happens when a

weapon detonates," said Goodwin.

Goodwin also addressed the issues of staff reduction and loss of facilities. He said that the Lab had been bringing the weapons staff down in numbers over the past two years. The reduction has been driven by the way nuclear weapons research is now conducted, simulations on supercomputers. For example, Goodwin noted that the design of the reliable replacement warhead (RRW) took only six months. In the past, such a project would have taken three years. As a result of the ability to use simu-

lations, fewer employees are necessary to conduct the research.

The third center would be a Center of Excellence for High Explosive R&D.

Site 300 will no longer be a NNSA facility. Goodwin anticipated that work for other government agencies could be conducted at the site.

The Lab would also be one of two capability centers for supercomputers, according to Goodwin.

Special nuclear materials would be removed from the site by the end of 2012 and build-

(See NUCLEAR, page 4)



Ravi Coltrane

### Coltrane Added To Expanded Jazz Festival

The annual Campana Jazz Festival in Pleasanton will expand to three days next year, and include national jazz headliner Ravi Coltrane.

Traditionally the festival has been held only one day, and restricted to performances by student jazz bands from around the Bay Area. The student bands will still compete on Feb. 9 at Amador Valley High School.

However, Coltrane will kick off a jazz weekend with his concert on Feb. 8. It will be at the Amador Theater, and open to the public as part of the city recreation department's Civic Arts Presents series. Adult tickets will cost \$30, \$35 and \$40. Students with identification receive a \$10 discount.

To round out the weekend, professional Bay Area jazz musicians will play Feb. 10 at the Pleasanton Library. There have been jazz concerts in a small series there from time to time. Now the library will coordinate an event with the Campana festival. The talent has not been booked yet, said Penny Johnson, the library's adult programs director.

The whole idea is to bring more enjoyment to the commu-

(See JAZZ, page 10)



Pictured are, in front sitting, Ken McCartney; behind from left to right standing, Ron White, Hagop Manuelian, Millie Seibel, Peter Quinn, Angelika Voss-Quinn, and Paul Thompson.

### Kilimanjaro Climb Boosts Wheelchair Project

A fund-raising climb of Africa's highest mountain by seven self-described "old geezers" from Livermore Rotary was a smashing success.

All seven — whose ages ranged from 50 to over 70 — reached the summit of 19,340-foot Mount Kilimanjaro.

Moreover, soliciting pledges for the climb, they raised \$15,000 for the Wheelchair Foundation, a worldwide organization that gives wheelchairs to persons too poor to buy them.

That sum was matched by the foundation and Rotary International, resulting in a total pot of \$45,000.

It bought 200 wheelchairs. The chairs were sent to South Africa in the name of the Livermore Noon Rotary Club.

"Rotary is a service organization and we climbed Kilimanjaro in that spirit. Not only did we help kids and adults who need wheelchairs, we also helped each other. Kilimanjaro was a group affair, not a 'me' thing. I think it

represented the true spirit of Rotary," says Angelika Voss-Quinn, who at 50 was the youngest member of the climbing group.

The other members were Hagop Manuelian, Ken McCartney, Peter Quinn (Voss-Quinn's husband), Millie Seibel, Paul Thompson and Ron White.

White, who is over 70, was the group's oldest member, and was the first among the seven to reach the summit.

Though difficult to climb, (See CLIMB, page 13)

### Dutro House to Be Saved From Wrecker's Ball

Efforts by Livermore city government, developers, and preservation-minded residents apparently will save the Dutro house, a Tudor-style home built in the mid-1920s at L and Chestnut streets.

The house would be taken over by Livermore Valley Investors, which would move it to one of three sites in downtown. The city planning commission will hold a hearing Jan. 15 on a permit to move the structure.

A new deadline for moving the house — Feb. 1 — has been set by Real Freedom LLC, the developers. The plan is to build condominiums on the Dutro House site and on an adjacent parcel. Originally Real Freedom set a mid-December deadline for

its need to demolish the house. When the deadline was set, no party had been identified as interested or able to save the home.

However, five or six individuals met as a group with officials at city hall since then, and learned what it would take to save the house. Although the house is being offered free, the project itself could be very expensive, probably too costly for an individual, according to Walter Davies, one of the people who attended the meeting at city hall.

Davies said that depending on whether new utility hook-ups are needed (for a vacant parcel that doesn't have them) and other possible fees, the city fees could

(See HOUSE, page 5)

### Pleasanton Schools Want to Hear More on Parcel Tax

The Pleasanton school board will carry on more dialogue with the community before making a decision about whether to approach voters with a parcel tax.

Trustees have had a consultant conduct a survey of the community on the amount of tax that might receive approval from the required two-thirds of voters. Residents also have been asked what additions to school programs they consider valuable. Administrative staff has met with

parent groups to get their feedback.

The district's 55-member committee on excellence has made recommendations about program improvements designed to bring the district's academic achievement even higher than it is now. (The district stands ninth in the state among 1000 unified school districts on the Academic Performance Index (API) scores, just one notch be-

(See PARCEL TAX, page 4)



DeRionne Pollard

### LPC President Unanimous Choice

The Board of Trustees of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District has voted unanimously to name DeRionne Pollard as the President of Las Positas College in Livermore.

Pollard currently serves as the Vice President of Educational Affairs at the College of Lake County in Grayslake, Illinois. She has also served that college as Assistant Vice President, Educational Affairs, Faculty Coordinator for the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Acting Division Dean for Communication Arts, Humanities and Fine Arts, and as an Assistant Professor of English.

"Dr. Pollard has distinguished herself among her peers through her dedication to students and the mission of community colleges. She has a breadth of experience ranging from academic affairs to collective bargaining, including serving as a faculty member," said Joel Kinnamon, District Chancellor. "She is one of the most enthusiastic and savvy ad-

(See PRESIDENT, page 14)

### Youth Services Leader Retiring

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District has announced that Barbara Kraybill, LARPD Youth Services Superintendent, is retiring after 30 years of service. Kraybill began her career with LARPD in 1977 as a Recreation Specialist and subsequently served in the positions of Daycare Coordinator, Youth Services Supervisor, Senior Recreation Supervisor and, finally, Youth Services Superintendent.

She developed the LARPD pre-school curriculum in 1983, which today serves 250 children; developed the Extended Student Services/Kid's Zone before- and after-school childcare program in

(See RETIRE, page 3)

### Livermore School District Is Considering over \$2 Million in New Spending

By Patricia Koning

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District has had budget surpluses for several years. Last week the trustees discussed ideas on how to spend some of the current \$3.8 million surplus.

The trustees reviewed a list of one-time expenditures totaling \$1.5 million. Susan Kinder, Director of Fiscal Services, suggested adding a \$600,000 reserve for declining enrollment. The District's enrollment is projected to decrease at a steady rate over the next 10 years.

The biggest ticket items on the list were data management tools. Geoff Warner, Director of Information Technology, requested an upgrade to IFAS software that handles the financial accountability of the Business Services and Human Resources departments. According to Warner, the software is used to run business critical reports to meet requirements set by the Alameda County Office of Education.

The cost of the software upgrade, including training, is \$256,000. Warner requested an additional \$7,500 for two high

speed scanning stations and \$30,000 to hire temporary help to scan existing paper records so they can be converted and uploaded to the IFAS server. Maintenance of the system and Application Service Provider costs would run \$5,263 annually.

District staff requested a data and assessment management system at a cost of \$200,000. It would track achievement data from state and local assessments and provide analysis of achievement gaps, significant subgroups, school sites, and individual students.

This level of data analysis is critical says Livermore School Superintendent Brenda Miller in helping Marilyn and Portola Elementary Schools get out of Program Improvement. Both schools are working to analyze standards and target instruction so that they will meet No Child Left Behind targets in 2008.

Another requested expenditure is \$275,000 to install security cameras at Del Valle Continuation School and the District's four middle schools. "The cameras we installed at the high schools have worked very well, (See SPENDING, page 4)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Some 100 senior citizens from Ridgeview Commons were served lunch by eighth graders at Pleasanton Middle School last week. The tradition started about 10 years ago. Many of the seniors were already living in Ridgeview Commons when the school was built. They've had a sort of possessive interest in the school since then, so the school has the annual luncheon to invite them on campus to see the school's progress. Caitlyn Su (front) and Jasmine Park were among the students who took part in the event.

### LARPD Board Wants Less Expensive Project

Livermore Area Recreation and Park District staff was told to go back to the drawing board to come up with a less costly project to convert the former Denton House into a ranger station at

Sycamore Grove Park.

The LARPD board also asked for a cost benefit analysis of the cost of proposed green building features versus payback on such an investment.

The house was donated to the district by Jacquie Williams-Courtright. She also paid to move the house to its new location adjacent to the equestrian staging (See RANGER STATION, page 4)

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### PET OF THE WEEK

Binkie is a 6-month-old female cat with sleek black fur. Binkie is a sassy girl who always speaks her mind! She loves to frolic and play with other cats, and to cuddle with people, too. You can visit Binkie and all the other cats and kittens looking for a home for the holidays at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton.

VHS is open Wed-Sun from 11AM to 5PM. VHS is also searching for volunteers to help with the animals (particularly foster homes); a New Volunteer Orientation is held on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 10AM at VHS. Visit our web site at www.valleyhumane.org or call us at 925-426-8656.





Photo - Doug Jorgensen  
Candy canes danced in the Valley Dance Theatre's production of "The Nutcracker." For the story, see page 10.

## Girl Scouts Give Dom's Windows a Festive Touch

By Patricia Koning

A new must-see on the list of holiday sights around Livermore are the window displays at Dom's Outdoor Outfitters, at the corner First and M Streets in downtown. The windows showcase Dom's goods in a variety of holiday settings—one with a Christmas tree and fireplace, one outdoors, and one with a snowman.

"We're getting lots of compliments," says store owner Dom Saccullo. "People are stopping by just to see the windows. I don't think that has ever happened before."

The Christmas tree scene includes cookies for Santa and a fireplace. Beneath the tree are an array of Dom's products, including slippers, baby boots, a water bottle, and a backpack. The outdoor scene showcases gear for everything outdoors. A well-appointed hunter is displayed beside a bear with a Santa hat. The snow scene shows a snowman next to a campfire. Displayed in this window is snow gear, including a sled, snowshoes, and a snowsuit.

Dom and his son Jeff, who run the store together, are quick to point out that they are not responsible for the window displays. One day back in September, Girl Scout Troop 2863 approached the men with the concept. The Girl Scouts needed a project to develop business skills and Dom's had three big windows facing First Street.

The troop, which is comprised of sixth and eighth grade girls, divided themselves into three groups, one for each window. They brainstormed ideas on how to showcase Dom's products and created display boards, which they presented to Dom and Jeff.

"Dom and Jeff were just amazing. They gave the girls great feedback on how to best display the items," says troop leader Heidi Novell.

The girls then painted the backdrops and assembled the displays, which went live on Nov. 19, just before Thanksgiving. Dom says the girls demonstrated beautiful teamwork in their effort and gave them all gift certificates to the store as a thank

you. The project is part of a "Your Own Business" Interest Project that Girl Scouts must complete before working towards the Silver Award, the highest award for Girl Scouts ages 11-14. Laura Franklin, Elise Hedges, Jasmine Larkey, Carina Novell, Adeline Nunes, Shannon Osterberg, and Sher Zarinfar, all eighth graders, will begin working on their Silver Award next year.

The sixth grade members of Troop 2863, Katy Kennedy, Sara Novell, Christine Putnam, and Katie Swadener, will begin working on their Bronze Award, the highest honor a Junior Girl Scout

can receive. The Girl Scout Bronze Award requires the girls to learn the leadership and planning skills necessary to follow through on a project that makes a positive impact on her community.

"It's been amazing to see them take on this project and run with it," says Novell. "They were really excited to help Dom's increase their sales. I've really been able to see their leadership skills develop and grow through this process."

Girl Scout Troop 2863 has been together for nine years, with many of the girls involved since kindergarten.

## Pilot Featured Speaker for January 17 History Lecture

The Ed Kinney Lecture Series at the Museum On Main Street presents, "Aerial Photography, Global Warming and the Longest-Burning Light Bulb in the World," a lecture by Dick Jones at 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 17 at the Museum On Main Street, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton.

Jones, a commercial pilot with single, multi and instrument ratings, will talk about flying and show aerial photographs of the Bay Area, the California coastline, Mono Lake, the Golden Gate bridge, Yosemite and Pleasanton when Stoneridge was being built.

He will show a short video of global warming studies using high altitude unmanned and manned airplanes and a short video of the Fuji Blimp flight.

He will talk about longest-burning light bulb in the world and efforts to help make and keep it famous.

Jones has been a videographer and photographer for manned and unmanned aerial vehicles for global warming studies working with the Department of Energy,

NASA and Sandia National Laboratories. He was part of a film crew that won a Telly Award for one of the short movies they made documenting atmospheric research flights.

He owns his own aerial photo business, taking pictures for land and commercial real estate and is a retired Component Design Engineer from Sandia.

In Alaska and Australia, he was a photographer and videographer for "Proteus" a high-altitude, long-duration aircraft, originally developed as a telecommunications relay platform, that has been used on missions for atmospheric sampling and Earth-monitoring science. He also filmed the unmanned airplane "Altus" on the island of Kauai and in Oklahoma, flew in the Twin Otter as the Payload Engineer, and has flown the Fuji blimp over San Francisco. Visit [www.rjaerial.net](http://www.rjaerial.net)

Lecture reservations are requested. Admission is \$5 for museum members and \$10 for non-members. Call (925) 462-2766. Memberships will be available for purchase that night.

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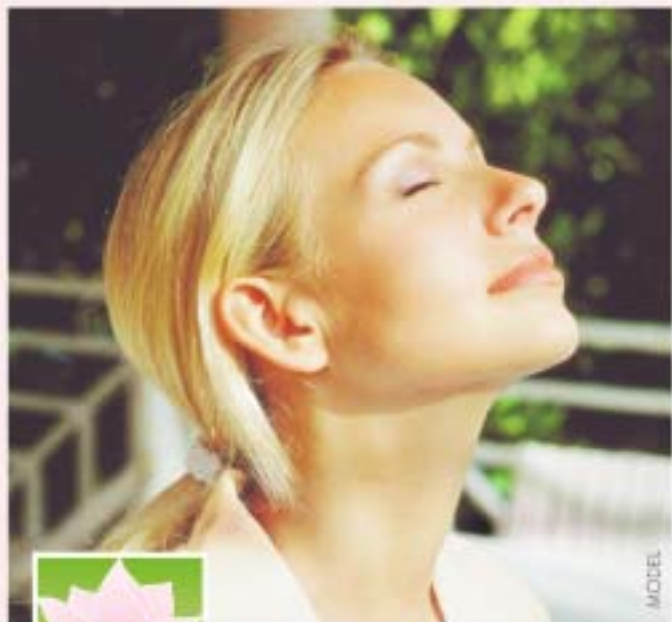
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# VALLEY ROUNDUP

## Vecchiarelli Board President

Carlo Vecchiarelli has been named President of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Board of Trustees. He was unanimously elected to fill the post by his fellow board members.

Elected to the Board in 2004, Vecchiarelli represents district constituents in Pleasanton, Dublin and Sunol.

"I am honored to be elected to the position of Board president," said Vecchiarelli. "I fully believe in the mission of community colleges. I know that we have two of the best in our district. Our faculty and staff go above and beyond to serve more than 22,000 students who come to us each year. Our students excel in the classroom and in extra-curricular activities. It is our job, as Trustees, to do everything we can to provide them the opportunities they deserve to succeed. We have a busy year ahead of us with state and federal funding issues and implementing our facilities bond. It's an exciting time in our district. I look forward to working with my fellow board members as we lead this district on to even bigger and better accomplishments."

Prior to his election to the Board, he served the District for 40 years as a faculty member, Director of Admissions, and Dean of the Math, Computer Science and Engineering division at Chabot College in Hayward.

He is a past director of the California Waterfowl Association and past treasurer of the Livermore/Pleasanton Umpires Association. He has also served on the Board of Regents for Bishop O'Dowd High School. In 2004, he was inducted into the Chabot College Sports Hall of Fame for meritorious service to student athletes.

Vecchiarelli earned his masters degree in biological sciences at the University of California, Berkeley.

The Chabot-Las Positas Community College District includes Chabot College in Hayward and Las Positas College in Livermore.

## Seven DUI Arrests

Nineteen vehicles were impounded for violations when drivers were found to driving under the influence or had drivers' license violations. Seven drivers were arrested for DUI during a Dec. 14 sobriety checkpoint conducted by the Pleasanton Police Department.

The checkpoint was conducted between 8:20 p.m. and 2:20 a.m. on northbound Santa Rita Road just south of Pimlico Drive. Officers from the Dublin Police Services and California Highway Patrol assisted. The officers screened 1283 of 1337 vehicles who passed through during the six hours. Fourteen drivers were given field sobriety tests for intoxication. Another twenty two were further investigated for either driving without a license or driving on a suspended license. Fourteen citations were issued for violations.

Mother's Against Drunk Driving provided educational materials to drivers screened during the checkpoint.

## Small Farm Conference

California Resource Conservation Districts will host a California Small Farm Conference on Feb. 24-26 in Visalia.

The conference is designed to serve the educational needs of smaller acreage farmers and ranchers including those who are just starting out in farming, thinking about becoming a farmer, have limited resources, or could benefit from additional support and networking.

Scholarships are available for farmers and ranchers, students and farmers' market managers.

Application forms are available at

www.californiafarmconference.org.

## School Threat Arrest

Cy Jamerson, 20, of San Francisco, has been arrested on two felony charges involving a death threat at Village High School in Pleasanton. Jamerson was arrested by Pleasanton Detective Eric Fredgren in San Pablo after Jamerson arrived at his probation officer's building for a scheduled meeting.

Detectives had obtained a \$250,000 arrest warrant for Jamerson on one count of felony death threats and one count of threatening a public institution.

The suspect called Village High School on Nov. 30 and threatened to shoot students and school officials. He said he would begin shooting at 9:30 a.m. if school officials didn't proceed with an evacuation of the facility. School administrators immediately locked down the school.

During the investigation, detectives obtained court orders to research cell phone data. Jamerson was identified as the suspect.

When he was arrested, he was searched and detectives found a fully loaded ammunition magazine in his pocket. A search of Jamerson's car resulted in the recovery of a stolen .45 caliber handgun and 78 ecstasy pills. Jamerson is also facing felony charges of possession of a stolen firearm and possession of narcotics in Contra Costa County.

Jamerson reportedly admitted to making the threatening phone call, referring to it as a "prank" with no intentions of following through with the threat.

Jamerson was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

## Personnel Commission

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors is accepting applications through 5:00 p.m. December 31, 2007, for a position on its Personnel Commission.

Personnel Commissioners are appointed by the Board to four-year volunteer terms.

The Commission monitors the District's personnel policies, oversees the hiring of full-time staff, hears appeals of disciplinary actions and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors on matters of personnel administration.

The Commission meets as needed, but normally not more than once a month.

Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest and information on knowledge and experience with personnel administration to District General Manager Timothy J. Barry, LARPD, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550. For information about the position, call Carolyn Ulrich, (925) 373-5700.

## UC Settles on Fine

The Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) has accepted an offer from the University of California regarding the final notice of violation issued to the university in September 2007 for violations of the department's classified information security requirements during the university's tenure as the management and operating contractor of the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico.

NNSA had imposed a civil penalty of \$3 million. In the settlement proposal, the university offered to pay a penalty of \$2.8 million, withdraw its election to seek judicial review of the notice and accept responsibility for the violations.

These violations were revealed during an investigation following the discovery of classified matter in the residence of an employee of a laboratory subcontractor in October 2006.

# Funds in Place to Build Vasco Road Improvements

Alameda County has received approval for the final piece of funding for its \$30 million Vasco Road safety improvement project. The East Contra Costa Regional Fee & Financing Authority approved programming its earlier \$3 million commitment to the project. All funding commitments must be programmed before construction can proceed.

"I am pleased to receive Contra Costa County's support for the \$3 million," commented Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty. "It's taken many

years and a great deal of effort to assemble funding from numerous sources including local, state and federal programs for this important safety project," he said.

Vasco Road is a regional roadway that has become the primary access between job centers in the Tri-Valley area of Alameda County and residences in the southern portion of east Contra Costa County. The Vasco Road Safety Improvements Project will straighten curves and realign approximately 1.3 miles of Vasco Road in eastern Alameda County. Construction of the new road is

expected to begin by summer 2008. Alameda County will reconstruct the roadway on a new, improved alignment and grade, provide wider shoulders, and add truck/bus climbing lanes and a median barrier.

Pacific Gas and Electric just completed relocation of two major natural gas pipe lines that run through the area to accommodate the road construction.

The new road is expected to improve traffic flow and safety and facilitate express and regular bus service between the two counties.

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# RETIRE

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1985, in conjunction with the local school district, which today serves 900 children; and developed the Police Activities League (PAL) program in 1999, in collaboration with the City of Livermore and the local school district, serving 180 middle school


youth. Kraybill will retire at the end of this month.


Jill De Bow-Kirk has been hired to replace Kraybill, and holds the position of Senior Recreation Supervisor. De Bow-Kirk comes to LARPD from the YMCA of San Francisco, where

she was Director of Information Technology/Training. She has held various positions with the YMCA since 1987, including Associate Executive Director, Branch Manager, Program Director and Associate Executive Director.


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# EDITORIALS

## Second Home Depot

Home Depot's application to open a second store in Pleasanton was denied by the City Council two weeks ago. Reversing an earlier 4-1 approval of the second store, the council voted 5-0 this time.

They acted in response to a fiscal analysis concerning the opening of a Lowe's in Dublin. The study found that while the second Home Depot store would gain that company a \$20 million increase in business, the additional "big-box" competition would fall hard on the area's small home improvement stores. It was estimated they would lose 16% of their business, with no hope of ever recovering the loss.

Councilmember Matt Sullivan, the lone dissenter in the earlier vote, focused on the big picture all through the deliberations. "It's clear that this is a bailout plan for Home Depot," he observed. "They are going to lose business to Lowe's. Instead of planning to bail out Home Depot, the city should be talking about policies to help small businesses improve their position. ...

"I believe in a diverse local economy with a mix of large and small businesses," said Sullivan. "If we turn the town over to big-box retailers, we will lose that diversity."

Competition is one of the pillars of the American economic system. It is a proper role of government to ensure that the competition is relatively fair. In rejecting Home Depot's second store, the Pleasanton City Council acted in the public interest.

## Cuba

Las Positas Community College recently spotlighted Cuba in a weeklong series of free events.

"It isn't about Castro and Che Guevara. It's about the Cuban culture, literature, music and dance," explained one of the organizers.

It was an important offering by the local campus. Cuba stirs such intense political passions that programs like this are rare.

The week was cosponsored by the college's Spanish department and Campus Exchange Network. We applaud them.

## RANGER STATION

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area at the park. The district has approved a \$775,000 budget for the project. Of that total, \$200,000 came from Chevron to pay for a pipeline through Sycamore Grove Park.

The LARPD Board was presented with a concept plan and cost estimate for the conversion at its meeting last week. The cost is now estimated at over \$780,000 with an additional \$110,000 worth of items deferred.

Director David Furst wondered where the increases were.

Consultant David Arkin of Arkin & Tilt Architects explained that the most significant increase was in utility hook-up fees. Water service would cost about \$32,000, with similar costs for PG&E and sewer service hook-ups. Certain areas don't meet current building codes, particularly the plumbing, which will have to be completely redone.

LARPD General Manager Tim Barry pointed out that at each step there has been a higher degree of analysis. Until details are known, it is difficult to know the costs.

Furst was concerned about the cost of hook-up fees. He noted that they are just estimates. "Given past history, we know they will be higher. It looks as if we are going for a million dollar building here."

Arkin discussed the green aspects of the project. "One of the greenest features is that the major components are re-used pieces of a house." The home is 1260 square feet in size. The proposed concept adds 680 square feet, about 280 more than the original estimate. In addition, an 800 square foot deck would be constructed.

The goal is to reduce the demand for gas and electricity and to stay ahead of minimum building codes, stated Dan Johnson, also of Arkin & Tilt. The consultant analyzed the climate, then determined where energy could be saved by reducing the cost of cooling and the number of plug-ins. As much natural light as possible would be used. More efficient cooling and heating equipment could be utilized. Solar panels will provide hot water and help to provide electricity to the house. Rain water catchments would harvest water for irrigation. The green features could be used to demonstrate green and environmentally friendly technologies to local homeowners and business owners.

The next step, said Johnson, would be to prepare simulations to determine when pay back on green investments might occur.

Director Scott Kamena stated that it was difficult to understand

some of the costs. "Something new would have cost less than this." He questioned the \$115,000 in design costs.

Arkin said, "A lot of design is an investment in looking at long term energy savings. It is no longer an old house. It's a new building. It has to be brought up to current codes."

It was pointed out that similar hook-up fee costs would have applied to new construction, as well.

Kamena stated, "I'm concerned that a secondary purpose has crept into this project - to make this a green model. The goal was to replace an aging and difficult to use ranger station. This was not on the district's original project list. Now it has gone to the top. The board never approved making this a model project."

Furst said that rangers do need an improved work space. His concern is that staff stay within the budget approved by the board.

Maryalice Faltings echoed similar concerns. "Mimicking Camp Arroyo as a green model was not something I recall as the purpose of all this. The idea was to build to the budget and not have staff design an ultimate Taj Mahal with the idea they would figure out how to pay for it later. It's so far over budget, it's not even funny. We can't keep spending money we don't have."

The newest director, Beth Wilson, had a slightly different viewpoint. She felt that the \$775,000 would provide the basic things. "I see this as something we need. All other areas of the district have new or newish facilities to work in. I don't want to go over budget either. However, I see this as something we desperately need - a place to put on programs and provide good working conditions."

"I applaud the creative approach the consultant has taken," stated board president Steve Goodman. He added that there is a need to live within the money available while providing something for the rangers. Goodman suggested that staff needed to go back and look at the project again. Firm costs should be provided in writing on hook-up fees.

General Manager Tim Barry suggested that staff and the architect proceed with the cost benefit analysis of green building aspects of the project.

Value engineering will likely reduce the cost estimate.

Goodman stated, "We need to move expeditiously. The costs will only go up. I'd like to see what is the best we can get for the money we have. It may not be a model facility, because we can't afford it."

## NUCLEAR

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ings within what is known as the Superblock will be down-graded. Another loss will be the engineering test facilities for nuclear weapons. Both the facility at Livermore and a second one at Los Alamos will be moved to Pantex. Goodwin explained that would reduce the need to move nuclear components around to test them as part of the stockpile stewardship program.

Across the street at Sandia National Laboratories, NNSA has indicated a desire to reduce its landlord responsibilities. Pat Smith, director of Site Operations for Sandia said that management would be exploring other work options. Smith said there are no plans to move all of the operations to the Albuquerque location.

NNSA indicated it would transition the Livermore site to a multi-agency lab.

D'Agostino stated, "Today's nuclear weapons complex needs to move from the outdated, Cold War complex into one that is smaller, safer, more secure, and less expensive. It needs to transform into a 21st century enterprise that leverages the scientific and technical capabilities of our workforce, is safer for our workforce, and meets evolving national security requirements for the future."

The goal is to make the transition within the existing budget.

D'Agostino also announced a further reduction of the number of weapons in the nuclear stock-

pile. He noted that the numbers required by the Moscow Treaty would be met this year, five years ahead of schedule. There would be a further 15 percent reduction, bringing the stockpile down to a quarter the size it was at the end of the Cold War. He declined to give specific numbers.

The RRW was proposed as a replacement for some of the aging weapons in the stockpile. However, the program is not funded in the budget approved over the week by Congress. D'Agostino stated that the RRW would have provided the best way to achieve the goal of a smaller stockpile. However, the transition to a smaller weapons complex would continue with or without the RRW.

"We must act now to adapt for the future security needs of the country, and stop pouring money into an old, Cold War-era nuclear weapons complex that is too big, too expensive, and doesn't offer updated and safer ways of maintaining our nuclear stockpile or that is responsive to other national security needs," he declared.

There are no plans to ask for additional funding to achieve the transition. D'Agostino said there are models that demonstrate that reducing costs would provide the funds to reinvest in facilities. That will include looking at capabilities that are no longer needed. For example, fewer sites with special nuclear materials could result in an \$800 million a

year reduction in the cost of security.

While nuclear weapons will continue to be important, D'Agostino predicted that more money and effort will go into nonproliferation, intelligence analysis and securing nuclear materials.

The proposed plan is described in a draft Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (SPEIS) that NNSA will issue in January. It is the result of a process that began in 1992 with NNSA's Stockpile Stewardship program. This program uses sophisticated supercomputers and experiments to certify, without underground nuclear testing, to the President that the nuclear weapons are safe and reliable. As the Stockpile Stewardship program progressed, NNSA identified needs that would become greater in the future.

These needs include facilities that are safer and more secure, consolidating special nuclear materials, eliminating duplicative capabilities, establishing a plutonium capability, and implementing more efficient and uniform business practices throughout the complex.

The draft SPEIS evaluates four alternatives to address NNSA's needs: maintaining the status quo, distributed centers of excellence, consolidated centers of excellence, and a capabilities-based complex. The SPEIS also contains a preferred alternative,

the distributed centers of excellence, which would consolidate missions and facilities within the existing NNSA sites. This means that NNSA would eliminate redundancies in missions, capabilities, and facilities, eventually saving money in the future. A copy of the executive summary of the SPEIS is available at [www.nnsa.doe.gov](http://www.nnsa.doe.gov).

The plan is to consolidate special nuclear materials at five sites by the end of 2012, with reduced square footage within those sites by 2017; close or transfer from weapons activities about 600 buildings or structures, many by 2010; cease NNSA operations of two major testing sites supporting DOE laboratories by 2015; and dismantle weapons at a significantly faster pace.

NNSA's nuclear weapons complex consists of eight major facilities. They are Los Alamos National Laboratory (NM), Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (CA), Sandia National Laboratories (NM and CA), Pantex Plant (TX), Y-12 National Security Complex (TN), Kansas City Plant (MO), Savannah River Site (SC), and Nevada Test Site (NV).

A draft summary of the recommendation is available on line at [www.nnsa.doe.gov](http://www.nnsa.doe.gov). A complete environmental impact statement will be available some time in January. A 90-day comment period is planned. In addition, there will be local hearings on the proposed changes.

## PARCEL TAX

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hind San Ramon Valley.) Among those recommendations are more technology education, class size reduction for grades 4 and 5, and selected high school subjects.

However, trustees said at their meeting Dec. 11 that more discussion about whether to have a parcel tax is in order, for a variety of reasons. For one thing, the state's prospective tax revenue picture has taken a nosedive. A state government report indicates there could be a \$10 billion revenue shortfall in the next two years. It is a dramatic departure from a predicted surplus, which lawmakers had been talking about spending on such things as expanded health insurance for children, and paying off more of the state's debt.

Although there are guarantees for school revenues through Proposition 98, the law can be suspended by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. Even if it were not suspended, there are ways of reducing the revenue such as lowering the cost of living adjustment that is included annually.

Pleasanton trustees expressed concern that the shortfall could knock the district back on its heels, because they would have to find money to protect programs that they instituted in the past couple of years. Trustee Chris Grant said, "Twelve months from now, do we want to preserve programs that we fought hard to put in place?"

Grant cited the district's reduction of the ratio of counselors to students from 750 to 420 as one example of program improvement. Given that several youth tragedies occurred this year with their emotional impact on students, having more counselors was an excellent move, said Grant. The ratio should be improved to 350 to 1, he said.

Restoring science specialists to elementary schools was another good program improvement, said Grant. "Only on campus size did I get more comments

from people than I got on restoring science specialists," he said.

Superintendent John Casey said the thinking about a potential parcel tax would be to go beyond current program strengths, and rather than use the revenue to salvage something that could be lost.

Grant also put his emphasis on the future improvement of Pleasanton schools. "We have very good schools. I think they could be better," said Grant. Grant added, "It's not easy to make meaningful change. It takes leadership and dedication and it takes some risk." Although not wanting to authorize a parcel tax now, he called for conversation at the school site level, which was something that Casey underscored in his comments to the board.

### STATE PICTURE LOOKS 'PRETTY DISMAL'

Trustee Steve Brozosky said, "What we've seen from the state looks pretty dismal now." He added, "Maybe the things we have today are more important than these here (on a list of excellence committee recommendations)." Brozosky said the district should wait to see what the state does.

Casey said that if it turns out that the board decides to place a parcel tax on the November 2008 ballot, the district would have to call for the election in August.

Trustee Pat Kernan agreed with other board members that the community dialogue should continue before any decision is made about whether to have a parcel tax. If there were an election, November 2008 would be a poor choice, said Kernan. "For three of the board members here, it could be a single campaign issue. For that reason alone, I don't think November 2008 is the right time."

Clarifying his comment later for the Independent, Kernan said that any other candidate election discussion issues would be crowded out by the parcel tax is-

sue. City government might also put a measure on a ballot about funding improvements for the Bernal property. Whatever the timing of that measure, it would be a big demand on local taxpayers, if joined with a school tax, said Kernan. "People I've talked to aren't there yet (about supporting a parcel tax). I don't think they will be by Nov. 8."

Kernan added that the issue of building and financing Neal elementary school is still in court. There has been talk of building a third comprehensive high school or a small magnet school, so these need to be discussed in the larger context, too, he said.

Brozosky said that by waiting, the district could present both a parcel tax and a bond issue that would give a big picture of what could be done. "We can re-do buildings, have technology. We can wow this community with things they never thought of before," said Brozosky.

Most of the discussion involved Brozosky, Kernan and Grant. Board president Jim Ott summed it up by saying, "It sounds like we have a consensus on that, so we'll hold off making a decision (whether to move forward with a parcel tax)."

### HIGH SCHOOLS EXPANSION REVENUES

The board did take unanimous action on adoption of a spending plan that links revenue to various projects that it previously authorized for high school expansion. The plan it approved would spend \$31 million on facilities improvements at Amador Valley, Foothill and Village high schools. The \$31 million was a reduction from \$42 million in proposed projects earlier this year.

Among the major project expenditures are \$7.8 million for fitness room and gym expansion at Amador Valley, and \$1.2 million for library modernization, \$3.5 million for fitness wrestling

and dance rooms, and \$3.1 million for gym expansion, all at Foothill. Village is budgeted for \$5.7 million for a multipurpose building.

The plan identifies sources for \$32 million. They include \$16.9 million from capital facilities money, \$3 million from Measure B (the district's bond money still left from the 1990s), \$9.6 million from state modernization and growth funds (primarily on eligibility reserve for Foothill), and \$2.8 million in state and local partnership funds.

The approved list omits the construction of lobbies on the Amador Valley and Foothill gym expansions, which would total \$4.3 million. There was some discussion of building them later, although that would add to the total cost.

Casey told the board that the staff will come back at the next board meeting Jan. 7 with architectural plans possibly to shrink the lobbies' area, with a commensurate reduction in cost, so that the lobbies could be built as part of the plan.

The meeting on Jan. 7 will begin at 5 p.m. in the board room, and will discuss several topics, including potential ways to ease overcrowding on campuses. The notion of building a third high school, whether a full-size comprehensive one or a magnet school, will be a topic, said Casey.

The agenda item on overcrowding was requested at the board's meeting in November by parent Julie Testa, who cited state education code. Casey told the Independent that the code says that a district must put a resident-requested item on its agenda in a reasonable amount of time, although not necessarily at the next meeting.

Casey said that he met with Testa since the November meeting to talk about several ideas. They will be discussed at the meeting.

## SPENDING

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so we want to expand the coverage," explained Miller.

The Maintenance and Operations department requested \$200,000 for paving, roofing, fencing, and electrical and plumbing upgrades to its Maintenance Facility on Ladd Avenue. The main shop/warehouse at the Maintenance Facility is nearly 50 years old. Other buildings on the site are over 40 years old.

Other requested expenditures include \$70,000 for staff development, with \$50,000 specifically for math and science with an intervention focus; \$175,000 for class sets of math textbooks in middle and high schools; \$20,000 for updated K-8 core literature; \$10,000 to implement the visual and performing arts plan; \$10,000 for the physical education task force to develop and begin implementation of a plan to increase student fitness

and health habits; \$75,000 to implement the K-6 program at Joe Michell Elementary School; \$100,000 to fully implement the District Technology Plan; \$20,000 for two interactive mobile videoconferencing units; \$66,000 for a new delivery truck; and \$15,000 for a new car for the facilities department.

At the meeting trustee Kate Runyon requested \$8,000 to purchase additional licenses for specialized math software in use at Junction Avenue Middle School. "This is a great program, but scheduling is a problem," she explained. "With more licenses, more students will be able to use the program at once."

Keith Pickering-Walters, president of the Livermore Education Association (LEA), questioned why the District is not spending all of its money.

"My overall concern is that

the District ended the year with such a big surplus. This money comes from the State. We need to spend it, whether that is for salaries and benefits or programs," he said. "At the bargaining table we hear from the District that they don't have enough money. They budget money that could be negotiated for different uses or put into programs and then don't use it."

Kinder said the District has been budgeting conservatively since coming out of a fiscal crisis several years ago. About \$1.4 million of the nearly \$4 million surplus was money that was budgeted in 2006/07 but never spent. Much of that surplus is from salaries and benefits for positions that were not filled or filled mid-year, unspent program manager budgets, unspent money set aside for legal expenses, savings on telephone

costs, and decreased special education costs.

The other \$2.4 million of the surplus is carryover from previous years' budgets.

Miller said that the Board is determined to be fiscally cautious. "They want to be certain that they can cover everything in any given year and subsequent years," she explained.

With the operating deficit of the California State budget up to \$14 billion by some estimates, Kinder says mid-year budget cuts are not out of the question. Governor Schwarzenegger will announce his 2008/09 budget on Jan. 10.

The trustees will not take action on new expenditures until after the State budget is presented. A vote on new expenditures will likely occur at the Jan. 22, 2008 meeting.







## SPORTS NOTES

## Youth Soccer

Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club (BUSC) Class 1 U13 competed in the Norcal State Cup, Silver Division, and came home with the title. The semi-final game went into double-overtime with BUSC United coming out on top moving to the finals held on Sunday, Dec 16 in Manteca. The final game had BUSC United playing DVSC Black 94 with BUSC United winning the Norcal State Cup, Silver Division with a score of 2 to 1.

Top Offensive Players: Matt Klei, Danny Glascock, Christian Clark, Brent Richmond, Graham Lindgren, Cody Hall, Bobby Selrgosha, Arya Haghighi; Top Defensive Players: Thomas Janjigian, Matthew Martin, Bruno Andres, Eric Rogstad, David Busch, Connor Silcox, Tommy Powell.

## CYO Basketball

CYO Basketball results:  
Coming off their first loss of the season the Catholic Community of Pleasanton (CCOP) 8th grade girls (team 8001) went right back to work defeating St. Michael's/St. Charles (SM/SC) (team 8006) 32-19. Trailing in the 1st quarter by three CCOP went up by two at the half. In the second half CCOP took control and outplayed SM/SC 21 to 10. Defense was key in the second half as the press created turnovers. Sydney Okumura, Jessica Woodruff and Lyndsay Godwin pulled down 7 rebounds with 4 steals each. Each player contributed points to the win. Jessica Morelli and Woodruff were top scorers with 6. Contributing were Lauren MacDonnell and Okumura (4 points), Nicole Torquato, Kelly Parsons, Nicole Ponzini, Ellen Freitas and Kim Beaudin (2 points), Brittany Bicomong and Godwin (1 point).

Tyler Kissling erupted for 18 of his season-high 24 points in the second half and pulled down a career-best 20 rebounds as the 8th grade SM/SC (814) boys improved to 4-1 with a 56-52 win over CCOP (815). SM/SC trailed 27-21 before turning the game around with a 17 point 3rd quarter to lead 38-35 heading into the 4th and led by as many 35 points in the final period. Kevin Hunt scored 11 points with 7 rebounds, point guard Danny Emerson added 9 points with 4 assists and 2 steals and Nate Preece hauled in 11 caroms to lead SM/SC. In the loss for CCOP, Tyler Grider scored 19, Joshua Hill 8 and Michael Miller added 7.

SM/SC 8th grade boys (#808) took on St. Raymond's (#809). SM/SC was in a tough battle early on, but then took over the game with some stellar second half defense which held St. Raymond's to 6 second half points. The final score was SM/SC on the winning end of a 40-20 score. Leading scorers for SM/SC were Justis Olsen with 14, Damaray Drew with 13 and Michael Noble with 8. Damaray Drew and Chris Benavidez controlled the boards with 13 and 5 rebounds respectively. Nadeem Gross also chipped in with some nice passing and aggressive play.

CCOP #7005 once again came thru in the 2nd half, defeating CCOP #7009 29-18. At the end of the 1st half the score was 10-6 in favor of #7005 and both teams played well. At the start of the 2nd half #7009 came out strong and fought back to tie the score at 12. Then #7005 decided to pull away, outscoring #7009 17 to 6 the rest of the way to put the game out of reach. The scoring was led by Cassidy Lynch who put in 7 of her 9 points in the 4th quarter, Sydney Hitesman had 8 points all in the 2nd half, and Alaina Urban added 6. Ashley Lindke had 4 and Haley Chow had 2. Sarah Loduha and Aubry Wolff had 2. Sarah Loduha and Aubry Wolff had 2 steals each. Arleen Firoozan and Kylie Copenhagen had some key rebounds and played great defense.

CCOP (#6012) 6th grade team defeated CCOP (#6007) 21-5. CCOP (6012) played strong defense and made several steals which resulted in scoring opportunities. Tori Larsen played solid defense for CCOP (6012) and led the team with 6 steals. Seven of the nine CCOP (6012) players scored with Larson, Roxy Moran and Paige Zollars leading the way with 4 point a piece. Jessica Medina added 3 points and Tara Ross, Emily Tsvikas and Madison Steele each contributed 2 points. Mallory Masajilo had 3 points and Jamie Altman added 2 points for CCOP (6007).

SM/SC 6th Grade Pumas (#6010) took on St. Joan of Arc (#6013). The first half was hard fought and ended with St. Joan of Arc leading 10-9. St. Joan of Arc's full court pressure made the difference in the second half as they ran away from the Pumas for a 26-14 win. Top performers for St. Joan of Arc were Jessica Gillespie and Malika Ardesyani. Sara Bandali and Stephanie Rucker played well for the SM/SC Pumas.

CCOP 5th Grade Boys American beat SM/SC, 37-24. Top scorers for CCOP include R. Pederson with 9 points, J. Dong with 8 points, and Harrison Mayo with 6. SM/SC did not go down without a fight. Leading scorers for SM/SC were Kameron Johnson with 8 points, and Marcus Acton, Jordan Lewis, and Frankie Perez, with 4 each.

The SM/SC CYO 5th Grade Boys Team #4 (Bulldogs) beat St. Joan of Arc Team #5 32-20 last weekend. Collin Stafford led all scorers with 15 points, Devin Itharreguy had 7, Alex Cupps and Jack Frevert had 4 each and Zack Kline scored 2. Alec Faught played very tough defense. The Bulldogs passed and drove to the hoop well in an overall excellent team effort.

In their most recent game, the Bulldogs were outplayed by the tenacious defense of St. Raymond's Team #2. The final score was St. Raymond's 25, Bulldogs 13. The Bulldogs stayed with St. Raymond's the first half, but the offense couldn't generate enough heat to get the job done. Jack Frevert led the Bulldogs with 4 points. Devin Itharreguy played excellent defense and scored 3 points. Zack Kline, Jason Swiers, and Alex Cupps each had 2 points.

SM/SC 5th grade girls team 5013 played their best defensive game of the year winning 22-6 over St. Isidore's team 5010. Dana Anex with 10 and Alyssa Gonzalez with 5 led a strong rebounding effort for SM/SC. Kelly Borden with 14, Danielle Sun with 4, and Julie Maruskin and Samantha Schwartz with 2 each led the scoring, and Ashley Brewer played well on both ends of the court for SM/SC.

After 3 quarters of intense head-to-head battle, the St. Joan's 5th grade American Boys edged out SM/SC, 29-21. Leading scorers for St. Joan's were Kearns with 9 points, and Koski and Moore, each with 6. Leading SM/SC was Marcus Acton, playing an amazing game with 9 rebounds, 2 steals, and scoring 10. Kameron Johnson had a solid game, scoring 6, and Adam Boehrer and Frankie Johnson each had 2. Tyler Silva rounded out the crew, scoring 1 and playing strong defense, with 4 steals.

SM/SC 4th grade girls (#4006) were defeated in a hard fought battle with CCOP (#4001) 23-18. At the half, SM/SC was down 16-4 and played an exciting second half scoring 14 more points against CCOP's 7 point second half. Top scorers for SM/SC were Courtney Ganguet with 10 points, Jamie Wittmer with 6 and Michaela Honeycutt with 2. Working hard on the offense were Olivia Schormann and Daniela Goode and helping out with the defense were Brittany Conley and Kasey Clendene.

SM/SC 4th grade boys (#406) lost to CCOP (#41) by one point 29 to 28. In the 5th game of the CYO basketball season, CCOP took an early lead and held SM/SC to a 14-7 half time score. SM/SC came back to lead during the fourth period, only to lose the lead by 1 in the last minute. Top scoring players for SM/SC were Jordan Ratino with 11, Brennan Dillard with 7, and Kevin Key with 4. Top defensive players for SM/SC were Brennan Dillard, Scott Newby, and Ben Parker.

SM/SC 4th Grade Boys (412) played a good game against St. Isidore's. Scoring this week were Skiller Lamb and Gregory Moreland. Spencer Herrera and Jacob Hole were strong on offense. Good defensive plays were made by Cole Jacobs, Ryan McCool and Nathan Tabaracci.

The 3rd grade SM/SC Warriors lost to CCOP #327 16-11 in a hard fought battle Sunday. Top offensive players for CCOP were Garret Howell and Duncan McCarthy. Top offensive player for the Warriors was Ben Kerling, while the top defensive players were Jordan Lemier and Joseph Collom.

The Guardians (SM/SC #3010) lined up against CCOP 3009 in a defensive showdown, with the Guardians edging out their opponents 3 to 2. The Guardians' Jenny Gibson scored the sole basket for the Guardians while Taylor Peterson swooshed a foul shot to put the Guardians ahead. Cherilyn Firoozan scored the sole basket for CCOP 3009 and Shancee Hunsaker anchored their defensive effort.

The Jolly Ranchers (SM/SC 1st & 2nd grade girls #2GN2) played the Wildcats (SM/SC #2BN4) on Sunday. The Wildcats were led by the passing of Kylie Carter, Kira Karter, and Jessica Keane, Caitlin McCool and Melanie Laronde provided a strong defensive effort while Madison Stewart, Madison Kahway, Talina Quezada, and Regan Wiedenfeld were the offensive leaders for the Wildcats. The Jolly Ranchers' Chloe Wilson showed great ball-handling skills both on defense and offense at the top of the key. Christy Neufeld and Raegan Demo also contributed to the Jolly Ranchers game with good rebounding.

SM/SC Warriors 2BN7 vs. SM/SC Wildcats. The tough Wildcats team was led by Asley and Leah who played solid on both sides of the ball. For the Warriors great offense was turned in by Alec Lewis and Matthew Riddick. Tireless defense was given by Aidan Ackerman. Both teams gave it their all in their final game before the Christmas break.

SM/SC 1st and 2nd grade boys 2BN8 and 2BN5 played an energetic game. The top defensive player for 2BN8 was Dakota Marr-Clark and Andrew Messner. The top offensive players were Nathaniel Basinger and Nicholas DeLisle. The top defensive players for 2BN5 were Parker McKenzie and Sebastian Franco. The top offensive players were Logan Finch and Andrew Divita.

## Youth Ice Hockey

The Tri-Valley Pee Wee A's picked up an impressive win but also suffered a loss in NORCAL minor ice hockey action. The Blue Devils defeated but fell 8-2 to the leagues hottest team, Oakland Pee Wee A1 (5-0).

Oakland netted the games first goal in the opening period when Dominic Miroglio scored. Miroglio would end up having a big day recording 4 goals and 1 assist. The score was 2-0 Oakland when Tri Valley got on the scoreboard. Michael Hahn fired the puck past Oakland goaltender Victor Ortiz. Connor Young and Matthew Bissell picked up the assists. After that the Bears took control of the contest scoring 5 unanswered goals. Tri Valley's only other goal came in the third period from Jordan Smith with assists going to Jacob Minton and Gerin Flores. Goaltender Michael Sinicropi was busy making 28 saves.

Earlier, the Blue Devils defeated the Santa Rosa Flyers 3-1. Young opened the scoring on a first period goal set up by Jeremy Che. After Peter Strauch tied the game for Santa Rosa, Tri Valley shut the door. Sinicropi had an excellent game recording 22 saves. Hahn and Gerin added unassisted second and third period goals to round out the scoring. The Blue Devils out shot the Flyers 41-23. Other notable performances in the games came from Aleksey Pelletier, Quinn Moore, Cole Merrick, Patrick Melville, Justin McGowan, Michael Liamos and Daniel Atwater.

Tri-Valley carries a 3-1-1 record into the NORCAL holiday break. Next up for the Blue Devils is the Sharks Ice At San Jose Christmas tournament where they are scheduled to face the LA Junior Kings, San Diego Saints, Ventura and California Golden Bears.

## UofO Lacrosse Signing

University of Oregon lacrosse coach Jen Larsen announced her 16-member 2008-09 signing class today.

The new class will usher in the second era of Oregon lacrosse, as this year's senior class departs after playing all four years for the Ducks since the program's inaugural 2005 season.

Among them is Kerry McCulloch of Pleasanton. A senior at Amador Valley High School. She was a three-sport athlete at Amador Valley, participating in lacrosse, cross country, and soccer. In her three years with the lacrosse program, she was awarded the coaches award her freshman season, as a sophomore led her team to a second-place finish in the North Coast Section and was named to the Pacific Regional second team; as a junior again led Amador Valley to a second place finish in the North Coast Section, and was named first-team East Bay Athletic League and named to the Pacific Regional first team and was voted the team's most valuable midfielder and was an U.S. Lacrosse All-American honorable mention.

## LHS Varsity Girls

The Livermore High School girls varsity basketball team took on De Anza High School. The Livermore team traveled to Richmond for a game that included multiple technical fouls and ejections. The Livermore squad prevailed with a 78 to 37 victory. The

De Anza team tried valiantly at the end with only three players left on their team eligible to play.

The JV team battled a very physical De Anza team and won 46 to 23. Julie Blach came out firing with 10 points including 2 three's from way downtown. The triple threat trio of Kaitlynn Amaral 9 points (7 free throws), Kylie O'Neal 9 points and Gabby Barbalinardo 8 points had a great game. Livermore center Stephanie Quon swatted away numerous shots and poured in 4 points. Forcing turnovers for the Livermore squad was Kathryn Rambo 3 points, Britanni Silva 3 pts and Carrie Melrose.

At the Walnut Creek Classic basketball tournament LHS varsity girls defeated Arjimo High School, 51 to 46. Taking it to the bucket for 12 points was Taylor Borba leading all scorers for Livermore. Ryann Raber 9 points and Veronica Garza with 8 points worked hard to score against a very hard working Arjimo team. Attacking the defense for Livermore was Scott Hoehne for 4 points and super ninja Brooke Betts for 7 more. The three towers Sammy McConvey 6 points, Margaret Donovan and Shayla Webber all blocked shots and ripped down the boards. Sammy Edwards 2 points and Erica Schell 3 points fought hard for the loose rock all game long.

The varsity girls lost a heartbreaker, 59 to 57, to Las Lomas. Despite the tremendous game by Shayla Raber 13 points, Sammy McConvey 10 points and Taylor Borba 8 points the Livermore squad fell two points short of the slaying Las Lomas team. Scoot Hoehne with 6 points and Sammy Edwards 2 points played strong defensively. Livermore hustled in the open court with Ryan Raber 3 points, Brooke Betts 4 points and Veronica Garza 6 points sprinting up and down the court. Margaret Donovan 4 points and Kayla Webber fought for every rebound against the scrappy Las Lomas team.

## Pleasanton Seahawks

This past weekend was a very busy one for the Pleasanton Seahawks swimmers. They competed in three meets: The Walnut Creek Aqua Bear Short Course Senior Championship at the Diablo Valley College; The Zone Two Short Course C/B/A - meet at the Chabot College; and the CAB Zone 15 C/B/A - Short Course Championship at the University of California at Santa Cruz.

The following eight swimmers were present at the Aqua Bear Senior Championship: Andrew Seitz (14), Casey Coughlin (16), Krystal Lau (15), Christopher Guido (15), Joshua Meints (16), Kayleigh Foley (17), Robert Barrett (17), and Patrick Darrow (18). Almost every swimmer achieved one or more personal best times. The most notable ones were Robert Barrett, who dropped his 50 free more than two seconds, Patrick Darrow got under 23 seconds for the first time in his 50 free. Joshua Meints cut his 400 IM more than five seconds, and Andrew Seitz improved his 1000 free by 11 seconds and achieved a National Reportable Time.

Competing in the Zone Two Meet at the Chabot College were Michael Martin (8), Bernadine Martin (12), and Theresa Martin (15). Michael swam in eight events and reached personal best time in most of them. Theresa was 100% personal best time in all her four events. Bernadine went under 30 seconds for her 50 free for the first time.

Representing the Seahawks at the University of Santa Cruz were the following thirteen swimmers: Rachel Knowles (10), Roshni Nair (12), Maggie Woods (12), Nick Silverthorn (12), Cassidy Booe (13), Iris Chang (13), Bridget Moran (13), Kristen Strond (14), Peter Huang (14), Timothy McLaughlin (14), Alicia Brown (15), and Jake Bahls (16). Alicia Brown achieved personal best time in all the events she competed in, and dropped a whopping 14 seconds in her 200 breast. Timothy McLaughlin in the 200 back cut his previous time by almost 20 seconds. Peter Huang's 100 breast was under one minute and ten second for the first time. Alex Wang and Nick Silverthorn recorded great times in several events.

## Softball Umpires

The Livermore Pleasanton Umpires Association (LPUA) is looking to recruit new umpires for the Girls Fast Pitch and Adult Slow Pitch leagues in the Livermore and Pleasanton area.

Those interested in umpiring can gather information on its website [www.jabjams.com/lpu.htm](http://www.jabjams.com/lpu.htm) or contacting Edward Wong at [edwardwong\\_99@yahoo.com](mailto:edwardwong_99@yahoo.com). Training will be provided.

The first scheduled meeting will be held at noon on January 13, 2008 at the Livermore Community Center located at 4444 East Avenue in Livermore

## Football Combine

The National Scouting report and Velocity are hosting a post season football combine for all high school players who are serious about playing in College. There will be a free NCAA clearinghouse seminar for all participants.

The tests performed at the VELOCITY Pro Style Combine include: 40-Yard Dash, Pro-Agility Shuttle, 3-Cone Shuttle, Vertical Jump, Broad Jump and Bench Press. Register Online at [www.velocitysp.com/dublin](http://www.velocitysp.com/dublin); information, call (925) 833-0100.

## Cougars Win

The 11-year-old Lamorinda Cougars feasted on some Southern California competition over the Thanksgiving Day weekend. By winning the USSSA Thanksgiving Super NIT in Chino Hills, the Cougars not only captured the season's most prestigious baseball tournament, they also earned a berth to the Elite World Series in Orlando, Florida.

In the championship game of the Super NIT, the Cougars defeated the San Diego Stars 4-3 behind a strong starting pitching performance by Daniel Slominski. Slominski pitched four innings, allowing one run and striking out three, for the win. Matthew Bicker earned the save by pitching the final two innings, shutting down a late Stars rally in the bottom of the 6th inning. With two outs and the tying run at second base, a hard grounder was smashed to the left side. However, third baseman Mitchell Tom made a diving stop and then hopped up to throw the runner out at first base by half a step as the Cougars erupted in jubilation on the field.

The Cougars got off to a quick start in the championship game. In the first inning, Bicker doubled, was advanced to third on a grounder by Joe DeMers, and then scored on a passed ball. The Cougars added two more runs in the third inning as DeMers' triple knocked in Tom and then a grounder by Slominski scored DeMers. Then, with two outs in the fourth inning, Walter Tucker singled, stole second, and scored on DB Vidal's single for what would prove to be the winning run.

The Super NIT Champion Roster included: Eric Benedetti, Matthew Bicker, Joe DeMers, Drew Downing, Remy Fujioka, Conner McNally, Jake Rider, Daniel Slominski, Matthew Tarantino, Mitchell Tom, Walter Tucker and DB Vidal. With his ten RBI's, a batting average of .588, and a slugging percentage of 1.176, DeMers was named the tournament's most valuable player. Also batting over .400 were Tucker (.500), Benedetti (.455) and Bicker (.438). Tarantino's seven RBI's in a limited role due to his injury trailed only DeMers. Bicker led the team with nine runs scored, followed by DeMers and Tom with seven each and Vidal with six. Downing who pitched in the pool-play rounds didn't allow any earned runs during the entire tournament and Fujioka pitched four strong innings for the semifinal win. Bicker (5) and Tucker (4) led the team in steals. The defense was led by the brilliant catching of Benedetti and Tom. Consistent and solid middle-infield play was provided by Vidal, Bicker and McNally who were filling in for the injured Tarantino. Game-saving outfield plays were made by Slominski and Rider.

Since the start of the Fall Baseball season, the Cougars have won 2 of 3 twelve and under Tournaments and are 6 for 6 for 11 U Tournament, including the State Championship and the Las Vegas Desert Classic. The Cougars, who won the Northern California Fall Championship in October, currently hold title to the most important Fall tournaments in both Northern and Southern California. They are currently ranked #2 in the Country behind the North Carolina Angels.

The Cougars will now begin preparations for a trip to the Elite World Series in Orlando in July where the best 24 teams in the country will assemble for a week-long tournament to decide travel baseball's national champion.

## Swimmer Going to Wyoming

University of Wyoming head swimming coach Tom Johnson and diving coach Ben Herdt announced today that eight future Cowboys and Cowgirls have signed National Letters of Intent to attend UW beginning next fall.

Among them is Brandon Fischer of Livermore.

Fischer, a native of Livermore, swims with the Pleasanton Seahawks club team and for Granada High School. He is a three-time High School All-American in the 100 breaststroke and the 200 IM. He is also a USA Swimming Senior National Qualifier in the 100 and the 200 breaststroke. At the recent USA Swimming Short Course National Championships in Atlanta, Ga., he placed 16th in the 200 breaststroke and 18th in the 100 breaststroke. Fischer has also been on the Granada High School Principal's Honor Roll and a USA Swimming Scholastic All-American.

## Hats Off Run/Walk

The 10th Hats Off America Red T-Shirt 10K Run/5K Walk on Saturday, will be held on Saturday, February 9. The event begins at 10 a.m. at Sycamore Valley Park, 2101 Holbrook Drive, Danville, rain or shine.

Entry fee is \$35 per person. All runners and volunteers will receive a red t-shirt and lunch donated by El Balazo Restaurant. There is no entry fee for volunteers.

For information or to register or volunteer, contact Sparky George at (925) 855-1950 or [thebearflagrunner@yahoo.com](mailto:thebearflagrunner@yahoo.com). Visit [www.hatsoffamerica.us](http://www.hatsoffamerica.us). The site includes links to other organizations that support our troops. Hats Off America is a nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization.

## Holiday Tennis Camps

Lifetime Tennis and the City of Pleasanton are offering youth tennis camps during the Christmas break. Camps are available for all levels from beginner to the more advanced player for ages 4 through age 18.

Sign up at the City of Pleasanton Tennis Park, 5801 Valley Ave. (corner of Valley and Hopyard). For more information, please call the Lifetime Tennis office at 931-3449.

## Baseball Winter Camp

Livermore High Varsity Baseball Coach David Perotti is hosting a three day winter baseball camp. Each camper will receive individual instruction from coaches and Livermore High players, a snack each day and a camp shirt. This 5-12 year old camp costs \$130 and runs from 9:00-12:00 everyday. The dates are December 26-28. For more info to sign up please contact David Perotti at (925) 443-2742 or [lvinfo@yahoo.com](mailto:lvinfo@yahoo.com) or check website [www.eteamz.com/lvb](http://www.eteamz.com/lvb).

## PGSL Registration

2008 Registration is open for all divisions in the Pleasanton Phantom Girls Softball League. All girls living in Pleasanton, Dublin and Sunol are eligible to play PGSL softball. Two ways to register: 1) On-line at [www.pleasantonsoftball.org](http://www.pleasantonsoftball.org); 2) Mail-in: PGSL, P.O. Box 911, Pleasanton, CA 94586 (download a registration form from our website). Registration deadline is January 1, 2008. A late fee will be applied to any registration submitted after January 1st. For more information visit the PGSL website at [www.pleasantonsoftball.org](http://www.pleasantonsoftball.org).

## Tigers Baseball

The Tigers Baseball program is looking for a few players to participate in the 2008 spring/summer program. This year the Tigers program has six openings for players 13 or 14 years of age as of May 1, 2008. All practices and games will be local. Players interested in participating in this year's program should go to the website: <http://www.rieamtsie.com/baseball/tigersbaseball> download our spring/summer registration form, fill it out and fax it to the program manager. Players will be contacted with further information and details.



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Q Will my WM service day and pick-up rules change because of the holidays? *Simon*

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- Fruits, vegetables, peels, pits
- Meat, fish, poultry
- Spoiled, moldy food

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# SHORT NOTES

## Yule Log Hunt

The Great Yule Log Hunt will take place Sat., Dec. 22 in Veterans Park. Meet at the group picnic area at 2 p.m. This will be the fourteenth annual hunt for the fabled yule log hosted by Livermore Area Recreation and Park District rangers. Participants will prepare for the hunt by trying our hands at some traditional games and merriment. Then it's off on a fun, old-fashioned hunt for that elusive log. After the hunt participants will gather around the fire and share some holiday cheer while designing and making logs to take home. Canceled if raining.

There is a \$3 per vehicle parking fee. A \$2 donation is requested to help support the programs. Participants may call (925) 960-2400 for more information.

## The Terroir of Wine

Terroir, the French word that translates to "Sense of Place," is oft invoked in discussions of why the wines of a region are unique to where the grapes were grown. On January 24th, join The Restaurant at Wente Vineyard's Sommelier Jorge Tinoco will lead an exploration of his favorite wines and their site-specific origins from throughout the Livermore Valley. Jorge will pair the wines with appetizers created by Executive Chef Jerry Regester.

The event will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Veranda Dining Room at the Restaurant, 5050 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Tickets are \$30 per person. For more information, call (925) 456-2400.

## Livermore Library

Jungle Joe, animal puppet trainer, is returning for an encore performance on Wednesday, January 2 at 10:30 a.m. at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave.

All ages are welcome to these free library programs. Contact Youth Services at (925) 373-5504 for more information or pick up a Fall Storytime schedule at any one of the Livermore Public Libraries.

## Cowboy Roundup

The Livermore High School Boosters will host its annual fund-raiser, "Cowboy Roundup," at the Robert Livermore Community Center on Friday, January 18th at 6:00 PM. The Prime Rib dinner, dance, live and silent auctions will benefit LHS Sports Organizations and Clubs. Tickets are available for purchase in the LHS Activities Office at \$35 per person. Tables of eight can be reserved. For more information, please contact Lisa Lagorio at lisalag2@comcast.net or visit the LHS Boosters Link at <http://livermorehighonline.com/boosters/default.aspx>

## Waelde's Join Team

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage announced that veteran East Bay Area Realtors® Kathleen and Larry Waelde joined the company's Livermore office.

Both Waeldes have more than 20 years experience in the real estate industry, and left Keller Williams Tri-Valley Realty to join Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. They will continue to serve homebuyers and sellers in both the Tri-Valley and Tri-City areas.

Long-time active members of the Bay East Association of Realtors, the pair have received MastersClub Achievement Awards for the past several years, recognizing a significant level of sales — \$15 million plus per year. The couple credits their success to actively paying attention to the needs

of their clients, making sure their unique requirements for a home and neighborhood are met.

Prior to her sales experience, Kathleen served as a relocation consultant for a major third party relocation company. Larry has worked in real estate his entire career.

The couple has lived in Alameda County since 1986, and has volunteered their time and money to schools and other local charities, including the Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch and Shepherd's Gate Women's Shelter. In addition, Kathleen is a member of the Livermore Chamber of Commerce's 2007 Leadership Group.

The Waeldes can be reached at Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Livermore, located at 2470 First St., Suite 204, by phone at 925.371.2100 and e-mail at [kathleen.waelde@cbnrcal.com](mailto:kathleen.waelde@cbnrcal.com) and [larrywaelde@yahoo.com](mailto:larrywaelde@yahoo.com).

## Immunization Clinics

Axis Community Health has scheduled its free winter immunization clinics for children on January 5, February 2 and March 1, 2008, from 9:00-11:30 a.m. The clinics will take place at Axis' Pleasanton clinic only, 4361 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton.

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

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

## Civics Team Wins

The Amador Valley Comp Civics team won the regional competition and has advanced to the California State Championships, February 7-8. The team traveled to Sacramento to take on four other congressional district champions. The top team at regionals will compete against 12 other teams for the California State championship. The winner will represent California at the National Championships in May. Amador Valley is the two time defending California State Champions.

Members of the 2008 AVHS Competition Civics team are Vincent Buscarello, Joel Detweiler, Katie Gellerman, Stoney Glover, William Grau, Margaret Haupt, Kristyn Hayashi, Genevieve Hoffman, Pooja Jael, Udani Kadurugamuwa, Teresa Machado, Erica Miranda, Sarah Moellering, Lanz Nalagan, Joshua Pann, Shannon Parker, Jaysree Ramachandran, Devi Santhosh, Kevin Sasek, Alex Schlick, Ryan Seams, Amaan Shaikh, Siddarth Somanathan, Connie Sun, Kristopher Tayeb, Corrine Tu, Alan Wang, Terri Wang, Tony Wang, and Curtis Wong. The team is coached by Brian Ladd and assisted by Heidi Stepp and Mairi Wohlgenuth.

## Child Care Programs

Child Care Links provides free workshops to employers in Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin.

Workshop facilitators will provide valuable information on important issues to parents at their work site. Workshops are available on a variety of topics and can be tailored to the needs of employees. The length of each workshop can range from 45 minutes to 2 hours. Workshops can be during the lunch hour, or at another time arranged by the employer. Child Care Links can also provide a series of workshops.

Training Topics include: Choosing Child Care, Parenting Skills, Child Development, and Work/Family Balance.

A Child Care Links facilitator will present the curriculum, related handouts, resource materials and answer questions. Child Care Links' staff is available during business hours to answer further questions, provide free child care referrals and community resources.

Employers or employees are encouraged to call for further information on this free service. For more information contact Shauna Brown at (925) 249-3925. There is no charge for this service.

## Medical Outreach

Hope Hospice has hired Julie Schmitter as its Medical Outreach Coordinator.

A resident of Livermore since 1981, Julie has served Tri-Valley communities in a variety of professional roles. With a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Mercy College in Detroit, Michigan and a Masters in Nursing Administration from California State Dominguez Hills, Ms. Schmitter has cared for patients in hospitals, private homes, and in a correctional facility. In 2002, during a brief hiatus from the nursing profession, she served as president of the Livermore Chamber of Commerce.

During the 14 years Julie worked at ValleyCare Home Health, she was a member of the Hope Hospice Ethics Committee and eventually served a five year term on the Hope Hospice Board of Directors. As the new Medical Outreach Coordinator, Schmitter brings a unique blend of clinical experience and business acumen.

Her addition to the Hope Hospice team will support the organization's 2008 objectives of increasing services to patients with end stage, non-cancer illnesses (as well as those with cancer), and to build on the 27 year history of Hope Hospice as the premier provider

of compassionate, quality end-of-life care and grief support in our community.

## Sunol Programs

A variety of programs is being offered at Sunol Regional Wilderness this winter.

The park is located at the southeast end of Geary Road in Sunol. The visitors center is open weekends from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For information, call (888) 327-2757, option 2, x4559, or email [visit@ebparks.org](mailto:visit@ebparks.org).

**Science for Tykes**, Cat Taylor 10:11:30 a.m., Saturday, January 19; 1:30-3 p.m., Saturday, February 2; 2:30-3 p.m., Saturday, February 9. Budding scientists ages 4-8 and their families are invited on a series of science programs set in a wildly exciting outdoor laboratory. Jan. 19: Salamander Saunter- Enter the wintry wet world of amphibious beasts as we explore salamander habitat. Feb. 2: When It Rains, It Spores- Observe wild mushrooms and cook up a (store-bought) fungal feast. Feb. 9: Vernal Pools- What's a vernal pool? Registration Required: 1-888-EBPARKS (1-888-327-2757), option 2, 3 Fee: \$6 (non-resident \$8).

**Canyon Views and Cascades**, Cat Taylor 12:30-3:30 p.m., Saturday, January 19, Winter's rains have transformed the wilderness into shades of emerald! Hike up into the hills before dropping into the famed Little Yosemite gorge. Three miles round-trip. No organized groups. 7-yrs

**Wilderness Trekkers**, Cat Taylor 3:30-6:30 p.m., Fri., January 25; 3:30-5 p.m., Fri., February 15, Jan. 25: Newt Trek-A salamander safari after-school adventure. Hike up to the High Valley newt pond to spy on amorous amphibians. 3 miles round-trip. Steep hills and creek crossings. February 15: Vernal Pools- There are tidepools and swimming pools. Explore the critters that call this temporary habitat home. Grades K-6 Registration Required: 1-888-EBPARKS (1-888-327-2757), option 2, 3 Fee: \$6 (non-resident \$8)

**Salamanders**, Cat Taylor 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturday, January 26. Amphibians are wet weather enthusiasts! Take a wintry jaunt up to the newt pond seeking amorous amphibians. Moderately strenuous three-miler with possibility of wet-footed creek crossings. No organized groups. 7+yrs

**Eco-explorers: Geology is Rockin'**, Cat Taylor 1:30-4:30 p.m., Saturday, January 26. Adventurous rockologists will explore the ever changing lives of rocks in this active area on a geologic hop to Little Yosemite. Three-mile round-trip. Grades 3-7 Fee: \$6 (non-resident \$8) Registration Required: 1-888-EBPARKS (1-888-327-2757), option 2, 3.

## Home Design Awards

KTGY GROUP, INC., Architecture and Planning received seven Silver Awards and a Regional Award in The Nationals 2008 Awards competition. KTGY is also a finalist for three prestigious Best In American Living Awards (BALA).

KTGY-designed Arroyo Crossing in Livermore, won three Silver Awards in the categories of Best Single Family Detached Home Priced \$650,000 to \$1 Million, Best Single Family Detached Home Priced \$1 Million to \$2 Million for its Plan 1, and Detached Community of the Year over \$750,000 in The Nationals award competition. O'Brien Homes is the project's builder.

The Nationals' Silver Award winners are the top vote recipients in each category and are the finalists for the highly coveted Gold Award. The final Best In American Living Awards will be announced and presented February 12, 2008. The Nationals' Gold Awards will be announced and presented February 13, 2008. Both will take place during the International Builders' Show in Orlando, FL.

## Polar Bear Slide

The Aquatics Division of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) invites the public to participate in its extreme winter event, the 3rd Annual Polar Bear Slide. Adults and children (at least 48 inches tall) are

invited to take an exhilarating trip down the 22-foot spiral waterslide at the Robert Livermore Community Center pool on Saturday, Jan. 5 at 11:00 a.m.

Complimentary hot chocolate will be waiting at the bottom for all participants, and all participants receive a certificate of completion. The first 50 people to venture down the slide will receive a free towel.

The Robert Livermore Community Center is located at 4444 East Avenue (the parking lot on Loyola Way is adjacent to the Aquatics Center). For more information, please call (925) 373-5751.

## Class Brochure

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Brochure of Classes and Programs for winter-spring 2008 is on the District's website: [www.larpd.dst.ca.us](http://www.larpd.dst.ca.us). The brochure will be mailed to Livermore addresses starting December 26.

Details about all LARPD winter-spring offerings are included, as well as information about upcoming events. Before registering on-line for an activity, customers must establish an on-line account with LARPD. To do so, go to the website, select "Register On-Line," and follow the instructions. Accounts will be approved Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

On-line, mail-in and fax-in registration opens Wed. Jan. 9; walk-in and phone-in registration begins Wed. Jan. 16. On-line registration is unavailable for preschool classes and some senior activities.

## Rummage Sale

The annual Rummage Sale at The Barn, sponsored by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) is slated for Saturday, February 2 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The event takes place at The Barn, located at 3131 Pacific Avenue, a historic Livermore building that dates back to 1922 and originally served as part of the traditional rodeo grounds in the city.

Those interested in renting a 10-by-10 foot space complete with an 8-foot table to sell unwanted treasures are encouraged to call (925) 373-5700 for an application, or submit the form on page 26 of the LARPD Winter/Spring 2008 program guide.

The space rental fee is \$35 and sale items cannot include food, candy, car parts, large furniture, cars parts, motorcycles parts, or any new or commercial items. All sale items must be of the garage sale variety, and in working condition. The deadline to apply for space at the rummage sale is Monday, January 28.

## Lifeguard Training

The Livermore Recreation and Park District (LARPD) is offering Lifeguard Training and Water Safety Instructor classes for swimmers interested in summer employment at LARPD's pools at the Robert Livermore Community Center (RLCC) and May Nissen Swim Center. Classes will prepare participants to be employed as a Lifeguard or to teach American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim classes.

Water Safety Instructor course starts Wed. Jan 30 and continues on Feb. 9, 10, 16, 17 and 18. Class fee is \$175. Must be at least 16 years old. Lifeguard Training begins Wed. Feb. 13 and continues on Feb. 23 & 24 and March 1 & 2. Class fee is \$150. Must be at least 15 years old.

Both courses located at RLCC, 4444 East Ave.

Sign up on-line at [www.larpd.dst.ca.us](http://www.larpd.dst.ca.us), phone the Aquatics office at (925) 373-5751, or register in person at RLCC. For more information, call RLCC Aquatics at (925) 373-5751 or visit [www.larpd.dst.ca.us](http://www.larpd.dst.ca.us).

## Walk to Wellness

Pedometer and stopwatch manufacturer ACCUSPLIT, Inc. of Pleasanton and [www.WALKING10000.org](http://www.WALKING10000.org), the international governing body of 10,000 Steps A Day, will sponsor the first World Walk to Wellness on Monday, December 31. The free event will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

at Pleasanton's Sports and Community Park, 5800 Parkside Drive at Hopyard Road, in Pleasanton.

The event is open to all ages. It will include a self-guided walk around the park about 5,000 steps (2.15 miles), a 20-minute, 2000-step walk led by Mr. Pedometer at 12 noon.

ACCUSPLIT's Alliance 3010 mechanical 10,000-step pedometers with colorful faceplates will be available for a donation. All donations will go to Pleasanton Partnerships in Education for the funding of Pleasanton schools' health and wellness committees through Wellness Education Project Grants.

"The World Walk to Wellness is a community event aimed at learning and walking for the whole family," says event creator W. Ron Sutton, President and CEO of ACCUSPLIT, Inc. and a member of Pleasanton Unified School District's Lifelong Planning Committee and the Pleasanton Community of Wellness committee.

The Sports and Community Park route is flat and safe with easy access to sidewalks that cross the park for participants for whom 5,000 steps (or 2.15 miles) is too far to walk. The driveway alongside the park will be closed to automobiles the day of the event, mitigating traffic danger for participants.

Free parking is available on Parkside Drive in the lot closest to Hopyard Road and adjacent to the Sports Park Field House. Rain will not cancel this event and the wellness information tables will be located beneath tents.

## ESS Offices Moved

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) Extended Student Services/Kid's Zone (ESS/KZ) and Preschool administrative offices have moved to LARPD's Merritt Building, 71 Trevano Road, effective December 3, 2007.

These departments have been operating out of the Robert Livermore Community Center since March 2005. All registration and business transactions for ESS/KZ and Preschool will now be handled at the Trevano Road office. Business hours are Mon.-Fri., 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. New phone number is (925) 960-2480.

Administrative offices for the Police Activities League (PAL) program remain at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., (925) 373-5700.

## Monarch Butterflies


The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District is sponsoring a Majestic Monarch trip to Natural Bridges State Beach in Santa Cruz on Sat., Jan. 5, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Every winter up to 100,000 monarch butterflies spend several months resting in the trees of Santa Cruz. Those making the trip will be spending the morning with the butterflies and the afternoon by the sea with an optional scramble to the tide pools. Transportation is provided. Registration required online at [www.larpd.dst.ca.us](http://www.larpd.dst.ca.us) or by phone at (925) 373-5707. Fee: \$35. (Since this is a group tour, there will be no refunds.)



Livermore Xtreme players visited Quail Garden in Livermore. Livermore Xtreme is a 10-under girls fastpitch team that plays in local tournaments. Besides improving in the game of girl's softball and learning good sportsmanship, the girls are learning how to be good citizens and giving back to the community. The team visited the residents at Quail Garden, the site of the original Livermore Hospital, bringing homemade holiday cookies and crafts. The girls on the team helped residents fill out their family Christmas cards.



Earlier this year twenty trees were vandalized along the walking pathway from Scenic to Bluebell Drive in Livermore. Marcel Orthodontics, along with the representatives from the City of Livermore, patients and other dental offices, replanted 20 California pepper trees along the walking path as part of a holiday community project.



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Tom Dowd presents a check to Carla McRee.

## Foundation Presents \$25,000 Gift to Shepherd's Gate

Tom Dowd, Chair of the Keiretsu Forum Charitable Foundation, presented a check for \$25,000 to Carla McRee, the Associate Director of Shepherd's Gate, at last Thursday's Keiretsu Forum East Bay chapter meeting held at the Veterans' Memorial Building in Lafayette.

"Shepherd's Gate provides a safe haven for women and children who are homeless because of abusive relationships, addictions, loss of financial support and other factors," said Jennifer Harp, Shepherd's Gate Director of Media and Donor Relations. "We're a non-profit organization that receives no government support. Therefore, we rely solely on community support from wonderful organizations like the Keiretsu Forum that believe in us and offer such tremendous support. The Keiretsu Forum Charitable Foundation has been an incredible friend to our organiza-

tion for many years and this donation will support our programs in Livermore, Brentwood, and Costa Rica."

"The Keiretsu Forum Charitable Foundation is proud to be entering its seventh year of partnering with Shepherd's Gate by donating money, expertise, and in kind gifts. Shepherd's Gate is a shining example of a very well managed non-profit organization," said Dowd.

Since 1984, Shepherd's Gate has provided a safe haven for over 8,000 women and their children who are homeless because of abusive relationships, addictions, loss of financial support and other factors. Shepherd's Gate has two Bay Area campuses in Livermore and Brentwood and an international chapter in San Jose, Costa Rica. For more information about Shepherd's Gate, please visit the website [www.shepherdsgate.org](http://www.shepherdsgate.org).

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.

**Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club**, Sat., Dec. 22, 28 miles Solano County Wooden Valley and Golden Valley, meet 10 a.m., Barbara Wood, 707-745-6353. Sat., Dec. 22, 7 miles, mountain bike at Macedo Ranch, meet 10 a.m., Jim Duncan, 209-1369. Sun., Dec. 23, 34 miles Yountville to Napa, meet 10 a.m. at Vintage 1870, Dan Granahan, 323-9798. Wed., Dec. 26, 30-35 miles base training ride, meet 10 a.m. at Osage Station Park in Danville, Michelle McBe, 200-0078. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

**Day Trippers**, Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. Tour of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory with lunch at Zephyr Grill & Bar, Thurs., Jan. 24, 8:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost \$53 residents, \$58 nonresidents Deadline is Jan. 7; participants must complete a security release form up registration. 931-5365.

**The Hearing Loss Association of America**, Tri-Valley Chapter will hold a Christmas Party, Thursday, December 20, 2007 at the Valley Community Church at 4455 Del Valle Parkway, Pleasanton California, at 7:30 PM. Public is invited. Contact Hiram Van Blarigan at 925 455 6591 or [hvanblarigan@hotmail.com](mailto:hvanblarigan@hotmail.com) for details.

**New Year's Eve**, celebration at the Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur Dr., Livermore. Catered BBQ dinner, music by Brad Kinney Productions. No host cocktails 7 p.m., dinner at 8 p.m. champagne at midnight. \$30 per person. RSVP by Dec. 26, 455-8829. Tickets available at the Lodge.

**Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society**, meets 7:30 p.m. Tues., Jan. 8 at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct., Pleasanton. Sue Johnston, guest speaker, "End Writer's Block: Write Your Family History One Byte at a Time." Visitors welcome. No charge. [www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-BethEmek.html](http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-BethEmek.html).

**Saturday morning road ride**, every Saturday 8 a.m. no drop-ride for those new to cycling; 10 to 12 mph, 20 miles and no more than 2 hours. Bring water, spare tube and pump. Email [rides@cyclepath.com](mailto:rides@cyclepath.com) if planning to attend. Ride depart from Cyclepath in Pleasanton. Information, 485-3218 or [www.cyclepath.com](http://www.cyclepath.com). Free.

**Crab Feed**, Livermore Knights of Columbus Father Patrick Power Council #458835 Annual Crab Feed & Dance Crab, Pasta, Salad & Cake too! Sat., Jan. 5, St. Michael's Hall, 3rd and Maple Streets, Livermore. Social hour 5 p.m., dinner 6 p.m., music and dancing 8 to 11:30 p.m. Live music by OpenRoad. Tickets are \$38.00 per person through December 23, after that, tickets are \$43.00 per person. On sale after that are Sunday Masses in the courtyard. For more ticket information contact: Michael and Cecilia Valent (925) 455-9420; John Gutierrez 447-0357; Manny and Chris Figueiredo 445-0543 or Jake and Angel Raposa 449-1278.

**M.O.P.S. - Mothers Of Pre Schoolers**, mothers of child/children from birth-6 years old invited to attend meetings. MOPS meets from 9-11 a.m. the second & fourth Tuesdays of the month through May 2008 at 7106 Johnson Dr., Pleasanton. Breakfast & speakers! \$60/semester. Call Silvia 560-1411. Childcare provided.

**6th Annual Northern California Boat Show**, Jan. 4-13 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. The NCBS



Angels were part of the drive-through Nativity presented at Trinity Baptist in Livermore last week.

show features the latest and greatest in yachts, fishing boats, performance boats, personal watercraft, wakeboards, electronics, fishing gear, nautical gifts and marine accessories. Nearly 800 boats will be on display for the event, ranging in size from 10 feet to 70 feet-plus. Daily: Noon-7pm, Saturdays: 10am-8pm, Sundays: 10am-6pm Adults: \$10, kids 15 & under free. [www.ncma.com](http://www.ncma.com), 1(800) 698-5777.

**Prenatal Yoga** at Livermore Valley Tennis Club, Prenatal yoga can benefit both mom and baby in so many ways! Work with breath and postures to learn labor management. Ease labor by strengthening muscles used during birth. Relieve stress & tension. Ease pregnancy related discomforts. Classes are Tuesdays, 6:45 P.M. - 8:00. Livermore Valley Tennis Club, 2000 Arroyo Road, Livermore. The first 6 week session is Jan 8 - Feb 12. Members \$40 / Nonmembers \$80. Sign up at the LVTC front desk. For any questions about the class, contact the instructor, Katherine, at 925-371-5574.

**3rd Annual Hats Off America and American Red Cross Blood Drive** will be held on Sunday, January 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at San Ramon Community Center, 12501 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon. Donor identification is required prior to donating blood. There are no fees to participate and the event is not a fundraiser for Hats Off America but is an event to help the community. For an appointment to donate blood, go to [www.bloodonor.com](http://www.bloodonor.com), click on "find a blood drive" and type in "HOA" or contact Sparky George at (925) 855-1950 or [thebearflagrunner@yahoo.com](mailto:thebearflagrunner@yahoo.com).

**RELIGION**

**Tri-Valley Bible Church**, 2346 Walnut St., Livermore, holds Sunday worship at 10 a.m. with Sunday school for all ages at 9 a.m. Children's classes during adult worship service. AWANA children's program Wednesdays at 6 p.m. 449-4403 or [www.Tri-ValleyBibleChurch.com](http://www.Tri-ValleyBibleChurch.com).

**Unitarian Universalist**, 1893 N. Vasco

Rd., Livermore. 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. 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.

**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. 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.

**Faith Chapel Assembly of God**, 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton, Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m., Children's Church 11:15 a.m. Women's Bible study Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Please call office at 846-8650 for weekly programs.

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULES**

**Live Nativity Production** Friday night, December 21, at 7:30 PM in the parking lot of the Pleasanton Stake Center on the corner of Valley Ave. and Paseo Santa Cruz. Live animals and actors will recreate the Nativity, accompanied by a musical narration. Presented by the Pleasanton Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

**Tri-Valley Unity Church**, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7 p.m., Monday, Dec. 24, meeting at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. (925) 829-2733; [www.trivalleyunity.com](http://www.trivalleyunity.com). Tri-Valley Choir performing. Rev. Mary Anne Harris. All are welcome. Special Services, Sunday,

Dec. 30. At 10 a.m. service, guest speaker Bob Hardy will give a message on "The Winds of Change," and communion celebrated. That evening at 7 p.m., the Burning Bowl Service, where participants release the past year and set intentions for the new year. (925) 829-2733; [www.trivalleyunity.com](http://www.trivalleyunity.com).

**Our Savior Lutheran Ministries**, 1385 So. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Candlelight Services; Tues., Dec. 25, 10 a.m. festival Communion service.

**Bridges Community Church**, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore (Community Center), Christmas Eve Service Mon., Dec. 24 at 8 p.m. music, candlelight and joy.

**Catholic Community of St. Charles Borromeo**, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore, 447-4549. Christmas Eve Liturgies, Dec. 24 include youth mass at 6:30 p.m., Starlight Children's Mass at 8:30 p.m., carols at 10 a.m. and Mass with choir at 10:30 p.m. Christmas Day Liturgy 10 a.m. Mass.

**St. Augustine Catholic Church**, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. Christmas Eve: 4 p.m. (no incense) 6 p.m. and midnight; 11:30 p.m. musical prelude by adult choir. Christmas Day Masses at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and noon. 846-3531.

**St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church**, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. Christmas Eve: 4 p.m. children's liturgy, 6 p.m. and midnight; 11:30 p.m. musical prelude by teen choir. Christmas Day Masses at 9 and 11 a.m. 484-5020.

**First Presbyterian Church**, 4th and L Streets, Livermore, 447-2078. Christmas Eve, Friendly Beasts Service 5 p.m.; candlelight services at 9 and 11 a.m. includes choir music.

**Pleasanton Presbyterian Church**, meets at CarrAmerica Conference Center, 4400 Rosewood Dr., Pleasanton. Christmas Eve service at 6:30 p.m. Information, 846-4436.

**United Christian Church**, 1886 College Ave., Livermore. 449-6820. Christmas Sunday, Dec. 23 services at 10:30 a.m. Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. on Dec. 24.

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**MONDAY, CHRISTMAS EVE, DEC. 24TH**

**FRIENDLY BEASTS SERVICE - 5 P.M.**

Bring your children to meet the animals there for the Holy Night, sing your favorite Christmas carols and warm up with hot cider and cookies. We'll tell the story of Christmas night from a different perspective in Fellowship Hall.

**CANDLELIGHT SERVICES - 9 AND 11 P.M.**

Come enjoy our beautiful sanctuary decorated with poinsettias and listen to our choir sing praises to the Holy Birth.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2007**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE LABYRINTH WALK 8 P.M. - MIDNIGHT**

On New Year's Eve, we will be hosting our third annual labyrinth walk to say goodbye to the old year and welcome the New Year with peace, gratitude and intention. The courtyard labyrinth and indoor labyrinth will be decorated with luminarias, beautiful music will be playing, and you'll have an opportunity to prepare yourself for the New Year.

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Children's Christmas Program

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Festival Communion Service

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New Year's Eve Worship

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**2007 Christmas Schedule**

**Advent Reconciliation Service**  
Monday, December 17, 7:30 PM

**Christmas Eve Liturgies**  
Monday, December 24  
6:30 PM: Youth Mass  
8:30 PM: Starlight Children's Mass  
10:00 PM: Carols  
10:30 PM: Mass with Choir

**Christmas Day Liturgy**  
Monday, December 25  
10:00 AM: Mass



## Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan



### Regan Bros. Christmas Trees

The First Street shops in Livermore were colorful with Christmas decorations in 1946. World War II was finally over and shoppers were optimistic in the holiday season. In front of Regan's Market a small group of fir trees added a pleasant evergreen smell to the scene. John F. Regan, home from his recent stint as a staff sergeant in the U.S. Marines, was helping his mother with the small grocery store. He had decided to buy Christmas trees on consignment as an experiment. "I tried it and sold 200 right off the sidewalk. I said to myself, 'this is a pretty good business,'" Regan recalled.

Soon John was bidding on trees in the Sierra. When the U.S. Forest Service announced an area for Christmas tree bid, interested buyers from all over California submitted sealed bids. Buyers had to be present and ready to pay the required fees if their bid was accepted. All this bidding was to win the right to harvest Silver Tip and White Fir; John still had to take men and equipment up to that specific area in the mountains to cut the trees and then ship them to Livermore. Within two years he had been so successful that he talked his brother, Joe, into joining his burgeoning enterprise. Regan Bros. Christmas Trees was born. After many seasons of working in the Sierra, John and Joe became dissatisfied with the quality of trees available in the wild-cut operation and also in trees they purchased from Oregon and Washington.

Eventually, he and Joe bought property in Canby, Oregon, in the Willamette Valley in the early 1970s. Here the company grows its own Douglas Firs, Grand Firs and Noble Firs. In this way, they are able to maintain the high quality of their product. At first they shipped the trees to Livermore by train; his wife, Ruth, remembered sitting on top of a truck cab at the Livermore train station and carefully counting each bale as it was unloaded from the box car. Now the company uses trucks and, for the longer deliveries cross country, refrigerated trucks. Regan Bros. trees were a fixture in Livermore in the Christmas season, even though the tree lot moved to various empty sites around town. The business finally folded its Livermore operations when the empty corner of Stanley Boulevard and Murrieta Boulevard was no longer available in 2000. They have recently sold their operation at the Alameda Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. The new owner will still sell Regan Brothers trees. John died in 2003. Joe and other relatives still run the business, now a dominant force in the evergreen market, shipping thousands of trees throughout the country.

The downtown Regan Market closed in 1957, but by that time John was selling insurance and real estate as well as Christmas trees. He sold the insurance company in the 1980s but continued with the real estate business until his death. His remarkable energy, his daughter Nancy Huffman believes, comes from his growing-up years on his parents' farm on Patterson Pass Road. "He didn't know anything but work. It was that farm work ethic. Even in his later years, he was still getting up at five and pulling every weed in the garden [at their house in Livermore]. He had a respect and a love for the land." In high school he made the largest collection of wild flowers in his class. "He kept that book [of pressed flowers] until it fell apart."

John's grandparents, Mary [Fitpatrick] and William Regan, emigrated from Canada in 1887 and bought property on Patterson Pass Road. They grew not only the traditional hay and grain, but also prunes and almonds. John's father, John E. Regan, nicknamed "Jack," continued to farm the same acreage and was active in the Farm Bureau and the Stockmen's Association. He married Asta Frederiksen, whose father owned the land at the corner of Patterson Pass and Greenville Road. Jack and Asta eventually moved into the Frederiksen house, where John was born in 1922. The house is still there, but it was severely damaged in the 1980 earthquake. John married Ruth Reedy, his Livermore High School sweetheart, in 1943 while he was in the Marines. Ruth still remembers how beautiful the Frederiksen/Regan place used to be when trees lined the entry road, each with its trunk whitewashed. The family owns large two hand-tinted photographs of the last crop of wheat grown on the property; the house and outbuildings are in the background.

In high school John played football and basketball, but he could never play during the baseball season because of seasonal work on the farm. As an adult he continued his interest in sports by encouraging young people to play. He won the Samuel Bothwell trophy from LARPD in 1960 for his leadership in the Livermore Little League program. He was also active in Pop Warner and in the Boys Club run by the Optimists. He challenged Boy Scouts to learn how to run a business by selling Christmas trees at a discount to Scout troops who set up lots in Livermore, Pleasanton and Tracy.

As an adult John did take some time off—his favorite hobbies were fishing, especially fly-fishing, and hunting at favorite places in the Sierra. Although his death at age 80 was unexpected, his wife, six children and grandchildren were glad that it occurred near his beloved cabin in Graeagle.

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

## OBITUARIES

### Harold Kamp

Harold Kamp died December 16, 2007 in Walnut Creek. He was 91.

The Pleasanton native had been a resident of Rossmore, Walnut Creek for the past 8 years. He was a World War II Army veteran. Harold was the owner of Kamp's Furniture in Livermore for 50 years. He was a founding board member of the Livermore YMCA in 1947 and a charter member of the Livermore Rotary Club. He more recently had been a member of the Rossmore Rotary Club. Harold also belonged to Toastmasters and the Rossmore Choral Society.

During his Livermore Rotary years, he served as president from 1977-78. During that time, the club took over the Livermore Rodeo parade and has been running it ever since. Career Day was established with students at Chabot Valley Campus (now Las Positas College). Students were invited to join Livermore Rotarians at their places of work/business for a day. Students were able to learn about different careers.

He is survived by his wife Sheila Kamp of Walnut Creek, son Russell Kamp of Livermore, daughter Karen Swanson of Livermore, sister Eleanor Capen of Avilla Beach, CA, as well as seven grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Frances Kamp, in 1985.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated in his memory at 11 a.m. on Fri., Dec. 28 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 458 Maple Street, Livermore. Private inurnment will be at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Lafayette.

Those wishing to may send memorial contributions in his name to the Livermore Rotary Foundation, 2117 Fourth St., Livermore, CA 94550, or to Hospice of the East Bay, 3470 Buskirk Ave., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

Arrangements by Hull's Walnut Creek Chapel.

### Lilia Loretta Henry

Lilia Loretta Henry, a resident of Livermore for 10 years, passed away on Nov. 19, 2007 in Fremont, CA. She was 98 years old. Lilia was born and raised in New England, and moved to California in 1997.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Frederick in 1999. She is survived by her daughter, Nancy Henry of Livermore, two granddaughters; Karen Ragaini of AZ, and Christine McClain of Long Beach, CA.

Private services were held. Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

### Ronald Joseph Nagel

Ronald Joseph Nagel, of Livermore, died Sunday, December 9, on his 56 year wedding anniversary, after a year and a half battle with cancer. He was 75.

Mr. Nagel was born Sept. 9, 1932, in Oakland, California. He graduated from Berkeley High School in 1951. He served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955 and was stationed in Kenai, Alaska. He joined Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in 1961 as a Mechanical Designer and re-

tired in 1991 as a Design Superintendent. During his 30-year career he supported various Magnetic Fusion Energy projects.

He married his high school sweet heart Josephine in 1951. They raised their family in Walnut Creek. They moved to Livermore in 1966 to present. During the 1970's he designed and built the family's mountain cabin in Mi-Wuk Village. He and his family spent many memorable times at the cabin with friends and family.

Mr. Nagel had a variety of interests that included owning an award-winning Classic Ford Model A. In 1991, for their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary party he restored the 1930 Model A that he and Josephine used to drive in high school. He was an active member of the Sonora A's Model A club. He and his wife also enjoyed dancing and being involved in their children and grandchildren activities. He spent most of his retirement traveling with his wife and family, and researching his families' genealogy. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather who would do anything for anyone.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years Josephine Nagel, children, Michael Nagel and wife Julia, David Nagel and wife Regina, Ronna Oelrich and husband Kent, sister Coral Clark of Oakland and grandchildren Matthew, Mark, John, Angela, Jason, Brett and Jessica.

Funeral Services were held on December 19, at St. Michael's Church in Livermore.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

### Kenneth E. Sill

Kenneth E. Sill passed away peacefully on December 10, 2007 at the age of 89.

He was born in Illinois, came to California in 1941 and lived in Castro Valley for 46 years. Ken served as a member of the U.S. Merchant Marine during World War II and was a constructor for many years in the Bay Area. He spent his retirement years enjoying his family, particularly his grandchildren. He also devoted a great deal of time to his favorite hobby of carpentry.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Vera, children Dennis (Sharon) Sill of Napa, Linda (Philip) Scherer of Pleasanton, grandchildren Stephen, Kevin, Allison and Brian Scherer and many nieces and nephews.

No services are planned at this time. However, donations in his memory may be made to a favorite charity.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

### Ann Marie Riebli

Ann Marie Riebli died December 12, 2007, at Manteca Care & Rehabilitation Center in Manteca. The Pleasanton resident was 91.

She was born in Switzerland in 1916. She was married to Joseph Riebli who preceded her in death in 1958. Ann was a school bus driver for about 25 years in Pleasanton and a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church in Pleasanton.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Joseph A. Riebli, two brothers and two sisters. She is survived by daughters Ann Marie (Charlie) Bagnasco of Manteca, and Frances Way of Livermore, a son Albert (Jane) Riebli of Livermore, nine grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, siblings Marcus Reichmuth of Walnut Creek and Hedy Burgi of Modesto.

Mass was celebrated Dec. 18 at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Pleasanton. Burial followed at St. Augustine Cemetery in Pleasanton.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

### Ann Macedo

Ann Macedo died December 11, 2007 in Pleasanton. She was 87.

Ann was born in Maui, Hawaii on Feb. 2, 1920. She absolutely loved to shop.

She is survived by a sister, Irene Carasco of San Leandro, brother-in-law Anthony Carasco, sister-in-law Margie Fernandes of San Lorenzo, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Alvin Macedo, and a son, Brian Macedo.

Mass was celebrated Dec. 17 at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Pleasanton. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

### Helen M. Krolick

Helen M. Krolick died December 16, 2007 at ValleyCare Medical Center. She was 96.

She was a dietician at St. Paul's Hospital in Livermore for many years and a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church since 1956. She loved to cook for her family and take care of all and all animals, both her own and all kinds of strays. She will be terribly missed.

She was preceded in death by her husband Stan, grandson Bill Magann and is the last of five siblings, a brother and four sisters. She is survived by a daughter Arlene Magann of Livermore, son Robert Krolick of San Rafael and daughter-in-law Linda; grandchildren Marie Magann of San Jose, Jennifer Krolick of San Rafael, Bob Magann of Livermore and David Krolick of Roseville and great grandchildren, Sydney and William Magann. The other family members include five much loved grand dogs and one grand bird.

Visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Fri., Dec. 21 with a Chapel Blessing Service beginning at 11 a.m. at Callaghan Mortuary, 383 East Ave., Livermore. Interment will follow at St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery in Livermore.

### Howard Lynn Higgins

Howard Lynn Higgins died December 16, 2007. He was 76.

He was born in Pasadena in 1931 and had lived in Livermore since 1958. He was a veteran of the Korean War serving on the heavy cruiser USS St. Paul, which also had what the Department of Defense called "the largest naval tragedy of the war: when an eight-

inch gun turret exploded killing 30. Lynn was one of many who went inside to try to rescue his shipmates. He was awarded seven service medals and seven major battle stars. Lynn worked for over 30 years at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in the nuclear explosives engineering division and as a facility superintendent in the high pressure lab and coordinator for several other buildings.

He was devoted to his family. His favorite pastime was doing things for his grandchildren and volunteering for Joe Michell School, which in his words, "was his second family." In 2001, students surprised him with an award for his commitment and dedication to the students at Joe Michell. It meant the world to him. Another of his most treasured members was the friendship of his best friend Kenneth Brown, whom he always termed as a true friend. He was a member of Mosaic Lodge #218 and served as a member of the Mosaic Temple Association, was elected as treasurer for one and a half years, then president for four years. He served many years teaching hunter safety in Pasadena and was a charter member of the Altadena Sportsmen. He was also a rifle team member in the club.

His family includes his wife, Joan, sons Ron and Randy, daughter-in-law Denise and grandchildren Jennifer, Heather, Kelly and Kacey. A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. on Thurs., Dec. 20 at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore.

### Jerry Edward Morgan

Jerry Edward Morgan, 61, passed away suddenly at his home in Hornbrook on Thursday, December 13, 2007.

Jerry was born November 3, 1946 in Livermore to Erman and Phyllis Morgan. Jerry was very active in Boy Scouts, attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. He served his country in the U.S. Navy during Vietnam.

Jerry worked for 30 years as a welder with the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. He coached youth football for 8 years and loved spending time with his kids and his mother. He was a long-time member of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and loved hunting and fishing and his dog, Roxy.

Jerry moved to Hornbrook 3 months ago from Escalon. He is survived by his wife, Sammy Morgan of Escalon; three children, Tess Marie Morgan, Zachary Boyd Morgan and Joel Michael Morgan, all of Escalon; his mother, Phyllis Morgan of Hornbrook; his sister, Sherry Tillery of Hickman; two nephews, Matt and Pat Barr and many friends and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father.

A celebration of Jerry's life will be held on Tuesday, December 18, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. at the R-Ranch on Copco Rd. in Hornbrook. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice. Girdner Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

## Wheels Announces Time Changes for Bus Service

All Wheels routes serving the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station have received time adjustments to allow more transfer time both for bus-to-train and train-to-bus connection while construction of the West Dublin BART station is underway. Most of these adjustments have been made by moving the Wheels system wide pulse to occur five minutes earlier than in the previous schedules.

In order to preserve optimal transfer opportunities at the Transit Center, most Livermore routes have been adjusted to coordinate with this pulse change as well.

While dedicated school tripper (3-digit numbered) Wheels bus routes are not affected by these time changes, most other Wheels routes serving schools, for example routes 3, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, and 18 have received time adjustments.

Route 1C: The afternoon 1C schedule has been adjusted in order to restore 15-minute frequency between BART and the CarrAmerica office complex in the Hacienda Business Park. All 1C trips will now depart the BART station at :24 and :54 minutes past the hour, both in the morning and in the afternoon.

Route 8: The directional loop of the 2:39 PM trip on Route 8 has been reversed to better serve students traveling between Pleasanton Middle School and Del Prado Park at the main PM bell time. This trip will depart across the street from the school on northbound Case Avenue (at the Ridgeview Commons stop) at 3:09 PM, arriving at Del Prado Park at 3:18 PM.

Route 10: Evening frequencies are being rearranged to coincide with the new higher BART evening frequency on BART's Dublin line. Service on Route 10 will operate consistently every 30 minutes after the PM peak period ends (approximately 8PM to midnight). Almost all of these trips will serve East Avenue as well. The adjustment applies seven days a week.

Route 11: Service has been modified to serve the Gardella Plaza residential area in central Livermore. The

extended alignment will operate on both outbound and inbound trips. Passengers currently using bus stops on the portion of First Street that is between Scott Street and Portola Avenue will need to access this route on one of the side streets that the new alignment will serve. Note: This change will take effect on January 8, 2008.

Route 12: Service has been adjusted to travel clockwise in the vicinity of Las Positas College. Routing entering the College is unchanged but upon exiting, the bus will return to North Canyons Parkway via Campus Hill Drive in order to serve the new Montage residential development. Please note that service will be reduced to hourly after approximately 7:30 PM, but will continue longer into the evening, with the last eastbound bus departing the College at 10:42 PM and the last westbound bus departing at 10:48 PM.

Route 20 - BART Express: Service has been extended to serve the Livermore Transit Center and the Airway Boulevard BART park-and-ride lot in the commute direction (westbound in the morning and eastbound in the afternoon) on its way to/from the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station. The new limited-stop alignment will provide

more trip options for travel between the Transit Center and BART. Most of the previous route along Mines Road will remain in place; however, the Knott Park area will no longer be directly served. Current passengers using the service to travel eastbound in the morning and westbound in the afternoon will not be affected by this change. The new WHEELS Bus Book will be available two weeks prior to the service change. For route and schedule information, please call Customer Service at (925) 455-7500.

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St. Innocent Choir

## Program of Sacred Russian Choral Music Planned

A program of Russian Christian sacred choral work will be performed by the St. Innocent Orthodox Concert Choir on January 6th at the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore.

Joining the choir are San Francisco Symphony's cellist Lawrence Granger and violinist Victor Romasevich as well as Sonoma State University's Chamber Music Director, pianist Marilyn Thompson.

A pre-concert lecture begins at 5:00 pm; the concert at 6:00 pm. A repertoire sampling a thousand years of Russian Orthodox choral work will be performed. The program will take listeners on a journey through key choral developments starting with the introduction of one-part Byzantine chant into Russia to the evolution of harmonized sacred compositions of the 14th and 15th centuries to some of the most beloved compositions of the 20th century. The program will conclude with John Tavener's haunting Svyati ["holy"].

Tickets are adults \$20/\$25 at the door; students \$12.50/\$15 at the door. Advance Tickets are available at art:space gallery, 133 South Livermore Ave, Livermore and Glad Tidings Religious Goods Shop, Pleasanton located near Trader Joes.

For information about group discounts, contact choir@stinnocent.net or 925-828-1146 or mail a check payment to: St. Innocent Concert, 193 Contractors Street, Livermore, CA 94550. Please add \$10.00 if requesting overnight delivery in time for Christmas!

## Manwell Added to Shakespeare Board

Shakespeare's Associates has selected Philip Manwell as the new Chairman of the Board.

Manwell serves on several local boards, he also is a skilled musician. He earned a Bachelor of Music, Masters of Science and Doctoral Studies from the Juilliard School, as well as a Doctor of Education from the University of San Francisco. He garnered diplomas from the Paris Conservatory, performed as a soloist and chamber player, and conducted throughout the U.S., Europe, Canada, Australia, and the Far East. Since 1986, Manwell has served as a music and humanities faculty member at Las Positas College and as a dean since 2002.

Though not new to the board, having served last year, Manwell is welcomed as Chairman by current board members: Lisa A. Tromovitch, Peggy Riley, Russ Marcel, Elizabeth E. Trutner, and Katie Marcel.

Treasurer Katie Marcel notes, "We have just ended our first fiscal year and we ended it firmly in the black!"

Shakespeare's Associates are producers of Livermore Shakespeare Festival. They also produce other productions. The next season begins with a production of *Proof* opening in March at the Bothwell Arts Center. "Philip's vision for the company includes our collaborating with others, as was evident in his involvement in our recent collaborative project at the new Bankhead Theater," stated Tromovitch. "I trust that the college as well as the Opera, Shakespeare's Associates and the other groups that he is involved with will all be stronger for his leadership."

## JAZZ

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nity and raise its awareness of jazz, said Carl Palowitch. He and his wife, Marilyn, are Amador Valley band parents who are co-chairs of the Campana festival. "If you just do the festival on Saturday, it's only students, so the community is not involved. We wanted to see the community involved," said Carl Palowitch.

Having the community understand and support jazz will help encourage the jazz band programs at Amador and Foothill, he said. Toward that end, Coltrane will be conducting a seminar for Amador and Foothill band members during the afternoon before his performance, said Palowitch.

Coltrane is the son of jazz legend John Coltrane and jazz pianist Alice Coltrane. He has many recordings and has played with music legends such as McCoy Tyner, Pharoah Sanders, Herbie Hancock, Carlos Santana, and Branford Marsalis.

Palowitch's own personal motivation to support jazz has been the participation of his son John, an Amador Valley senior who is in the school's jazz band. John was started on piano at an early age, and added the saxophone when he was 9, after admiring the playing of a neighbor who lived across the street.

John has taken evening classes at the Berkeley Jazz School. He has played in the Grammy band and also a band connected to the Monterey Jazz Festival.

The Campana Festival was be-

gun by Jim Campana, who was Amador Valley's musical director from 1959 to 1979. He built the music program from 30 students to 300, who participated in two jazz bands and a marching band. Since he left, the program has expanded to include orchestras that are part of the daylong curriculum.

Campana founded the festival in 1976, at the request of the city's recreation department. The first event was a joint sponsorship with the city. It was called *The Pleasanton Jazz Festival*, and held at the fairgrounds. However, after Proposition 13 passed in 1978, the city dropped out of funding the event, so it was moved to the Amador Valley campus, Campana told the Independent by phone from his home in Sonoma.

A few years after Campana's retirement, the festival was named in his honor. Campana told the Independent, "I was flattered. It was like one of those things where you leave the room for a few minutes, and they name something after you."

Now 81, Campana said he is in better health than when he retired because of a health problem. Advances in medicine after his retirement helped him quite a bit.

Campana said that he attends the festival every year. Told by a reporter about the Friday night Coltrane booking and the Sunday library performance, Campana said, "I'll have to stay the whole weekend this time."

# Valley Dance Theatre Presents a Classic Nutcracker

By Patricia Koning

A sure sign that Christmas is approaching is when the Nutcracker appears in theatres. Last weekend Livermore's Valley Dance Theatre (VDT) opened its 27th annual production of the Nutcracker at the Bankhead Theatre.

With elegant costumes and sumptuous sets combined with a live score performed by the Livermore-Amador Symphony Pit Orchestra and the Harmony Fusion Chorus, the production was a feast for both the eyes and ears. The Harmony Fusion Chorus opened the evening with a *capella* Christmas songs, including Jingle Bell Rock and Santa Baby.

The VDT Nutcracker is a traditional, full length version. The production opens with the elegant Victorian party scene, where boys and girls receive Christmas gifts and dance while the adults toast the holiday sea-

son.

The party ends as it does in all tellings of the Nutcracker, with Clara (Laura Haley) distraught that her new prized possession has been broken by her brother Fritz (Connor Richards). The magician Herr Drosselmeyer (Dr. Jonathan Flanzbaum), who gave the Nutcracker to Clara, stands in the shadows and shoos away the mice that begin scampering across the stage—or did he summon the mice? Clara awakens, Drosselmeyer performs his magic, and disappears.

As Clara watches, the Mouse King (Megan James) and Nutcracker (Patrick Rogan) lunge and parry in a daring swordfight. The Nutcracker defeats the Mouse King, but not before sustaining a seemingly serious injury. Clara is distraught and then something happens—the Nutcracker awakens and snow begins to fall.

The scene then transitions to

the Land of Snow. The Harmony Fusion Chorus add their elegant voices to the music as the Snow Queen (Amy Dykes) and Snow Queen (Doug Johnson) dance among the falling snowflakes with the demi-soloists and corps.

The second act finds Clara in the Kingdom of the Sweets. This act showcases some of VDT's younger talent as the angels and rosebuds.

The Arabian Coffee dance was performed elegantly by Kindra Showers and Andrew Koponen. Russian Cake, performed by Amanda Hoey, Connor Richards, and Patrick Rogan, drew the strongest response from the audience. In addition to the traditional Russian kick-dancing and leaps, the performers added a modern twist with some breakdancing.

The Mother Gigogne and Her Little Buds number included a delightful sequence in which Clara retells her experience

through dance. Allison O'Hair, as Mother Gigogne, was both elegant and expressive. The Little Rosebuds—Audrey Dooley, Cora Dooley, Lianne Dooley, and Jessica Seu—along with the Little Rosehip, Jacob Tkeio, were as cute as, well, little rosebuds.

The show concludes with a Nutcracker Grand Pas de Deux performed with strength and artistry by Dykes and Johnson as the Sugar Plum Fairy and Cavalier. Seeing the entire ensemble on stage for the Finale showcases the scale of VDT's Nutcracker production.

VDT will perform the Nutcracker two more times on Saturday, Dec. 22m at 2 pm and 7pm. The performances are sold out. After that you'll have to start counting the days until the next Christmas for the 28th annual production. (Note: this review refers to the Saturday, Dec. 16 at 7 pm performance.)

## Author Plans Talk on Pulp Fiction Writing Career

Laurie Powers will be speaking at the Livermore Public Library on Wednesday, January 30, 2008. She will discuss the discovery of her grandfather's memoir, his career as a pulp fiction writer, and the phenomenon of pulp fiction magazines during the Great Depression.

The talk will be at 7 p.m. at the library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave.

Growing up in Livermore in the 1960s, Laurie Powers barely knew her grandfather, Western writer Paul S. Powers. He had written only one novel, a Western, in 1949, and spent most of his time running a bookstore in Berkeley. Laurie didn't see him that much: her father, his first born son, had died in 1964, and the rest of his family drifted

away. Her grandfather died in 1971, leaving Laurie with only a few memories of him as a failed writer. In 1999, Laurie conducted a casual Internet search that led her to his surprising past: her grandfather had also been a prolific and well-known pulp Western writer during the Great Depression, whose characters Sonny Tabor, Kid Wolf, Freckles Malone, and Johnny Forty-five enraptured an entire generation of readers across the country.

For fifteen years, from 1928 to 1943, Paul Powers slammed out 15,000 word stories almost every week that were spirited off to Street and Smith Publishing Company in New York City and published in *Wild West Weekly*. While writing these blood and thunder yarns, Powers moved

across the Southwest, moving at least a dozen times over 15 years, throughout Arizona, New Mexico, and southern California. He also managed to raise a family, and battled a lifelong struggle with alcoholism. After *Wild West Weekly* folded in 1943, Powers moved on. He never wished to discuss his pulp career, and did not keep one copy of *Wild West Weekly* as a memento of his colorful past.

Laurie's discovery of her grandfather's career on the Internet in 1999 was just the beginning of a year long journey of finding her lost family. While searching on the Internet, Laurie relocated her grandfather's family, who had disappeared 35 years before. When Laurie reunited with her aunt that summer, she was

greeted by another surprise: her grandfather had kept voluminous amounts of records dealing with his pulp fiction career. Included in the collection was her grandfather's unpublished memoir, written in 1943, which chronicles his life as a pulp fiction writer during the Great Depression. That memoir, *Pulp Writer: Twenty years in the American Grub Street* has been recently published by the University of Nebraska Press to critical acclaim. Some reviews, including the L.A. Times and the Publisher's Weekly, can be found at [www.pulpwriter.com](http://www.pulpwriter.com).

For more information about the program at the Livermore Library, call 925-373-5505 Joyce Nevins.

## Reflections Arts Program Announces Student Winners

The Pleasanton PTA Council held its 5th annual Reflections Arts Recognition Program recently at Harvest Park Middle School.

The Reflections Program, sponsored by the national PTA, is an arts recognition and achievement program for students. It provides opportunities for students to express themselves creatively and to receive positive recognition for original works of art inspired by this year's theme, "I Can Make A Difference By..."

Local students, from kinder-

garten through 12th grade, entered their work in five categories: photography, visual arts, literature, musical composition, and film/video production. A total of 290 young artists from seven Pleasanton schools submitted entries for this year's program to their local PTA or PTSA sponsored program.

Reflections committees at each school identified students in each category and age level to represent their school at the Council level. A total of 57 entries were submitted to the Pleasanton PTA Council for recogni-

tion and were presented with certificates at the December 4 recognition program. Of these, 17 students advanced to the next level. Peralta District PTA:

Photography: Kyra Thordson, Fairlands, primary; Annalise Stevenson, Vintage Hills, intermediate; Alana McConnell, Amador Valley, senior;

Visual Arts: Kristin Kye, Vintage Hills, primary; Soyeon Kim, Alisal, intermediate; Jennifer Tao, Harvest Park, middle; Timothy Xenakis, Amador Valley, senior;

Literature: Emily LaDue, Hearst, primary; Sandhya Kalavachera, Mohr, intermediate; Andrea Deng, Harvest Park, middle; Mike Chen, Amador Valley, senior;

Musical Competition: Jenilee Chen, Vintage Hills, primary; Shreya Magesh, Mohr, intermediate; Christine Xu, Harvest Park, middle; Ted Newman, Amador Valley, senior;

Film/Video Production: Rishab Patgaonkar, Mohr, primary; Varsha Ramakrishnan, Mohr, intermediate.

# ART & ENTERTAINMENT

**The Big Fat Year End Kiss Off Comedy Show XV**, Fri., Dec. 28, 8 to 11 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. An expanded cast of comedians will join internationally-celebrated political satirist Will Durst in celebration of the show's fifteenth anniversary. The show will combine stand-up comedy, improvisation and "semi-written" sketches. \$25, \$20, \$15, 925-373-6800 or [www.livermoreperformingarts.org](http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org).

**Razzle Dazzle**, The Livermore Art Association Gallery presents the theme "Razzle Dazzle!" Dec. 1 to Jan. 31. Holiday Sparkles, wearable art, dress-up with fine and costume jewelry, hats, scarves and fancy bags. Dress up your home with new art and holiday decorations which include handmade ornaments by our gallery members. Gallery Hours: 11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday at Carnegie Bldg., 2155 Third Street, Livermore. For more information call: (925) 449-9927.

**'Twas the Night Before Christmas** performed at the Front Row Theater, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Road. There will be weekend performances from Dec. 14 through Dec. 23. Fri. and Sat. 7:30 p.m. and Sun. at 2 p.m. \$10-\$15, 973-3350. The play, which includes music, is for the entire family. It is based on the inspiration for Clement Moore's poem about Santa Claus's annual ride.

**Pirate Day! Workshop**, January 5, 2 to 4 p.m. Dublin Heritage Center, 6600 Donlon Way, Dublin. 925-452-2100. \$3 per person. Make shrunken heads, follow treasure maps, sing sea shanties and learn Pirate Lingo - arr! Dress up - prize for best costume. Songs and merriment with Bingo Schmingo.

**Wine and words**, Jan 6, 2-4 p.m. Featured reader Kay Ryan at 2 p.m. Open mic is at 3 p.m. [www.poetrypost.com](http://www.poetrypost.com). Martinelli Center, Greenville Rd., Livermore. Hosted by Livermore Poet Laureate Connie Post. \$5 admission.

**Taste and See: A Musical Journey** through ten centuries of Russian Sacred Music. Sun., Jan. 6, First Presbyterian Church, 2020 5th St., Livermore. 5 p.m. pre-concert lecture; 6 p.m. concert. Special guests: San

Francisco Symphony's Lawrence Granger, cellist, Victoria Ramasevich, violinist with pianist Marilyn Adults \$20 (\$25 at the door), student \$12.50 (\$15 at the door). Mail ticket requests to Concert Tickets, 193 Contractors Way, Livermore, CA 94550; include check, name, address for mailing or indicate will call.

**Keyboard Conversations with Jeffrey Siegel**, piano concert-plus-commentary. Jan. 11, 8 p.m. Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center Presents, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets [www.livermoreperformingarts.org](http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org).

**Los Californios: The Alta California Orchestra**, Jan. 13, 2 p.m. Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Free admission. Arts & Authors series. 373-5505.

**Ed Kinney Lecture Series at the Museum on Main Street**, "Aerial Photography, Global Warming and the Longest-Burning Light Bulb in the World," a lecture by Dick Jones at 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 17 at the Museum on Main Street, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton. Lecture reservations are requested. Admission is \$5 for museum members and \$10 for non-members. Call (925) 462-2766. Memberships will be available for purchase that night.

**The Wizard of Oz**, Pleasanton Playhouse musical production, Jan. 18-Feb. 3, 8 p.m. Fri. and Sat. (except Feb. 2), and 2 p.m. Sun. and Feb. 2. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 462-2121. [www.pleasantonplayhouse.com](http://www.pleasantonplayhouse.com).

**Friends of the Vineyards**, annual meeting 7 to 9 p.m. Wed., Jan. 23. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. David Everett, Las Positas College, is the guest speaker. He will discuss the research vineyard and classes on food and wine pairing at the college. Information [www.fov.org](http://www.fov.org).

**George Winston**, Jan. 23, 8 p.m. Lilt-ing, lyrical and melodic folk-style piano. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. \$41, \$36, \$31, \$28. [www.livermoreperformingarts.org](http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org).

**Peter and the Wolf**, by Jim Gamble's Puppets. Sat., Jan. 26 at 11 a.m. Pleasanton Civic Arts Presents, Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita

Pleasanton. [www.civictickets.org](http://www.civictickets.org) or 931-3444. Jim Gamble's appealing puppets interpret Prokofiev's favorite classic about a boy who disobeys his grandfather and encounters a dangerous wolf.

**Burns Dinner**, featuring Isla St. Clair, Sat., Jan. 26, no host bar/registration 5:30 p.m., 7 p.m. dinner. Pleasanton Plaza Hotel, 11950 Dublin Canyon Rd., Pleasanton. Advance reserva-

tions required by Jan. 16, 2008. Presented by the Pleasanton Blairgowrie Fergus Sister City Organization in honor of the poet Robert Burns. \$65. [www.PBSO.org](http://www.PBSO.org) or 510-654-7627.

**Moreality** will be playing Main Street Brewery in Pleasanton on Saturday, Dec 22nd from 9pm-midnight. Main St. is located at 830 Main Street in Pleasanton, across from the Pleasanton Hotel. [www.mainsbrewery.com](http://www.mainsbrewery.com).

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# ACTIA Changes Small Business Program

The Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority's (ACTIA's) Board recently approved a final draft of the Business Contract Equity Program aimed at keeping taxpayer dollars in Alameda County. The goal of the Equity Program, formerly known as the Local Business Enterprise and Small Local Business Enterprise Program (LBE/SLBE), is to support and encourage the engagement of local and small businesses relative to various contract opportunities with ACTIA.

The program revisions are the result of ACTIA's collaboration with a team of equity consultants. Extensive outreach was conducted to derive public comments. The final draft incorporates many of the comments received during the outreach process and encompassed major

changes such as:

- Reducing the annual revenue threshold from \$10 M to \$5 M for all small local business enterprise (SLBE), except construction contracts
- Adding a new Very Small Local Business Enterprise (VSLBE) certification
- Streamlining ACTIA's certification process for businesses that are certified with regional agencies
- Extending the duration of certification from annual to bi-annual
- Establishing contract-specific SLBE goals for construction contracts
- Creating rigorous procedures for exempting contracts from the LBE/SLBE goals
- Defining requirements for sponsor policy participation
- Redefining requirements for

the good faith effort process

- Communicating ACTIA's commitment to Workforce Development and Mentoring program.

ACTIA is now accepting public comments on the final draft Program revisions through January 4, 2008, 5:00 p.m. The final draft of the Business Contract Equity Program can be viewed on ACTIA's website at [www.actia2022.com](http://www.actia2022.com) or you can also call 510.893.3347, extension 100, to receive a copy of this document. Following public comment, ACTIA's Board is scheduled to adopt the final Program at the January 24, 2008 meeting.

ACTIA administers Measure B, the half-cent transportation sales tax in Alameda County, which was approved by 81.5% of the voters. For more information go to [www.actia2022.com](http://www.actia2022.com).

# Study Finds Teens Drivers Are Distracted

More than a third of teenage drivers surveyed by University of California researchers admitted that they have been distracted by young passengers while driving. The most common distraction was talking, yelling, arguing or being loud. However, 22 percent of the teenage drivers said they were distracted by passengers doing things like "fooling around," "messing around," or "being stupid."

Even "wrestling" and "dancing" in the car were distractions teenage drivers reported.

About 7.5 percent of the young drivers said a passenger had distracted them intentionally. They said passengers had "punched me in the head," "ticked me," "hit me in the face," or were "squirting guns at me." Other deliberate distractions were attempts by passengers to control the car, such as "mess around with mirrors," "messed with my seat adjustments," and

"messing with things in the car, such as radio or hazard lights."

"Teenagers may find the risky behavior exciting or funny, but it is clear from research that adolescent drivers with teenage passengers have a higher risk of crashes," said Katherine Heck, the 4-H Youth Development specialist at UC Davis who co-chaired the study. "The distractions that young drivers told us about may be a reason for their higher risk."

Heck worked with research co-chair Carla Sousa, the UC Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development advisor in Tulare County, to examine the ways young passengers distract young drivers.

The researchers surveyed 2,144 seniors from 13 high schools around California in the spring and fall of 2006. The schools varied widely in size and students' socio-economic status. Forty-two percent of the respondents were white, 38 percent Latino, 6 percent African American, 12 percent Asian or Pacific Islander and 3 percent Native American.

Girls were slightly more likely than boys to report being distracted while driving. There were no significant differences across racial or ethnic groups, or urban, rural or suburban schools in the percent of youth who reported distractions. However, students at lower-income schools were significantly less likely to report passenger-related distractions.

The young drivers who said they had been distracted as a driver were also more likely to say they had driven after drinking, had crashed a car, or had ridden with a dangerous driver.

In California, new drivers under the age of 18 may not carry teenage passengers for the first year after receiving a driver's license. They also may not drive between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m., a pe-

riod shown to be particularly dangerous for teenage drivers.

"Many parents seem to be unaware of the graduated driver licensing restrictions that require teens not to drive with their peers in the first 12 months after getting their license," Heck said. "Only a quarter of teens in our survey who had been driving less than a year told us their parents don't allow them to drive with friends in the car."

Teen passengers aren't the only distractions. Overall, nearly 21 percent of the young drivers reported that they had an accident as a driver. Of those, 11 percent said a cell phone was involved, either in use by the teen driver or the driver of the other car.

The 4-H Youth Development research project also looked into the incidence of teenagers driving without a license. The survey found more than 12 percent of the teenagers regularly drove even though they didn't have a driver's license or permit. Fifty-six percent of unlicensed drivers in the survey were male and 67 percent were Latino. Most attended a school with a lower-income population.

Students who did not have a license or permit gave the researchers a number of explanations, such as having no access to a car, the costs associated with driving, or not being allowed to drive by their parents. Unlicensed drivers were more likely to report being undocumented as a reason, and non-drivers were more likely to say, "I just don't want to."

The 4-H Youth Development program, administered by UC Cooperative Extension in California, provides youth with opportunities for leadership development and practical, hands-on learning on a wide variety of topics. The academics who oversee the program also conduct research on youth development.

# Classes Available in Wastewater Technology

Thirteen east bay agencies have joined forces and contracted with Solano Community College in Fairfield to bring water and wastewater technology courses closer to home.

"In the next seven to ten years, 50% of all water and wastewater treatment plant operators are expected to retire," says Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRS) General Manager Bert Michalczyk. "These jobs provide excellent pay, benefits, and promotional opportunities for the next generation."

For more than 25 years, Solano Community College has been offering a two-year Certificate of Achievement in Water/Wastewater. Now Solano Community College is offering a second semester of courses in water/wastewater operations at the Cen-

tral Contra Costa Sanitary District (CCCS), 5019 Imhoff Place, Martinez, and the West County Wastewater District Pollution Control Plant, 2377 Garden Tract Road, Richmond. Students who complete 28.5 college level credits are awarded a Certificate of Achievement and can begin a career that often pays more than \$50,000 at entry level.

The first semester of three water/wastewater classes concludes in mid-December with close to 60 students completing one or more of the courses.

Underwritten by thirteen agencies (CCCS, Contra Costa Water District, Delta Diablo Sanitation District, Diablo Water District, Dublin San Ramon Services District, East Bay Municipal Utility District, City of Liver-

more, Mt. View Sanitary District, Oro Loma Sanitary District, Rodeo Sanitary District, Union Sanitary District, West County Wastewater District, and Zone 7 Water Agency), these three and four unit courses only cost the students a nominal fee.

The water/wastewater courses offered this semester are as follows:

- Water 100, Introduction to Wastewater Treatment (four units), Thursday, lecture; location West County Wastewater District Pollution Control Plant
- Water 105, Wastewater Treatment (three units), Tuesday, lecture and lab, prerequisite is Water 100; location CCCS
- Water 106, Instrumentation and Controls (three units), Thursday, lecture and lab; location

CCCS

- Water 107, Mathematics of Water and Wastewater Treatment (four units), Wednesday lecture; location CCCS

All classes begin the week of January 8, 2008, at 6:00 p.m..

To register for classes and obtain information, call (925) 335-7728. Class space is limited. Students must apply for admission to Solano Community College and can do so online at [www.solano.edu](http://www.solano.edu), click on Admissions, then go to Apply Online and follow the instructions. To select the water/wastewater classes, go to the Solano Community College site, [www.solano.edu/webcms](http://www.solano.edu/webcms), click on Course Outlines, and select "water" in the drop down list for complete class descriptions.

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**STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME**  
FILE NO. 346795  
The following person (s) has (have) Abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name Reverse Mortgage Store, 144 South "K" Street, Livermore CA 94550  
The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on April 13, 2004 in the County of Alameda.  
Seattle Mortgage Company, 190 Queen Anne Ave. N., Seattle WA 98109  
This business was conducted by: a corporation  
/s/ Les Redford  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 6, 2007. The Independent Legal No. 2260. Publish November 29, December 6, 13, 20, 2007.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
FILE NO. 403190-403191  
The following person (s) doing business as: 1)Seniors Reverse Mortgage Store, 2)Reverse Mortgage Store, 144 South "K" Street, Livermore CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Seniors Reverse Mortgage, Inc., 3478 Buskirk Ave. Ste. 343, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523  
This business is conducted by: a corporation  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.  
Signature of Registrant: /s/ Christine Louie  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 6, 2007. Expires November 6, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2261. Publish November 29, December 6, 13, 20, 2007.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
FILE NO. 402922  
The following person (s) doing business as: Beads and Stuff, 1421 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Barbara Santos, 1421 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton CA 94566  
This business is conducted by: an individual  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on October 2007.  
Signature of Registrant: /s/ Barbara A. Santos  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on October 31, 2007. Expires October 21, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2262. Publish November 29, December 6, 13, 20, 2007.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
FILE NO. 403676  
The following person (s) doing business as: Pane in the Glass, 1815 Monterey Dr., Livermore CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):  
Patrick Alderman, 1815 Monterey Dr., Livermore CA 94551  
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, 2007.  
Signature of Registrant: /s/ Patrick J. Alderman  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 19, 2007. Expires November 19, 2012.  
The Independent Legal No. 2266. Publish December 6, 13, 20, 27, 2007.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
FILE NO. 403517  
The following person (s) doing business as: VIP Golf Club, 3908 Valley Avenue Ste A, Pleasanton CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): ICV Digital Media, Inc., 3908 Valley Avenue Ste A, Pleasanton CA 94566  
This business is conducted by: a corporation  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 8, 2002.  
Signature of Registrant: /s/ David Dunham  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 19, 2007. Expires November 19, 2012.  
The Independent Legal No. 2264. Publish December 6, 13, 20, 27, 2007.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
FILE NO. 403932  
The following person (s) doing business as: Livermore Saloon, 2223 First Street, Livermore CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Sid Brown, Inc., 2223 First Street, 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 November 28, 2007.  
Signature of Registrant: /s/ Shannon Brown  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 28, 2007. Expires November 28, 2012.  
The Independent Legal No. 2265. Publish December 6, 13, 20, 27, 2007.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
FILE NO. 403650  
The following person (s) doing business as: JT Bookkeeping Service, 4084 Hillcrest Common, Livermore CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Joan H. Taylor, 4084 Hillcrest Common, Livermore CA 94550  
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, 2007.  
Signature of Registrant: /s/ Joan H. Taylor  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 19, 2007. Expires November 19, 2012.  
The Independent Legal No. 2267. Publish December 6, 13, 20, 27, 2007.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
FILE NO. 403982  
The following person (s) doing business as: 1)Opal River, 2)Petroglyph Multimedia, 1308 Hillcrest Ave., Livermore CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): James D. Aikin, 1308 Hillcrest Ave., 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/ James D. Aikin  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 29, 2007. Expires November 29, 2012.  
The Independent Legal No. 2271. Publish December 20, 2007.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
FILE NO. 404253  
The following person (s) doing business as: Attra Solutions, 2448 Lakeside Circle, Livermore CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Marlene N. Badall, 878 Pepper Tree Lane, Santa Clara CA 95051  
This business is conducted by: a general partnership  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.  
Signature of Registrant: /s/ Trudi R. Murphy  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 6, 2007. Expires December 6, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2272. Publish December 20, 2007.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
FILE NO. 403991  
The following person (s) doing business as: Livermore Real Estate Services, 2219 First Street Suite 3A, Livermore CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Paula Cavagnaro, 4087 Stanford Way, Livermore CA 94550  
This business is conducted by: co-partners  
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on November 1, 2007.  
Signature of Registrant: /s/ Renee Needens  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on November 15, 2007. Expires November 15, 2012.  
The Independent Legal No. 2268. Publish December 6, 13, 20, 27, 2007.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
FILE NO. 403867  
The following person (s) doing business as: Aventine Med Spa, Inc., 101 E. Vineyard Ave. Suite 107, Livermore CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Solana Medical Group, Inc. 1628 La Vista Del Oreamo, Santa Barbara CA 93105  
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by a corporation  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 7, 2007.  
Signature of Registrant: /s/ Patrick Wong  
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The Independent Legal No. 2273. Publish December 20, 27, 2007, January 3, 10, 2008.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 404179

The following person (s) doing business as: Tri Valley Tech Support, 2077 Rapallo Common, Livermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Ryan Melton, 2077 Common, 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/ Ryan Melton

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 5, 2007. Expires December 5, 2012.

The Independent Legal No. 2274. Publish December 20, 27, 2007, January 3, 10, 2008.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 404351

The following person (s) doing business as: GRASSwurks Consulting, 415 South "P" Street, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Young's Retractable Screen, Inc., 2312 Loma vista Dr., Sacramento, CA 95825  
This business is conducted by a corporation  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Tommy Young

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 7, 2007. Expires December 7, 2012.

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## On-line Friends Are Boosting Voter Registration

In a search for new ways to increase voter registration, two Assembly committees are exploring how to use personal on-line meeting rooms such as MySpace to spread the word.

The committees — one on elections and the other on internet media— held a hearing Dec. 10 in Los Angeles to learn from people already encouraging the on-line proselytizing.

Rock the Vote, an organization dedicated to getting young people registered, talked about its on-line program to download an application for registration, said Dana Mitchell, chief consultant to the Assembly Committee on Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism and Internet Media. Currently, voters can't complete the registration itself on-line.

Mitchell said that Rock the Vote came up with a handy program, known as a widget, which is available free to anyone who wants to download it so they have an application to mail in. TV star Tyra Banks put the widget on her web site, resulting in 200,000 voters nationwide downloading the widget in one day, said Mitchell.

The committees learned that many people don't like to interact with government. "If the state of California came knocking on your door and said, 'We want to register you to vote,' it might be put-offish. However, if a friend puts a widget on a My Space or Face Book page, (a citizen might register)," said Mitchell.

Friends trust friends, and they

talk about mutual interests among the circles of friends they develop on these web pages, Mitchell said. Some even post videos of candidates, and what they said, so the interest in voting grows naturally. "By proliferating the opportunities to register to vote, and proliferating the information shared among trusted friend sources, we hope to encourage nontraditional voters to participate in (the election process)," Mitchell said.

### BOWEN TALKS ABOUT PORTABILITY

Secretary of State Deborah Bowen also testified before the committees. She said that election law currently confines actual voter registration itself to paper, even specifying the kind of paper on which voter registration applications must be printed. If California wants to allow on-line registration, the law needs to be amended to allow computer registration.

Mitchell reported that Bowen said she believes there can be a statewide voter registration data base on-line in 2009. That would enable voters to register statewide, and carry their registration with them anytime they move, instead of having to register again in a new precinct. Bowen invited the legislators to study that idea.

Although registration on-line looks possible in the near future, voting on-line is still a long way off, said Mitchell. Bowen told the committees that it is still far too difficult to police against voter on-line fraud.

## Petition Seeks \$6 Billion Bond For Water

An initiative petition being circulated would ask voters to authorize a \$6.8 billion bond for statewide water improvements, if it were placed on the ballot.

The title says the initiative is for drinking water, water conservation and water protection. The proponents for this measure are state Sens. Don Perata and Michael J. Machado. Both are Democrats. Part of Perata's senate district includes Livermore. Machado represents San Joaquin County.

The proponents need to collect signatures from 433,971 registered voters to qualify the measure for the ballot. Signatures must be collected by May 12, 2008. The estimated cost to the state would be \$13.3 billion over 30 years to pay the \$6.8 billion principal and the \$6.5 million interest. Annual payments are estimated at \$445 million per year.

The bond money would be allocated with 29 percent going to such things as water conservation, reclamation, and distribution and storage, all geared toward water supply reliability. Approximately 35 percent would go to Delta sustainability, including ecosystem improvements. Some 16 percent would support statewide conservation and pollution cleanup projects. Another 16 percent would go to prevent or reduce contamination of ground water. About 4 percent would support statewide water recycling projects.

Zone 7 general manager Jill Duerig said that she hasn't studied the initiative proposal in detail. However, the summary she has seen "hits all the points that we at Zone 7 feel are needed to have a comprehensive solution" for the state's water supply.

"Sometimes people say, 'Just

do the ecosystem improvements,' or 'Let's do storage.' I don't think that will solve problems. We have to come up with an overarching plan. That's what people are working on," said Duerig.

If the initiative makes it to the ballot, the Zone 7 board legally can endorse it, said Duerig.

Zone 7 staff has let the area's legislators know what kind of things are good for Zone 7, without formal board endorsement. Duerig sent a five-page letter to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's office on Nov. 13 that touted the big picture including water stor-

age, ground-water protection, use efficiency and demand reduction. It provided the governor with an overview of the efforts that Zone 7 has made on those subjects.

Zone 7 is one of 29 state water contractors that take part in the state water project (SWP). The SWP obtains its water primarily from Sierra snow-melt,

and uses the Delta as a conduit to convey water to its customers. The SWP provides about 80 percent of Zone 7's water. Zone 7's share of the SWP amounts to 2 percent, because that was its obligation in the building and financing of the project, and its continuing maintenance.

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## Leider Endorses Kamena

Livermore City Councilmember Marj Leider has endorsed Scott Kamena in his bid for the 15th Assembly District seat. Leider, a Republican, has served 4 years on the Livermore City Council and was re-elected to a second term in November.

"Scott is a trusted and respected leader in the community," said Leider. "From his work with youth at the YMCA to his leadership and vision as an elected Parks Director, he has proven his dedication to the region. Scott is effective, articulate and charismatic. He will repre-

sent us well in Sacramento."

In June, Kamena's campaign reported raising more money than all other candidates combined. Kamena's campaign website, [www.ScottKamena.com](http://www.ScottKamena.com), currently lists more district endorsements than any other candidate for Assembly.

"I am running for Assembly to make a difference for the community that I love and grew up in," said Kamena. "I am honored to receive the support of Councilwoman Leider and so many other individuals throughout the District. They will make the difference in June."

## CLIMB

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Kilimanjaro doesn't require technical skills and average people can do it if they're in good shape. The seven Rotarians all keep fit, but aren't mountain-climbers per se.

Interviewed earlier this year, Voss-Quinn commented, "We're just a group of guys with a sense of adventure. We like to combine having fun with a greater purpose. Hey, we want to prove that old geezers can make a difference!"

The Rotarians, accompanied by porters, ascended Kilimanjaro in August. It took them seven days to go up, two days to come down. They spent five to eight hours a day climbing. It was savagely cold at times and the air was thin. Going to the "bathroom" was a chore. They con-

sumed four liters of water a day. They ate well. The porters were enormously resourceful and helpful.


"The whole experience was an adventure," says Voss-Quinn.

She had an unforgettable experience one night when she left the tent and looked skyward. In the crystal clear air, the heavens were ablaze, with so many stars visible that they covered the sky like a sheet and not even one black space could be seen amidst all the light. "It was absolutely gorgeous," she says.

"I'm pleased all seven of us reached the summit," says Voss-Quinn. "That tells you that when it comes to climbing a mountain for a good cause, even old geezers can make it."

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# Time Capsule Holds Memories of 25 Years Ago

By Victoria Kameron

In April 1987, the Livermore residents at the Vineyard Village senior community buried a time capsule. On December 11, 2007 the time capsule was dug up. Virginia Souza, 90, has been a resident at Vineyard Village since 1985. She was there when the capsule was buried.

"This has been so many years ago. I can't remember what I put in," said Souza.

Manager Ernestine Giddens described the capsule's unveiling as "a time of remembrance." The capsule contained newspaper clippings dating back as far as 1980. There was also a taped recording of the Vineyard Village choral group and several packets of Polaroid photos.

One photograph showed three women wearing Hawaiian dresses with flower leis around their necks. Another photograph from the same envelope showed the complex's former manager dressed in a toga. "Halloween" was written below the picture.

Some of the residents wrote letters to future tenants who would inhabit their old rooms. One resident chose a card with a quote, "walking through life

I've discovered the hands of friendship touch like no other." Next to the card she included a photograph of a small white dog with a bright blue scrunchie in his hair.

The time capsule was discovered when the complex's maintenance man read a framed letter mentioning the capsule that was hanging on the wall of the recreation room. When he brought the letter to the management's attention, they opened up the frame. Along with an envelope addressed to the "2007 Manager" was a map of the capsule's location. It was buried under several bricks next to a water foundation. The foundation was outside the room where the framed letter had hung.

The management threw a party on December 11th to celebrate the capsule as well as the holidays. Music was provided along with salad, pizza and birthday cake. Some of the residents decorated the Christmas tree in the center of the recreation room while others danced or studied the capsule's contents.

In January 2008 the time capsule will be re-buried. All of the residents are encouraged to in-

clude something. Giddens said she hopes the generation of seniors who open the capsule will be provided for. She worries about how escalating health costs might affect seniors' future.

The original capsule included a speech written for its' burial. It was dated March 29<sup>th</sup> 1987, five years after Vineyard Village was opened. The speech mentions a survey that was handed out to the complex's seventy-three residents. Forty-two residents answered it.

The survey participants were from twenty-one different states and four foreign countries. They had ninety-two children, two hundred and fifteen grandchildren and ninety-nine great grandchildren. Together their professions included work as a bartender, homemaker, juvenile probation counselor, coal miner and trapeze performer.

Most of the residents have changed since 1987. However, the description of Vineyard Village seems to remain the same. Nearly every resident I spoke with described the community as "a family." The same phrase is repeatedly used in letters written by the former residents.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Trees are decorated for the holidays in front of the Livermore Plaza.

# Livermore School Board to Decide On Charter Petitions Next Month

By Patricia Koning

Last week, the Livermore School Board held a public hearing on two petitions by the Livermore Charter Learning Corporation (LCLC). No decision was made on either of the petitions.

On Nov. 15, LCLC presented the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) with two petitions. One is for the Livermore Valley Charter Prep High School. The other petition is for a renewal of the Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS). The prep school would serve a total of 540 students in grades 9-12. The academic program will be focused on college prep, with students having to meet the UC and CSU admission requirements to graduate.

At the public hearing three parents of LVCS students spoke in favor of the Prep High School. Current overcrowding at Livermore's two comprehensive high schools was cited as a reason to allow the Prep High School. Currently, both Livermore and Granada High Schools are operating above capacity. Plans for a Catholic High School have been put on indefinite hold.

"I urge you to approve this charter so we can give our children a choice of a third high

school in Livermore," said parent Roxanne Kusske.

"I believe my support for the charter school does not diminish my support for District schools," said Leila Epperson, a parent of two children at Livermore High School and one at LVCS. "The charter high school would complement the District's mission to educate all students in the community because all students learn differently."

The proposed Prep High School would open in the fall of 2008 with ninth grade and add one grade level each year until 2012, when the first class would graduate.

Last January, the LVJUSD Board conditionally approved two petitions, one for an "Academy" serving grades 8 and 9 and the other for a "Preparatory" serving grades 10-12. After LCLC leadership revised their plans to a single traditional high school, LVJUSD determined that the changes were significant enough to warrant a formal review of the new Prep High School petition.

The previous approvals were contingent on LCLC meeting a long list of requirements, which covered diversity and financial stability among other issues. LCLC Board President Bill

Batchelor thinks changes implemented over the past year have addressed all of those issues.

The Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS) was approved by the State in late 2004 after being rejected by both the LVJUSD Board and the Alameda County Office of Education. Charter school law stipulates that schools must first approach their local school board before appealing to the county and state.

The petition for the renewal of the LVCS petition does not make any changes to the academic program or school structure. LVCS serves 865 students and has waiting lists in all grade levels except eighth, which has three openings. The school has received WASC accreditation and exceeded all state and federal academic targets.

The LVJUSD Board must vote to deny or approve the petitions within 60 days of the submission date, by Jan. 15. The Board is scheduled to make those decisions at its Jan. 8 meeting.

"I believe our academic track record and strong parental support speak for themselves," says LVCS Principal Tara Aderman. "I look forward to further strengthening our relationship with the District as we move ahead on these two petitions."

# Youth Court To Begin Next Month

After one-and-one-half years of establishing the groundwork for the Tri-Valley Youth Courts, the first sessions will be held Jan. 8 in Superior Court in Pleasanton.

The first session will consist of mock trials, as a test run for all participants. The regular trials will begin Feb. 5, and be held on the first Tuesday of every month. There will be four trials in each of three courtrooms. Each of the participating cities — Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin — will have its own courtroom.

The basic feature of the youth court is a trial by a teenager's peers. Its mission is to empower youth to take an active role in their own rehabilitation by offering them an opportunity to take

responsibility for their own actions.

Only teens accused of first-time minor violations are eligible for being tried in the court. Participants are screened by the district attorney's office to determine who is appropriate. Taking part in the screening are high school counselors and school resource officers from the police departments.

A "defendant" admits the action of which he or she is accused and chooses to participate in the Youth Court. The case is heard within 2 to 4 weeks.

A judge presides over the cases. The youth jurors are expected to ask questions of the defendant. Restitution and apologies are expected of convicted defendants. They also

may avoid a criminal record, and stay out of the criminal justice system. By choosing the youth court trial, defendants incur the obligation of later having to serve on the youth jury.

Experience in other cities shows that former defendants are some of the sternest jurors, because they have a good sense of whether a defendant is trying to get away with something, said Diane Jeronimo, executive director of the youth courts.

The courts were established by the school districts in Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin, the police departments in the three cities, Alameda County Probation Department, and Horizons, a counseling service operated by the Livermore Police Department.

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ministrators I have ever met. I believe she will use her experience and enthusiasm as she leads Las Positas College."

While at the College of Lake County, Pollard served as the chief academic officer of the College. She served as a co-leader of the College's accreditation action team on institutional governance, and negotiated the first adjunct and full-time faculty bargaining agreements in the shortest period of time in the College's history. She also developed and implemented a plan to assess student learning outcomes and provided oversight of construction and renovation projects for several College programs and services.

She has been active in her community, developing and strengthening college partnerships with high schools, governmental agencies and organizations, social service organizations and business and industry.

Pollard received her Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies in Higher Education from Loyola University in Chicago, and both her Master of Arts and Bachelor of Arts degrees in English from Iowa State University.

She is expected to begin as President of Las Positas College on February 25, 2008 pending final settlement of her employment contract.

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