

Livermore School Employees to Get a 7% Raise

Teacher's Union Is Still Negotiating Work Day Issue

By Patricia Koning

Teachers and other staff of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District should be seeing a boost in their paychecks soon. The District has reached agreements with the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and Livermore Management Association (LMA) for a 7% salary increase, retroactive to Sept. 2006.

The District has reached a tentative agreement with the Livermore Education Association (LEA), the teachers' Union, for the salary increase along with several other items. The agreement will

not go into effect until it is ratified by both the LEA membership and the Livermore School Board.

The District has not yet reached an agreement with the California School Employees Association (CSEA).

"The 7% salary increase (tentatively agreed to) will allow us to maintain the distance between our salary schedule and neighboring districts," said Keith Pickering-Walters, President of the Livermore Education Association (LEA), the teacher's union. "It does not, however, allow us to close the gap between our salary schedule and the higher pay-

ing neighboring districts."

Teachers have not received a raise since the 2005/06 school year, when they received a 4% raise. Prior to that they had gone four years without a raise, mostly due to the District's financial crisis.

The tentative agreement between the District and LEA covers several other issues, including special education.

"This is monumental," said Pickering-Walters. "In the 50 years since LEA was founded our contract has never dealt with special education. Those teachers have not been included as much

as they should have."

Pickering-Walters cannot discuss the specifics of the special education addition to the contract until it is ratified by Union members and the School District. He does note that the contract, if ratified, will address some specific needs of special education teachers, and, more importantly, provide the Union a place to continue the discussion about special education.

The tentative agreement also addresses transfers and reassignments of teachers, making the wording more specific and easier to understand.

The District and LEA are still in negotiations over the teacher workday. Some of the issues surrounding the workday are the number of mandatory meetings, prep time, instructional minutes, and time for training.

"Our members want and need defined and predictable expectations for their work day," said Pickering-Walters. "A big issue is time for training on new programs and curriculum."

He explains that teachers often are not given any training for new programs or curriculum, but are expected to use

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Livermore Trader Joe's To Open In First Half Of 2007

Trader Joe's is expecting to open its Livermore store in the first half of this year, according to corporation spokesperson Alison Mochizuki.

The store will be at 1122 East Stanley Blvd., the location of a former K-Mart store, between Murrieta Boulevard and P Street.

The facility will be typical of the chain's average store size, in the range of 10,000 to 15,000 square feet, said Mochizuki.

Part of the site is occupied by a furniture store. The size of the furniture will shrink to accommodate the new store, according to previous information.

Trader Joe's has a store in Pleasanton. Rumors of a Livermore opening circulated for several years. Many Livermore residents, who traded at the Pleasanton store, called the Independent whenever a new round of rumors circulated about a property acquisition somewhere in Livermore that might have accommodated Trader Joe's.

The company, which is privately held, has 250 stores in more than 20 states. It began in the Los Angeles area in 1958 as Pronto Markets. The name was changed in 1967. The stores are known for their imports of food and beverages from around the world, and for bringing in new lines of food frequently. Like many businesses, the firm says that it endeavors to keep prices as low as possible. One boast on their web site is that their CEO doesn't even have a secretary.



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The sun peeked through the clouds to light up the vineyards below.

Haggerty Asks For Time to Resolve Cemetery Issue

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors appeared to be moving to vote on the proposed North Livermore cemetery last Thursday, but Scott Haggerty intervened to get the decision delayed.

Supervisor Nate Miley said he was prepared to vote down the cemetery. Before the other supervisors could speak, Haggerty requested independent analysis of the water and Measure D questions. As is routinely done when a supervisor makes that kind of

request, the board deferred to it.

The questions concern whether the project could count on a reliable water supply (the water would come from wells) and whether the cemetery would be compatible with the agricultural renewal set forth in the Alameda County Measure D Initiative.

The foes of the cemetery contend that under the wording of Measure D, a cemetery is not a permitted use in North Livermore. They are concerned that

county staff interpretations of the wording have been overly favorable to the applicant and could open the door to further non-agricultural development, undermining Measure D's agricultural goals.

The board's discussion of the independent analysis desired by Haggerty has been tentatively scheduled for March 8, but it's likely the study will take longer.

The cemetery would occupy 40 acres in the heart of the North

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Pleasanton School Trustee Hopefuls Tell About Themselves

By Ron McNicoll

Seven applicants joined two earlier ones to bring the field to nine in the Pleasanton school board's search for a trustee to replace Steve Pulido, who will become a judge Feb. 2.

The new candidates are Jill Buck, Robert Gehl, Marti Scalise, Joseph Russo, Stephen Page, Shirley Herrera, and Corine Fanene. Earliest to bring their applications to the district were Chris Grant and Jennifer Carolan, as reported last week in The Independent. Deadline for applications was Jan. 12.

Buck, a former military officer, was founder of the Go Green Initiative in 2002. It works to raise consciousness about recycling in schools. From a small beginning in the Pleasanton district, the non-profit group has grown to membership in 29 states, Britain, and Cameroon.

She was the Republican party's candidate in the 18th Assembly District in November. She finished with 33 percent of the vote in a predominantly Democratic district, losing to Mary Hayashi.

Buck was endorsed by all five members of the Pleasanton school board. Buck said the endorsements came because of her involvement in the district. "I started the Pleasanton PTA council. I interfaced with the board then, and also when I was Walnut Grove PTA president. My

rapport (with the board) is based on advocacy for children," said Buck. She has three children in Pleasanton public schools.

"My professional life is based on helping children, and helping the kids in the district," Buck said, giving the reason she applied for the vacancy. That orientation and her knowledge about how the district operates, and about budgets, as well as her involvement on the student achievement committee qualify her, she said. Buck also emphasized fiscal responsibility, which she said is "a key component of a good school board member."

Gehl is a financial advisor with UBC Financial Services. He is father of a high school student in the district and has another child in college.

Gehl explained why he applied. "The schools have done a great job with my kids. I want to repay that. I've been a businessman for 30 years. I'm a fiscally conservative person. I think I do a good job on business decisions, and the cost associated with it. I would bring a strong business background to the board," he said.

Scalise works part-time in marketing and sales of commercial products in a family business. She has two children, both in Pleasanton schools.

"I've been really involved, as

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The County Agrees To Settlement On Altamont Bird Deaths Suit; CBD Unhappy

Alameda County Supervisors signed off on a court settlement that they said will help reduce the number of birds killed at windpower facilities in the Altamont. The vote was 4-1 last Thursday. The county was a defendant in the suit, along with several windpower firms. Plaintiffs were the Audubon Society

and CARE, another environmental group.

Supervisor Gail Steele cast the dissenting vote.

The suit aimed to force the county to take a tougher stance on reducing bird deaths. County officials said the settlement will accomplish that.

Elizabeth Murdock, execu-

tive director of the Golden Gate Audubon Society, agreed with supervisors that the settlement toughens the requirements. "We are really happy with this. This settlement agreement amends the permit. It forces the industry to commit to 50 percent reduction in bird kills in three years. It is

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Soccer Complex Feasible at Robertson Park

The cost to construct a soccer complex at Robertson Park is estimated at \$5.2 million, according to consultant Sherry Temple of Beals Alliance.

The Livermore Youth Soccer League had presented the idea of building a year-round soccer facility for league and tournament play, as well as for player training. They brought the idea to the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARP) board last year. The league's proposal is to convert two soccer fields to an all weather artificial

surface, add lights to another field, pave the parking area, build a separate synthetic field with a goalkeeper training area, and construct a permanent snack shack. The LARP board approved a study to check the feasibility.

Temple summarized the results of the study, including estimated costs, for the board at its meeting last week. She said that all but one of the changes would work. Temple recommended not constructing the synthetic field with the goalkeeper training

area. Rather, the site, which is adjacent to the arroyo, should be kept in natural grass. "While the synthetic turf would have benefits for the soccer program, it would have a large impact on the ecology of the area," she stated.

The two synthetic fields would cost \$1.5 million to build, lighting \$120,000, paving the parking area \$600,000, building the new field \$1 million, the snack shack \$800,000.

Temple told the board the soccer league is looking at using its

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Golf Course Redesign Needed to Make Way for Road As Part of El Charro Road Specific Plan

Livermore's Las Positas Golf Course would have to be redesigned to make room for roads connecting to Prime Outlets Livermore Valley. Approximately 150 national and international brand tenants such as Saks Fifth Avenue and Nieman Marcus would occupy the outlet facility. There would also be a food court.

Redesign of the golf course is just one of the impacts detailed in the environmental impact re-

port for the entire El Charro Specific Plan.

The specific plan area is roughly bounded by 1-580 on the north, El Charro Road to the west, mining quarries and undeveloped quarry land to the south and the Livermore Municipal Golf Course to the east.

The project includes the commercial retail outlet development on about 42 acres next to El Charro Road. The Prime Outlets

development would include 11 retail building with a floor area of approximately 450,000 square feet. At one story in height, the buildings are designed to be in compliance with the Scenic Corridor ordinance.

An east-west road would connect State Route 84 (Isabel Parkway) and El Charro Road. El Charro Road would be widened to five lanes from the proposed

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Morticians' Suit Against Livermore Schools Is in Court

The former owners of a Livermore mortuary, which was obtained by the Livermore school district through eminent domain, are suing the district, claiming the property was worth more than was paid.

The plaintiffs are Kim and Judy Wilson, who owned the former mortuary on East Avenue

for 13 years. Located next to Livermore High School, the property is slated for campus expansion.

The mortuary was founded in the 1970s by former Livermore councilman Bob Pritchard, and had a subsequent owner, before the Wilsons bought it. The case was filed in superior court in Pleasanton.

Bill Driscoll, attorney for the Wilsons, said that the couple is seeking the full value of the business they were required to vacate when the district took over the property earlier this month. The negotiated sale price, under eminent domain proceedings, was \$1.8 million. The district added

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Pieces of the 500-seat performing arts theater are put in place by workmen. The theater is scheduled to open this fall in downtown Livermore.

Tauscher to Chair Strategic Forces Subcommittee

House Armed Services Committee Chairman Ike Skelton (D-Mo.) announced that Rep. Ellen Tauscher will Chair the Subcommittee on Strategic Forces in the 110th Congress. Tauscher becomes only the third woman in history to Chair an Armed Services Subcommittee. Tauscher is also the first California Democrat to be elevated to a Subcommittee Chairmanship since current Oakland Mayor Ron Dellums left Congress in 1992.

Tauscher is the only member of Congress with two national nuclear laboratories in her district. This appointment now gives her lead responsibility for the oversight of the Department of Energy complex nationwide. "I have worked in concert with our national labs since I came to Congress, particularly to ensure we have a safe and reliable nuclear deterrent without live testing, and I look forward to

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Group Files Protest Over Bid Rejection

A team of organizations seeking to transform the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) into an environmental research facility, on Tuesday, filed a formal protest with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for denying its management proposal. The fourteen-page document claims "improper and biased handling" of the group's bid.

Livermore Lab GREEN, LLC charges that DOE's National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) acted improperly in rejecting the bid on grounds that they were "factually incorrect, unsubstantiated, biased and prejudicial, contrary to regulations and/or easily corrected." The bidders seek legal relief in the form of "reinstatement" as an active competitor for the LLNL contract. The protest also requests a suspension of the NNSA's procurement process until the group is put back on equitable footing with other bidders. The protest was filed under provisions of Federal Acquisition

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Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan



ALISAL BECOMES PLEASANTON

When Mission San Jose was secularized by Mexico in 1836, very few Indians returned to their native settlements. For the most part, despite the promises of the church, they received no land. They dispersed into nearby areas, working on ranches as laborers or as servants.

In the early 1860s, however, many Indians were displaced by two occurrences. A severe drought affected cattle raising efforts and lessened the need for labor. At the same time, law suits over ownership of the early Hispanic ranchos were settled in court. Most owners, even those who won their cases, had to sell their land to pay the lawyers.

The Bernal family was an exception—they survived the drawn-out legal process with the U.S. Land Commission after California became a part of the United States. The family received the patent to their Rancho El Valle de San José in 1865. Agustín Bernal owned the southern part of the rancho below today's Pleasanton. He allowed Indians to have a ranchería, a small settlement, below what is now the Castlewood Country Club on the Arroyo de la Laguna, perhaps at an old Pelnen (Ohlone) site on his property. They worked as ranch hands, hop-pickers, laborers and servants.

The ranchería was called Alisal, meaning "The Alders." These trees grew abundantly along the Arroyo de la Laguna. In 1872 the Alisal community participated in the Ghost Dance, sending leaders to the Sierra foothills to spread the religion, but the movement was short-lived.

The Indians who lived at Alisal were from many different tribes and spoke a variety of languages. Most of them were of mixed Indian heritage. A number of Alisal residents were interviewed by scholars from local universities. One of them, Jose Guzman, was typical with his ancestry that included Yokuts, Patwin, Coast, Bay, and Plains Miwok.

When Central Pacific laid tracks through the area in 1869, a train stop called Verona was built near Alisal. By the 1870 census, eighty-five native people had found refuge in the community. When the Hearst family bought property from Agustín Bernal that included Alisal, they allowed the Indians to live there undisturbed, but gradually the people of the ranchería had died or drifted away by 1914. Their last recognized chief, Jose Antonio, had died in 1900.

Meanwhile, farther to the north another settlement was growing. At first, it too was included in the designation "Alisal." Agustín Bernal and his second wife, Maria Juana Figueroa, moved from Santa Clara County, beginning construction on his adobe on Foothill Road, then a winding dirt byway, about 1848. Agustín's brother, Juan Pablo Bernal, and his wife, Rafaela Feliz, moved north around 1852, building their adobe about where Amador Valley High School stands today. Agustín and Juan Pablo were quiet, reserved men respected in the San Jose community. They decided to locate on their rancho property to protect their interests while their case determining land ownership was in the court system.

Other people moved to this new Alisal area. It soon became a small town. Immigrant John W. Kottinger, an Austrian school teacher, married Juan Pablo's oldest daughter Maria Refugia in 1850. Several years later, they moved to an adobe on the south bank of the Arroyo del Valle on land given to his wife as a dowry.

Kottinger and Juan Pablo Bernal worked together, driving many head of cattle to the mines, where they were exchanged for gold. Kottinger was appointed Justice of the Peace and sometimes used part of his adobe barn for a jail. Although the Kottinger home built in 1865 is gone, the 1852 barn is still here at 200 Ray Street, the oldest building in downtown Pleasanton.

Kottinger surveyed and filed a subdivision map for some of his land in 1869. His plats ranged from the Arroyo del Valle to Division Street to the railroad tracks. At that time the town post office was on Kottinger's property. He decided to name the growing town after the Union Army Cavalry General Alfred Pleasanton. Some clerk erred, and the name became Pleasanton.

At almost the same time, on the south side of Division Street, Joshua Ayres Neal platted a portion of his property and gave land for a train depot. Neal was from New Hampshire. He had worked as foreman on Robert Livermore's rancho from 1850 until Livermore's death in 1858.

Neal married María Angela Bernal, daughter of Agustín, in 1862. Angela received 530 acres as her dowry. Neal named several of the streets in his plat for members of his family: Angela Street for his wife, Abbie Street for his mother Abigail, and Neal Street for the family. He sold the land at Neal and Second Street to the Presbyterian Church for \$250. He donated property at what is now First and Bernal for a school. The family home built in 1863 still stands at 431 Neal Street. Neal's portion of the town was laid out between Division, Main, Minnie (now Bernal), and Third Streets.

The town of Pleasanton was incorporated in 1894; by 1902 its population was 1,500. Today, the population is more than 67,000. (Readers can reach me at am3homan@yahoo.com.)

Pleasanton Police Employee Leaves after 33 Years

After 33 years of service, Angela (Angie) Calija is retiring from the Pleasanton Police Department on her 55th birthday.

Angie, born and raised in Pleasanton, graduated from Amador Valley High School in 1970. She began her career with the police department in July of 1973 as a switchboard operator, using the old cord style device that can now be found in the city's Museum on Main. At one time, the police department was located in the museum, moving to the Bernal Avenue facility in 1983.

Angie has been a meter maid, office assistant, police assistant, parking control officer and interim dispatcher. Since 1988 she has served as Community Services Officer (CSO).

Police Chief Tim Neal describes CSOs as among the hardest working members of the department. They take the vast majority of police reports. They respond to all accidents. If there

are no injuries they often the report and direct traffic. In the majority of incidents they serve as the department's crime scene investigators.

Angie will be remembered as the face of the police department as it pertains to crime prevention. Chief Neal states, "I can safely say that Angie has been in more homes than anyone else in this community." She served for five years as the Crime Prevention Officer. During that time she provided residents advice on securing their homes and in teaching children how to be cautious with strangers.

In 1977 she was named California's Crime Prevention Officer of the Year, a statewide honor bestowed by the California Crime Prevention Officers Association.

During her 33 years of service, Angie has received letters that include one thanking her for raising money for Muscular Dystrophy, a commendation from

East Avenue Wins Big at the MathCounts Competition

By Patricia Koning

East Avenue Middle School had nearly a clean sweep of the top awards at the citywide Livermore MathCounts competition held last Saturday. Eighth grader Cynthia Jing was the individual winner in the 7th/8th grade category. Sixth grader Andrea Pickett won the 6th grade individual competition. East Avenue's teams picked up first in the 6th grade team competition and third in the 7th/8th team competition.

"I'm really happy and sort of surprised," said Jing, who placed third last year. She won by correctly answering the question: *If 1/2 of 1/7 of T = 1/3 of 1/5 of 90, what is T?* (Answer: 84)

Nearly 100 middle school students from East Avenue, Junction, Mendenhall, Our Savior's Lutheran, and the Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS) participated in the competition. Mendenhall continued its depth in MathCounts, taking five of the top ten spots in the 7th/8th grade individual competition, second place in the 6th individual competition, first place in the 7th/8th team competition, and second in the 6th team competition.

Junction students also performed well. In the 7th/8th individual competition, Travis Hudson took fourth and Austin Rayford took seventh; Peter Cable earned fifth place in the 6th individual competition; and the 7th/8th team won second place.

MathCounts is run as an extracurricular middle school program at the individual school sites. Employees from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) and Sandia National Laboratories, teachers, and parents volunteer as coaches.

Livermore School Board President and retired LLNL physicist Bill Dunlop has been coaching MathCounts at Christensen Middle School for the past two years. Christensen did not participate in Saturday's competition, but Dunlop hopes his team will be ready in 2008.

"This is a wonderful program," he said. "Programs like this challenge the really great students in our District."

Newly elected Livermore trustee Kate Runyon was also on hand for the event, along with Kelly Bowers and Amy Robbins from the Livermore School District, and Dick Farnsworth, LLNL's Science & Technology Education Program manager. Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena handed out the awards.

"It's wonderful to see how smart you all are, but tough to see how much I don't know anymore," he said. "Math does count. When I was in the fifth grade my dad told me that math is the queen of all sciences. And it's true; math is in everything you do."

This was the first year that LVCS participated. Kamena quipped that every year they have entered this contest they

have always won a prize. LVCS student Wali Kamal took home tenth in the 7th/8th individual competition, Carina Salcedo won fourth place in the 6th individual competition, and the 6th grade team finished third.

The top three individual winners in the 7th/8th grade level received trophies and the fourth through tenth place winners received medals. All individual winners received gift certificates to CooleyKatz Toys. Team winners received puzzles and folders.

Beyond the material prizes, the winners gained a sense of accomplishment and recognition for their skills, something that is often overlooked for athletics. MathCounts provides academic benefits as well; a survey of students at Mendenhall showed that MathCounts participants improved their standardized achievement scores by 10 points. In a survey of past state competitors, nearly 80 percent of alumni report a combined SAT score of 1400 or above.

Each of the five participating schools now will select a four-student team and up to four additional students to participate in the 21-school Diablo Chapter competition in February. Winners there move on to a northern California competition in March.

California's top four individuals and top coach will represent the state in the MathCounts National Competition in May in Arlington, VA. Top prizes there include nearly \$40,000 in scholarships.

The complete list of winners follows.

Winners of the 7th and 8th grade individual competition: 1: Cynthia Jing (East); 2: Erika Carlson (Mendenhall); 3: Amanda McNary (Mendenhall); 4: Travis Hudson (Junction); 5: Girish Kowligi (East); 6: Rachel Gaines (Mendenhall); 7: Austin Rayford (Junction); 8: Andrew Rymer (Mendenhall); 9: Ben Perry (Mendenhall); 10: Wali Kamal (LVCS).

Winners of the 6th grade individual competition: 1: Andrea Pickett (East); 2: Jeff Katen (Mendenhall); 3: Cedric Tomaschke (East); 4: Carina Salcedo (LVCS); 5: Peter Cable (Junction).

Winners of the 7th and 8th grade team competition: First place: Mendenhall (Amanda McNary, Rachel Gaines, Erika Carlson, Ben Perry); Second place: Junction (Ian McNair, Aus-



Mayor Marshall Kamena (right) presents the trophy to Cynthia Jing, 7th/8th grade individual winner.

tin Rayford, Andrew Cable, Jonathan Blaser); Third place: East, (Jing Gong, Amity Gregg, Cynthia Jing, Nicole Pham).

Winners of the 6th grade team competition: First place, East: (Mary Ann Gong, Deena Malieb, Andrea Pickett, Cedric Tomaschke); Second place: Mendenhall: (Jeremy Martin, Gilly Bishop, Kathryn Jackson, Moriah Gaines); Third place: LVCS, (Sarah Joh, Carina Salcedo, Emily Kalantar, Cynthia Hanson).

For more information MathCounts, visit <http://education.llnl.gov/mathcounts/> for Livermore programs and <http://www.mathcounts.org/> for the national MathCounts organization.

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Pleasanton Explosions

Two explosions were heard about two minutes apart in a residential area of North Pleasanton on January 13. Two other similar explosions have occurred in residential areas of Pleasanton in the recent past.

Police found evidence of plastic liter bottles used as containers to store a chemical reaction device. One witness told the police of seeing a young white male throw a bottle from a moving vehicle on Olive Drive. The bottle then exploded in the street. Police found remnants of the other bottle on Desertwood Lane.

One of the bottles still contained a chemical substance. However, the liquid has not yet been identified.

The driver and passenger in the vehicle from which the bottles were thrown were described as young white males between 17 and 20 years of age. They were seen in an older red Honda Civic (late 80s or early 90s) with a loud muffler. The tail pipe is chrome.

Anyone with information about this crime is asked to contact the Pleasanton Police Department at 931-5100.

Annexation Delayed

The City of Livermore agreed to wait until at least May to annex land opposite Wal-Mart along Las Positas Rd. The property owners do not want to annex to the city.

The matter went to LAFCO last Thursday for a decision. However, prior to the meeting, the property owners and city representatives reached an agreement to talk about plans for the land. LAFCO granted the city a continuance.

Reports indicate that Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty brought the two sides together. Owners of the 45-acre area want to develop their property and had applied to the county to split the lots. The city council voted to go ahead with a forced annexation to give the city decision making control over the land. The city felt that much of the land was too steep to develop. In addition, it is located within the city's scenic corridor.

Discussions will be held over the next few months to try to come to some agreement on how the land might be developed in a way that meets both the city's and the landowners' needs.

Solar Grants to Schools

Pacific Gas and Electric Company has awarded \$200,000 in Bright Ideas grants to 39 schools in northern and central California for their innovative solar science projects in 2006, including two schools in Livermore.

The schools are Arroyo Seco Elementary and Christensen Middle School.

The Bright Ideas program is part of PG&E's Solar Schools education program, which awarded \$1.7 million throughout the year. PG&E's Bright Ideas initiative provides grants of \$2,500 and \$5,000, primarily to underserved schools, in PG&E's service area for innovative solar science projects. The grants can be applied to classroom, after school, and summer projects that incorporate solar power science curriculum.

PG&E works directly with the National Energy Education Development Project (NEED) to administer the grants and curriculum training.

"PG&E's Bright Ideas grants program is a one-of-a-kind opportunity for students in underserved schools to learn about the science of solar power," said Mary Spruill, NEED's program director. "Working directly with teachers to develop original curriculum, the program focuses on core academic standards while training future scientists, policy makers, and business leaders about an exciting and important subject matter."

For more information about NEED, visit www.need.org.

Solar Power in Pleasanton

Solar panels will be placed at seven schools in Pleasanton. The company will sell the energy

back to the school district. The company, Honeywell, will own the panels. The district will pay a reduced rate for the electricity. The project is anticipated to save the district \$2.5 million in electricity costs over the length of the 20-year contract. After the contract ends, the district can purchase the panels, which are estimated to have a 25-year life span.

Schools receiving solar panels are Foothill High School, all three middle schools and Hearst, Lydiksen and Walnut Grove elementary schools.

Registrar of Voters Selected

Dave Macdonald, Alameda County Director of Information Technology, was selected to continue in his dual role as Registrar of Voters on a permanent basis.

The Board of Supervisors made the appointment last week. Macdonald has served as acting registrar since May 2006, when he was appointed to the job just one month before the June Primary Election.

"Our decision to appoint Dave as Registrar of Voters reflects this board's belief that he performed exceptionally well in leading Alameda County through both the June and November elections," said Supervisor Keith Carsons.

While conducting the June Primary, Macdonald spearheaded the county's effort to evaluate and select a new paper ballot based election system. The new equipment did not come into the county's possession until late summer, leaving Macdonald and his staff little time to prepare the new system for use in the Nov. 7 General Election.

Macdonald also rolled out new outreach initiatives, such as a mobile voting unit that allowed voters to cast ballots at shopping malls, BART stations, and on AC Transit buses. The team also opened new pathways of information to voters, including voter registration and absentee voting information available for the first time at the county's website.

Wind Power

Pacific Gas and Electric Company last week began receiving renewable power from the Buena Vista Energy, LLC Wind Project located in the Altamont pass area of Contra Costa County. PG&E's second newly constructed renewable project to come on line under California's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) Program, Buena Vista will provide over 38 MW of wind power to California's electricity customers.

The utility currently supplies more than 13% of its energy from renewable resources that qualify under California's RPS Program. In addition, more than 50% of the electricity that PG&E delivers to its customers comes from generating resources that emit no carbon dioxide, the primary contributor to global warming.

Biking, Walking Projects

The Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) and the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA) received 28 proposals in response to their \$7.7 million bicycle and pedestrian improvement "Call for Projects."

Proposal reviews and scoring will be discussed by ACTIA's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (Committee) during a public meeting on January 25, from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. at ACTIA headquarters, 426 17th Street, Suite 100, Oakland, CA 94612. Media and the public are encouraged to attend.

Funding priorities will be guided by two countywide plans fully adopted by ACTIA and ACCMA this fall. These include the first ever "Countywide Strategic Pedestrian Plan" and an update to the "Countywide Bicycle Plan." Both plans provide countywide priorities and tools to improve Alameda County's bicycle and pedestrian environment.

A second round of review will take place during the Committee's February meeting. Award announcements for the Measure B funds, made by ACTIA's Board, are tentatively scheduled for March 2007.

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funds to help with the costs. The complex could be shared with other sports. The complex would reduce the pressure for field time elsewhere, and businesses would benefit from the revenues resulting from tournament play.

Director Scott Kamena commented, "It would be neat to have some kind of revenue benefit analysis from having additional games. What would the games do to the district's bottom line?"

General Manager Tim Barry said that there are plans to meet with the soccer league to determine what revenues the district might expect.

Impact on the arroyo, as well as the location of the new field within the 100 year flood plain were of concern to Director David Furst. He asked whether FEMA and Fish and Game would allow a synthetic field in a flood plain (this is the field the consultant recommended leaving in natural turf).

Temple responded, "Fish and Game would not like to see one. There would have to be a botanical and environmental assessment completed and negotiations conducted with Fish and Game. Burrowing owls, salamanders and frogs do not do well in synthetic turf."

Board President Dale Turner said, "It's an aggressive project, one that is suited to the City of Livermore with all the kids who play."

Barry said the next step would be to meet with the league to set a time frame to try to put funding together and complete other

steps, such as talks with regulatory agencies.

The league has told the district that it has \$300,000 it could contribute to the project, and has contacts from outside sources to make additional contributions. The District has also been approached by another potential donor who might contribute approximately \$500,000 toward artificial turf or a field at Robertson Park in exchange for naming the field after a family member who was instrumental in the local soccer arena.

FRIENDSHIP CENTER

The board also heard about the cost of another high price item, relocation of the Friendship Center. The consultant report estimates it would cost \$3.5 million to renovate the Merritt Building to make it usable to house the adult day care program.

General Manager Tim Barry suggested using a certificate of participation to pay for the renovations. The debt service would be \$390,000 a year for fifteen years. Barry told the board it may be necessary to give up some other project to pay the debt service for the project. He suggested a fund-raising campaign would have to be part of the planning.

Other options considered by the district for the Friendship Center are city owned land on Pacific Avenue, a former school site on Vasco Road, and a commercial location.

Barry told the board that staff does not believe a commercial site is a feasible option. The cost to purchase the school site and

complete necessary changes is \$5 million. "That more than the district can afford," he said.

The costs for the two acre parcel on Pacific Avenue will be provided at the next board meeting.

The relocation of the Friendship Center from its current location at Sonoma School is necessary because the Livermore Valley Charter School is expanding. The Charter School shares the Sonoma site with the Friendship Center and with its expansion now needs the entire site.

The Charter School, school district (which owns the Sonoma site), and LARPD have worked out an agreement to extend the current Friendship Center lease to June 30, 2008. The lease had been set to expire on June 30, 2007.

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Regulations (FAR).

The protest charges the NNSA:

- Made factually-incorrect assertions in its grounds for rejecting the bid, including the claim that information was missing from the bid package when it was there.

- Made unsubstantiated allegations in its basis for rejecting the bid, including allegations that the bid would "inhibit NNSA from complying with the law" even though the bid closely aligned with congressional directives to remove weapons-usable plutonium from Livermore Lab before 2014.

- Acted in a biased and prejudicial manner in its rejection of the bid by treating the Livermore Lab GREEN, LLC and its proposal differently than it treated competitors.

- Used grounds in rejecting the bid that could easily have been corrected under the provisions of FAR, for example by rejecting the group's proposal because it provided the managing entity's board of directors list but not the lists for other partners.

The group also cited congressional disapproval of the NNSA's Livermore Lab bidding process. The GREEN LLC's protest includes Representative David Hobson's letter late last year as Chairman of the House Energy and Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee. Hobson wrote: "In mandating competition, it was the intent of Congress to attract the widest possible group of interested bidders... The Department of Energy has resisted moving in the direction of fair and open competitive processes. Unfortunately, the Department has telegraphed to the contractor community that innova-

tive ideas and concepts would not be favorably received."

Under the Federal Acquisition Regulations, NNSA is required to provide for inexpensive, procedurally simple and expeditious resolution of the Livermore Lab GREEN, LLC protest. This process can include alternative dispute resolution, third party review and use of other agency's personnel.

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EDITORIALS

Water Is Only Secondary Issue

Scott Haggerty has indicated he may approve the proposed North Livermore cemetery if it's shown that the project has water. This position troubles us. Though water is an important factor in the cemetery issue, it is not the most important factor. That factor is the project's incompatibility with the agriculture goals of the Alameda County Measure D Initiative.

In passing Measure D and later in rejecting by a 72% majority the Pardee development, the voters have mandated that North Livermore lands be preserved for agriculture. Efforts aimed at accomplishing that goal are underway, including a study to meet the water needs of the desired agriculture.

We couldn't help but notice that last week's hearing on the cemetery brought out the spokesman for the Lin family (landowners who own much of North Livermore), Valerie Raymond and others — the usual suspects pushing to urbanize North Livermore. They obviously recognize the cemetery as a potential precedent setting development that could pave the way for other development incompatible with the rural character of the area.

Scott Haggerty is the new president of the Board of Supervisors. His influence on the cemetery issue will be large. We call on Haggerty to protect the voter mandated agriculture goal.

With its precedent setting potential, the proposed cemetery is a major threat to the renewal of North Livermore agriculture. Regardless of water and other secondary factors, the cemetery must be rejected by Haggerty and his board colleagues.

Shameless Performance

"The staff report reads as if it were written by the applicant," said Dick Ryon at the hearing on the proposed North Livermore cemetery last Thursday.

Ryon, representing Friends of the Vineyards, was referring to the fact that in every case involving a potential impediment to the cemetery, staff has found a way to get around the barrier, in some cases stretching the rules outrageously, particularly those that forbid the buildings the applicant proposes.

Adolf Martinelli, retired chief of the county planning department, has embarked on a new career in the private sector as a consultant. The cemetery applicant has hired him to manage the project.

It appears that Adolf Martinelli is still running the planning department, too. That department should be providing independent analysis. Instead, it has abandoned the public interest to serve a private interest. The county staff's performance on this issue has been shameless.

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Jack London/Airway Blvd. extension. South of Jack London, the road would be widened to provide three northbound lanes across the front of the specific plan parcels.

Both the 18-hole and nine hole courses at Las Positas could be affected. The EIR declares that three holes in the 18-hole course and two on the nine-hole course would be reconfigured to accommodate the Jack London Road extension.

Two other parcels were considered for development in the EIR. One, 36-acres owned by Children's Hospital at the north-eastern corner of the specific plan area could include life-style services such as day or health spas, sports center and hotels. A church is another potential use. Crosswinds Church has proposed building its new facility on another site within the specific plan area.

The EIR points out known areas of controversy, including

compatibility with ongoing quarry operations in the area, changes in the visual aesthetics of the area, impacts on biological resources, and increases in traffic contributing to cumulative traffic in Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin, particularly on I-580.

The only unresolved issue is the east-west roadway extension and the redesign of the golf course, according to the EIR. The EIR finds that the project would contribute traffic to unacceptable freeway and ramp operations during peak hours. There are no mitigations identified.

Copies of the draft EIR are available for review at all of the Livermore Library locations and at the Livermore Planning Division, 1052 So. Livermore Avenue. The deadline for public comment is Feb. 26, 2007.

A public hearing is scheduled at the Planning Commission meeting on Tues., Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the city council chambers.

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\$300,000 for moving expenses and business loss, bringing the amount to \$2.1 million.

However, the true value, including the business name and good will, and other factors, is closer to \$3.5 million, said Judy Wilson.

Driscoll said there is no concrete figure named yet, because it's still being evaluated. However, the value could be "in the mid-threes," he said.

The school district's position, according to a press release, is that the Wilsons made the agreement, and cashed the check, which paid off the refinanced mortgage on their mortuary. Then they had \$650,000 left over. The couple had the facility on the open market in 2004, when business was slow, but removed it after there were no takers.

The district approached the Wilsons about one year later, said Judy Wilson. By then, Wilson didn't want to sell, but allegedly was told that the district could use eminent domain, if she didn't negotiate. She and her husband came to an agreement to sell the facility for the \$2.1 million total. However, someone told her to retain an eminent domain attorney. When she did, she fired the real estate attorney.

In the meantime, the district closed escrow and insisted that

Wilson vacate the mortuary, which she did by Jan. 7. Now, with an eminent domain lawyer, Wilson wants to receive more money, because she feels the situation was undervalued. There are things the district should have compensated her for that she didn't know about then, she said.

If Wilson can get significantly more money, she can obtain a loan from a bank to go into the mortuary business again in Livermore, she said. The \$650,000 can be used as a down payment. However, her expenses are high to go back into business, because she would have to build up the clientele again. Also, building codes and other factors make rehabbing a building or building a new one more expensive than 13 years ago, when they bought their former mortuary.

Wilson has been calling all people who had pre-paid service with her. She contends that the district didn't give her enough time to close the business properly.

The district said in a press release that it offered Wilson two more months to wind up business, but she declined. The district took the key on Jan. 2, but permitted Wilson to conduct three last funerals, with the last one on Jan. 5. Then she moved all of her things out of the building over the weekend.

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president of a school council for two years, and I like it," she said. She is also an ambassador to Pleasanton Partners In Education (PPIE) from her child's elementary school. Scalise said that as a parent involved in the schools, she would be able "to let the board know what is going on in the schools. I have kids in two different schools. I have experience as to how money is raised, aside from the state funding. I also know needs at the school sites. I want to make sure Pleasanton has the best possible schools."

Russo works for Cisco Systems in its new product development office. He said that he has contact with young people and their careers through his work as a career day representative for Cisco. Russo's two children are in Pleasanton schools. He has been on the district's audit committee since 2005, and has been invited to join the technology committee this month.

Russo said, "I to serve on the board to ensure continuation of the outstanding supportive board accomplishments in providing educational service to the community." He singled out his best potential contribution, "I have a passion for all things related to math, science, technology, arts and vocational instruction. I would make myself available for activities in support of these endeavors within district."

Fanene has been a teacher in the San Lorenzo school district for 13 years. She has been active there as a school site representative for the California Teachers Association. She has two children in Pleasanton schools.

Fanene said that she is a strong advocate of mentoring programs. She said she was asked by Foothill High School principal Kevin Johnson to write a paper about how to improve the mentoring program in the district, in order to get teachers and stu-

dents to warm up more to it more.

Fanene, who graduated from Foothill High School, said that she has a heart for teen-agers. When the board vacancy came along, she felt that if she did not apply for it, she said she might regret it. When the vacancy was announced, "people told me, this (job) looks like you," said Fanene. She said that her experience in teaching various grade levels has given her knowledge about how each level works.

"The board has been successful in what they've been doing. I want to add to that. Part of my background is alternative school teaching. This board doesn't have someone active in that area, but it has programs. I can bring that to the table," said Fanene.

Page told the Independent that he is a former optometrist who switched from the health care field to a career in the knowledge industry. He said that in the early 1990s, he proposed solutions to improve the way industries operate in order to eliminate duplication. He described the process as similar to what Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is proposing for the health care industry.

Page said that his current vocation motivates why he wants to be a board member. His comments also showed what he believes he can bring to the board. Page cited Thomas Friedman's book, "The Earth Is Flat," as an example of changes that all institutions face. In a nutshell, the way of the old top-down hierarchical arrangement of a business or other institution is fading. The new paradigm has to do with a more lateral approach in networks, as exemplified by the internet. That translates to the world of schools, where parents can give real world input and analysis, since the school world, like the entire world, is a community of networks.

If people on a city council or

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Livermore agricultural area, on the west side of North Livermore Avenue. Proposed are 105,000 gravesites to meet demand for 50 years, a two-story mortuary, a mausoleum and three homes for staff.

The county planning commission approved the project in a 5-1 vote last month.

The applicant is Jack Smith, Hayward attorney and former mayor, who has been involved in previous development proposals for North Livermore, including the ill-fated Las Positas New Town, voted down in a countywide election in 1984.

Haggerty, supervisor from Livermore and the board's new president, opened his remarks at last week's hearing with an expression of weariness about the seemingly endless land use struggles of North Livermore. "I may not be buried in North Livermore, but North Livermore may kill me," he said.

County staff recommended approval of the cemetery, pending identification by the applicant of a water source. The staff position was that if sufficient water isn't found, the county won't issue grading permits, stopping the project at that point in the process.

Haggerty argued that the water question must be resolved before approval is granted. "You wouldn't move forward on a major project — a housing tract, for example — if you didn't have your water source identified," he stated.

He also criticized the proposed design of the cemetery, calling it "Palm Springish" and incompatible with the grasslands and rolling hills of the surrounding landscape.

Speakers supporting the project included James Tong, a spokesman for the Lin family, development-minded landowners who possess extensive holdings in North Livermore. Tong said nothing about how the cemetery might affect the Lins' development wishes. Instead, he offered the point of view that the community must respect its dead and the cemetery would meet that noble need.

A half dozen or so consultants, hires of the cemetery project,

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the material immediately. An example is electronic grade books, which have been implemented over the past few years. For some teachers, the switch was easy. For others, less familiar with technology or more comfortable with pen and paper, the change was difficult and slow.

"There's a gap and teachers are forced to learn these skills in their off time," said Pickering-Walters. "We don't want someone to receive a negative performance evaluation because they weren't trained."

As more curriculum is technology-driven, training is crucial. The District adopted new social studies materials this year, which include software and web sites in addition to traditional textbooks. Pickering-Walters says he fears that without adequate training, some of the great components of new technology-

a school board "just talk back and forth," it might not be very productive. But if a systems analysis approach is taken, where one analyzes each component of an issue or problem, takes it apart, then puts it into a whole, that person can come up with a good plan, said Page.

The other important thing on a school board is to help build teamwork, said Page. He learned this on a high school basketball team in Cupertino, where he was point guard and had to build teamwork there.

Herrera did not return calls

Valley's Legislators Take First Look at Budget

Local legislators are looking forward to working with Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on his new budget proposals. They've already identified some of the things they like and don't like, at least until the details of proposals take shape in the form of legislation.

Schwarzenegger scored points with local legislators and virtually everyone in the Legislature for boosting funding for Proposition 98, the voter-approved minimum funding requirement for California's schools.

Assemblyman Guy Houston, the Republican whose 15th Assembly District includes Livermore, said, "What's interesting is that with declining enrollment statewide, it means more per-pupil spending." However, the governor does not have any money assigned to increasing the state school equalization formula. That's of some concern to Houston.

The Livermore and San Ramon Valley school districts lag behind other districts statewide in how much average daily attendance (ADA) money they get from the state. The Legislature and governor have been trying to eliminate that inequality among districts by increasing the money for the equalization formula. They have done that for the past two years, but still are short about \$75 million to put Livermore and other districts like it on equal footing with everyone else.

Although that \$75 million was not in Schwarzenegger's budget, Houston said that it is early yet in the legislation process to give up on it. There is still plenty of time to rally the troops in Livermore and San Ramon to work on obtaining that increase, he said. In the first year of the equalization formula boost, the money wasn't in the early budget either, said Houston.

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continuing to focus on nonproliferation in my new role. Some of America's best and brightest work at these labs and they should have the opportunity and the funding to produce the best science coupled with the proper security."

The Subcommittee on Strategic Forces has jurisdiction over ballistic missile defense including the National Missile Defense shield; the Department of Energy's defense capabilities and all nuclear weapons; space programs; and intelligence policy and national programs including the Defense Intelligence Agency.

"I am honored to assume this new role on the Armed Services Committee and thank Chairman Skelton and Speaker Pelosi for

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the first time they committed to a percentage. It is the toughest requirement they are to meet so far in the industry," she said.

Jeff Miller, spokesman for the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD), disagreed with Murdock's assessment of the settlement. "It's very clear (from reading the permit) that they replaced the conditions they agreed to in 2005. The requirement to prepare an EIR goes away, if the companies don't agree on a conservation plan. Then there is no EIR for the Altamont," said Miller.

Chris Gray, chief of staff for Supervisor Scott Haggerty, said he thought the old conditions went away, too, when he first read the settlement. However, after reading its changes to the permit, he said he realized that all of the old conditions stand. "Audubon and the county would not have agreed if we had gotten rid of them," Gray stated.

The EIR will be conducted, within the context of a Natural Communities Conservation Plan (NCCP), the state equivalent of the federal habitat conservation plan, said Gray. The administrator will be the State Department of Fish & Game.

Miller, who insisted that he did read the permit, and that it has been changed, said that the requirement for an EIR did go away. While there is the habitat plan requirement, which Murdock said that she is happy about, Miller said there is reason to be skeptical about Fish &

from the Independent seeking information. According to her district application form, she works as a school administrator in Modesto, and does not have children in the Pleasanton schools.

Herrera wrote that "as an experienced public school educator, I believe I can contribute to the good work already going on" in the district. She added that her background as a bilingual, bicultural public school educator can contribute much in the area of school leadership, cultural diversity and community spirit."

The governor also calls for repeal of teachers' tax credits. The bill, written by Sen. Darrell Steinberg when he was in the Assembly, intended to compensate teachers for the materials they buy for their classes out of their own pockets.

On the governor's proposal to defer \$80 million worth of state parks maintenance, Houston said he will fight against it.

Houston said he is pleased that the governor is not proposing any new taxes. "We still have a potential deficit for our budget. We will have to keep an eye on it," he said.

As much as the governor's proposal on health care made a media splash, more important will be the lawsuit alleging that the state is not meeting standards on housing its prisoners, because facilities are used over capacity. The Legislature had better solve the problems this year, or a judge may wind up doing it by fiat. "We might not be happy with the results," said Houston.

Assemblywoman Mary Hayashi was not available by phone for an interview. However, she said in a press release that she is "cautiously optimistic about the proposed budget." She likes the proposal to fully fund Prop. 98, to give more money for fixing the state prison system, and to provide stable funding for Proposition 32, the global warming bill. The budget is "a step in the right direction," said Hayashi.

"This is a brand new Legislature. I believe that if both sides work together, then much can be accomplished," Hayashi declared.

State Sen. Don Perata, whose district includes Livermore and Dublin, said in a press release that the budget "is a good starting point for discussion. We'll take this proposal, turn it upside down and explore every element in our long, methodical budget process."

their leadership and trust," said Tauscher. "This is a critical time for our military, and we have to be smart about how we navigate the new global environment. Our new Democratic majority is committed to strengthening America's Armed Services and improving the lives of the men and women who serve. In this new role I remain committed not only to our defense as a whole, but specifically to the men and women of Travis Air Force Base and the national nuclear laboratories, Livermore and Sandia."

Tauscher was also appointed to the newly re-organized Oversight and Investigations Committee, which will be the Committee's main investigative arm for Iraq and other Bush administration policies, as well as the Air and Land Subcommittee.

Game's standards and vigilance over such a plan.

Fish & Game does not have a good track record in the Altamont, said Miller. The department let slide hundreds of violations about bird kills over the past 20 years, because it did not aggressively enforce them, said Miller. He doubts whether it will have firm oversight on the NCCP plan for the Altamont.

Supervisor Gail Steele cast the lone "no" vote against the settlement. She said later that she was being consistent with her original vote on the issue more than a year ago, before the lawsuit was filed. She felt then, and still feels that a 50 percent reduction in bird deaths is not enough.

Steele said that she also felt that Miller, who has been before the board previously, has a good knowledge of the situation. Since he raised significant questions, and the rest of the board didn't want to delay discussion further, it was better to vote against it, she said.

She noted that there were only three business days of public notification for the supervisors' hearing on the settlement.

Gray said that just going public with a court settlement is highly unusual. Parties to the lawsuit and the public did have the chance for input. He insisted that the settlement makes conditions stricter in dealing with the windpower firms, because all of the old conditions stand. New ones apply, including the commitment to a 50 percent reduction in bird kills.

SPORTS NOTES

Tri-Valley Rugby

Tri-Valley Vikings Rugby Club is in its sixth season. Players come from Amador Valley, Dublin, Foothill, Granada and Livermore high schools. Beginners are welcome. Must be 14 to 18 years old.

Practices are Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Season runs from February through April, including tournaments. Coaches are licensed for coaching and refereeing through the USA Rugby Association. Go to www.trivalleyrugby.com for information. Send an email to trivalleyvikings@yahoo.com or call Rich Hennum, 833-8997.

Youth Soccer

Pleasanton United Ballistic Soccer U-13 Boys travelled to the frozen tundra of Turlock for the Ajax tournament this past weekend. They played Marin Arsenal to a goal-less tie in the Saturday morning game. Marin had the better of what few chances were created. However, the Ballistic defense marshaled by captain Erik Knaggs held firm and both teams seemed happy to settle for a tie and a chance to get out of the cold.

On Saturday afternoon Ballistic played the Stockton Cougars and were quickly down by three goals. Suhau Kuo started the comeback for Ballistic with a fine goal from well outside the penalty area. Suhau Kuo was instrumental in creating Ballistic's second goal when he fed Toby Harvey before being hauled down in the box. The referee played advantage and Harvey scored. Within minutes Harvey equalized for United when he converted a fine cross from Colton Portola. Ballistic were stunned in the first minute of the second period when Stockton's left winger steered a shot into the far corner of the goal. Suchi Kuo brought United level again when he tucked home his own rebound off the Cougar's goalkeeper. Suchi's brother Suhau provided the assist on the winning goal when he crossed to Seth Niermeyer who banged it home. Ballistic finished winners by a score of 5-4.

Sunday morning Ballistic, needing to win against host Modesto Ajax to have a chance of advancing to the final, were instead held to a goal-less tie. Probably the best chance of the game fell to Alexander Lutz who lifted his shot over the crossbar after another great run and cross by Suchi Kuo. In the third place play-off game on Sunday afternoon, Ballistic were matched against a physical Oakdale side, who very effectively used their size to their advantage. Ballistic keeper Michael Viebeck was floored on two occasions by Oakdale forwards with little reaction from the referee. Ballistic battled gamely to the end and created some chances, but were overwhelmed from the start and went down by the final score of 0-4.

The Livermore Elite Explosion U12 Division 1 girls' soccer team endured freezing weather conditions this past weekend while competing in the Ajax United Winter Invitational. Livermore Explosion faced SAYSO Flame in their first game of the tournament. Despite trailing 2-0 halfway into the first half, the Explosion fought back and their spirit intensified. Livermore put their first goal in when right wing Danielle Lacombe controlled a Flame goal kick and crossed the ball to center striker Cassidy Peters who took the shot. Peters' shot attempt came loose from the Flame goalie and Carli Floris took charge and drove the ball into the back of the net. Livermore tied the game when Rachel Tabarraei fed a nice pass to Alex Boucher who shot the ball through the back door and into the goal. The Flame came back and put one in for the win. Outstanding play for Livermore from midfielder Audrey Walke and strong defense led by fullbacks Jessica Floyd and Jennie Harmon.

In game two of the day, the Explosion suffered a loss at the hands of DVSC Black 94. Kaley Olsen and Karley Luce anchored Livermore's defensive support and Kerry Stein and Cierra Comfort worked hard on offense. Holly Lamb manned the goal for Livermore.

In their final match of the weekend, Livermore took the field with the Oakdale United Scorpions. Oakdale found the net first in the game but Livermore stayed on their game with continuous offensive pressure. Livermore tied the game in the second half when Cassidy Peters hit the corner of the net for a goal. Shortly after a shot by Carli Floris was just shy and hit the upper post and Peters was there to follow it in with a header that went in the net for the game-winning goal. Keeper Audrey Walke was on her toes with numerous saves in the first half but strong defensive support kept the Scorpions away from any shots on goal in the second half. Kylee Southwell, Sierra Cassels and Gabi Macias did a great job in this match up for Livermore.

The Livermore Elite Lightning U-12, Division 3 braved the freezing temperatures to play in the Association Cup. After a rough start against the Montclair Clippers, the Livermore Elite Lightning was victorious over the Elk Grove Revolution in a 3-2 win. The Lightning posted the first score in the opening minutes. The Lightning surged toward the net, culminating in an assist cross from Daniel Toscana to Jose Zavala for the goal. The Revolution answered back with a goal of their own. In the last minute of the first half, again, another mighty team effort brought forth the Lightning's second goal. Gerald Cuyte dribbled and kicked the ball to Jose and made the final pass to Jeff Gellerman, who buried the ball in the upper left corner of the net. The Revolution tied it up again in the second half, but the Lightning was not done yet. Jason Stearns came up with the ball, passing it up the side to Tyler Ellis, who then crossed it from the right side. Morgan Melendrez finished with an easy goal. Also lending key offensive support was Christopher Sund. The defense of Cody Martinez, Justin Moore, Lee Wood, Gerald Cuyte, and keeper Tristan Lewis fought hard to keep the ball, using speed and pressure. It was their finest game of the tournament. In their final game against the bracket dominate Lodi Crush, the Lightning held the Crush to the fewest goals of their bracketed games. The Lightning team played hard and never gave up.

The Pleasanton Rage U13 Division 3 team is on its way to the Association Cup Final Four. The Rage qualified for the Sweet Sixteen Round with a wildcard advancement and proved they were a force to be reckoned with in this weekend's soccer action. On Saturday the Rage met up with the Mustang Blast. Rage was first to score off a nice left side kick from Danielle Homan. Although Mustang would equalize with a nice goal of their own, Rage was not about to give up. The second half was Rage all the way. The go ahead goal came quick with a feed by Danielle LaMarche to Marissa Victor. Feeling they needed some breathing room, Rage notched one more goal from LaMarche bringing the score to 3-1 Rage.

With that win, the Rage moved into Sunday's Elite Eight round of play. Even though there was frost on the field, the Rage played hot. Meeting up with the Almaden Quicksilver, Rage was evenly matched, but it was Almaden that scored first. In the second half, Rage was fired up with shot after shot on goal. It was finally Jessie Hopson scoring twice in the span of 10 minutes that gave the Rage the lead. Knowing one more goal would give them some breathing room, Katey Cloonan stepped up and fired a shot which just escaped the keeper's hands. The final

game whistle sounded and the 3-1 victory was in hand.

The Rage now advances to the Final Four Semifinals to be held in Danville on January 27. Top Offensive Players: Stephanie Little, Jessie Hopson; Top Defensive Players: Megan Ash, Autumn Whitney, Megan Clark, Aria Crawford.

Pleasanton Rage U12 Div 1 traveled to San Bernardino for the Celtic Cup making it to the Championship game. Game 1 was played against SMC. It ended in a 0-0 tie. The Rage executed strong offensive attacks, with tenacious play and fancy footwork from Alaina Urban and Nicole Heller, while Jesse Swinkles helped lead the defense. Payton Thomas had outstanding stops defending the goal against a good team and very challenging winds. Rage picked up an easy win in the 2nd game due to a forfeit.

Game 3 Sunday morning was against the hosting Celtic team. Again Rage was down on their offensive end a majority of the game. Nicki Swinkles always an effective defender switched to the forward position and displayed some great moves, along with very strong play from Julia Rogers, Jessica Chen and Alyse Ketter. Laura Byron had the tough assignment of guarding a very fast and strong Celtic forward and was able to successfully shut her down. The final score was 0-0.

Game 2, Hanford 1, was the final score in game 4. Hanford came out and scored in the first 2 minutes of the game and Rage was able to tie it up on a Haley Jackson PK, on a foul inside the box. In the 2nd half the girls' passing combinations were impressive with strong midfield play by Summer Shelton and Lauryn Hayashi, with Shannon Malindzak handily covering the defensive field. The winning goal again came from a PK, a high corner shot for the second time from Haley Jackson. Rage met the Celtic team in the championship game and played well, again dominating most of the game with the majority of play in their offensive end. Rage had several scoring opportunities with great attacks by Dani Roe and Emmy Rodriguez but Rage just couldn't capitalize, not even after the Celtics scored and went up 1-0. Defensively Laura Klein's timing and hustle were impressive as was Brooke Quesinberry's performance in goal. Rage took second place in this tournament on their way to State Cup next week.

CYO Basketball

Catholic Community of Pleasanton (CCOP) #6007 (007) and St. Raymond's battled it out for first place in CYO basketball action. CCOP played a tough game. At the end of the first quarter they led 4-0. Bailey Downum threw a great pass to Sarah Loduha for the first basket of the game. At half time, the score was tied 9-9. Kyle Copenhagen hit a beautiful basket from the key. In the last five seconds of the game, St. Raymond's tied the game (21-21) sending it into overtime. A well skilled game ensued with St. Raymond's winning in the end 22-23. Top Offensive Players for CCOP #6007: Hayley Bradley, Sarah Loduha, Marlo Agahazarian, Bailey Downum; Top Defensive Players for CCOP #6007: Kyle Copenhagen, Sydney Hitesman, Aubry Wolff, Arleen Firoozan.

St. Michael's/St. Charles (SM/SC) 8th grade boys (#804) defeated St. Isidore (#805) 58-44. St. Isidore started fast and had an 8-2 lead early but SM/SC fought back with a stingy defense and several fast break scores to pull away with a 14 point win for their 6th consecutive victory. SM/SC's balanced attack was led by Jacob Goodness who had 17 points, 13 rebounds, 7 assists, 3 steals and 2 blocks; Ryan Rogers who had 12 points, 4 rebounds, 4 assists, 2 blocks and a steal; Kyle Phillips who had 12 points and 5 rebounds; Jacob Hohl had 10 points, 9 rebounds and 6 blocks; Jeffrey Stanford had 3 points and 3 rebounds; Steven Dubberly and Justin Brauer each contributed a basket and an assist and along with Mike Griffin played solid defense.

CCOP 7th grade girls (team 7005) won their fifth consecutive game after a three week break. They defeated St. Joan (7004) in a hard fought game. CCOP started off sluggish and found themselves behind 8-6 at the end of the 1st period. Defensive plays by Lauren MacDonnell and Sydney Okumura kept the game close and the score tied 10-10 at the half. It wasn't until the 3rd and 4th periods that CCOP got their offense going and outscored St. Joan 14-5 with a final score of 24-15. Top offensive players were MacDonnell (8 points), Lyndsay Godwin (6 points), Jessica Morozoli (4 points) and Michelle Mann/Nicole Ponzi/Kelly Parson all contributing 2 points.

CCOP 7th grade girl's worked their trap on defense to perfection and converted many steals into easy points leading to a 33 to 18 victory. Their man-to-man defense limited St. Isidore's shots. Stephanie Hogan and Rachel Orpinia led the rebounding with 7 and 6, respectively. Elena Victor's was on fire with her outside shooting, while sister, Marisa led the scoring with 10 points. CCOP played a great passing game, with Autumn Whitney having 3 assists. CCOP's record is currently 4-3, with three games left in regular season play.

SM/SC 7th grade girls (#7010) took on SM/SC (#7003) and won 36 to 18. Team 7010 got off to a hot start with 4 points in the 1st quarter by Ashley Holmes (12pts, 7rebs, 3 steals) and Shannon Sunmergren (4 pts, 6rebs, steal). The 3rd quarter Brittany Campiotti (7 pts, 6rebs, 7 steals) and McKenzie Hubert (6 pts, 12rebs) combined for 9 points as team 7010 pulled away. Great defense by Erin Walthall (3 pts, 4rebs, 2 steals), Katie Gannon (2 pts, 3rebs) and Katy Jones (2 pts, 5rebs, 2 steals) slowed down the offensive fire power of team 7003. Both teams showed great hustle and team work.

In fifth grade action, SM/SC Team 527 won its second close game in a row by defeating a visiting St. Isidore's Team 526, 20-18, in a game that came down to the final second. The first quarter was dominated by good defense on both sides. The pace picked up in the second quarter and the game was tied 8-8 at halftime. SM/SC jumped to an 18-12 lead in the third quarter but St. Isidore's fought back in the final quarter. St. Isidore's pulled to within two points with just seven seconds to go, and nearly tied the game, but SM/SC was able to hold on and ran out the final seconds. The game's offensive star was SM/SC's Alec Bradley with 8 points and numerous rebounds. St. Isidore's top scorer was Sam Berg (8 points). SM/SC's Derek Zenner and Jesse Farrans played aggressive defense with numerous steals and blocked shots.

SM/SC 5th grade boys battled St. Raymond's. Vincent Bartoni and Sumit Kumar were outstanding on offense, while Jack Meredith and Taylor Dishrow put major pressure on as defenders. The final score was St. Raymond's 27, SM/SC 21.

In 4th grade boys action, an exciting overtime game took place between SM/SC #424 and St. Joan's #417, with SM/SC winning 24-22. SM/SC #424 was led offensively by Jared Buranis with 12 points. Kamran Moshleh added 4 points, which in-

cluded a key pair of free throws. Eli Smith, Kevin Garcia, and Nick Sposeito played solid defense for SM/SC and added 2 points each. Arian Heroveli St. Joan's #417 offensively with 10 points, Jacob Weiss with 6, and Colin Carey with 4 points.

SM/SC 4th grade boys (#411) vs St. Raymond's (#418) lost 10 to 15. SM/SC played strong defense but couldn't get their shots to fall. Michael Pierce (6 pts, 4 steals), Dustin Allen (2 pts, 2rebs, 2 steals) and Ryan Holmes (2 pts, 4rebs, 4 steals) provided the offense for team 411. Defense was strong with Michael Bohl (5rebs, 5 steals), Jason Bohl (6rebs, 3 steals) and Omar Naisan slowing the good shooters of St. Raymond's.

SM/SC team #4004 won 10-9 against SM/SC team #4006 in 4th grade girls CYO basketball action. It was a close game all the way. Molly Farrow scored late in the 4th quarter to tie the game at 8-8. Arianna McGlynn made a key free throw to put SM/SC ahead by 1, but Jamie Malta made the winning basket for team #4004 with less than a minute left. Other scorers for #4006 include Danielle Dufek with 6 and Kelly Borden with 2. Scorers for #4004 were Katie Johnston with 4, and Molly Farrow, Jamie Malta, and Danielle Sunall with 2.

In a well-played game by both teams, the CYO 4th grade boys' American St. Isidore's team defeated SM/SC, 34-14. Leading scorers for St. Isidore's were Fect with 9 points, Allen with 8 points, and Watson with 7 points. Leading scorers for SM/SC were Harrison Mayo with 6 points, Frankie Perez with 6 points, and Adam Boehrer with 2 points. Outstanding defense was played by Adam Boehrer and Tylor Silva.

SM/SC 3rd grade girls (#3008) defeated St. Raymond's (#3007), 14 to 6. This game was a rematch. The SM/SC Shooting Stars had lost their season opener in overtime to this aggressive team. Little T Tabarez and Jesse Jaureguito displayed some awesome moves at guard. Amy Moussa and Kelcie Norton pulled down the rebounds. Mirabella Barbalinardo and Jordyn Salinas contributed solid defense to secure the win.

The SM/SC Shooting Stars (1st/2nd grade girls) #G33 led the Blue Cobras (1st/2nd grade girls) #G33 to a thrilling finish on Sunday. Jenny Gibson was one of the top scorers for the Shooting Stars with three baskets. Victoria Greene put in two buckets and played tenacious defense against the Cobras, forcing lots of turnovers. Annemarie Arnold helped out under the basket with lots of rebounds and blocked shots. The Blue Cobras played a great game too. Jenna Sunmergren hit the scoreboard for the Cobras. Danielle Frevert helped on offense and defense with scores and rebounds. The Blue Cobras' Samantha Duke intercepted passes to help out her team.

The SM/SC 1st and 2nd grade Scorpions and the Cobras played a great game on Sunday. The Scorpions had an offensive move shown by Kaine Montez and Brandon Williams, while Hunter Burke played some fierce defense. The Cobras played tough also. Blake Downy and Ryan Castillo played excellent offense and Troy Heston rebounded well. Both teams stood out with excellent performances.

Freshman Split Action

The Amador Valley Lady Dons freshman girls basketball team traveled to Monte Vista Friday night and earned a victory in their league opener, beating the Mustangs 26 to 21. Amador got off to a very slow start while Monte Vista couldn't seem to miss from the outside. The Dons found themselves down 20 to 13 at the end of the first half. The Lady Dons applied full court pressure in the second half, which caused numerous Mustang turnovers. These defensive adjustments allowed only one Monte Vista point in the entire second half. Haley Douglas, Kelsey Martin, Emily Pease and Brit Bloom hit the boards while Douglas, Bloom and Chelsea Luther led the team in steals. The second half was a different offensive game for the Dons as well. Courtney Wagner and Jessica Infall shared point guard responsibilities and were able to get the ball inside to Emily Pease who had an outstanding day at the post position, leading Amador with 10 points. Britannia Bloom added 7 while Chelsea Luther and Kelsey Martin had 5 and 4 points respectively.

In a quick turn around, Berkeley High defeated the Lady Dons Saturday morning in non-league action. Berkeley was out to avenge their only loss of the season that came at the hands of Amador Valley during the Carondelet tournament. The Lady Jackets were deadly from the outside and incredibly physical on the inside. The Dons found themselves in an unusual position, down 5 to 17 in the first quarter. The Dons came out for the second quarter a little stronger and ready to play a little more physical, but found themselves trailing 20 to 32 at the end of the half. The Lady Dons trailed by 24 at the beginning of the fourth quarter. The Dons responded by giving it their all in the 4th quarter. Neeha Seelam and Paula Krzesinska came in and played excellent defense and the Dons were able to apply an effective full court press to bring the game to within 12, but that was as close as Amador would get. At the buzzer, Berkeley had beaten Amador 60 to 48. Britannia Bloom had a season high of 32 points to lead the Lady Dons offense, followed by Chelsea Luther's 6 and Brittany Randall's 4 points. Pauline Rosa added 3 and Courtney Wagner, Kelsey Martin and Emily Pease all chipped in one point each. Haley Douglas and Bloom led the team in rebounds.

California Gymnastics

California Gymnastics Academy competed in the High Tech Invitational hosted by Technique Gymnastics in Rancho Cordova January 13-14.

RESULTS (by event):
LEVEL 4: Age Group: older FLOOR - Rex Lueth (8.4) POMMEL - Rex Lueth (8.1) RINGS - Rex Lueth (7.9) VAULT - Rex Lueth (9.2) PARALLEL BARS - Rex Lueth (7.6) HIGH BAR - Rex Lueth - 1st place (8.7) ALL AROUND - Rex Lueth (49.9).

LEVEL 5: Age Group: middle FLOOR - Cameron Church - 9th place (8.5); Dvir Reif (7.6) POMMEL - Cameron Church (6.55); Dvir Reif (6.45) RINGS - Dvir Reif (8.3); Cameron Church (8.2) VAULT - Cameron Church - 2nd place (9.25); Dvir Reif (8.7) PARALLEL BARS - Dvir Reif (7.0); Cameron Church (6.6) HIGH BAR - Cameron Church - 6th place (9.05); Dvir Reif - 7th place (9.0) ALL AROUND - Cameron Church (48.15); Dvir Reif (47.05); Age Group: older: FLOOR - Yianni Constantinides (7.3) POMMEL - Yianni Constantinides - 9th place (6.85) RINGS - Yianni Constantinides - 10th place (8.2) VAULT - Yianni Constantinides - 8th place (9.0) PARALLEL BARS - Yianni Constantinides - 9th place (7.8) HIGH BAR - Yianni Constantinides (7.7) ALL AROUND - Yianni Constantinides (46.85).

LEVEL 8: Age Group: younger FLOOR - Jason Phillips - 7th place (8.8) POMMEL - Jason Phillips (6.7) RINGS - Jason Phillips

(7.4) VAULT - Jason Phillips - 4th place (7.8) PARALLEL BARS - Jason Phillips - 8th place (7.9) HIGH BAR - Jason Phillips - 2nd place (7.5) ALL AROUND - Jason Phillips - 9th place (46.1); Age Group: older FLOOR - Patrick Corona (7.8) POMMEL - Patrick Corona (6.4) RINGS - Patrick Corona (6.3) VAULT - Patrick Corona (6.6) PARALLEL BARS - Patrick Corona - 8th place (7.4) HIGH BAR - Patrick Corona (5.1) ALL AROUND - Patrick Corona (39.6).
LEVEL 9: Age Group: 12-13 yrs old FLOOR - Brandon Jessup - 2nd place (8.9) POMMEL - Brandon Jessup - 9th place (7.0) RINGS - Brandon Jessup (7.1) VAULT - Brandon Jessup (7.4) PARALLEL BARS - Brandon Jessup (7.55) HIGH BAR - Brandon Jessup - 7th place (4.35).
LEVEL 10: Age Group: 14-15 yrs old POMMEL - Nick Crowfoot - 10th place (5.2) RINGS - Nick Crowfoot - 8th place (6.0) PARALLEL BARS - Nick Crowfoot (5.2) HIGH BAR - Nick Crowfoot - 9th place (5.8).

Tiger Baseball

The Tiger Baseball 15U team ended its 2006 winter season taking second place in the USSA Winter Blast tournament at Twin Creeks Sports Complex. Tiger baseball is an elite fall training program sponsored by Pleasanton/Livermore Pony baseball giving players an opportunity to train with college and professional coaches for September thru January.

The Tiger 15U team finished the weekend with a 3-1 record overall record. During the "very cold" two day tournament everyone contributed to the Tiger offense generating over twenty-three hits for the weekend. David Johnson and Justin Hollar each hit two doubles; hitting one double each was Michael Miller, Daniel Carney, Tyler Hollander, Joey Luna and Aaron Hafford. Hollar led the offense with a triple during the two week event. Offensively Tiger pitchers (Matthew Chaidze, Daniel Carney, David Johnson, Michael Miller, Justin Hollar, and Tyler Hollander) combined to have a successful weekend for Tiger Baseball. For more information about Tiger Baseball go to <http://www.pleasantonpony.com>.

Middle School Basketball

East Avenue Middle School 7th grade team defeated Harvest Park 31 to 2 in Tri-Valley League Middle School Girls Basketball action. East Avenue offense was hot early with Alyse Kline (7 pts) and Sami Schiller (14 pts) combining for 11 1st Quarter points. The defense was swarming with steals by Ashley Holmes (4 pts), Julie Walsh and Erin Walthall. Pounding the boards for East was Cassidy Sherman (2 pts), McKenzie Hubert (2 pts) and Jessica Beckwith.

In a second game East Avenue dined Hart 23 to 18. The strong East Avenue defense of Jamie Elliot and Erin Walthall held the Hart team to two 3rd period points. The hot fourth quarter shooting of McKenzie Hubert, Shannon Sunmergren and Jessica Beckwith help East Avenue pull away. The clutch free throws in the final 3 minutes by Sami Schiller, Ashley Holmes and Alyse Kline secured the win for East Avenue.

Baseball Training Camp

Tri-Valley School of Baseball will present a spring training day camp on Sun., Jan. 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The camp will be directed by MLB Scout Brian Kohndrow. Professional instruction will be provided by professional players, college players and coaches. The camp is open to ages 5 to 13. The fundamentals of hitting, fielding, throwing and base running will be taught.

The camp is a fund-raiser for the Livermore Valley Charter School. The cost is \$75, with registration limited to the first 100 campers. The camp will be held at the school, 543 Sonoma Ave., Livermore.

For camp application, call 209-4697.

Track and Field Signup

St. Michael's/St. Charles CYO Track and Field Team is taking signups on Mon., Jan. 22 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the St. Michael's Church Parish Hall, corner of

Maple and 3rd streets, Livermore. Questions, call Jim Stafford at 989-4795.

Baseball Camp

A three day camp will be conducted by Foothill High School varsity baseball coach, Brian Freitas, the coaching staff and varsity players.

The 13th Annual Baseball Wintercamp is set for the weekend of January 20 and 21 at the Foothill varsity baseball field in Pleasanton. The camp will be held between 9 a.m. and noon.

There will be instruction in the fundamentals of offense, defense and pitching, including bunting, catching, throwing, all positions, base running and more. Campers will receive individual attention to the fundamentals and a camp t-shirt. Boys and girls are welcome. Registration forms available at All Star Sports at 3037 Hopyard or at www.pleasantonpony.com. The fee is \$100. For information, call 461-3791 ext. 45.

Jr. Football League

Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARP) and the football programs at Livermore and Granada High Schools are announcing the inaugural season of the Livermore Junior Football League (LJFL) in 2007.

LJFL is founded under the principle that every Livermore child who wants to play football should have the opportunity.

This inaugural year is open to all 7th and 8th grade middle school students for the 2007/08 school year. All participants will learn the fundamentals of contact football in a safe and positive environment and play regardless of talent level or ability. All games will be played in Livermore or Pleasanton. For the inaugural season, games will be played at the high schools' gridirons or at Pleasanton's sports park. Thereafter, LJFL will play at the new lighted, turf gridiron to be built by LARP and Shea Homes north of I-580. All practices will take place in Livermore.

LJFL's sign-ups will take place on Saturday, January 20, 2007, 9 a.m. to noon at Livermore High School, 458 Maple Street.

The cost is \$205 (checks only). Players must be present for weigh-in. Please arrive early. Inaugural season registration will close when the league reaches 100 players. Players who are not able to register with LJFL will be given instructions to Pleasanton Junior Football League registration. LJFL intends to expand in the future to accept all Livermore children who wish to play contact football.

For additional information, interested parents should visit: www.livermorejuniorfootball.com. President and Vice-President of LJFL are Jay Frost and Jim Burke.

Annual Crab Feed

The 2nd Annual Livermore Girls Softball Association Crab Feed fundraiser will be held on Saturday, February 3 from 6:30-11 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore. Tickets are on sale at Groh Bros. Chevrolet, 59 South L Street, Livermore for \$30 each, and tables of eight can still be purchased. Not only will crab lovers get their fill on some of the best crab around (and all you can eat of it!), but we will also have fresh French bread, Caesar salad and pasta too! For more information please contact Robin Groth at (925)

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Request for Proposal (RFP)
For I-880 to Route 238 (Mission Boulevard) East-West Connector Project in Fremont and Union City

Engineering Services to prepare a Project Report/Environmental Document with an option to prepare Final Plans, Specifications and Estimates- RFP ACTA 07-01

Alameda County Transportation Authority

The Alameda County Transportation Authority (ACTA) is seeking proposals to provide preliminary engineering, project approval, environmental clearance and final design services for the I-880 to Route 238 (Mission Boulevard) East-West Connector Project in the cities of Fremont and Union City in Alameda County.

For a copy of Request for Proposal (RFP), visit our website at www.actia2022.com or our office for a hardcopy. All questions regarding this RFP must be submitted no later than Friday, January 26, 2007 by email to James O'Brien at jobrien@actia2022.com or via fax to (510) 893-6489.

RFP Schedule:

- Last Day for Questions, Friday, January 26, 2007
- Pre-proposal Meeting (ACTA Office) Wed., January 31, 2007, 10:00 A.M.
- Proposals Due, Wednesday, February 21, 2007, 3:00 P.M.
- ACTIA Board Approves Shortlist, Thursday, March 22, 2007
- Interviews, Week of March 26, 2007
- ACTA Work Program Committee approval of ranking, Friday, April 13, 2007
- ACTA Board approval of ranking, Thursday, April 26, 2007

Eight copies of the proposal should be submitted to the address below no later than 3:00 P.M., PST, on Wednesday, February 21, 2007 and should be submitted in a sealed envelope marked:

"East-West Connector Project (MB226) – RFP ACTA 07-01"

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Attention: Arthur L. Dao, Deputy Director

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OBITUARIES

Mary Frances Hegeman

Mary Frances Hegeman died Dec. 23, 2006, after a series of small strokes. Her loving family was at her side with support from hospice.

She had lived in Northern California most of her adult life, most recently for many years in Livermore. Mary worked for many years as a secretary at various large firms, retiring from the furniture wholesale industry. In retirement, she enjoyed a busy social life and was active in PEO, Widow and Widowers' Association, and in St. Michael's Catholic Church. Mary had a wonderful twinkle in her eye as she enjoyed friends and family.

She was predeceased by husbands Jim Hutchison in 1974 and Al Voegel in 1990. She is survived by her sister, Catherine Minegar (Aldo), as well as many nieces and nephews in California and the Midwest.

Services were held Dec. 28 in Orange, California with burial in Fremont on Dec. 29.

Richard (Rick) Taylor

Richard (Rick) Taylor passed away January 9, 2007 at the young age of 54.

He was born and raised in Pleasanton. He worked for the Oakland Police Department for 24 years as an engineer. Rick was an avid Nascar and drag racing fan, loved people, and was a great family man with a great sense of humor. He touched the hearts of all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Mary, and sons Dennis and Tommy, as well as two grandsons, Evan and Peyton.

A memorial service was held January 15 in Pleasanton. A reception followed.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Gladys Marie Pope

Gladys Marie Pope died January 10, 2007 in Pleasanton. She was 91.

She was born in Chico and had lived in Hayward for 60 years. She worked as a school secretary for the Hayward School District. Her hobbies included reading, needlepoint, and crafts.

She is survived by a son Clifford Pope of Dublin, daughter Joyce Marie Gushue of Livermore, grandchildren, Donna Marie Abbott, Scott Thomas Abbott, Clifford G. Pope, and Katherine Pope Ramos. She was preceded in death by her husband Jerome S. Pope.

A private graveside service is planned at Lone Tree Cemetery. Memorial gifts may be made to Hope Hospice, Dublin.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Marilyn June Pighetti-Paiva

Marilyn June Pighetti-Paiva was born in San Francisco on Dec. 10, 1930 to Ricardo Pighetti and Irene Massoletti-Pighetti. Her husband Lawrence "Larry" Paiva preceded her in death in December 1997.

She is survived by a sister Gail Rocca and her husband Edward, niece and her husband Lauren and Patrick Delgado; nephew Leonard Rocca, grand nephew Tim Rocca, grand nieces Hope Delgado, Cristel Rise-Green and her husband Scott; and great grand nephews Christopher Rose and Shane Tunney Jr.

Marilyn had a long history of health issues. She spent the last ten years of her life at Grace Home in Orangevale. She was happy there and leaves many friends among the patients and staff whom she considered family as they did her.

A private memorial service is planned. Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Juanita Schenone Vidalin

Livermore native and lifelong resident Juanita Schenone Vidalin died January 8, 2007 at the age of 86.

She was a descendant of Robert Livermore.

She was an elementary school teacher in Livermore and Pleasanton for 38 years. Juanita played flute in the Livermore-Amador Symphony for 30 years. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, teachers' honorary society; Los Californians; and a lifelong member of St. Michael's Catholic Parish. Her

hobbies included photography, sewing, travel, music and genealogy.

She is survived by her sons Robert Vidalin and William Vidalin, grandchildren, Jill and Ian Vidalin, sisters, Antoinette Schenone Egan and family of Sacramento and Eleanor Schenone Auguston and family of Modesto.

Mass was celebrated January 16 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Livermore. A graveside service followed at St. Michael's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Livermore-Amador Symphony Association Award Fund (youth scholarship), PO Box 1049, Livermore, CA 94551-1049.

Mary Bongard

Mary Bongard died January 10, 2007 in Pleasanton. She was 99.

She was born in Cincinnati, Ohio and lived in South St. Paul, Minnesota for 68 years. For the past 30 years, she lived in Livermore. Mary was retired from Armour and Company Meat Packing Co. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Livermore. Her hobbies included crocheting and knitting.

She is survived by sons and daughters-in-law Alan F. and Faye Bongard of Pleasanton and Richard and LaVonne Bongard of Manitowish Bezel, MN, sisters Kathryn Mason and Rose Wells, both of Milwaukee, WI, five grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband Edward Bongard in 1974.

Funeral services were held January 17 in Minnesota. The family accompanied her remains for burial at the Resurrection Cemetery in Mendota Heights, MN.

In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to a charity of choice.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Warren Louis Wolff

Warren Louis Wolff died January 10, 2007 in Pleasanton. He was 82.

The native of Kansas had lived in Pleasanton for 22 years. Prior to that he had lived in Ceres for 15 years. He served in the U.S. Army. After leaving the service, he worked as a diesel technician and instructor. He was a member of the Elks Club in Livermore. He loved to work with his hands and help anyone.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Mary A. Wolff, sons Darrell Wolff of Manteca and Rick Wolff of Pleasanton, sisters Ruth Jensen of Overland Park, KS, and Delores Kinkenber of Shawnee, KS, and grandchildren, Doug, Darren, Janelle, Brittany and Aubry.

Funeral services were held January 15 at Valley Community Church in Pleasanton.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Wanda B. Martin

Wanda B. Martin died in Walnut Creek after a long fight with chronic leukemia. She was 84.

The native of Waldron, AK, was a resident of Livermore and former resident of Martinez. Wanda graduated from Fairview High School in Witumica, OK. She was a long time member of Valley Christian Center in Dublin. She enjoyed Bible study and church activities, sewing, hand work, gardening, travel, entertaining and her large family. She retired from the Martinez School

District as a supervisor of food services at John Muir School.

She is survived by her children, Martha (Raymond) Perez of Martinez, Carolyn (Dave) Wooldridge of Pleasanton and Paula (Hugh) Jackson of Sherwood, OR, stepchildren John (Donna) Martin of Morgantown, ID, Barbara (Warren) Vance of Santa Maria and Steve (Donna) Martin of San Jose, a sister Hazel Williams of Bakersfield, 21 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her first husband of 34 years, Paul Elzy, her parents Clarence and Addie Garvin, four brothers and three sisters. Five years' after Paul's passing she married Wyman Martin and they enjoyed 29 years together.

Funeral services were held January 13 at Valley Christian Center in Dublin. A committal services followed at Oakmont Memorial Park in Lafayette.

Memorials may be made in her name to the Valley Christian Center's Women's Scholarship Fund (\$60-6200) or to the Greater San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of the Lymphoma Society (415-625-1115).

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Ernest William Tomlin

Ernest William Tomlin died January 12, 2007. He was 84.

The native of Athens, IL, lived in Newark for 25 years and spent the last 15 years in Pleasanton. He served his country in the Navy and the Air Force. He was affiliated with the VFW, St. Vincent de Paul, NARFE, USS Northampton (survivor), USS Mobile. Ernie enjoyed gardening, painting, cooking, baseball, and football, and was a devoted prayer warrior.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Betty Jean Tomlin of Pleasanton, daughters, Judy L. Dlugosh of San Leandro and Patricia J. Bell of Tracy; brother, Herman Tomlin of Idaho, and a sister, Velma Copanic of Ohio. He also leaves grandchildren Christine Douglas and John Dlugosh of Pleasanton, a great grandson David Bell of California and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Sat., Jan. 20 at 1 p.m. at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St., Pleasanton. Private burial will be at the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery in Gustine.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Augustine Catholic Church, St. Vincent de Paul, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton, CA 94566.

Jerry K. Georgatos

Jerry K. Georgatos, a 52-year Pleasanton resident, died January 13, 2007. He was 80.

He came to Pleasanton in 1955 as a refugee from the earthquake devastated island of Cephalonia, Greece. His older brother, Nick, sponsored his immigration to the United States. The tremor destroyed virtually every house on the island and left several thousand dead, among the Jerry's father. When Georgatos and his 2-year-old son, Dean, arrived in America, he did not speak English and had only \$25 in his pocket. He went to work at the Cheese Factory in Pleasanton and within six months brought over his wife, Helen and another son, Dennis. Eight years after their arrival, they all became naturalized citizens.

In 1967, he left the Cheese Factory after purchasing his own business, The Bottle Shop in Fre-

mont. HE ran the store for 27 years, expanding the business to include the largest newsstand in the South Bay. In the early 1970s, he was working at the store when Elvis Presley, according to legend, stopped in for soda. He asked him who he was. Elvis reportedly replied, "Don't worry, you'll find out," and insisted he take a \$20 bill to pay for a 50-cent Coke. Georgatos refused the money and said the Coke was on him. Another customer told him he recognized Elvis. Jerry fondly recalled his encounter with the "King" during his last hospital stay. The store was sold in 1994. During retirement, he reconnected with his farming roots by cultivating a large vegetable garden. His produce supplied family, neighbors and friends with fresh fruit and vegetables for years.

He is survived by his wife, Helen, sons Dean of Alpharetta, GA, and Dennis of Pleasanton, a daughter, Candy Tinney of Sacramento, six grandchildren and one great grandchild.

A wake is scheduled Thurs., Jan. 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St., Pleasanton. The wake will conclude with a brief Greek Orthodox memorial service from 7:30 to 8 p.m. A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Fri., Jan. 19 at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Ascension, 4700 Lincoln Ave., Oakland. A luncheon reception at the church will follow.

William Chivers

William Clarence Chivers died January 14, 2007 in Manteca.

Bill had lived in the Newark/Fremont area for 66 years prior to moving to Tracy 6 years ago to be closer to his family. He graduated from Washington High School in 1950. He was a U.S. Navy veteran serving his country from 1949 to 1956. He was a member of FFA Washington Township, raising and showing steers. He took his animals to the Cow Palace in 1948 and 1949. He was a member of Teamsters Local 70 and drove for many trucking companies, logging more than one million miles over his career. He was a Scout Master for Troop 189 in Newark 1963-73. One of their many adventures was a 3300 mile trip to Canada on a bus they retrofitted. He was member of the National Rifle Association and became a hunter safety instructor; member of Masonic Lodge Alameda Lodge #167 3rd Degree; and an active member with his wife and daughter in Orient Chapter 177 of the Order of Eastern Star, Fremont.

He is survived by his children Sherry Lynn (Troy) Wright of Tracy and William (Christy) Lloyd of Oakley, a sister Mamie Chivers Graber of Fremont; brothers Morgan "Tony" Chivers of Danville and Thomas Chivers of San Jose, four grandchildren, 2 sisters-in-law, 2 brothers-in-law, as well as several nephews, nieces, great nephews and great nieces. He was preceded in death by his wife Yvonne Bonnie Loretta Chivers in 2002, a sister Patsy in 2005, his brother Roland in 2003 and his parents.

Visitation is 5 to 9 p.m. Thurs., Jan. 18 at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore. Funeral services will be held at the same location at 1 p.m. on Fri., Jan. 19. Interment will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Livermore.

Contributions in Bill's memory to American Cancer Research would be appreciated by the family.

SHORT NOTES

Duarte Garage Open

The historic 1915 Duarte garage will be open on Sunday, January 21, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The garage is located on the "Old Lincoln Highway" on the corner of Portola and L St., in Livermore. The public is invited to stop by and check out the collection of Lincoln Highway memorabilia in the garage. The recently published book The Lincoln Highway: California - Vol. 6 will be available for purchase, as well as other photographic history books of vintage cars.

For more information call (925) 443-9740. There is no admission charge.

Crisp Evening Walk

Livermore Area Recreation and Park District will host a Crisp Evening Walk on Sunday, Jan. 21.

Meet Ranger Dawn Soles at 5 p.m. at the Wetmore Road entrance to Sycamore Grove Park. Please bring some warm layers to wear along with sturdy, comfortable shoes. Reservations are required by calling (925) 960-2400. 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.

Warm Coats

Bob and Deborah Cilk are conducting their 7th Annual Warm Coat & Blanket Drive to benefit the homeless in Alameda County. They are collecting 'gently used' items including coats, blankets, socks, hats and mittens.

Donations can be dropped off at the office at United California Brokers, 351 St. Mary Street in downtown Pleasanton during business hours. Any donations received will be distributed via a mobile outreach van to homeless encampments throughout Alameda County, along with a warm meal and medical treatment.

For more information, people can contact Bob or Deborah at (925) 417-7129.

2nd Anniversary

Tesla Vintners is Celebrating its 2nd Anniversary Saturday with festivities from 1 to 4 p.m. on January 20.

Meet the Winemakers, listen to live music by the Singing Winemaker, and have a piece of Anniversary cake.

Wineries include Fenestra, Red Sky, and The Singing Winemaker and the new winery, Hidden Creek. Meet Jim Frost, owner and winemaker of Hidden Creek, and taste his Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Sangiovese, and Pinot Noir.

Tesla Vintners is located at 5143 Tesla Rd., Livermore; information at 925-606-WINE(9463).

Flamenco at Library

The intensity and elegance of Spanish dance will be showcased when award-winning artistic director Carolina Lugo and students from Brisas de Espana Dance Company launch the Pleasanton Library's 2007 series, Dance & Sing Around the World! with a performance on Saturday afternoon, January 20th, starting at 2:00pm.

Brisas de Espana is recognized as one of the top Flamenco-Spanish dance companies in the U.S. Live music will accompany the school's dance repertoire, which includes classic Spanish dance, regional dances and Flamenco.

This program is open to all ages. Registration is not required. For more information about library programs, please check the library's website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library/programs-events-child.html or call the Children's Desk at (925) 931-3400 x 8.

Orchids Under the Oaks

Orchids Under the Oaks will be held January 20 and 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore.

The orchid show and sale will be hosted by California Orchid Vendors. There will be educational exhibits and six workshops. Brian Petrasika, the Orchid Guy featured on Henry's Garden

TV show, will be on hand to answer questions and lead a couple of the workshops.

Admission and parking are free. All events are held in heated facilities. For more information or to enter an orchid in the display, contact Sue Fordyce at Alden Lane Nursery, 447-0280 or go to www.aldenlane.com. The nursery is located at 981 Alden Lane.

Reflections on Future

Reflections On Your Future will be held at the Livermore High School student union from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on January 30.

Seventh and eighth grade girls and their parents are invited to learn more about potential careers. The event is sponsored by the Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program and the Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton school districts. The program is an introduction to the high school MECCA (Making Electives Count for Career Achievement) program designed to encourage girls to pursue their interests in math, science and technology.

Students may choose among the following hands-on workshops: mammal dissection, CSI fingerprinting, aviation secrets, and what's living in our water?

For additional information and to register, please contact Kathy Adelman at Livermore High School, 606-4812 ext. 2300 or go to kadelman@livermore.k12.ca.us.

Valentine's Dance

A Valentine's Dance to be held Sat., Feb. 10 will benefit The Independent Way.

The dance will be from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street, Livermore.

The Independent Way is an organization that helps adults with special needs become more self-sufficient.

The event is sponsored by It's All About Dancing. This will be an evening of Latin and ballroom dancing. A group class will be held to provide instruction by professionals. There will be an auction, refreshments and hors d'oeuvres.

Tickets are \$40 per person. For information, call 449-9292. Tickets will be available at It's All About Dancing, 2247 Second St., Livermore, or Worldwide Signs, 1919 Second St., Livermore.

Writing Grant Proposals

The Pleasanton Human Services Commission will offer a two day workshop on "Writing Successful Grant Proposals." Sessions will be Thursdays, Jan. 25 and Feb. 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Participants must attend both days.

Presenter is Byron Johnson, projects director for CompassPoint Nonprofit Services.

The workshops will be held at the Tennis and Community Park in the meeting room, 5801 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton. Fee is \$20 per participant; \$15 if more than one registrant from an agency. The class is limited to 30 participants. Registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Payment is due at the time of registration. Specific topics will include program design, researching funders, approaching foundations and corporations, and the overall proposal process.

For more information call 931-5346 or send an email to ehofstadt@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

Post Harvest Review

Tri Valley Conservancy and Livermore Valley Wine Growers Association are hosting a Quest for Excellence Quality Wine Growing Educational Series. The purpose of this series is to assure the highest quality of wine grapes and wines are produced by Livermore Valley Wine Growers and Vintners.

The next Quest for Excellence seminar will be held on Tuesday, January 30th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Robert Livermore Community Center, located at 4444 East Avenue in Livermore. The topic will focus on the "2006 Post-Harvest Review." Growers/vintners are invited to join in a discussion of the 2006 Harvest with panelists.

The session will have a fee of \$10 to help cover the cost of materials. Please RSVP by January 26th to the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association at (925) 447-WINE (9463).

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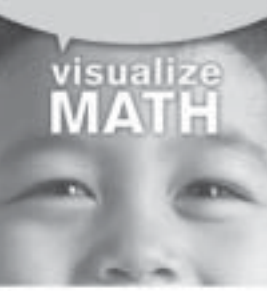
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Red Priest, known as "Pirates of the Baroque," perform in Livermore.

Red Priest Gives New Twist to Baroque Music

Most people probably would equate "dull and boring" with an evening of baroque chamber music. Del Valle Fine Arts is about to shatter that image when it presents the internationally known British baroque ensemble Red Priest.

Red Priest's program is boldly entitled, "Pirates of the Baroque," comprised of stolen masterworks and long-lost jewels of the Baroque era performed with swash-buckling virtuosity. The concert will be Sat., Jan. 27 at the First Presbyterian Church, 4th and L Streets, Livermore. It begins at 8 p.m.

This group is one of the major success stories on the international early music scene today. "There's absolutely nothing ordinary about the early music ensemble Red Priest, from its quirky costumes and innovative musical arrangements to its zany sense of humor and amazing virtuoso skills," according to the Virginia Gazette.

The pirates and sea theme is evident throughout their program: *Preludio* (from Partita in E major BWV 1006), J S Bach; *Sonata in C Minor Op 5 No 2 La Burrasca* (The Sea-Storm), Simonetti; *Adagio*, Albinoni / Giuzotto; *Tambourin*, Jean-Marie Leclair; *Aria Amorosa*, Handel; *Concerto Grosso in D minor RV 565*, Vivaldi; *Le Jour des Pirates*, Couperin; *Budro: Pirate Dance*, Anon; *Chaconne*, Vitali; *Senti lo Mare* (Listen to the Sea), Tartini; and *Concerto in G major La Tempesta di Mare* (The Sea Storm) RV 433, Vivaldi.

Formed in 1997, Red Priest now presents over 60 concerts a

year in some of the most prestigious venues in Europe, Australia, the Far East, Russia and the USA. International music critics have described the Red Priest style as "electrifying," "sheer daring," "immaculately forged," "sonically supercharged," "brilliant and inspired," "deliciously twisted". The group's extravagantly baroque ethos is perhaps best summed up in the words of English musicologist and broadcaster George Pratt: "If nobody goes over the top, how will we know what lies on the other side?"

"Red Priest" was the nickname given to Antonio Vivaldi when his music was new, groundbreaking and shocking. It's in this vein that this extraordinary, virtuoso English ensemble takes off the kid gloves, offering up intense, dramatic and highly imaginative performances. They have been compared to groups as varied as Cirque du Soleil, the Rolling Stones and Jackson Pollock to explain their outstanding musicianship and dynamism.

Tickets are \$18 general admission, \$16 for full-time college students and seniors over 62, and free for students through high school. Seating is open. Individual tickets may be purchased at the door, or in advance from the Book Oasis in Livermore, the Towne Center Books in Pleasanton or by writing to DVFA, P.O. Box 2335, Livermore CA 94551.

The three remaining DVFA concerts are the Fry Street Quartet on March 3; Denise Djokic and David Jalbert, cello and piano duo on March 31 and Chu-Fang Huang, piano on May 5.

Poet's Showcase Honors Late Poet Laureate

Poet's Showcase will be hosted by Pleasanton Poet Laureate Cynthia Bryant on Thurs., Jan. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St., Pleasanton in honor of Charlene Villella.

Charlene was a gifted poet and photographer. She was the first Poet Laureate of Pleasanton and was named honorary Tri-Valley Poet Laureate Emerita.

Poems will be read and questions answered by her friends: Cynthia Bryant, Blanche Abrams, Cher Wollard and Connie Post. "One Poem at a Time," a col-

lection of Charlene Villella's last poems, most of them concerning her journey with cancer, will be featured. This book contains 65 poems and a half-dozen of her nature photographs in full color. It was compiled over the past year by her daughter Vicki and some of Char's friends. It is published by Mustard Seed Press.

Villella was a member of the Ina Coolbrith Circle and Crystal Writers. Her work was published in many literary journals and anthologies, plus her own previous collections, and was honored with numerous awards. She

Benefit Concert Features Award Winning Musicians

The Livermore Rotary Club, in conjunction with Fine Fretted Friends of Livermore, will host a benefit concert featuring Muriel Anderson and Stanley Jordan to be held at the Livermore Performing Arts Theatre at Livermore High School, 600 Maple Street, Livermore on January 27, 2007.

This will be Muriel Anderson's eighth appearance here in Livermore - and she never fails to play to a standing ovation.

Composer and award-winning guitarist Muriel Anderson has released seven CD's in the US, three video DVDs, and is host and originator of the renowned "Muriel Anderson's All Star Guitar Night." Her album *Heartstrings* has traveled with the astronauts on a space shuttle mission. According to the Chicago Tribune: "Acoustic guitarist Muriel Anderson... has justifiably gained a reputation as one

of the world's best, and most versatile, guitar instrumentalists."

Joining the bill is multi-Grammy nominee Stanley Jordan. Known for his unique style of 'tap' guitar playing, Jordan uses the electric guitar to produce tones and harmonies never before associated with the instrument. His technique involves tapping on the fretboard with both hands at once, therefore playing multiple simultaneous lines of music. The resulting music sounds richly harmonic and percussive - more like a pianist than a guitar player. Having released 12 CDs, Jordan will provide his unique interpretation to a wide range of music and musical styles.

"Mark your calendar," says Michael Ferrucci of Fine Fretted Friends. "This is going to be a fabulous concert! We can be certain that the two of them will not only play solo guitar, Muriel has



Stanley Jordan is known for his 'tap' guitar playing.

promised that we should be prepared for them to dazzle us with many of their legendary duets.

"Muriel Anderson always plays to a packed house in Liv-

ermore," added Ferrucci. "Stanley Jordan is not just a great musician, he's astonishing! Through the years, I've been able to coax world-class musicians to participate in this program, and contribute to the Scholarship Fund. This concert will be among the finest we've ever produced."

The proceeds of this and other benefit concerts go to the Livermore Rotary Club Music Scholarship Fund. This fund has raised over \$50,000, distributed to students who pursue the craft of music as a career.

The concert begins at 7 p.m. at 600 Maple Street. Admission is \$20; children under 12 admitted free. Tickets are available at Fine Fretted Friends and Livermore Trophies and Tees in downtown Livermore or at the door (subject to sell-out). Refreshments will be available for purchase.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

Literary event at Library. Persis Karim will present her anthology, "Let Me Tell you where I've Been: New Writing by Women of the Iranian Diaspora," at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton on Sun., Jan. 28 at 2 p.m. She will be joined by authors Tara Fatemi, Esther Kamkar, and Sanaz Nikaein. All library programs are free and open to all. Contact Penny Johnson at 925/931-3405 for more information.

Aftershocker, plays at Blue Bar, 2293 First St., Livermore, January 18, at 10 p.m.

Once Upon a Mattress, Pleasanton

Playhouse, January 12-28, 2007. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Curtain time on Fridays and Saturdays is 8 p.m. and Sundays 2 p.m. Tickets are \$30 for adults (18-60), \$28 for Seniors (60+), and \$20 for Juniors (under 18). There is a substantial discount for groups purchasing 20 or more tickets. For tickets or information, call 462-2121 or go to www.pleasantonplayhouse.com.

Authors and Arts Program Series, Jan. 18, 7 p.m. author Chef, PBS star Joanne Weir, "Weir Cooking in the City." Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Free admission.

Friends of the Livermore Library. Information, 373-5505.

Happy Birthday, Jackson Pollock painting party, Jan. 28, 1 to 4 p.m. artists encourage to bring materials and imitate Pollock. Bothwell Arts Center, 8th and H Streets, Livermore. For more information, send an e-mail to bothwell@livermoreperformingarts.org, or call the center at 447-ARTS.

Killer Laughs Comedy Competition, starting Tues., Jan. 30, Tommy T's Comedy and Steakhouse, 5104 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton; info 227-1800. Each show will feature a special guest comedian after the competition. Presented by Laugh-A-Lot Productions Presents. Dates for preliminary rounds: Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27; March 6, 1; semi finals: March 20, 27; finals: April 3 featuring nine comics. All shows start 8

p.m.; doors open 6 p.m. \$7 cover plus two item minimum. Information Call (925) 264-4413 or e-mail john@laughalotproductions.com.

Community Concerts at the Wesley Center, John McCutcheon, folk singer, storyteller, multi-instrumentalist. Sat., Jan. 20; doors open 7:15 p.m., showtime 8 p.m. The Wesley Center, 902 Danville Blvd., Alamo. General admission: Gold Circle: \$40, Adult: \$25, Sr/Child \$22 Box Office/Information: 925-229-2710 or www.communityconcerts.com.

Prometheus Symphony Orchestra, concert Sun., Jan. 28, 3 p.m. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 114 Montecito Ave., Oakland. Eric Hansen, director. Music by Strauss, Kodaly and Tchaikovsky; guest performer Zenus Hsu, violin. Admission free; donations accepted. Information www.prometheussymphony.org.

Art Collecting 101 How to start collecting! A primer on the joys of collecting Topics Covered: "Where should I start?" Saturday January 20, 2007 3-4pm. Free to the Public. Refreshments served. Worthington Gallery West, 739 J. Main St., Pleasanton. Led by Claudia Hess.

Middle school drama festival, presented by Amador Valley High School Drama Department, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on January 29 on Amador's Second Stage in the multipurpose room. Please see Amador Drama's web page for more information and registration at www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/avhsweb/hartman/MiddleSchoolDramaFestival/2007%20flyer.htm, or contact Kelsey Hartman, Drama Director, at khartman@pleasanton.k12.ca.us.

'Art in the Heart of Pleasanton'

Alexander's Main Street Gallery is sponsoring an Art in Public Places project, "Art in the Heart of Pleasanton."

Artists are invited to participate in this community visual arts project. The project involves a collage of 20 to 30 canvas pieces, consisting of individually painted 5" x 5" canvases that will be mounted and framed in an acrylic showcase box. The framed piece will vary in size, based on the number of participants and total number of canvases painted. Artists are encouraged to paint more than one piece, with each piece being unique.

The project is to promote and bring awareness to the visual arts in the community. The plan is to donate the completed piece to the community for use display at a hospital, city hall, library, civic art center or other location. A plaque crediting the participat-

ing artists will also be presented.

The criteria for the canvas pieces are as follows: Artists may paint more than 1 piece, each piece being unique. Must be a painting of a red heart (s). Hearts should portray a positive outlook (e.g., no broken hearts!). Materials may include Mixed Media oils, acrylic, use of beads, paper, yarn, and metallic threads, (no glitter/pastels). All edges must be painted. All canvases must be completed and delivered to the gallery by January 31, 2007.

The gallery is located at 610 Main Street in downtown Pleasanton.

An artist reception will be held on February 3rd, 5 to 7 p.m. to unveil the work.

Artists interested in participating and who may have questions, are asked to please call (925) 846-6015 or email alexandersgallery@sbcglobal.net.

Two Writers Featured at Saturday Salon

People Who Write and Tell Stories presents its monthly Saturday Salon on Saturday January 20th at 7:30 PM at 4th Street Studio, 2235 Fourth Street, in Livermore.

Featured writers this month are Susan Mayall and Diana Carey.

The public is welcome. Open reading follows the featured writers (time allowed for each writer depends on the size of the crowd). People are welcome to just come and listen as well.

People Who Write and Tell Stories is sponsored by Fourth Street Studio, 2235 Fourth

Las Positas Choir Performs Welcome Home Concert

The Las Positas College Choir will perform a free "Welcome Home Concert" on Friday, January 19, 2007 at 8:00 p.m. in the campus library. The choir is recently back from a tour of Italy earlier this month, where the ensemble was invited to sing at an Epiphany Holiday Concert in Rome.

The ensemble also performed several concerts for U.S. troops stationed in Italy, as well as in some Friendship concerts with local choirs.

For more information, please call (925) 424-1100. Las Positas College is located at 3033 Collier Canyon Road in Livermore.

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Unusual Characters Make for Entertaining Evening

by Janet Armantrout
"Once Upon a Mattress" is a delightful romp through the lives and loves of a kingdom anxiously awaiting a prince to wed the prince. They have a selfish reason. No one else in the kingdom may marry until the prince is wed.

The Pleasanton Playhouse production, which opened last Friday, is presented in a sea of color and movement with a talented cast.

The play is based on the fairytale, "The Princess and the Pea." It's all about a potential prince who is deemed sensitive enough to be worthy of marriage to a prince because a single pea placed beneath 20 mattresses is enough to disturb her slumber.

Twelve princesses have already failed to pass a test to determine whether or not she is a "real" princess. The queen and the court wizard devise the tests, which are impossible to pass. Losers are sent home with a consolation prize, a rubber chicken.

The scheming Queen Aggravain (Cynthia Myers), while appearing to be sincere in her efforts to find her son a wife, finds it almost impossible to even pronounce the word "mar-

riage" when it applies to the prince.

Enter Winnifred. The latest princess applicant, isn't your usual "fairest in the land" style princess. This is one with character, or in this case a princess that is a real character, who calls herself "Fred." Winnifred, played by Suzanne Henry, is a zany tomboy who swims moats, is loud and is brave. And the prince likes her.

Prince Dauntless (Tomas Theriot) begins the play as a mama's boy. As his feelings for "Fred" blossom, he becomes more and more independent. In the end, he stands up to his mother.

Scheming to help "Fred" pass the latest test are lady-in-waiting Lady Larken (Julie Dahms), who finds herself in a family way and wants to marry her lover Sir Harry (Robert Sholty). There is the easy-going jester (Tom Reardon), who shines in the song-and-dance number, "Very Soft Shoes;" and a smooth-singing minstrel (Jesse Garcia), with a wonderful tenor voice.

The King (Mark Hinds) pantomimes his way through the performance. A segment where he tries to convey to his son the

"facts of life" is both touching and humorous.

There is a strong supporting cast. The unique characters and how they are played by the actors make for an entertainment evening at the theater.

"Once Upon a Mattress" is directed by Steve Shearer. The production staff includes vocal director Kim Hinkley, music director Dean Christman, choreographer Christina Lazo, assistant

choreographer Justin Isla and costume designer Marianna Ford.

Shows are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays through Jan. 28 at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$28 for seniors age 60 and older and \$20 for juniors 18 and younger. Tickets are available at 925-462-2121 or www.pleasantonplayhouse.com.

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A Community says Good-bye - The memorial to Barbara Bunshah will continue with photographs and an exhibit of a few of her favorite things at the Carnegie History Center, located on 3rd St. between J and K St., Livermore. The Carnegie is open Wed. - Sun., 11:30am - 4:00pm. For more information call Livermore Heritage Guild at 449-9927.

Mentor Training - Pleasanton Unified has implemented a pilot mentoring program for students at our high schools. The District is seeking adult volunteers who would be willing to provide an additional support system for students that is tailored to their needs and interests. The next training sessions for potential mentors, provided by Amador Valley Adult and Community Education, are scheduled for Tuesday, January 23, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m., and Tuesday, January 30, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., in the Bernal Room at the PUSD District Offices, 4665 Bernal Avenue. For more information or to register for the training sessions, please contact Cleo at (925) 426-4321 or

cfoster@pleasanton.k12.ca.us.

Health care for all Californians will be the topic discussed at the League of Women Voters Livermore-Amador Valley public meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 20. Pat Snyder from the League of Women Voters California Health Care Committee will discuss the provisions for SB840 (Kuehl) which passed both houses of the legislature last year, but was vetoed by the Governor. The OneCareNow Campaign DVD will also be shown. The public is invited to bring a brown bag lunch and beverage to this meeting in the Pleasanton Gardens senior housing community room, 251 Kottinger Drive, Pleasanton.

Livermore Valley Business and Professional Women, meet Thurs., Jan. 25 at Nordstrom Cafe, Stoneridge Mall, Pleasanton. Public is invited. Program is Workplace Etiquette and Image presented by Sylvia Montgomerie, CEO of Best Impressions Image and Etiquette coaching and training. Dinner at 6 p.m. Dinner and program \$18. RSVP to Mona at 829-3505 by Jan. 22.

The Political Book Group will meet 7-9pm on Tuesday, January 23 in the Board Room of the Livermore Public Library. This month's discussion will center on "Armed Madhouse" by Greg Palast. The aim is to understand the subject from as many directions as possible. Everybody is welcome. Different points of view are encouraged.

Please read the book.

Chatter Less (CL) is a nonprofit, peer-based, self-help support group for people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions. Cluttering is a psychological issue, not an organizing issue. Meetings are every Monday 7:00 to 8:30 pm at Pleasanton Presbyterian Church, Rm 7, 4300 Mirador Drive. Just come, or call 925-297-9246.

Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group, meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, 10 a.m. at Heritage Estates Retirement Community, 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. For more information, contact Lorene Stack, 447-6158, or Ann Laye, 443-4098.

Livermore Library board meeting, Thurs., Jan. 25, 7 p.m. at the Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. An agenda will be posted at the library 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., Jan. 20, 47 miles Moraga loop, meet at 10 a.m. at the Railroad Museum in Danville. Jonathan Quist, 510-881-5295. Sun., Jan. 21, 34 miles San Ramon Center Park to Sunrise Bakery, meet at 10 a.m., Peter Rathmann, 828-1973. Wed., Jan. 24, 25 miles Moraga Commons to the Willows Golf Course, meet 10 a.m., Jennifer Burton, 455-8228. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Baseball Training Camp, featuring professional instruction directed by MLB (Major League Baseball) scout Brian Kohndrew, Sun., Jan. 21, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

fundamentals of hitting, fielding, throwing and base running. Tri-Valley School of Baseball, Open to ages 5 to 13. Limited to 100. Fund-raising for the Livermore Valley Charter School. Camp held at the school, 543 Sonoma Ave., Livermore. Applications at 209-4697.

Seminar, World School of Massage and Holistic Healing Arts will offer a free public seminar titled "My Feet Feel Great" from 4:30 to 6:00 pm on Thursday, January 25th. The seminar is taught by Patricia Cramer, the owner and founder of World School. Attendees will learn daily self-care and specialized self-foot massage techniques. The school is located at 699 Peters Ave., Ste. A. Info: 461-2533 or www.worldschoolmassage.com.

Tri-Valley Group of Sierra Club, invites members and friends to a meeting-social on Tues., Jan. 23, 7 p.m. at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Special presentation on the history of the Tesla Mines and former townsite will be offered by historian and geologist Dan Moser. Plans for local hikes and bike rides will be discussed. Refreshments and conviviality provided. Info: Janis Kate-Turner 443-4372.

California Writers Club (www.trivalleywriters.com), Saturday, January 20, from 11:30a.m. to 2:30p.m. author Maureen Biro's two hour intensive workshop, "DreamCrafting: A Writer's Guide to Understanding and Utilizing the Power of Dreams." Luncheon held at Girasole Grille, 3180 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. \$18 member/\$30 nonmember. Reservations necessary. Contact Fred Norman Normann300@aol.com for more information.

Livermore Amateur Radio Klub, (LARK) an ARRL affiliated radio club, holds monthly meetings on the third Saturday of each month, 9:30a.m. city council chambers, 3575 Pacific Ave., Livermore. January 20 meeting - all interested persons of all ages invited, licensed or not. There is also an earlybird breakfast starting at 8:30 a.m. at Baker's Square, 1116 Stanley Blvd., Livermore. The club periodically runs license testing sessions, and also a one-day license preparation class that precedes a testing session. Also: swap meet/flea market once a month except Dec., Jan. and Feb. at Robertson Park, Livermore. For information go to www.livermoreark.org, or contact the club president, George Moorehead K6GWU at kg6wui@comcast.net or Public information officer Chuck Harding K6CKT at k6ckt@arrl.net or 373-9976.

Pleasanton Reads, Adult volunteers are needed for the Pleasanton Public Library's adult literacy program called "Pleasanton Reads." The next training dates are Monday, January 22, from 7pm until 8:30pm in the Library's large meeting room, and Saturday, January 27, from 9:30 until 3:30. Training, materials and ongoing support are all free. Volunteers generally meet once per week to help another adult improve English language skills. Please call 931-3411 to sign up or ask questions; students are waiting!

"Hearts and Minds," a chronicle of the Vietnam War, will be shown on Saturday, January 27th, 7 PM, at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Meet & greet starts at 6:30 PM. This event is open to the public, free or \$2.00 donation, wheelchair accessible, convenient parking, and snacks and beverages provided. For more information, call 925-462-3459.

RELIGION
Unitarian Universalist, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. Topic for Jan. 21 is "Years of New Foundations - the 1950s." Eric Meter will preside. Information 447-8747.

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

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

Catholic Community of Pleasanton, bereavement support ministry meetings on Jan. 25; Feb. 8, 22; March 8, 22; and April 12 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton in the chapel, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. All are welcome. Questions? Please call Kim at 735-3741.

GOOD NEIGHBOR CLASSIFIEDS

LEGAL NOTICE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 388700

The following person (s) doing business as Douglas Designs, 3567 Touriga Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Douglas Terry Pearson, 3567 Touriga Dr., Pleasanton, CA, 94566

This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.

Signature of Registrant: /s:/ Doug Pearson

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 5, 2006. Expires December 5, 2011. The Independent Legal No. 2091. Publish December 28, 2006. January 4, 11, 18, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 389192

The following person (s) doing business as Cafe Paradiso, 53A Wright Brothers Ave., Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Hala Aboujoud, 1904 Armondo Court, Pleasanton, CA 94566

Daoud Aboujoud, 1904 Armondo Court, Pleasanton, CA 94566

This business is conducted by husband and wife. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Hala Aboujoud and Daoud Aboujoud

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 389362

The following person (s) doing business as Little Caesars Pizza, 1092 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Satgur Interprises LLC, 1092 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore, CA 94550

This business is conducted by limited liability company. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Gurinder Singh

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 389623

The following person (s) doing business as Mikes Livermore Transmission, 3521 First Street, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Kenneth Leake 3836 MacGregor, 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 January 2, 2007.

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Kenneth Leake

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on January 2, 2007. Expires January 2, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2098. Publish January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 389765

The following person (s) doing business as Les Chenes State Vineyards, 5562 Victoria Lane, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Tenuta Vineyards, 633 Kalthoff Common, Livermore, CA 94550

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Signature of Registrant: /s:/Nancy Tenuta

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 389140

The following person (s) doing business as J-2 Document Signing, 4623 Nicol Common #109, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Janet Mariea Gregory-McCarroll, 4623 Nicol Common #109, 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:/Janet Mariea Gregory-McCarroll

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hereby registered by the following owner (s): Renee Neendens, 1745 Linden Street, Livermore, CA 94550

This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Renee Neendens

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 389902

The following person (s) doing business as Sally Perks, 2326 Alsace Court, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Maria Mancini, 2326 Alsace Court, 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:/Maria Mancini

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 390114

The following person (s) doing business as Mediaspec, 4621 Gerrilyn Way #111, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Alan Duncan Bayley, 7898 Medinah Ct., Pleasanton, CA 94588

This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Alan Bayley

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 389692

The following person (s) doing business as JAN MOR SVS, 5747 N. Vasco Road, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):

Signature of Registrant: /s:/David Voltz and Gregory Voltz

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on January 3, 2007. Expires January 3, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2105. Publish January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 389710

The following person (s) doing business as A+ Carpet Care 1365 Whispering Oak Way, Pleasanton, CA 94566

This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Michael J. Ramsey

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 389784

The following person (s) doing business as Fast Response, 7898 Medinah Ct., Pleasanton, CA 94577 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Alan Duncan Bayley, 7898 Medinah Ct., Pleasanton, CA 94588

This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 19, 2001.

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Alan Bayley

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 389692

The following person (s) doing business as JAN MOR SVS, 5747 N. Vasco Road, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):

Janet Sue Moorehead, 5747 N. Vasco Road, 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 May 9, 2006.

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Janet Sue Moorehead

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ORDERTO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. VG06303888 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ALAMEDA 5672 Stoneridge Drive Pleasanton, CA 94588

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Subadra Subramanian filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Subadra Subramanian Proposed Name: Subadra Nithyananda Meera Subramanian

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

NOTICE OF HEARING: a.Date: 2/13/07 Time: 2:00PM Dept: 707 b.The address of the court is: 5672 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588 3a.A copy of this Order To Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper, printed in the county: The Independent Dated: December 28, 2006 /s:/Jacob Blea III

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (SECS. 6104, 6105 U.C.C. & B & P 24073 et seq.) Notice is hereby giving to creditors of the within names seller that a sale that may constitute a bulk sale has been or will be made.

The individuals, partnership, or corporate names and the business addresses of the buyer are: **Jaswant Singh Kang 1522 Railroad Ave., Livermore, CA 94550**

The individuals, partnership, or corporate names and the business addresses of the buyer are: **Harjinder Singh 6067 Garvenda Rach Livermore, CA 94550**

As listed by the seller, all other business names and addresses used by the seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the buyer are: **NONE KNOWN**

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Livermore School District to Name Community Learning Center in Honor of Nancy Steele

By Patricia Koning
Nancy Steele, principal of Vineyard Elementary and High School and the Livermore Adult Community Education program, may be receiving recognition that many feel is long overdue. Steele has been with the District since 1965 and Vineyard Principal for 20 years.

At least week's Livermore Board of Education meeting, Kelly Bowers, Director of Curriculum and Special Projects, presented a proposal to name a new community learning center in honor of Steele.

"I think this is a wonderful thing to do for Nancy," said Board president Bill Dunlop. "She put a lot of effort into expanding this program. This learning center is something our District needs."

The community learning center is comprised of five portable classrooms and one restroom portable located behind Marylin Avenue Elementary School. The portables were placed on the school site in 2004 to serve as temporary classrooms during Marylin's remodeling.

After the remodel was finished in 2006, the Livermore School District was awarded a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grant from City of Livermore and a Livermore Rotary Foundation grant to purchase four of the used portables. Nancy Steele was instrumental in acquiring additional Adult Education funds to purchase the additional portables. The District's Facilities Department contributed to the upgrade and retrofitting of the portables and surrounding plaza to make them permanent.

"Since Nancy Steele is a stalwart of the Livermore Rotary Club that provided some of the funding for this project, it is doubly appropriate to give the center her name," said trustee Kate Runyon.

The portables and surrounding plaza form a community learning center devoted to pre-K through adult specialized programs. The center houses the Migrant Education Preschool, General Education Development (GED) Examination preparation, and Adult Education English as a Second Language (ESL), Civics, Computer Skills, and Basic Literacy classes.

The center will also be home to a unique program through the Mexican Consulate's Instituto Nacional para la Educación de los Adultos (INEA) that enables participants to finish education that was started in Mexico. Students take classes via computer

and earn units towards elementary, middle, or high school diplomas. The Mexican consulate plans to send a representative to the dedication ceremony for the center.

One of the portables will be used to provide babysitting services for children of Adult Education participants. Another portable houses a restroom for staff and participants, so the program can operate entirely independent of the adjacent elementary school.

Programs at the new learning center are already underway. It will be dedicated in a formal recognition and celebratory Grand Opening event this spring.

Before the Board can adopt the recommended name - the Nancy Steele Community Center/Plaza Comunitaria Nancy Steele - it must be considered at two consecutive Board meetings with time allowed for public response. The first meeting took place last week and the second will be held on Jan. 23.

Powers to Present Program on Their Walk Across America

Pleasanton residents Ken and Marcia Powers will speak on the topic, "Gotta Walk on the American Discovery Trail," at the Pleasanton Library on Thurs., Jan. 25 at 7 p.m.

The American Discovery Trail is a coast-to-coast, non-motorized trail stretching 4,900 miles through 13 states. In 2005 Pleasanton residents Marcia and Ken Powers became the first hikers to complete the entire length of the trail in one continuous hike. During their 7 1/2 month hike they averaged over 21 miles per day and took only 4 days off.

There will be a gear demonstration from 7 to 7:30 p.m. followed by a slide show from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

The presentation will be in the meeting room at the library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

The program is free and open to all. No registration required.

The Friends of the Pleasanton Library is sponsoring the program. For more information, call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.



Foothill High School band marching in the Fiesta Bowl Parade.

BAND

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Stadium. The national competition was created by the Fiesta Bowl committee.

Moorefield said that as far as he knows, there is no official national championship created by any band associations.

Competing bands came from throughout the United States, including Florida, New York, North Carolina, Nevada and Arkansas.

In the parade competition, Foothill scored first in all of the categories, including music, marching, showmanship, and overall best band. Moorefield said, "It's a fantastic experience for the kids. It's the first time the band has won a national championship. They have done very well this year. The band is undefeated this year in competition.

We won seven competitions before the Fiesta Bowl, all of them in California."

The band has 250 members, including the color guard and flag girls.

The band traveled by bus to Phoenix. It took 17 hours, because of a detour to avoid snow in the Tehachapi. Bus travel was much better on the way back.

There was a stop at Disneyland. The Foothill band had the honor of leading the last parade of the year at Disneyland on New Year's Eve. The band also appeared in the Fiesta Bowl two years ago, and has been to the Tournament of Roses parade five times, which is more than any other band from northern California.

Valley View Students Plan Program To Honor Martin Luther King

Students at Valley View Elementary School will present, "We are the Dream," a program in recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King Day. The presentation will be Fri., Jan. 19 at 9 a.m.

The program is a culmination of activities at the school, home to more than 700 students, almost half enrolled in Pleasanton Unified's dual immersion program. In addition to the presentation of a play, the performance of a new song, "Make a Difference," and a recitation of Dr. King's famous speech, students and families have been encouraged to attend in clothing that reflects their own ethnic or cultural heritage. They have been invited to share pictures of their

families and any historical tidbits on a display board in the school lobby.

Students have also been working on writing project related to the theme, We are the Dream. On a special visit from Kaiser Permanente in Oakland, Dr. Jose Juan Guerra, Dr. Nora Garcia-Zepeda, and Dr. Todd Foster will attend the program and stay at the school to visit classrooms and attend a special luncheon. School district and city officials have been invited to attend as well.

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