

# Biofuels Gain Attention from Resident; Sandia Lab

Olive oil, grape seed oil, and oil from wild mustard seeds are sources in our own backyard that can be converted into biodiesel fuel right now. Cooking oil from restaurants is yet another nearby source.

Biodiesel is one of the options for reducing the use of fossil fuels. Biodiesel is produced from plant material by a simple chemical process. It can be used in all diesel engines with little or no modification either on its own or as a mixture with conventional or low sulphur diesel.

President Bush set a goal to reduce America's use of gasoline by 20 percent

in 10 years. His focus was on ethanol. Nuclear energy is another area the federal government is pushing.

Researchers at Sandia National Laboratories are looking at algae to produce "biocrude." That is just one of the efforts underway in the Valley to move from fossil fuels to a more sustainable fuel source.

Ian Watson of Livermore began making his own biodiesel after hearing a story 8 years ago about a car driven across country. The driver went from McDonalds to McDonalds, taking the cooking oil and making the fuel right in the parking lot. He uses cooking oil

he has collected from local restaurants to run his two cars. Restaurants pay to have the cooking waste taken away, he explained. "I take it for free," Watson declared.

The cars that drive on biodiesel made from waste vegetable oil smell like taco chips, sushi, donuts or whatever the oil was cooking. "My wife likes the smell. It's better than burning fossil fuel."

Watson explained, "We do it because it is green. We are using a waste product and making something good out of it. It's not a process that would be attractive to a large corporation. It makes perfect sense for individuals. We collect it

locally, make it locally and use it locally."

Some of the benefits of biodiesel include the following: it provides significant reductions in most harmful exhaust emissions; production can increase economic activity in rural areas and broaden the productive scope of agriculture; and it is neutral with regard to CO2 emissions in contrast to fossil diesel which pollutes the atmosphere with 3 tons of extra CO2 for every ton burnt.

Watson brews up the biodiesel in his own garage, using a machine smaller than a clothes washer. Watson says it takes about an hour to convert the veg-

etable oil into 14 gallons of biodiesel fuel. "You can make hundreds of gallons in the same amount of time," he adds.

The vegetable oil is mixed with alcohol and a catalyst for an hour. Then Watson lets the mixture sit for an hour. The by-product, glycerine, settles to the bottom. He uses the glycerine to make soap. "Our neighbor uses it as saddle soap. She says it is the best soap she has ever used," commented Watson.

Watson refers to biodiesel fuel as liquid sunshine. The vegetation is produced through solar energy. Carbon di-

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## A Month Filled with Music

A veritable feast of music is offered to area residents in February. Performances are planned in both Livermore and Pleasanton.

The month of music begins with the Livermore-Amador Symphony concert this Sat., Feb. 3 in Pleasanton. The performance begins at 8 p.m. in the Amador Theater.

On Fri., Feb. 9, the Pacific Chamber Symphony will perform in Livermore for the first time. The program of a "Garden of Delights," will be presented at 8 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church.

The first of three concerts in the Early Music Series will debut Sat., Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Las Positas College Library, 3033 Collier Canyon Rd. Iranian born harpsichordist Mahan Esfahani will perform.

The Pleasanton Chamber Players and Friends offer a variety of instrumental and vocal pairings at a concert to be held Sun., Feb. 11 at 3 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church.

The classical concerts conclude with a four hand piano performance featuring Mark Anderson and Tamriko Stprashvili on Sat., Feb. 24. The program begins at 8 p.m. at the Amador Theater.

Youth will be performing at two events. The first is the annual Campana Jazz Festival at Amador Valley High School on Sat., Feb. 10. The competition includes all day performances, and an evening concert featuring award winners.

Pleasanton's fifth annual Youth Music Festival will be held Fri., Feb. 23 at 8 p.m. at the Amador Theater. Entertainment will include solo vocalists, instrumentalists, and vocal and instrumental ensembles. Young artists, age 18 and under, from the East Bay and beyond will perform.

Details on all of these performances can be found in the Art and Entertainment section, either in the listings or individual stories.

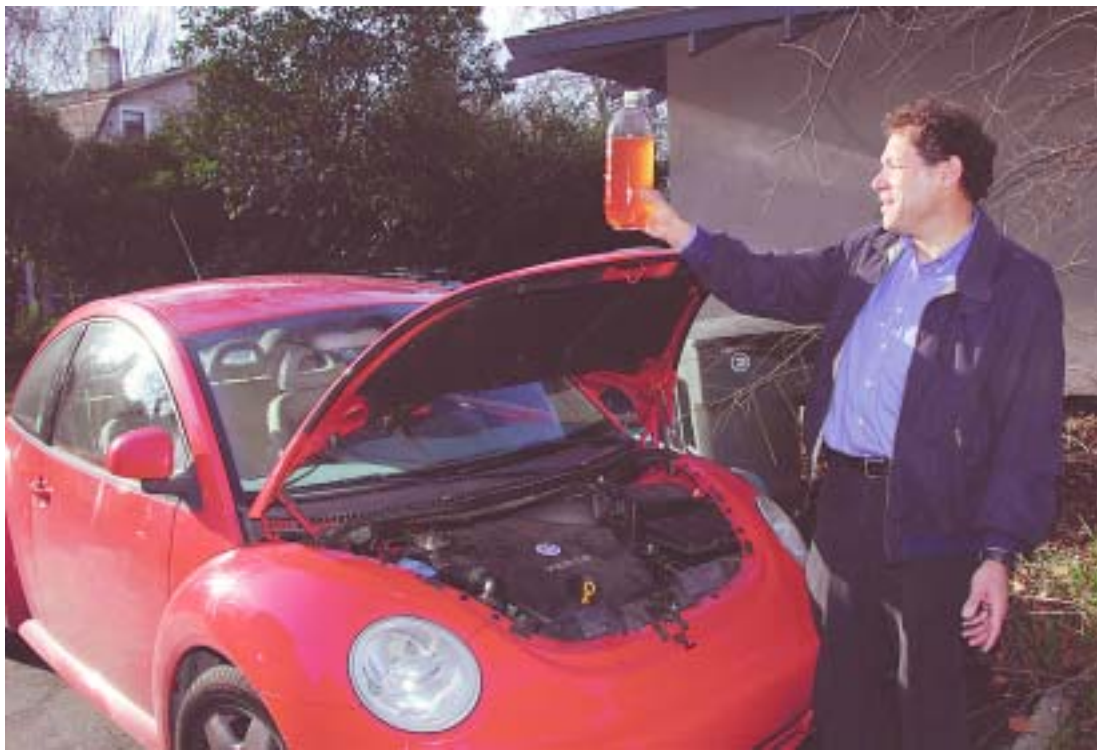


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Ian Watson holds up a bottle of biodiesel fuel. He uses it to run his car.

## Charter School Gets Approval For Middle and High Schools

By Patricia Koning

Trustees of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District last week approved petitions for two new charter schools with a vote of 4-1. Bill Morrison cast the dissenting vote.

The decision was either a cause of celebration or dismay, depending on which side of the room you were sitting on. For charter school organizers, it's the opportunity to expand their program through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Two new schools are planned.

"This is great," said Tina Morris, Principal of the Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS). "One of my goals has been to bring acceptance in this community that the charter school provides a viable education option. After all, we're all interested in the same thing—providing the best education possible."

The Livermore Charter Learning Corporation (LCLC) oversees LVCS as well as the two new schools. The Livermore Valley Charter Academy (LVCA) will serve grades eight and nine and the Livermore Valley Charter

Preparatory (LVCP) will serve grades 10-12.

"We want to express our appreciation to Superintendent Miller, her staff, and the LVJUSD Board of Directors for all of their time spent reviewing the petitions and, especially, for approving them at the local level," said LCLC executive director Lon Goldstein. "I think the whole process shows how far we have come in the past few years."

Next year the current Charter School will add eighth grade, bringing the campus to a grand total of 837 students. Those students, along with the seventh grade class of 2007/08, will form the student body of the new Charter Academy when it opens in the fall of 2008. The school will have 216 additional spots to bring the student body up to 432.

The students entering tenth grade in 2009 will be the first class of the Charter Preparatory. The school will add a grade each year until 2011 when it reaches its projected size of 648.

The smaller school size and

unique grade configurations are some of the distinguishing characteristics of the two schools. At LVCP, students will major in humanities, technology, science, or business.

Both schools will have more counselors than is typical. There will be two counselors per grade level who will move with their students from seventh to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. An additional "college" counselor will aid and assist high school juniors in preparing for college or vocational pursuits.

"We do not believe ours is a better way, just a different way," said Goldstein. In their remarks before voting on the petitions, the trustees, with the exception of President Bill Dunlop, made it clear that they were only voting to approve the new schools, because they were legally bound to do so.

A school board may not deny a charter petition unless the board makes written factual findings for specific reasons stipulated by law, such as the school presenting an unsound educa-

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## Altamont Sites Among Possibilities For Compost Facility

Four sites in the Altamont are among a dozen being proposed for a major composting facility.

The proposals were presented Jan. 24 in San Leandro to the Alameda County Waste Management Authority (ACWMA). The authority's board last year rejected its own proposal for a joint partnership with Materials Recovery Industries (MRI) to build a composting facility in the Sunol Valley.

Strenuous political opposition from Sunol residents defeated the proposal. Homeowners in Sunol complained of potential odor control problems.

The rejected facility in Sunol would have used a 40-acre site and processed 600 tons per day. Approximately 2000 tons of composting material, including food scraps, is generated every day in the county.

The county is under a mandate to decrease the amount of waste going into landfills, hence the drive to create composting facilities. ACWMA has approximately \$7 million or possibly more to contribute in a partnership with a site operator, although several representatives at

the board meeting said that they wouldn't need a subsidy to conduct the operation. However, a subsidy could contribute to a lower price for the product when it is sold, they said.

MRI presented several applications at the meeting through its spokesman, Bill Schreeder. One was on the Jess Ranch, which is near the San Joaquin county line in the Altamont. Another was on a property just over the line in San Joaquin County.

A third was on Altamont land owned by ACWMA, but which was rejected for a composting facility in the 1990s. A lack of a reliable water supply made the proposal difficult then, and nearby neighbors objected. However, Schreeder sounded optimistic that the water difficulty could be overcome this time.

Addressing the possibility of opposition, Schreeder said that two of the three neighboring houses are occupied by tenants of the authority.

The fourth Altamont site is the Altamont Landfill, which is owned by the private firm Waste Management. After an area of the

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## School Board On Lookout For State Budget Pitfalls

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's budget proposal is good news and bad news for the Pleasanton school district.

School trustees at their meeting Jan. 23 heard assistant superintendent Sandra Lepley talk about the budget's projected impact on schools. They also heard news from board member Pat Kernan that the governor's budget contains a potentially serious reduction in the amount of state money that would go to school construction.

On the good side of the ledger, the governor proposes full funding for Proposition 98, the guaranteed funding requirement that voters passed to ensure that schools can count on enough

money to operate without drastic cuts. Even during tough times in the early 1990s, the schools had relatively secure funding, although Prop. 98 was not fully funded.

Many districts had to make some cutbacks, including teacher layoffs. However, compared to the state's other obligations to cities, counties, special districts and state agencies, the schools got off relatively lightly, thanks to Prop. 98.

The coming 2007-08 budget probably won't see any expansion above the fully funded guarantee for Prop. 98 money, said Lepley. However, beyond that budget, projections are for Prop. 98 growth of \$1 billion to \$2 bil-

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## Parks Commission Supports Oak Grove Plan With Open Space Public Access

A compromise Oak Grove Project plan has been proposed by the developer, representative of the Kottlinger Ranch Homeowners Association (KRHA), open space advocates and Pleasanton city staff. As a result of a stakeholders meeting Oak Grove Alternative 5 was brought forward.

Alternative 5 includes the same residential development as in Alternative 4 but adds convenient public access to the 497 acres of open space. It provides a modest staging area with basic amenities, internal trails and a timeline that assures the public will be able to access the open

space upon the sale of the fifth residential lot. On January 11, the Park and Recreation Commission supported the open space option of Alternative 5. The item is scheduled for Planning Commission review on Feb. 14.

Dolores Bengston, a trail advocate, wrote, "The open space and trail advocates commend the KRHA, the developer and city staff for their willingness to solicit input from the open space and trail advocates and forge a new Alternative for consideration by the decision makers."

Bengston added that the southeast hills provide Pleasanton with the opportunity to de-

velop an open space preserve that will rival Pleasanton Ridge. Other staging areas and trails will complement the Oak Grove open space amenities and offer residents a variety of opportunities to access and use the parkland. "The open space and trail community looks forward to supporting projects that will assure the southeast hills will remain an open space resource the entire community can enjoy forever."

The land was acquired by the Lin family in 1977. All but 562 acres of the former Kottlinger Ranch were developed. In 1991, the remaining 562 acres were an-

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## Small Bookstores Find Their Niche

By Ron McNicoll

Small, independent bookstores have had a tough time staying in business, with one-half of them being terminated since 1993, mainly because of competition from mega-store chains and such internet giants as Amazon.com.

However, the Valley has a little niche of three independent stores that have kept on going, thanks in part to the owners' love of books and their desire to stay in business.

Two of the stores sell used books. At The Bookstore, which is at Hopyard Road and Valley Avenue, Lisa Kelly officially became the owner earlier this month. Kelly worked at the store for two years, and negotiated with the previous owner to buy it. She expects to have her real estate license soon, so the store isn't her livelihood.

Like virtually all independent bookstore owners, her big motivator to buy the store was her love of reading. She is partial to romance novels, and is writing one herself.

The atmosphere at The Bookstore is homey. It's a meeting place for the store's book clubs. Kelly is also throwing it open to select community groups in the evenings. It's common for people to drop by for coffee and just chat about books, said Kelly.

As the owner of a used book-



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Judy Wheeler Ditter arranges books on a shelf at Towne Center Books in Pleasanton.

## ACTIA Looking For More Small Business Participation

The agency that administers the one-half cent sales tax for many transportation projects in Alameda County will hold an outreach meeting in Dublin and three other locations to encourage ideas from business people and the public about how to improve business involvement with the program.

ACTIA (Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority), which is administering voter-approved funding for

\$3 billion from 2002 through 2022, has goals for local and small business involvement in carrying out various aspects of the plan, including construction and professional services associated with construction and planning.

The agency formerly had goals for awarding contracts to minority-owned and women-owned businesses, but can no longer have those goals, because of the passage of Proposition

209. The proposition banned affirmative action as part of decision making for public institutions awarding contracts.

The reach-out meetings will invite business owners and the public to offer their ideas on how to involve minority and women-owned businesses, as well as small and local businesses that are not necessarily owned by women or minorities.

A minority business is one in

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## Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan



### Mexico, An Early Settlement

In the 1850s and 1860s near what is now the intersection of Portola and North Livermore Avenue, a small settlement gradually grew called "Mexico," sometimes "Little Mexico." It was along the road running between Dublin and Laddsville, the precursor of Livermore. Mexico was a cluster of adobe homes that probably originally belonged to the Mexican and Indian workers at Robert Livermore's Las Positas Rancho. Places of entertainment were gradually added, including "monte card rooms, cantinas, fandango houses, and questionable dives where the Mexican vaqueros from the nearby cattle ranchos found diversion and shelter."

Early Alameda County Sheriff Harry Morse mentioned that several of the establishments had bad reputations—a fandango house and brothel run by Antonio Smith and another dance house run by Pio Ochoa. After his release from San Quentin in early 1871, Procopio Bustamante, an infamous bandido, had made Smith's establishment his headquarters for a month while he enjoyed "drinking, gambling, and whoring," according to *Lawman*, the biography of Morse by John Boessenecker. Earlier Ochoa had run a saloon along the road between Sunol and Mission San Jose.

A redwood ring for bull fights, bull and grizzly fights and possibly cock fights was built in Mexico and used until about 1875. One of the favorite pastimes of Californios was a bull and bear fight. A grizzly was captured up in the hills with lariats and brought to the bull ring. Then one of its hind paws was connected with a rope to the front hoof of a wild bull. The two were released into the ring and encouraged to fight to the death. Many spectators wagered on the outcome. The bull ring in Mexico was approximately 30 feet in diameter and seven feet high with several tiers of seats around the ring.

The *Alameda County Gazette* on Aug. 14, 1869, reported that Sheriff Morse, "who is continually interfering with the pleasures of the orderly and law-abiding citizens of Laddsville, notified them that the Act to 'prevent barbarous and noisy amusements on the Sabbath' would be rigidly enforced, hence the day [for a bull and bear fight] was changed to Saturday. A large audience is confidently expected."

In 1870 the *Gazette*, with tongue in cheek, mourned the lack of a grizzly bear to fight against a bull in Livermore: "That spacious redwood amphitheater known and distinguished as a 'bull pen' is closed and an exhibition by the management is indefinitely postponed owing to the want of 'a fiery, untamed bear.' Grizzlies will please make a note of this." Bull and bear fights continued to entertain local citizens in Mexico until finally the bears were no longer available. Jose Munos, a local fruit dealer from Chile, was the manager of some of the bullfights, including the last one in 1874. Norris Dutcher, who came to Livermore in 1868, told the *Herald* in September 1928 that he remembered the entertainments in the bull ring.

Sheriff Morse described the close call he had one rainy night in 1876 when he walked from Livermore to Mexico to locate some witnesses for a trial the next day. Just as he was passing the old bull ring near the dance houses, he said, someone sent a bullet whizzing by his head. Morse confronted Joe Newell, whom he described as being in an "exceedingly rough class of white desperadoes" about the shot but could not prove Newell had fired it. Several months later, Newell was killed by Pio Ochoa in his dance house after Newell mistreated one of the dance hall girls and drew his gun on Ochoa in the resulting quarrel.

Besides running his dance house, Ochoa was the principal *tapadera* in the Livermore Valley, according to Boessenecker. He acted as a middle man, encouraging thieves to steal cattle; then Ochoa would sell them to dishonest ranchers or butchers. In May 1877 Ochoa was convicted of selling stolen cattle and sentenced to two years and three months at San Quentin for grand larceny. Released early in March 1879, he returned to Mexico and continued in business as a saloonkeeper.

When the Livermore town police raided Mexico in 1881, they arrested about a dozen men and women for keeping an open saloon on Sunday and living in houses of prostitution. Heavy fines were imposed.

Mexico continued for a number of years as a red light district for the town of Livermore. In 1912 a young blacksmith was shot in the shoulder by one of the nine prostitutes living there. Deputy Constable L.E. Wright warned the women to leave the area within 24 hours. Several days later the Alameda County district attorney officially supported the evacuation of the little community, noting numerous complaints to his office of illegal liquor and "dissolute characters." In any case, the new Lincoln Highway, one portion of which remains as Portola Avenue, was scheduled to go through some of the old adobes.

One of the buildings, possibly Ochoa's dance house, was transformed into the Arrow Highway Inn and then Club Joesville, and is now the Rock House Sports Pub and Grill.

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## BUDGET

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lion annually for four years, despite a predicted 3 percent downturn in statewide enrollment in the coming fiscal year. However, the Pleasanton district expects little change.

Despite the governor's proposed adequate funding for Prop. 98, there are some negatives, said Lepley. The major one is a switch of \$627 million in home-to-school transportation money out of Prop. 98 and into transportation funding.

That's bad for two reasons, said Lepley. One is that it shrinks the Prop. 98 base forever, and thus eliminates the possibility of a district ever exercising its choice to spend that money on something else. The other problem with it is that the home-to-school category loses the protection of Prop. 98, and will have to compete against many other proposals in the general fund.

Kernan told the board that he made Superintendent John Casey aware of a Sacramento Bee story published Jan. 23 that reported the budget would change the current formulas for state aid for school construction, putting more of a burden on school districts.

The state and local districts have split the cost of new schools 50-50 since an agreement in 1998. However, the governor wants a shift to 60 percent for local districts, 40 percent for the state.

Schwarzenegger also proposed changing the ratio for funding school modernization, from 60-40, with the majority paid by the state, to 40-60, with the majority covered by school districts. Kernan said, "We need to get into talks with our legislators. There will be a lot of movement to push school money around."

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## Croce Kindergartners Get a Head Start on Healthy Eating

By Patricia Koning

Croce kindergartners heard a most unusual lesson on healthy habits last week. They learned how different organs of the body work and how the food we eat impacts those organs from Stuffy, a blue-haired, 7-foot doll who unzips to reveal his heart, lungs, stomach, small and large intestines, and other body parts.

Stuffy was accompanied by Siah Freed, a Pleasanton-based health educator and mother of two. Fried developed the program, called "Healthy Starts Make Healthy Hearts," as part of her master's thesis in public health. Prior to that, she worked as a health educator for PacifiCare, teaching seniors and others about healthy eating and living.

"The most common reaction from the seniors was that they wished they'd learned this stuff as kids," she said. "By targeting children, I'm also able to reach whole families because the kids go home and ask their parents to buy certain foods based on what they've learned."

Fried asked the Croce kindergartners what they ate for breakfast. One student volunteered that he'd had eggs that morning, so using Stuffy's big, soft organs, she showed them the journey those eggs had made.

"The stomach is like a blender, and it turns the eggs into egg juice," she explained. "Then they go into the small intestines, which squeeze out all the vitamins and minerals."

The students got to pull out Stuffy's small intestines, all 22 feet of them, and compare them with the large intestines. The kids decided the intestines looked like worms.

Next, Fried talked about the difference between "growing" and "sometimes" foods. Vegetables and fruits, at least five a day, whole wheat bread, grilled chicken, brown rice, and fish are all growing foods. Cake, cookies, candy, fried chicken, fast food, and even white bread fall into the sometimes category.

"It's all about balance, which



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Siah Freed (center) uses a doll to show students how the digestive system works. In the photo, they are pulling the intestines out of the doll.

is the concept of sometimes foods," she said. "With healthy eating, we're not just talking about obesity, there are also eating disorders. So I want the kids to learn that it's okay to have those foods sometimes, but that they always need growing foods."

After the workshop, the children drew pictures illustrating two things they learned about their bodies, like that kids' hearts beat faster than adults and that the right side of the lung has three lobes and the left has two. The students also took home worksheets to set goals with their families.

They also brought home other messages to their parents. Kyle, one of the kindergartners who participated in the program, said he was going to ask his dad to buy fish.

"Stuffy had cool stuff inside, like his heart," said Marie, another Croce kindergartner. "I'm going to eat five fruits and veg-

etables and tell my dad to throw away his candy."

Fried will return to Croce in one month and again in two months to continue the program with the children. Healthy Starts Make Healthy Hearts is available for students from kindergarten through fifth grade. Fried tailors the program for each age group; for example, Stuffy disappears around third or fourth grade.

Ideally, Fried said, she'd see kids every year during elementary school to build on and reinforce the lessons of healthy eating. She's been running Healthy Starts Make Healthy Hearts for four years. During that time, the program has expanded significantly. Last year she was in four schools in Pleasanton. This year that has increased to 12 schools in Pleasanton, Dublin, and Livermore.

"I want to reach as many kids as I can because this program is so effective," she said. "Childhood obesity is a huge problem.

At least we're heading in the right direction."

A questionnaire given to parents of Walnut Grove Elementary School students who participated in the program showed that nearly three-quarters of the families watched less television, exercised more, and ate more fruits and vegetables as a result of the program.

For more information, contact Fried at 925-351-4090 or siah\_fried@yahoo.com.

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## CHARTER

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tional program or the petitioners being demonstrably unlikely to succeed.

In 2004 the Livermore School Board denied the Charter School's petition for an elementary school on the latter reason, specifying that the plan relied too heavily on volunteers and donations and did not allow enough time to secure adequate facilities. The success of LVCS's first two years of operation prevents the use of that rationale this time.

"It pains me to approve these petitions," said trustee Kate Runyon. "Sometimes the legal thing is not the right thing to do."

One of Runyon's complaints was that the time District staff has spent reviewing the charter petitions is completely uncompensated and detracts from their duties running District schools. She also voiced concern about LCLC's financial soundness.

"I'm concerned that we'll wake up one day to find the doors to the charter school closed because the finances didn't pencil out," she said.

Anne White, who is in her seventeenth year as a trustee, said she was only casting her vote to approve the petitions because she had sworn to uphold California law. In particular, she disagrees with the fact that the Board cannot deny the petitions because of the potential financial strain on the District.

State-supplied average daily attendance (ADA) dollars are tied to a student's presence at school; a student who attends all day

every day of school generates one ADA for that school district. In the same sense, a student who leaves a school district, whether for another district, charter school, or private school, causes a reduction in ADA for the original school district.

"Charter schools in California seem to work at cross-purposes to public schools. What other enterprise would encourage innovation and then insist that the established business units fund start-up costs for the innovators and finally oversee their operations?" White asked. "People often challenge us by asking why we don't act more like a business—I sure would like to."

The approval comes with the stipulation that LCLC satisfy a list of 71 conditions. Some of the conditions are straightforward, such as providing copies of disaster plans and loan applications, and requiring all counselors to hold the Pupil Personnel Services Credential by March 2008.

Conditions addressing the demographics of the new schools are more complicated. The fact that the percentage of socioeconomically disadvantaged students at LVCS does not match the District's demographics has been a cause for concern. To address this, LCLC must develop in conjunction with the District a plan that meaningfully attempts to recruit socioeconomically disadvantaged students.

One aspect of this plan will be an enrollment preference for

such students. Up to 20% of open spots will be designated for applicants qualifying for the free-and-reduced-lunch program.

LCLC organizers are now working to satisfy the conditions within the stipulated timelines, some being due within six months. LCLC will also present a renewal of the LVCS charter to the Board this spring. The original LVCS charter was for three years and ends in June 2008.

LCLC will begin a candidate search for the Charter Academy principal position this spring. In October, LCLC will submit a request to the District for facilities under Proposition 39, which requires school districts to provide suitable facilities for charter schools operating in their district. Open enrollment for the school will begin in the fall.

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# VALLEY ROUNDUP

## Open Call for Historic Photos

Zone 7 Water Agency, the water wholesaler for Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin and flood protection manager for Eastern Alameda County, is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2007.

As part of the commemorative activities, the Agency is compiling historic photos related to the crucial role water has played in settling the Valley, both before and since Zone 7's creation in 1957. Anyone with old photographs showing early wells, irrigation systems, the arroyos, past floods, agricultural activities, or the founding families and civic leaders who helped create the water district fifty years ago, is encouraged to contact Boni Brewer at [bbrewer@zone7water.com](mailto:bbrewer@zone7water.com) or call her at 925-454-5015.

The Agency will cover the cost of reproducing original photos and will return them to donors. Please reply by mid February.

## Date Changed for War Discussion

The Pleasanton City Council discussion of a format in which to hold an Iraq War community session has been moved tentatively to the second meeting in February.

At its January meeting, City Manager Nelson Fialho had indicated he would bring back format options for the council at its Feb. 6 meeting.

However, the short time between the two meetings necessitated moving the council's discussion on a potential format to the Feb. 20 agenda.

## Livermore Chamber Gala

The Livermore Chamber of Commerce is hosting its 81st Annual Awards and Installation Gala on Saturday, February 10, at the Robert Livermore Community Center. Members of the community will be recognized, and the 2007 Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will be installed.

Board members who will be installed include: Chairman John Mahoney of Antrim Engineering; Vice Chair Sblend Sblendorio of Hoge, Fenton, Jones & Appel, Inc.; Treasurer Weldon Moreland, CPA; The Accounting Offices of M. Weldon Moreland; Secretary Barbara Mertes, Chabot/Las Positas Board of Trustees; and Past Chairman Kevin Aguilera of UBS Financial Services.

Other Board members to be installed are: Geraldine Albright; Bob Carling, Sandia National Laboratories; John Freeman, California Water Service; Jeanie Haigh, Web Bearings, Inc.; Nadine Horner, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories; Mayor Marshall Kamena, City of Livermore; Dale Kaye, President/CEO Livermore Chamber of Commerce; David Kent, The Wine Group, Inc.; John Kurtzer, Valley Properties; Jim Ott, UNCLE Credit Union; Denise Slavitt, Checkers Catering & Special Events; Randy Tully, KLA-Tencor; Christine Wente, Wente Vineyards and Ronald Vyse, Wells Fargo Commercial.

This evening begins with a reception at 6:00 pm, followed by dinner and program at 7:00 pm. Tickets to the black tie optional evening is \$95 per person. Call 925-447-1606 for reservations.

## Economic Outlook

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce February luncheon will feature a 2007 economic

outlook.

The luncheon is set for Tues., Feb. 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza, 11950 Dublin Canyon Road, Pleasanton. The guest speaker will be Janet Smith-Heimer, M.B.A., Managing Principal of Bay Area Economics (BAE). Topics will include the following: how national trends affect Pleasanton, employment trends, investment trends, and housing market trends.

Chamber luncheons are open to the community. Cost to attend is \$30 for Chamber members; \$35 for non-members. Please RSVP by February 20th at 846-5858.

## Hayashi Committees

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi (D-Hayward) has received her committee assignments from the Speaker of Assembly, Fabian Nunez. Hayashi is now serving on four committees: Business and Professions, Budget, Health and Revenue and Taxation. Hayashi was also appointed to Budget Subcommittee 4 on State Administration.

Hayashi dedicated most of her professional life to addressing a broad range of health care issues. She founded the Iris Alliance Fund that leverages resources for suicide prevention efforts and for strengthening community and families in order to protect children and adolescents. She also served as Commissioner on the California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission, which was created to monitor the implementation of Proposition 63. Hayashi held an appointed position on the California Board of Registered Nursing, which licenses and regulates registered nursing throughout the state and served as the California Director of the American Public Health Association.

## Houston Committees

Assemblyman Guy Houston (R-San Ramon) has been appointed by Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez to serve on the Assembly Committee on Transportation.

Houston will serve as Vice-Chair for the Assembly Local Government committee, which oversees special taxes, city and county organization and powers, subdivisions, and administration of special districts. He has also been reappointed to the committee on Banking and Finance, with jurisdiction over financial institutions, real property finance, and corporate securities law.

Assemblyman Guy Houston represents the 15th Assembly District, which includes Livermore, Walnut Creek, Alamo, Danville, San Ramon, and a portion of Pleasanton. The district also includes the Sacramento Delta communities, the City of Galt, and portions of Stockton and Elk Grove.

## Correction

A story that said that Zone 7 Water Agency director Sarah Palmer's abstention on a 5-1 vote that approved the Stream Management Implementation Plan (SMIP) occurred because the board had only five days' notice about the plan's details before its meeting Jan. 17 was incorrect. Palmer told the Independent this week that she abstained because the plan was still lacking more specific data about dollar amounts until just before the meeting. That short time period did not provide an opportunity to digest the data, she said.

# Diversity is Cause for Celebration At East Avenue Middle School

By Patricia Koning

East Avenue Middle School students took a break from their regular classroom routine last week to focus on diversity. The school held its first ever "Going beyond Diversity Week," a program Principal Vicki Scudder pioneered at Junction Avenue Middle School.

"This event reminds the kids that they have a lot to be proud of," said Scudder. "And that we all must work together to make this school a safe place where we can hold events like this."

In the beginning of the week, each grade level heard presentations from outside speakers representing various cultural organizations.

Grandmothers Who Help presented to the sixth graders a lecture and interactive exhibit dealing with black history from pre-slavery to present. Mini Kahlon, a neuroscientist from UCSF, and attorney Veena Dubla, representing the Alliance of South Asians Taking Action, discussed diverse South Asian cultures with the sixth graders.

The seventh graders learned about the history of civil rights from Kathryn Craft-Rogers, a deputy associate director at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. They discussed is-

sues of intolerance and respect for individual differences with representatives from the Anti-Defamation League.

Eighth graders heard an overview of California Gold Rush history—both the accuracies and missing pieces—from members of the International Indian Treaty Council. Speakers from the Islamic Network's Group talked about Islamic contributions to civilization, the roots of Islam in America, and the role of women in Islam.

Another day was devoted to watching video presentations. Sixth graders watched "Don't Laugh at Me," seventh graders watched "Let's Get Real," and the eighth graders watched "Not in our Town."

The week culminated with an assembly featuring the Ballet Folklorico Las Estrellas, a Mexican folkloric dance troupe, and Maya Soleil, an Afro-world fusion music and dance ensemble. The highlight of the assembly was the Diversity Fashion Show featuring East Avenue students and staff dressed in their own cultural clothing.

Perhaps the most stunning outfit was worn by sixth grader Brenda Zavala. Her Aztec Mexican dress was topped off with a

peacock feather headdress. Although she's part of a dance group, wearing costumes like this one, for the past three years, she was still a bit nervous about wearing it to school.

"It's a risk for these students to appear in native dress at school," said Scudder. "They need to know that they will be treated with respect."

Eighth-grader Tina Puthoff wore a Lakota girls fancy dance dress that her grandmother made for her.

"I've been dancing since I was 13 months old," she said. "I like sharing my heritage."

Other students wore Scottish kilts and tartans, Afghan saris, Indian dresses, and Japanese kimonos. Several of East Avenue's teachers also dressed for the occasion. Resource teacher Nasa Cole, a native of Nigeria who moved to the United States 20 years ago, wore a pale blue, lace-trimmed special occasion dress.

Next year Scudder plans to expand the program to include a physical education component, which might feature native dances, cricket, and the world's most popular sport, soccer.

Photos of the fashion show and entertainment can be seen at [livermoreschools.com](http://livermoreschools.com).

# COMPOST

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landfill is filled up with refuse, Waste Management plans to start its own composting facility, whether ACWMA wants to partner with it or not. The firm was in negotiations before with ACWMA. However, negotiations were discontinued because the company would not commit to taking food scraps. Its spokesman said at the meeting that "eventually" it would take food scraps.

## COUNTY LOCATION PREFERRED

One of the criteria the ACWMA board has set for making a decision is the compost facility's easy availability for county residents, so that residents can buy clean compost produced at it.

Most of the sites proposed to the board are in the county, including a Hayward location. Several of them are distant. One was near Gilroy, approximately 30 miles south of San Jose. The spokesman for it said that his firm's experience shows that agriculture, not the homeowner, is

the big market for compost. He emphasized that his facility is close to a large agricultural market, so the operation would have no trouble keeping up with the feed stream that the collection of food scraps and grass clippings would put into it.

Another proposal that would require some travel came from a group of Bay Area scavenger companies. Their spokesman, Louie Pellegrini, wore a yachting cap to emphasize the nautical theme of the proposal. It would load compost material on barges in Oakland, and transport it to a facility that would be built in one of four potential port sites on the Sacramento River.

Pellegrini said that the barge idea is not far along in discussion yet. He said it would have the advantage of not creating any truck traffic along the Interstate 580 and 680 freeways, which would be the route for the Altamont proposals. He was asked about diesel fuel pollution from tugboats that would push the barges, but did not have any

figures.

Avoidance of truck traffic was also in a suggestion by Roy Cornwell, an owner of the Mulqueeny Ranch in the Altamont. He spoke under the citizens forum part of the agenda, because he is just starting to work on his idea, and has no formal proposal.

Cornwell said that he would put the compost facility on a section of the ranch near a rail spur. All of the incoming and outgoing materials could be transported by rail, he said. Cornwell added that a 10-mile-long treated waste-water line will go from Tracy to the Florida Power and Light power generating facility in the Altamont. Extend it another mile to his land, and it could provide the water that a composting operation would need, he said.

The board asked staff to thoroughly go over the written proposals and report back at the February meeting, so the winning process can begin.

# AT&T to Provide ValleyCare with Network, Data and Voice Services

AT&T has signed a new comprehensive network, data and voice services contract with ValleyCare Health System.

Under the terms of the five-year contract, AT&T will deliver Multi-Service Optical Network Ring (MON Ring) to ValleyCare Health System, enabling all of three of its campuses to share

high-bandwidth clinical applications, such as electronic medical records (EMR) and pictorial archival communications systems (PACS).

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Internet Service (MIS). OPT-E-MAN makes possible a pure Ethernet solution for always-available Internet access. This solution will result in increased flexibility that will accommodate the growing trend of Web-based clinical applications. In addition, the solution will also

provide traditional voice and data services.

"With multiple locations throughout our health care system, we needed a provider with state-of-the-art technology to support advanced applications and link our multiple locations under one network," said Ken Jensen, chief financial officer,

ValleyCare Health System. "We are confident that the solution provided by AT&T will sustain our current Web-based clinical applications with increased security, and provide the flexibility needed to implement future applications, such as E911, which will enable us to better serve our patients."

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# EDITORIALS

## War Discussion In Pleasanton

The Pleasanton City Council has tentatively approved holding a discussion of the Iraq war. It could lead to the council taking some kind of formal stand on the war.

First, the format for the discussion must be established. That discussion is slated for Tuesday evening (Feb. 20).

We hope the council will adopt a town hall type of format. The war is a most important issue. Every effort must be made to encourage the greatest possible participation by the community.

Some argue that the war is not a local issue and it's inappropriate for a city council to concern itself here.

We look around and see the impacts of the war touching hometowns in both large and small ways. War IS a local issue — this war in particular, because the necessity for it is so much in question.

We applaud the Pleasanton City Council for getting involved.

## North Livermore Trees

One of the side issues of the North Livermore cemetery issue concerns the corridor of trees that have long graced North Livermore Avenue in the vicinity of the proposed cemetery. The developer proposes to take out the trees and plant new ones. The county planning staff supports that, stating the existing trees may have health problems.

Nancy Bankhead, owner of a small ranch in North Livermore, stood up at the last hearing to defend the trees. They may be old, but they are still very beautiful, she said. "Those old trees are Livermore history," Bankhead exclaimed.

Though some, and maybe even all of the trees may be diseased, that doesn't mean they should be cut down. Trees seem to age like people who grow old and die. Their health may slip, but they can live for decades more, growing ever more stately. Those old-timers on North Livermore deserve to age and die naturally, not under a developer's chainsaw.

## MAILBOX

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

### Criminals Albert Rothman Livermore

Colonel Lawrence B. Wilkerson (US Army, retired) was chief of staff to Secretary of State Colin Powell. He claimed that Powell's speech to the United Nations on Feb. 5, 2003, laying out a case for war with Iraq, included falsehoods of which Powell had never been made aware. Wilkerson said, "My participation in that presentation at the UN constitutes the lowest point in my professional life. I participated in a HOAX on the American people, the international community and the United Nations." He and others have informed that the administration lied about weapons of mass destruction because they WANTED to go to war, even before 9-11 Vice President Cheney's many trips to the CIA had "undue influence" on the agency in supporting the lies.

Former Republican president Gerald Ford who died recently, said it was a mistake at the time of the Iraq invasion, based on faulty information from the administration.

Little by little the truth has been emerging.

But I don't believe that Bush and Cheney should be impeached by the new Congress. They would be out of office by the time the impeachment was followed up.

Instead they should be tried as criminals, even after leaving office. Their lies have cost and continue to cost many thousands of lives, our troops plus perhaps a hundred thousand innocent Iraqis, and hundreds of billions of dollars. . .

### Non-Binding Resolution Henry Shay Livermore

A "non-binding resolution" on Iraq enables some members of Congress to garner political kudos for opposing Bush without having to take responsibility for any adverse consequences. The irony, of course, is that our fight with Al-Qaeda, un-reconstructed Baathists, and assorted fellow-travelers in Iraq will not be won or lost on any battlefield, but rather in the wills of the American and Iraqi people. Our foes know that, and they count such actions as "non-binding resolutions" as tactical victories. Their resolve is thereby strengthened. In short, a "non-binding resolution" will have its own adverse consequences.

If Congress truly believes that Bush's policies in Iraq are harming the USA, they could surely enact more definitive measures to alter that policy. Considering the fact that there are only about 22 months before the 2008 elec-

tions, it might be difficult for them to take such politically risky steps now.

### Iraq Debate J.L. Emmons Pleasanton

The Pleasanton City Council wants to debate the Iraq war, as if it isn't already debated ad-infinitum. To what end? Whether or not one agrees with the policy in Iraq, the fact is that men and women are in harm's way. What has the Council done to support them? Has the Council done anything constructive to protect Pleasanton Citizens or prepare us, God forbid, for an attack here? I guess probably not. Instead, we'll listen to a bunch of isolationists, pacifists, appeasers, arm-chair quarterbacks, Blame America First, and Bush haters vent their five minute outrage over WMDs, Halliburton, Torture, and Big Oil. We'll probably get a non-binding Resolution passed stating that the Council supports the troops (but not the war) and that America should withdraw now and talk to the Bad Guys. Then we can all go home and sit in our median-priced \$800,000 homes, turn on "American Idol," and feel good knowing that we've accomplished something. All the while, whether we stay or leave Iraq, whether we have a Republican or Democrat President or whether the Council passes a Resolution, the Bad Guys are still consistent and determined in their hatred and contempt for us and most experts agree a future attack on American soil is a certainty.

In 2006, 821 brave Americans were killed in Iraq. In 2005, 190,000 violent crimes and over 2,500 murders were committed in California alone. Where is the outrage over that? Maybe a resolution from the Pleasanton City Council can fix that, too.

### Tribute to Bernie Jack Dove Pleasanton

When someone you love and admire passes away, how do you say good-bye? In Pleasanton, you say it with music.

On Christmas Eve, Bernadine "Bernie" Williams, wife of Bob Williams, passed away. She wanted no services or viewing. However, she and husband Bob, director of the Pleasanton Community Concert Band, wanted to celebrate her life in a very special way. As a result, over 250 of her friends gathered on Sunday afternoon at the Pleasanton Senior Center for a wonderful afternoon of music and memories.

Almost 100 musicians in the Pleasanton Community Concert Band, augmented by musicians from the Livermore-Diablo Valley, the Vintage Brass and the Vineyard Woodwind Quintet played the music which she liked and music which in many ways represented her joy of friends and music. Her son, Paul Rose of Salt Lake City, introduced each musical selection with a brief explanation of how the music related to his mother.

The Tri-Valley has lost one of its musical treasures. Pleasanton said good-bye and thank you in a beautiful way.

## MINORITY

(continued from page one) which at least 51 percent of the ownership includes minorities. The same percentage is true for a women-owned business.

Just under 50 percent of the businesses in the county are owned by minority people and/or women. The outreach meeting is planned for March 22 in the Dublin Civic Center from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Other meetings will be held in Oakland, Hayward and Newark on other evenings.

Christine Monsen, executive director of ACTIA, said that the outreach meetings will encourage people to come in and suggest how they can help ACTIA craft a program so we can involve them.

Since Prop. 209 passed, participation by minority-owned and women-owned businesses has dropped by about one-half, said ACTIA information special-

ist Tess Lengyel. Firmer figures are expected after a study is completed later this month. Minority businesses' involvement in the previous sales tax revenue dispersal, under a previous ballot measure in 1986, occurred before Prop. 209 passed. Then the involvement was in the range of 17 to 33 percent, depending on the work involved in the project. Women-owned businesses represented from 6 to 11 percent before Prop. 209.

Involvement by small and/or local businesses ranged from 34 to 86 percent before Prop. 209. It is believed now to be toward the higher end of that pre-209 range, but the study will give firm figures on that, too, said Lengyel.

The ACTIA board adopted rule changes in September that are intended to help draw in more small and diverse businesses. One change is to reduce

the residency term in the county from one year to six months. Another is to increase the term of certification from one to two years. The board of ACTIA is

## OAK GROVE

(continued from page one) nexed into the City. In 1992, the Pleasanton City Council approved a development plan called "Kottinger Hills" that included 86 homes and an 18-hole golf course. In 1993, the voters turned down the Kottinger Hills proposal in a referendum. Seven years later, the landowners submitted a Development Plan for Oak Grove for 98 lots and 495 acres of open space.

Early in 2006, members of the City Council launched an effort to find ways to minimize the amount of new housing constructed in southeast Pleasanton

comprised of the county board of supervisors, five appointees by the county mayors conference, and one designee by the mayor of Oakland.

and maximize the amount of open space preserved within the eastern part of the city.

About the same time, the city manager convened a set of meetings between the Oak Grove landowners (the Lin family) and Kottinger Ranch Homeowners Association representatives to discuss a compromise development plan.

In June 2006, landowners revised the application to request approval of 51 lots and 497 acres of permanent open space. The preferred plan at that time removed the staging area and left only one regional trail.

## FUEL

(continued from page one) oxide in the air is 'fixed' by the plants as an oil which, when burnt in a diesel engine, supplies energy for the engine to run and liberates carbon dioxide, back into the air to complete the cycle.

In talking about other potential sources of oil for biodiesel, Watson notes there are fields of mustard plants growing wild in the area. "Instead of plowing it under, let it mature so that seeds are produced. There is a lot of oil in the seeds. The oil can be removed by pressing and then made into biodiesel. The remaining waste can be used to feed animals," he explained.

Soybeans, canola, olives and grape seeds are also potential sources to be converted to biodiesel. Watson pointed out that local olive growers just throw out the second and third press oil. "I have told them I will take every gallon they have and turn it into biodiesel." The same is true of grape seed oil. It too is thrown out by local growers, said Watson.

He is interested in establishing a local cooperative to produce biodiesel fuel. "There are a lot of restaurants with cooking oil. We would have to set up the process to the point that restaurants know we can pick up the used oil on a consistent basis."

Watson talked about another option to provide fuel. "Algae is the latest, greatest thing. Research has led some to believe that it was algae that created the oil reserves we use today. That same algae is around. We call it pond scum. If we could find a way to get the oil out easily, it would provide a source of fuel."

Watson stated, "Compared to corn, algae is just off the chart as a potential source. The problem is that it may be hard to squeeze the oil out."

### ALGAE RESEARCH AT SANDIA

Sandia researchers in Livermore are working with LiveFuels Inc. The company says it will fund dozens of projects at Sandia with the aim of producing economically feasible "biocrude," aka biodiesel, by 2010 using algae as a source.

Sandia's investment in related research goes back five years, says Grant Heffelfinger, a senior manager at the lab, providing time to build up expertise in "the challenge of understanding how and under what conditions" the process will work.

Algae oil is similar to soybean oil, which can also be used to produce biodiesel. Algae can be grown on marginal lands unsuitable for food crops and even in brackish water. LiveFuel estimates that all U.S. oil imports could be replaced by biocrude grown on 20 to 40 million acres of marginal lands that exist across the country.

Sandia spokesman Mike Janes echoed that view. "Recent studies using a species of algae show that only 0.3 percent of the land area of the U.S. could be utilized to produce enough biodiesel to replace all transportation fuel the country currently utilizes," he said.

"In addition, barren desert land, which receives high solar radiation, could effectively grow the algae, and the algae could utilize farm waste and excess CO2 from factories to help speed the growth of the algae."

However, not any algae will work. The cost-effective kind — as in making biocrude for less than \$60 a barrel — is high in fats. Commercially grown algae like Spirulina are high in protein and starch but low in fat. A few high-

fat species of algae are promising, the company said, but the fats — at prices around \$1,200 a pound — are cost prohibitive.

"The challenge will be growing and transforming algae cheaply into biocrude within days rather than millennia." LiveFuels Chief Executive Officer Lissa Morgenthaler-Jones says her company hopes to "grind down costs" across the process — from finding the right strains, to harvesting and final production.

Janes said that algae offers environmental benefits in terms of greenhouse gases. It is a more efficient fuelstock than biodiesel from crops like soybeans. "The amount of greenhouse gasses generated are relatively small since most of the carbon dioxide emitted during the burning process is simply recycling that which was absorbed during plant growth," he said.

As for traditional crops such as soybeans, Janes said that "a complete transition to biofuels could require boundless amounts of land." But algae breaks that barrier. "With an oil-per-acre production rate 250 times that of soybeans," he said, "algae offers the highest yield feedstock for biodiesel."

### OTHERFUELS

Watson offered comments on other fuel research. He isn't sure that ethanol is the right direction. He points out that an energy intensive process is needed to produce the fuel, because a lot of energy goes into growing corn. On the other hand, ethanol is good because it is carbon based. It does not add to the carbon dioxide level of the atmosphere.

"A little known point is that the production of fossil fuel products is just a little over break-even. It takes a lot of energy to

## BOOKSTORES

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store, Kelly said she doesn't really have to worry about competition from the chain stores in Pleasanton and Dublin. In fact, "it's a symbiotic relationship. We need the new stores so that people sell us their books," said Kelly.

Larry Burdick is the owner of The Book Oasis in the old fire station on First Street near McLeod Street. His stock is primarily used books. However, he has added some new books recently. When he first joined Book Oasis 13 years ago, he was an employee. After about nine months, he bought the business. The fire station is his third location.

Burdick has the store up for sale, and is negotiating with a couple of his enthusiastic customers. If they buy it, it's possible the store would double duty — retain the used books, but also have a bistro in the front of the store. With a location across from the new Livermore movie theater and a block from the future Performing Arts Center, a bistro would appear to be a good business and a compatible draw for book sales.

Burdick grew up in Livermore, graduating from Livermore High School and Cal State Stanislaus, then working as a teacher of English in Japan before winding up back in Livermore at the bookstore.

Like the other bookstore owners interviewed for this story, Burdick sees himself as a sort of concierge, someone who knows the taste of his customers and can suggest books to them. "You have to understand, when you are a bookseller, that it's not just books, but you are selling an experience. Lots of people come to me. They'll say, 'I've been reading science, give me a mindless adventure. Or they want a romance, but with a little bit of suspense. I know what to choose,'" said Burdick.

The problem with big chains and Amazon.com dominating the field — independents sell only 8 percent of the books — is that some books won't be published because they won't hit the numbers that the big stores want, said Burdick. The answer to that has been publishing on demand. Books are published in lots as small as 500 copies. A store takes

only one copy. It can be reordered, which might trigger another printing.

Like The Bookstore owner Kelly, Burdick is also an aspiring novelist. He wrote a manuscript whose protagonist is part owner of a saloon, and is also a bounty hunter.

As he looks ahead beyond selling his store, Burdick said that he has enjoyed the bookselling trade. "It meets both individual needs and fulfills literary desires. I enjoy talking about books, especially where there is a large amount of ideas or obscure subjects. The best way I can describe it is that it's almost like being in a student pub in MIT."

The Valley's only surviving independent bookstore selling only new books, Towne Center, 555 Main St., Pleasanton, has been operated by Judy Wheeler Ditter for the past nine years. She bought it from Kevin and Yvonne Greenlee, who founded it four years earlier.

Asked about the big chain stores and on-line competitors giving her store trouble, Ditter replied, "We like to think they compete with us."

As with the other small-store owners, customer service is the big selling point, said Ditter. She, too, knows the taste of her customers, and can suggest new books coming out in their favorite genre or from a favorite author. Authors on book tours also make stops there. Some regional authors are also featured. Jim Davis, creator of the Garfield comic strip, spoke there. So did soccer star Brandy Chastain and regional TV star Doug McConnell, who produces a weekend getaway show on KRON-TV.

Like Burdick, Ditter noted the impact that the big chains have had on the book trade. "The big stores are more impersonal. Their business is conducted on a headquarters level. Someone in New York decides what to buy for the entire country. They'll do some regional buys (from publishers), but it's very limited. There are over 2000 independent bookstores in the United States, said Ditter. "We'll buy different things, so you find more selection (of books for publication) if you have all of us buy, because we

are going at it from different angles," she said.

Towne Center has such a tightly knit community of readers that it's rare that someone will come in and browse a book, then buy it on-line, said Ditter. Other store owners in the Bay Area have complained about that.

Ditter pointed out that such readers are only defeating themselves in the long run by not supporting independent bookstores. "There is a whole chain of people making a living on books. So sometimes it's not all about price. It's a creative industry. You want to pay people for their work. There are a lot of things that go into the book industry," said Ditter.

### BIG CHAINS COMMENT ON STORES' PLIGHT

The two biggest national bookstore chains, Borders and Barnes & Noble, have stores in the Valley. These national chains are portrayed by some patrons of independent bookstores as the problem that is killing off the independent stores.

However, people at corporate headquarters of both chains disputed the claim. Steve Riggio, CEO of Barnes & Noble, which has a store in Dublin, said that independent bookstores in cities' downtowns go out of business because of rent increases. Barnes & Noble has lost 24 to 30 stores every year to rent increases, too, he said. However, in general, the firm locates in suburban malls to avoid that problem.

Riggio also disputed Burdick's assertion that there is a de facto censorship at work, because the big buying power of the chains determines which books are published. "I don't think you can generalize to that extent. There are more new books published today than ever. More are being kept in print than ever before, because of the internet," said Riggio. Barnes & Noble sells more individual book titles each year than in the previous year, said Riggio. The firm has 1.2 million unique titles, he said.

Critics of the chains say that they drive niche bookstores out of business because they offer some, but not all, of the titles that are sold in stores exclusively devoted to such things as architecture, 12-step recovery or New

Age spirituality. They take enough profits away from the niche stores to drive them out of business, say the critics, some of whom are former bookstore owners.

Riggio said that he doesn't see "how one connects with the other. The large, successful store offers a wider selection than small stores."

Holley Stein, a public relations specialist at Borders corporate headquarters in Ann Arbor, Mich., which has a store in Pleasanton, talked about niche bookstores, though not about whether they die because of big-store competition.

"You're right. If you are a niche market bookstore, you will have more on one specific subject than a store that is of interest to many different tastes that are not so specific. However, we do have the ability to search and order anything for our customer," said Stein.

Although Borders is a chain, it has local interest sections with books by local authors and on local topics, Stein said. "We have a location on our web site that walks publishers and authors through a system where they can submit titles to be carried by us."

On the topic of close, friendly customer relations at the small Valley stores, Stein said that her experience as a clerk, cashier and program arranger at a Borders in St. Louis showed her that the bonds are close there, too, between readers and staff. "There were people who'd walk in. If they didn't see their favorite bookseller, they would walk back out, or ask when so-and-so was coming in," Stein said.

It may be no consolation for today's small independent store owners, but both big chains started with one store. Barnes & Noble started in New York in 1965 with one store. Borders was started by Tom and Louis Borders in Ann Arbor in 1971 as a used bookstore with 800 square feet of floor space. The corporation bought Waldenbooks in 1984, and in 1995, K-Mart purchased the corporation, which later became publicly traded. Borders has more than 500 stores in the United States and a total of 1300 internationally, mostly in Europe.

# SPORTS NOTES

## College Signing Night

Pleasanton Rage Soccer will host its second annual College Signing Night on Wed., Feb. 7.

This year, the club has ten players signing with four year universities.

Signing up from the class of 2007 are the following: Kylee Blatz, Sacramento State, Liberty High; Maxine Goynes, Santa Clara University, Modesto High; Nicky Kik, University of Florida, Granada High; Kirstie Kuhns, University of Oregon, Foothill High; Nicole Patrizi, Washington State University, Cardonelle High; Kendra Perry, Santa Clara University, Livermore High; Alex Quesada, St. Mary's University, Granada High; Allyson Ventura, Fresno State University, Foothill High; Akaylah Fisher, UC Riverside, Foothill High; from the class of 2008: Leah Payne, University of Texas, Cardonelle High.

For additional information, visit the club's web page at [www.pleasantonrage.org](http://www.pleasantonrage.org).

## Midgets Featured

The Tri-Valley Blue Devils Midget 18A team featured "Stars" of the week for the San Jose Sharks.

The Sharks' website includes the following: The Tri-Valley Blue Devils Midget 18A was the first Northern California team to make the finals in the 35-year history of the Silver Stick tournament recently played in Sarnia, Ontario in Canada.

Competing in a 12-team division, the Tri-Valley Midgets were just edged out 3-2 in the Championship game by the Woodstock Navy Jets of Ontario.

The tournament contained just three American teams to Canada's nine. The Blue Devils had to play a total of four games in a 30-hour time frame. However, toughing it out paid off as the Tri-Valley Blue Devils now have their name on the Silver Stick Hall of Fame Trophy.

The team competed in Canada after winning a Silver Stick Regional qualifying tournament in San Jose during Thanksgiving.

## Defense Dominates

The Amador Valley High School freshman girls' basketball team met the Cal High Fighting Grizzlies in EBAL action on Wednesday night. The lady Dons continued their winning ways by defeating the Grizzlies by the score of 35-18. The Dons got off to a fast start but after the first two quarters the game was down by the score of 13-12. Their play in the first half was sloppy and uninspired. The third quarter proved to be better for the Lady Dons. Courtney Wagner scored most of her game high 12 points off of Grizzly turnovers which she converted into lay ups. Guards Jessica Infield and Pauline Rosa applied relentless pressure to the Cal guards forcing many turnovers. Chelsea Luther bombed away from the perimeter adding five points. Amador Valley dominated the offensive and defense boards as Emily Pease, Kelsey Martin and Haley Douglas each had at least five rebounds apiece. Pease and Martin also blocked two shots apiece. Neha Seelam, Paula Krzesniska, Brittany Nardal, and Infield played tough, solid defense to lend a hand in the victory. The Lady Don defense allowed only five second half points while holding the Grizzlies to zero fourth quarter points.

The Lady Don's freshman basketball team again dictated play against their cross-town rivals on Saturday soundly defeating them 53-6. Amador Valley jumped out to a quick lead and never looked back. The Don defense was very active by swarming the Foothill players, rarely giving the Falcons an uncontested shot at the basket. Guards Jessica Infield and Courtney Wagner had outstanding games running the Don's offense. Wagner scored four points and Pauline Rosa added a basket and several assists when she ran the offense. Chelsea Luther had a great game hitting several outside jump shots including two three pointers as the leading scorer with 16. Brittany Randall had an impressive inside offensive game as she contributed nine points. Krishna Bommakant got in the mix by hitting a three-point basket while scoring five points and Neha Seelam added a free throw. Emily Pease, Haley Douglas, Paula Krzesniska and Kelsey Martin controlled the interior defensively altering shots and coming away with many rebounds and steals. Pease and Douglas added six points while Martin chipped in five.

## Youth Soccer

The Livermore Elite Titans (U13, Division 1) advanced to the round of "Sweet 16" in the Cal North CYSA State Cup tournament for the second time in three seasons, scoring two wins this past weekend in Morgan Hill.

The Titans, who are ranked #11 in Northern California according to National Soccer Rankings.com, scored 12 goals in two games by taking advantage of the scoring opportunities that arose with perfect execution on passing plays. The defense, which was anchored by goal keepers Douglas McNeill and Tyler Amick, held their opponents to three goals. Yan Carlos Trujillo, Oscar Garcia and Aaron Grewal played well on the defensive line. Midfielders Danny McNeill, Steven Dubberly, Greg Cresco, Chase Martinez and Michael Kronenberg shut down their opponents by controlling the midfield.

The Titans defeated the Stockton Cougars 6-2 and Redwood Belmont United Arsenal 6-1. Jesse Morales took charge of the offense in the first game with a hat trick and two assists. Tsuyoshi Kohlgruber, and Joey Martinez assisted Morales on his goals. Morales assisted Victor Reyes and Juan Guerrero on their goals and Danny McNeill assisted Greg Cresco on his goal.

In the second game, Kohlgruber got the scoring started off an assist from J. Martinez. J. Martinez also scored two goals off assists from Morales and Martinez also assisted on the goal scored by Reyes. Guerrero gets the assist on the goal Amick scored and Reyes assisted Morales on his goal.

The Pleasanton Rage U13 Division 3 team made Pleasanton proud this past weekend in Northern California Association Cup soccer action. In one of two semifinal matches, Rage met up with the Palo Alto White team. Both teams were on their games and very evenly matched. First half action saw the Rage dominate play. Although forwards Stephanie Little and Danielle LaMarche made a couple of nice corner kicks were made, while Kelly Parsons and Danielle LaMarche had opportunities to convert, but the shots were deflected.

Second half action began with the score 0-0 and Palo Alto gaining momentum. This half was where the Rage defense shined with Megan Ash, Megan Clark, Autumn Whitney, Devon Lutz, and Kristin Dumanski keeping the ball out of the box. When Palo Alto was able to get a shot off, keeper Aria Crawford was there with the save. At the end of regulation, the game was locked up in a scoreless tie.

With the winner advancing to Sunday's championship, the teams started the first of two 10 minute overtimes. With the "golden goal" rule in effect, Rage took the kickoff hoping to get the ball downfield quickly with the speed of Katey Cloonan. Palo Alto played aggressively, and within minutes, had a corner kick opportunity. The left side cross was perfectly placed and a Palo Alto forward fired a shot just out of reach of Crawford for the golden goal and the 1-0 victory.

This Association Cup run to the semi finals was the first time in recent years that a Rage team has gone this far. Coaches Mike

and Joni Little led the team of Megan Ash, Megan Clark, Devon Lutz, Aria Crawford, Kelly Parsons, Kristin Dumanski, Dani Ramirez, Danielle Homan, Danielle LaMarche, Elena Victor, Marissa Victor, Katey Cloonan, Lauren MacDonnell, Jessie Hopson, Stephanie Little, and Autumn Whitney.

## Livermore Soccer Signup

Livermore Youth Soccer League registration gets underway on Feb. 4. It will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Livermore High School Student Union, 600 Maple Street.

Boys and girls, age 4 to 18 are eligible to play. New players must supply a copy of passport or certified birth certificate. All players U9-U19 provide a current headshot photo for player pass. All paperwork requires the signature of a parent or legal guardian. Fee is \$105 for players U5-U8 and \$120 for U9-U19. The fee does not include uniforms.

Registration can also be completed on line at [www.LYSL.org](http://www.LYSL.org). Information is also available at the website.

## California Gymnastics

California Gymnastics Academy competed in the San Diego Classic Meet hosted by Poway Gymnastics in San Diego January 27-28.

RESULTS (by event): LEVEL 8: Age Group: 12-13 yr olds VAULT - Alexa Hernandez-3rd place (9.025); Mandy Bakker (8.525); Stephanie Stamatos (8.45) BARS - Alexa Hernandez-8th place (8.875); Stephanie Stamatos (8.85); Mandy Bakker (8.175) BEAM - Stephanie Stamatos - 1st place (9.575); Alexa Hernandez - 2nd place (9.4); Mandy Bakker (8.75) FLOOR - Alexa Hernandez - 5th place (9.375); Mandy Bakker (9.125); Stephanie Stamatos (9.05) ALL AROUND - Alexa Hernandez - 3rd place (36.675); Stephanie Stamatos - 2nd place (35.925); Mandy Bakker (34.575).

## Gymfinity Gymnastics

Gymfinity Gymnastics competed at the Snow Bear Invitational held this past weekend at Golden Bear Gymnastics in Berkeley. The level 4, 5 and 6 teams combined to take 2nd place in their session with a 105.725, while the level 7, 8 and 9 teams combined to place 3rd with 107.875.

Highlights for Gymfinity included Baylee Hill bringing home first place on vault in level 4 competition. Melissa Graber placed first on beam and floor on her way to winning the all-around title in level 5. Rebecca Meister, level 5, and Haley Brott, level 6, both brought home vault titles. Valentina Barbalinardo placed first on bars in level 7 competition.

LEVEL 4 - VAULT: Baylee Hill, 1st, 9.0; Annie Allen, 2nd, 8.95; Katie Mathers, 9th, 8.5; Savannah Chrupalo, 8.35; Shannon Payne, 8.2; BARS: Hill, 3rd, 8.4; Allen, 8.15; Chrupalo, 8th, 7.8; Payne, 9th, 7.5; Mathers, 7.45. BEAM: Hill, 7th, 8.71; Mathers, 9th, 7.875; Chrupalo, 7.075; Payne, 6.9; Allen, 5.15. FLOOR: Allen, 9th, 8.4; Hill, 8.025; Payne, 8.0; Mathers, 8.0; Chrupalo, 7.725. ALL-AROUND: Hill, 6th, 33.575; Mathers, 9th, 31.7; Chrupalo, 10th, 30.95; Payne, 30.85; Allen, 30.65.

LEVEL 5, age 7 to 9 - VAULT: Victoria Enos, 4th, 8.0; Sara Vukojevic, 7th, 6.95; BARS: Enos, 5th, 7.6; Vukojevic, 6th, 7.4; BEAM: Enos, 5th, 7.65; Vukojevic, 7th, 6.25; FLOOR: Enos, 3rd, 8.525; Vukojevic, 7th, 6.25. ALL-AROUND: Enos, 5th, 31.775; Vukojevic, 7th, 27.525. Age 10+ - VAULT: Rebecca Meister, 1st, 8.6; Melissa Graber, 2nd, 8.3; Amy Morrison, 4th, 8.0; Carina Salcedo, 5th, 7.95; Celina Moufarrej, 7th, 7.9; Rachel Pombo, 10th, 6.8; Sabrina Chaco, 6.75. BARS: Meister, 2nd, 8.675; Morrison, 3rd, 8.525; Graber, 4th, 8.225; Moufarrej, 5th, 8.2; Chaco, 6th, 7.8; Pombo, 7th, 7.2; Salcedo, 5.05. BEAM: Graber, 1st, 8.875; Morrison, 2nd, 8.775; Meister, 4th, 8.3; Chaco, 6th, 7.925; Moufarrej, 7th, 7.35; Salcedo, 8th, 6.5; Pombo, 9th, 6.3. FLOOR: Graber, 1st, 9.05; Meister, 3rd, 8.65; Morrison, 4th, 8.575; Moufarrej, 6th, 8.1; Chaco, 8th, 7.225; Pombo, 9th, 7.0; Salcedo, 10th, 6.95. ALL-AROUND: Graber, 1st, 34.45; Meister, 2nd, 34.225; Morrison, 4th, 33.875; Moufarrej, 6th, 31.55; Chaco, 7th, 29.7; Pombo, 8th, 27.3; Salcedo, 26.45.

LEVEL 6 - VAULT: Haley Brott, 1st, 8.85; Moira Andrews, 3rd, 8.65; Gabriella Lemoine, 4th, 8.45; Taylor Fleer, 6th, 8.15; Gabby Schulz, 9th, 8.05. BARS: Lemoine, 2nd, 8.65; Brott, 3rd, 8.55; Andrews and Schulz, 7th, 7.275; Fleer, 9th, 6.45. BEAM: Brott, 2nd, 8.7; Lemoine, 3rd, 8.325; Andrews, 5th, 7.85; Schulz, 8th, 7.375; Fleer, 9th, 6.575. FLOOR: Lemoine, 3rd, 8.85; Brott, 5th, 8.8; Schulz, 6th, 8.55; Andrews, 8th, 7.9; Fleer, 9th, 7.8. ALL-AROUND: Brott, 2nd, 34.9; Lemoine, 3rd, 34.275; Andrews, 6th, 31.675; Schulz, 8th, 31.25; Fleer, 9th, 28.975.

LEVEL 7, age 10 to 12 - VAULT: Ashley Eastman, 4th, 8.7; Brianna Camacho, 7th, 8.6; Valentina Barbalinardo, 8th, 8.55. BARS: Barbalinardo, 1st, 9.0; Camacho, 5th, 8.6; Eastman, 7th, 8.55. BEAM: Camacho, 2nd, 9.225; Eastman, 4th, 9.05; Barbalinardo, 7.875. FLOOR: Camacho, 2nd, 9.45; Eastman, 4th, 9.25; Barbalinardo, 7th, 9.1. ALL-AROUND: Camacho, 3rd, 35.875; Eastman, 4th, 35.550; Barbalinardo, 6th, 34.525. Age 13+ - VAULT: Sophie Libkind, 3rd, 9.0; BARS: Libkind, 7th, 8.175. BEAM: Libkind, 7th, 8.15. FLOOR: Libkind, 5th, 9.25. ALL-AROUND: Libkind, 5th, 34.575.

LEVEL 8, age 10 to 14 - VAULT: Nicole Fitzgerald, 2nd, 8.8; Jamie Haines, 6th, 8.2. BARS: Fitzgerald, 7th, 8.8; Haines, 9th, 7.475. BEAM: Haines, 6th, 7.775; Fitzgerald, 8th, 7.6. FLOOR: Fitzgerald, 4th, 9.2; Haines, 7th, 8.6. ALL-AROUND: Fitzgerald, 6th, 34.4; Haines, 8th, 32.05. Age 15+ - VAULT: Alexa Leporati, 4th, 8.6; Dana Felker, 7th, 8.325. BARS: Felker, 5th, 8.15; Leporati, 8th, 7.625. BEAM: Leporati, 2nd, 8.675; Felker, 3rd, 8.4. FLOOR: Felker, 9th, 7.8; Leporati, 10th, 7.55. ALL-AROUND: Felker, 6th, 32.675; Leporati, 7th, 32.45. LEVEL - VAULT: Kimmie Lisiak, 5th, 8.3. BARS: Lisiak, 3rd, 7.875. BEAM: Lisiak, 3rd, 8.75. FLOOR: Lisiak, 4th, 8.85. ALL-AROUND: Lisiak, 4th, 33.775.

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## Middle School Basketball

East Ave Middle School took on Harvest Park and came away with a 36 to 21 victory in Tri-Valley league action. A much improved Harvest Park team was slowed by the great defense of Erin Walthall (2 pts, reb, 2 sts), Shannon Sunnengren (4rebs, 2sts) and Katelyn Jones (4rebs, stl, 1 block) of East Avenue. Leading the way for East Avenue on offense were Sami Schiller (14 pts, 12rebs, 11 sts), Alyse Kline (11 pts, 4rebs, 4 sts) and McKenzie Hubert (4 pts, 8rebs). Hustling to the ball for East was Jamie Elliott, Ashley Holmes (3rebs, 2 sts) and Jessica Beckwith (2 pts, 4rebs, stl).

East Ave defeated Pleasanton MS 37 to 18. The high octane offense of was led by Erin Walthall (4 pts, reb, 3sts), McKenzie Hubert (6pts, 7rebs) and Shannon Sunnengren (4pts, 5rebs, stl) kept the Pleasanton defense off balance. Julie Walsh, Alyse Kline (13 pts, 5 sts), Ashley Holmes (7rebs, 1stl) and Sami Schiller (9 pts, 10rebs, 10 sts) battled the much bigger Pleasanton school during the entire game. Coming off the bench for some tough defense was Jamie Elliott, Katelyn Jones (reb) and Jessica Beckwith (4rebs).

## CYO Basketball

St. Michael's/St. Charles (SMSC) 6th grade boys (#607) defeated St. Isidore (#605) in a 26 to 24 closely matched CYO basketball game. Offensively, Rio Orzoco stood out with 12 points and consistent rebounding. Louie Hernandez had a strong second half firing off 6 points. Outstanding offense was

# Marcia Tafarel Las Positas College's First All-American

The National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) has named Marcia Tafarel as a First Team All-American player. The designation marks the first time in the 16-year history of women's intercollegiate sports at Las Positas College (LPC) that a woman has received the honor of First Team All-American. The NSCAA awards the highest honors for all players, student/athletes and coaches at every level in the game of soccer, from World Cup Qualifying of national teams to coaching licensing schools.

Tafarel, or "Tafa" as she is commonly known, was presented the award on January 13 in Indianapolis, Indiana at the Annual NSCAA Awards Banquet Luncheon during the National Convention. Her All-American pin, team picture and NSCAS certificate are on display in the women's trophy case of the new physical education complex at LPC.

Tafa was also the Most Valuable Player for the LPC Lady Hawks, Player of the Year for the Coast Conference, First Team Nor/Cal State Team, and the Western Region Mid-Fielder of the

game for SM/SC.

In a great defensive battle, SM/SC 4th grade girls American League team gave St. Isidore's team all they wanted. From a 0-0 tie at the half, St. Isidore's answered an early basket with an 8-0 run. With the help of Shannon Rosemark's 9 second half points, SM/SC pulled within two with 1:30 to play. They were unable to close the gap at the end, falling 19-15 at the buzzer, but it was a great team effort. Carlee Grossano and Gabriela Rios had particularly strong games, and Grace Naylor was a defensive force on a team that seems to be improving with every game.

Catholic Community of Pleasanton (CCOP) #7005 defeated #7009 by 32 to 22 score. The (#7009) team had a great start in the first quarter, scoring the first 4 points. After that, #7005 got tough, and pulled ahead at the half with an 11 point lead. It wasn't until the 4th quarter, that CCOP #7009 had a scoring "surge" with Elena Victor putting in a majority of her 9 game points in the final quarter. Jessica Woodruff played a great defensive game, and was very effective under the boards. Because of team player fouls and injuries, Nicole Torquato was challenged to play positions that were new to her; she hustled and had a great defensive game.

The Catholic Community of Pleasanton (CCOP) 7th grade girls (team 7005) once again found themselves trailing after the 1st period to CCOP (7009) 2-6. It was 7009's press that halted 7005' offensive game. 7005 turned on the offense out-scoring 7009 17-2 in the 2nd period. The offense was sparked by Lauren MacDonnell as the go-to gal shooting 5 for 9 at the free throw line and scoring a total of 15 points. The trap created by MacDonnell, Sydney Okumura, Nicole Ponzini and Jessica Morosoli created turnovers and kept the scoring low for 7009 through the 3rd period. 7009 had a run in the 4th and out-scored 7005 11-8. CCOP 7005 came out ahead with the win 35-22 to up their record to 7 and 1.

Contributing offensively were Lyndsay Godwin (7 points), Okumura/Michelle Mann (4 points each), Morosoli/Emily Alberts (2 points each) and Ponzini (1 point). Defensively the board was controlled by Godwin (17rebounds), Okumura (7rebounds), Mann (6rebounds) and Ponzini (5rebounds).

SM/SC 8th grade boys team #804 lost to CCOP 8th grade boys #807 46-32 at the Pleasanton Middle School gym on Sunday. SM/SC came back from two different ten point deficits to tie the game in the third quarter but CCOP outscored SM/SC down the stretch and secured a double digit victory. Notable performances by SM/SC were: Jacob Goodness: 13 points, 3rebounds, 3 assists and 6-6 from the free throw line. Jacob Bohl 8 points, 13rebounds and 7 blocks. Ryan Rogers 5 points and 4rebounds, Kyle Phillips and Steven Dubberly rounded out the scoring with 4 points and 2 points, respectively.

SM/SC 7th grade girls (#7010) defeated CCOP (#7001), 30 to 16. The great passing of McKenzie Hubert (4 pts, 7rebs, 2 sts), Erin Walthall (2 pts, 4rebs, 2sts) and Katelyn Snyder (2 pts) led SM/SC to some early scoring. Shannon Sunnengren (6 pts, 7rebs, 2sts) and Katelyn Jones (3pts, 8rebs, 3sts) crashed the boards to limit the shots of a good shooting CCOP team. Brittany Campiotti (6 pts, 2rebs, 3sts), Dani Arnold (2pts), Katie Gannon and Ashley Holmes (5 pts, 3rebs, 2 sts) led the defense of SM/SC to push their record to 8 and 1.

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The girls of CCOP #6007 played well against SM/SC #6005. Their passing game was unbelievable. In the first quarter Sarah Loduba was on fire with three steals and a rebound. At the end of the first half CCOP #6007 was ahead, 10-0. In the second half Kris Dunworth made five rebounds to assist her team in the win, 14-4. Top Offensive Players for CCOP #6007: Kylie Copenhagen, Sydney Hitesman, Aubry Wolf, Alaina Urban; Top Defensive Players for CCOP #6007: Hayley Bradley, Arleen Firoozan, Marlo Agahazarian, Brian Downum.

SM/SC 5th grade boys (team name the Heat) were on fire against Saint Joan of Arc 5th grade team. The Heat gave this excellent team a real spark as Vincent Barton was first to score for the team. Jonathan Futral made a fantastic basket in the first quarter as well to start the game off right. Justin McKee was unstoppable on defense. It was a close game all the way through but in the end the final score ended with a quick additional racking up on Saint Joan of Arc's part with a 16 to 28 win.

In fifth grade action, SM/SC Team 527 beat St. Isidore's Team 525 on its home court 27-16. SM/SC jumped to an early 4-0 lead on a pass-and-shoot combination that featured Hunter Ashby and Alec Bradley. The score was 14-8 at halftime. St. Isidore's fought back in the second half, but SM/SC played its best defense of the year with more than a dozen steals, numerous rebounds, and several blocked shots. The offense also rose to the occasion with six different SM/SC players scoring baskets. Andrei Kanten, David Pinon, Matt Santos, and Derek Zenner handled the ball extremely well and kept the offense moving. The game's top offensive players were SM/SC's Alec Bradley (9 points) and Mark Santos (6 points); and St. Isidore's Jonathan Freshman (8 points). The game's top defensive players were SM/SC's Hunter Ashby (4 points, 6 steals), Tito Quintan (4 points, 4 steals), and Grady Saccullo (2 steals); and St. Isidore's Brian Joyce (4 points, several blocks).

SM/SC 4th grade boys (#411) versus CCOP (#409) lost 21 to 23 in overtime. The great shooting of Michael Pierce (12 pts, 7rebs, 5 stls) and Ryan Holmes (6 pts, 2rebs, 5 stls) led the way for SM/SC against the first place CCOP team. Crashing the boards and playing great defense for SM/SC were Michael Bohl (2 pts, 6rebs), Dustin Allen (1 pt, 3rebs, stl) and Jason Bohl (11rebs, 1stl). Patrick Miron and Omar Naisan hustled all

game for SM/SC.

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SM/SC team #4006 won 20-18 in a thriller over St. Isidore team #4002 in 4th grade girls CYO basketball action. SM/SC built a 10 point lead but had to hold on as St. Isidore rallied to close to within 2 at the end. Leading SM/SC scorers were Nicole Alcaraz with 8, Kelly Borden with 6, and Arianna McGlynn with 6. Samantha Schwartz and Danielle Dufek had strong overall games in support of SM/SC's win. For St. Isidore Natalie Cristiani had 10 pts, Kyndel Sidore had 4, and Taylor Whittemore had 4. Paige Selbach anchored the defense for St. Isidore.

The SM/SC 1st and 2nd grade Scorpions hosted the Warriors and it was a fast paced game. The Scorpions Kaine Montez #7, Lucas O'Brien #7 and Brandon Williams #8 were the top shooters and hot on the court! While Zack Scribner #94 and Joseph Coulm #14 and Randell Afandor #5 kept the Warriors moving fast and shooting sharp.

The Shooting Stars (1st/2nd grade girls #G-2) once again faced off against the Gladiators (1st/2nd grade girls #G-4) in the season finale. Jenny Gibson led the way for the Stars with 3 baskets and plenty of strong defense. Annemarie Arnold put in a shot from the outside, blocked shots under the basket and stole the ball for the Stars. Alexandra Lonsinger also scored and made the Gladiators feel her presence under the basket at both ends of the court. The Gladiators played a great game too. Madison Kalwaty brought her strong defense for the team. Hannah Larsen and Isabella Neads both contributed on offense with 3 baskets each for the Gladiators. Both teams played a great final game, with fast breaks, turnovers, rebounding and defense, defense, defense.

## Track and Field Sign ups

Athenian Athletics is accepting applications for youth athletes between the ages of 7-17 for the upcoming track and field season. Athletes 18 and older are also invited to join the club and train during our adult sessions. Practices are held year round and are scheduled on Mondays and Wednesdays. For practice time and location, please visit [www.athenianathletics.com](http://www.athenianathletics.com) or call Coach Rick Richardson (Home) 1-925-862-0855 or (Cell) 1-925-518-9356.

## Benefit Golf Tourney

Livermore High Baseball will host its 1st annual Benefit Golf Course on Fri., March 16. Scramble format is at 1 p.m. The \$150 fee includes golf with cart, lunch, range balls, winner, clubhouse credit and door prizes. Information, call Coach Dave Perotti at 586-2811.

## Junior Umpires Needed

Pleasanton Phantom Girls Softball League is looking for boys and girls in 7th grade or older to become Junior Umpires. This is a great way to be part of the exciting games, have fun, earn money and build confidence at the same time. A mandatory training session will take place on Feb. 24 at the Pleasanton Tennis Complex. If you are interested, email your name, address, phone numbers (home & cell), age, grade and any previous experience to Garry Bardakos gbardakos@comcast.net or James Gilbreth jamesg@baysal.com. For more information, contact Garry Bardakos at 462-5830.

## Annual Crab Feed

The 2nd Annual Livermore Girls Softball Association Crab Feed fund-raiser 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 Groth 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) 447-3190.

## Football and Cheer

Youth Football & Cheer (LYF&C) is a full contact football league that has been established for more than 30 years. The league's motto is "children first, game second." The goal is teaching the fundamentals of both football and cheer. The league works together with the local High Schools to ensure participants are learning the fundamentals needed for the high schools' competitive football and cheer programs. LYF&C emphasis is on proper technique and fundamentals, responsibility, accountability, and most importantly being a good person and teammate.

All coaches are CPR and First Aid certified as well as NYSCA certified. All coaches are required to attend coaching clinics each year to strengthen their knowledge of the game.

The football and cheer squads have been very successful in the highly competitive Diablo Valley Youth Football Conference (DYYFC). DYYFC is one of the strongest youth football conferences in Northern CA. It consists of 16 "city" teams that attract the best football players and cheerleaders in the Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. In the past 5 years LYF&C has sent at least 2 teams to the playoffs each year, with one team reaching the championship 4 consecutive years. Cheer squads consistently place in regional as well as national cheer competitions. There are 5 levels to tryout for with ages 7 to 14 (football) 5 to 14 (cheerleading).

Year. The string of honors bear even more weight when you consider that Tafa is 38-years old, a Brazilian national who moved to the United States just two years ago to attend school and learn English. Tafa didn't even play on an organized women's team until she was 14.

"Soccer is very, very big in Brazil. However, there were no competitive teams organized for young girls, just for boys," says Tafa. "I began playing as a child with my brothers and neighbors, kicking the ball in the street."

Tafa came to the United States in 2004 believing she had retired from playing soccer, just looking to play for fun and perhaps secure a coaching job.

In addition to maintaining a 4.0 grade point average in her classes at Las Positas, Tafa has realized her dream of staying in the game she loves so much, and plays and coaches soccer in the region.

Registration will be held March 15th from 6-8pm @ Round Table Pizza 1024 East Stanley Blvd. Information at web-site [www.eteamz.com/lyfc](http://www.eteamz.com/lyfc) or call 925-454-1421 (evenings).

## Golf Tourney Tickets

The Livermore Valley Wine Country Championship Tournament will be held at The Course at Wente Vineyards from March 29 - April 1.

This tournament showcases the PGA Nationwide Tour featuring "up and coming" golf stars.

Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation (PPIE) and Pleasanton Schools Education Enrichment Foundation (PSEE) will be partnering with the school organizations to sell tickets to this tournament. The tickets are \$25.00 each and will allow the ticket holder to access the grounds for all 4 days of the tournament! This event will also feature food and wine, art and performances from the local community, and more!

Please contact Nancy Bronzini, PPIE ambassador at [nbronzini@pleasanton.k12.ca.us](mailto:nbronzini@pleasanton.k12.ca.us) or (925) 846-3520, or contact the PPIE Office at (925) 846-5620 or [mail@ppie.org](mailto:mail@ppie.org), to purchase your tickets.

## Super Party

Lights, action, chips and dip—it's time for the Tri-Valley's biggest super football party on Sunday, February 4, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. Hosted by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD), the event will be held at the world-class Robert Livermore Community Center at 4444 East Avenue, in the Cresia Blanca ballroom. There is no fee for those who make reservations in advance by calling (925) 373-5748. Those without reservations will be charged \$2 per person at the door.

There, participants can enjoy the big game on a 12-foot by 14-foot screen. There will be plenty of food and beverage items available for purchase including tri-tip sandwiches, burgers cooked to order, hot dogs, nachos, beer, wine and soft drinks.

The party is a benefit for the Livermore Junior Football, launching its first season this year for boys and girls interested in learning the fundamentals of football and good sportsmanship. The program is made possible through a \$10,000 start-up donation from the Madden Charities. Families are welcome. Children can enjoy basketball, badminton and table tennis in the adjoining gym, along with free entry to the game lounge to play football, pool and air hockey. Adults can also receive a free cab ride home from the Livermore Cab Company with reservations.

Guests can bid for items in a silent auction that include such things as a 10,000 foot tandem skydive from the Adventure Skydive Center, a one-month family membership to the Livermore Valley Tennis Club, and golf for two at Poppy Ridge Golf Course. Raffles for dinner at local restaurants and admission to entertainment venues will continue throughout the afternoon.

For more information, please visit [www.larpd.dst.ca.us](http://www.larpd.dst.ca.us)

## Roller Hockey Signup

Valley Roller Hockey, located in Livermore behind Junction Ave. Middle School will be having Winter League

## Science Bowl Competition at Las Positas College

The Super Bowl isn't the only contest on the slate for this coming weekend, but its brains, not brawn that will be challenged as Las Positas College (LPC) hosts the regional Science Bowl competition.

On Saturday, February 3, some 18 high school teams will converge on the Livermore campus to answer questions such as, "Laser is an acronym for what?" (Answer: Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation.)

The event is one of 64 regional competitions in the nation, where high school teams vie to advance to the national competition hosted by the U.S. Department of Energy in Washington, D.C. later this spring.

Participating teams hail from Livermore High School (Livermore); Granada High School

(Livermore); Foothill High School (Pleasanton); Chinese Christian Schools (San Leandro); Gunn High School (Palo Alto); Mission San Jose High School (Fremont); Monta Vista High School (Cupertino); and Terra Linda High School (San Rafael).

Students and coaches will spend the morning in round robin elimination matches, with final rounds leading to a winner in the

## Math and Science Conference Scheduled for Girls

"Dream, Imagine, Explore" is this year's theme for the Tri-Valley Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) in Math and Science Conference to be held on Saturday, Feb. 24 at the AT&T Administrative Center in San Ramon. The annual conference for girls in grades 6-12 from Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton and San Ramon school districts is sponsored

by the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and Sandia National Laboratories.

8:45 a.m.: Welcome, Announcements and Drawing for Team Pairings at the LPC Little Theatre

9:20 a.m.-12:00 p.m.: Three Round-Robin groups of 6 teams each will play the other 5 teams within their group. The two top teams will qualify for a Modified Elimination competition in

which the three first place teams will be eliminated after two losses and all 2nd place teams will be eliminated with one loss. Head to head competition occurs in various classrooms around campus. 1:00-3:00 p.m.: Modified Double Elimination Competition 3:00-3:30 p.m.: Awards Ceremony

Las Positas College is located at 3033 Collier Canyon Road in Livermore.

Registration is underway. The option to pay electronically via Paypal is new this year. The fee is \$20 and includes lunch. Scholarships are available for girls who cannot afford the registration fee. For additional information about the EYH conference, visit [http://www.llnl.gov/eyh/tv\\_eyh.html](http://www.llnl.gov/eyh/tv_eyh.html) or call (925) 422-2453.



Susan Browne (left) and Kim Addonizio are guest readers.

## Two Poets Featured at Century House Reading

The Century House Poetry Readings, sponsored by City of Pleasanton Civic Arts and hosted by Pleasanton Poet Laureate Cynthia Bryant, will resume on Sunday, February 4, 2007 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Two East Bay poets, Susan Browne and Kim Addonizio, will be the guest readers.

Century House is located at 2401 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton, Calif. Civic Arts is a program of the Department of Parks and Community Services.

Susan Browne has been honored by the Chester H. Jones Foundation, the National Writer's Union, the Los Angeles Poetry Festival and the River Styx International Poetry Contest. She was selected as the winner of The Four Ways Books Prize by Edward Hirsch. Her poetry has appeared in many major literary journals and anthologies and her first book, *Buddha's Dogs*, was published in 2004. Browne teaches at Diablo Valley College in Pleasanton Hill, Calif. and conducts private poetry workshops. She will lead a poetry workshop for adults at the Sixth Annual Poetry, Prose & Arts Festival in Pleasanton on March 31, 2007.

Kim Addonizio's work has been recognized with two NEA (National Education Association) Fellowships, a Guggenheim Fellowship, a National Book Award nomination, a Pushcart Prize and other awards. Her essays, poetry and fiction have appeared widely in journals, anthologies and textbooks. She has published numerous books, including four poetry collections, the most recent being *What Is This Thing Called Love*. She co-authored *The Poet's Companion: A Guide to the Pleasures of Writing Poetry* with Dorianne Laux. Ms. Addonizio resides in Oakland.

Following the guest readings, attendees may participate in an open mic segment. Each poet may read one favorite or original poem of 40 lines or less. Light refreshments will be served during intermission.

Admission is \$5.00.

For more information about all Civic Arts poetry events, contact Michelle Russo at (925) 931-5350 or [mrusso@ci.pleasanton.ca.us](mailto:mrusso@ci.pleasanton.ca.us).

## 'The Witness' Performance a Benefit for Tri-Valley Haven

"The Witness," a one-woman, one-act play by Martha Boesing, will be presented at Lynnwood Methodist Church on Sat., Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. It is a fund-raiser for Tri-Valley Haven.

Sponsored by Lynnwood's Homeless Initiative, "The Witness," follows Tracy, a young woman, on a journey through poverty and homelessness in search of enlightenment and compassion. "It is an inspiring, uplifting play that serves a higher purpose: making the world a better place," said Steve Elliott, Outreach Chairman for Lynnwood. "As a fund-raiser for Tri-Valley Haven, the proceeds go to a good cause."

Tickets are \$20, which includes the play, refreshments and child care. Discounts are available for seniors, youth and groups of ten or more. To purchase tickets in advance, contact the church office at 846-0221. The church is located at 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton.

In addition to its domestic violence and sexual assault programs, Tri-Valley Haven operates a Sojourner House, a 16-bed family shelter, the only shelter in the Tri-Valley that accepts two-parent families, single fathers and their children, and families with boys over the age of ten. The Haven also operates the Haven Pantry, which provides groceries to more than 3000 residents each month, and is a partner in the Hope van, a mobile clinic that offers medical, mental health and social services in Livermore and Pleasanton.

## 'Anton in Show Business' Opens

Act Now! presents *Anton in Show Business* by Jane Martin. Performances will be Feb. 2-24 at the Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek.

Fate and timing bring three very different actresses together to rehearse Chekov's *The Three Sisters*. There is the innocent, just-off-the-bus actress, the TV star trying to incorporate classical stage work into her repertoire, and the hardened-pro celebrating her 200th play without ever having been paid a salary. Like the original three sisters, these three actresses struggle to maintain self-esteem and hope as they confront typical theatre difficulties—eccentric directors, impossible critics, funding crises, and inept producers. Don't miss this tale of joy, angst, humor, and the absurdity of theatre.

Cast members include Rhonda Taylor of Pleasanton as Casey. Tickets may be purchased at the box office or by telephone at 925-943-7469 (943-SHOW). Adult tickets are \$25, seniors \$23 and 17 and under \$12.50



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## OBITUARIES

### Evelyn D. Hanninen

Evelyn D. Hanninen passed away January 23, 2007 from medical complications. She was 77.

Formerly of Dearborn, MI, she had resided in Livermore for one year. She was born August 10, 1929 in Mass City, Michigan. She grew up on a farm. Following graduation from high school, she moved to Detroit where she pursued a career in the business world. She was a co-owner and corporate officer of Silicone Rubber Products and later, Jedco Corporation, both silicone rubber fabricating companies specializing in government contracts and parts for the aerospace industry. During her 19 years of retirement, Evelyn worked part-time at Genesis Marketing and volunteered at the City of Dearborn and at the information desk at Henry Ford Hospital in Dearborn. She was also an active member of the Finnish Center Association of Farmington Hills, MI, and served as treasurer for several years.

Evelyn's interests included non-fiction reading, current events, and the Finnish culture and traditions. Her greatest joys in life were her granddaughters and her niece Brenda's children, phone conversations with her brother John and dear friends, shopping, and fresh tomatoes from the vine. Proud of her heritage, Evelyn possessed Sisu, the Finnish trait of independence and perseverance.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Liisa Hanninen-Danner and Don Danner and granddaughters, Alexa and Kate Danner of Livermore; her brother John Keskinen of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and niece Brenda Sinclair and her family of Livonia, MI. She is also survived by several other nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Anna Keskinen; brother Francis Keskinen, and sister Ruth Brookman.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 2 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI. Donations may be made to the Finnish Center Association Scholarship Fund, 35200 W. Eight Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48335.

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### Patricia Mary Goldsmith

Patricia Mary Goldsmith died January 23, 2007.

Pat was a warmhearted gift from God who's love, kindness and humor was a gift to all who knew her.

She was the beloved wife and best friend of Vernon I. Goldsmith, who went before her in 2003. Her love, kindness and charity were a testimony to her three children Vernon, Vance and Vincent, as well as their wives. She was especially proud of her grandchildren. They remember her as loving and fun to play with and someone who always had a smile.

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### David D. Chisholm

David D. Chisholm, 46, lifelong resident of Castro Valley, is at rest now after battling a long illness.

He was born November 29, 1060 and passed away January 22, 2007. David loved the outdoors. He was an avid camper and enjoyed local travel. He was a custodian for over 26 years with the Castro Valley School District.

David is survived by his mother, Dolores Chisholm of Pleasanton, brother and sister-in-law Tim and Pam Chisholm of Murphys, sisters and brothers-in-law, Ariene and Jynx Beebe of Fresno and Sue and Dennis Miller of Paradise; his godmother, Jackie Stacey of San Leandro, 7 nephews, 4 great nieces and great nephews. David will be sorely missed by extended family, colleagues, and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Denny Chisholm.

A celebration of his life will be held at 2 p.m. on February 10 at the Vineyard Mobile Villas' Clubhouse, 3263 Vineyard Ave., Pleasanton.

Donations may be made to Kaiser Hospice, 200 Muir Rd., Martinez, CA 94553.

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### Ann Karin Salmi

Ann Karin Salmi, 70, of Livermore, passed away peacefully on January 25, 2007.

She was born on Dec. 27, 1936 to Ellen and Swen Westerberg. Ann grew up in a logging camp at Camp McGregor, Oregon and attended grammar school in a two room brick school house. She continued her education in Clatskanie, OR, where she met and married the love of her life, Donald Salmi. They were married for 53 years. The family moved to Livermore in 1958 when Don was recruited to work at the Lawrence Livermore Lab. They have resided in Livermore ever since.

Ann had a passion for volunteer work, which emerged when she was pulled over for speeding. Instead of a monetary fine, the judge ordered Ann to perform volunteer work for an or-

ganization that worked with disabled children. Even after completing her court ordered hours, Ann found the work so rewarding that she continued for years. Along with her volunteer work, Ann served as the local Livermore bus driver and homemaker for her family.

Ann's love for dogs was like no other. In fact, when Don and Ann went to the local dog pound to adopt Buddy, all the workers had to take a glance at Ann's license plate, which reads, DOG LVRZ, to know that a background check was not necessary. She was also an avid advocate for women's rights and advancement of education. Ann and her grandchildren spent hours talking about their dreams and goals and her words of wisdom, support and encouragement will forever live in their hearts and minds. Ann was also a dedicated Jeopardy watcher, queen of debate over current affairs, gifted at picking the winner at horse races and for years, enjoyed playing softball in the local women's softball league.

She is survived by her husband Donald Salmi of Livermore, daughters Karin Beecher and Donna Stayton of Manteca; brother and his wife Alan and Vicki Westerberg of Randall, WA, her sister-in-law and husband Joyce and Jody Oliva of Rainier, OR, brother-in-law and wife, Allen and Susan Salmi of Escalon and grandchildren Jamie (Mike Matthews), Kelly (Mike) Ward, Laurie Stayton, Brent Beecher and Cynthia Stayton, her beloved dogs, Daisy and Buddy, countless other relatives and close friends. She was preceded in death by her parents Swen and Ellen Westerberg, her brother John Westerberg, and her beloved dogs, Mutsey and Archy.

A celebration of Ann's life was held January 29 in Livermore.

Donations may be made in Ann Salmi's name to East Bay SPCA, Development Dept., 8323 Baldwin St., Oakland, CA 94621.

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### Elizabeth May Holmes

Elizabeth May Holmes died January 24, 2007. She was 77.

She was born in Sonoma County's Alexander Valley to Joseph Lozinto and Elsie Elgin. She was Native American and a member of the Dry Creek Pomo Band. Elizabeth and her husband Dick met and married in San Francisco. They lived in Pleasanton for 38 years. She was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and served in various capacities.

She had five siblings, two of whom preceded her in death. She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Richard T. Holmes of Pleasanton and two children, Richard D. Holmes of Windsor and Kathleen Compton of Nephi, UT. Elizabeth also leaves behind ten grandchildren.

Funeral services were held January 31 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 4th Ward, Pleasanton. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Thurs., Feb. 1 at Shiloh Cemetery in Windsor. Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

### John Anthony Bell

John or "Jack" Anthony Bell passed away at his Pleasanton home on January 23, 2007 after a six month battle with cancer. He was surrounded by his family.

A native of California, John was born in Fresno on June 24, 1938 to Frances and George R. Bell. His family settled in Kensington following World War II, where he graduated from El Cerrito High School. After starting UC Berkeley, John joined the Army and served three years in the 3rd Armored Division. He was in Berlin at the time of the building of the Berlin Wall. Following his Army tour, John graduated from UC Berkeley in 1964 and Hastings College of the Law in 1968.

In 1969, John started his career as a prosecutor with the Alameda County District Attorney's office. Over the years, he worked in the county's Hayward, San Leandro, Oakland Pleasanton offices. He was a career criminal

prosecutor prior to his final ten years of service and retirement in 2000 as the Assistant District Attorney in charge of the Pleasanton office.

In 1971, John married his wife of 35 years, Phoebe. In 1973, they moved to Pleasanton. Because of his heritage, he was an enthusiastic supporter of the Scottish Games held annually in Pleasanton. John had a lifelong interest in, and extensive knowledge of, politics, geography and military history. He was a voracious reader and loved to travel. His favorite trip was to Africa. John will be remembered for his love of family, friends and distinguished career. Thoughtful and articulate, John shared his own unique perspective of life with intelligence and humor.

He is survived by his wife Phoebe; daughter Katherine (Kate) Damiani, son-in-law Brian Damiani and granddaughters Julia and Emily; a son John Charles (Chas) Hamilton Bell and daughter-in-law Molly Bell, all of Pleasanton, and a sister Carol A. Bell, M.D., of Marina del Rey.

At John's request, arrangements are private. Family and friends are invited to attend a celebration of life and reception at the family home from 1 to 3 p.m. on February 3. The family would like to thank Hope Hospice for its generous care and support.

Memorial contributions may be made in John's honor to Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd., Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

### Detroit Barksdale

Detroit Barksdale died January 22, 2007 at Washington Hospital in Fremont. He was 75. He was a Livermore resident

He was born July 15, 1921 in Mississippi to Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Barksdale. Detroit received Christ at an early age and joined Jones Grove Missionary Baptist Church where he continued until he moved to Oakland. Detroit then moved to Livermore where he joined St. Matthew's Baptist Church and met his current church family. He was well known and loved throughout the Livermore community by friends and merchants.

He is survived by his wife Katherine Barksdale, sons Willie Barksdale, Sylvester Dean, Alvin Barksdale, Jimmy Dean, and Keith Barksdale, daughters Djuana Barksdale, Alice Johnson, Betty Barksdale, Belinda Barksdale, Hattie Johnson, Sylvia Barksdale and Mary Dean, a host of sons and daughters-in-law, nieces and nephews, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held January 30 at St. Matthew's Baptist Church in Livermore. Interment was at the San Joaquin National Cemetery in Gustine.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

### Stanley A. Erickson

Stanley A. Erickson passed away on January 20, 2007 at the Bethesda Christian Retirement Home in Hayward. He was a 19-year resident of Pleasanton.

He was born in Jamestown, NY on July 23, 1916. He was a dairy farmer for twenty years. Stan retired from Crescent Tool Co. in Jamestown in 1977. While in California, he was active in the Bethesda Worship Services, Bible Study Fellowship and The Church on the Hill in San Ramon. In Jamestown, he was an active member of the Christian & Missionary Alliance Church, served on the boards of the Chautauqua County Bible Club Movement and Youth for Christ, and volunteered at the Union Gospel Rescue Mission.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Evelyn Erickson, in 1997. He is survived by daughters Julie (Hal) Nygaard of Pleasanton and Lynette Erickson of Fremont; granddaughter Laurel (Mike) Stiller of Eugene, OR, a brother Harold (Dorothy) Erickson of Ashville, NY, and three great grandchildren.


A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Sat., Feb. 3 at the Centerville Presbyterian Church, 4360 Central Ave., Fremont. A memorial service

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## Pacific Chamber Symphony Debuts in Livermore; Russian Pianists Featured

The Pacific Chamber Symphony, with Lawrence Kohl as music director and conductor, is the latest addition to Livermore's burgeoning music and fine arts scene.

On February 9, the Friday before Valentine's day, the Pacific Chamber Symphony will present a bouquet of musical treats at 8:00 pm in the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore, 2020 Fifth Street at South L Street.

The concert features two of the most outstanding emerging Russian pianists on their inaugural United States National Tour. Ilya Petrov will play Prokofiev's *Piano Concerto #3*, and Dinara Nadzhafova will play Rachmaninoff's *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini*.

The concert begins with Beethoven's *Leonore Overture No. 3*, a heroic musical gesture which takes listeners from oppression, resolve, hope, to joyous deliverance. It ends with Brahms' *Variation on the Theme of Haydn*, a display of the composer's inventiveness as he opens the door to new possibilities of melody and power in the genre of theme and variations.

"Ilya and Dinara are the very essence of the romantic Russian soul: fiery, passionate, virtuosic and compelling," said Maestro Lawrence Kohl.

Dinara Nadzhafova was born in Kharkov in 1989, and began music lessons at age five. In 1996 she became a pupil at a special music boarding school in Kharkov, at the same time winning a scholarship from the President of the Ukraine. Nadzhafova has appeared with such orchestras as the Moscow Symphony Orchestra, Kiev State Philhar-



Lawrence Kohl will direct.

monic Society, Kharkov Youth Philharmonic Society, and the Kazan Philharmonic Society. In 2001 she proceeded with her studies at the Central Musical School of Russia under P.I.Tchaikovsky Moscow State Conservatoire in the class of Prof. Piassetski, Honored Artist of Russia.

Ilya Petrov was born in 1985 in Krivoy Rog, Ukraine, into a family of musicians, and began to study music in early childhood; his first teachers were his father and grandfather. At age seven, he had already performed a Mozart concerto with an orchestra, and three years later he appeared on stage playing Bach and Beethoven concertos and winning prizes at local and regional piano competitions. At the age of 9 he began to study at the Central School of Music in Kiev, performing in concerts in Ukraine and abroad. In 1998 he won First Prize at the young performers' competition "Little Prince", and immediately was accepted at the Chopin Music School in Moscow, where his teacher was Professor Airapetian, who also taught at the Moscow Conservatory. In 2005 he was admitted to the Gnessin Academy of Music in Moscow to continue study under Airapetian.

Twice a Guzik Foundation Award Winner, Mr. Petrov maintains an active concert schedule, appearing both as a soloist and in chamber ensembles. His favorite composer is Liszt, whose works comprise a major part of Ilya's repertoire.

Pacific Chamber Symphony has been playing at venues in San Francisco, Napa, Lafayette-Orinda and Pleasanton for over 25 years.

However, Kohl is excited about adding the soon-to-be-finished 500 seat theater Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center to his calendar for the 2007-2008 season. With the Del Valle Fine Arts (DVFA) organization, Kohl has been planning an introductory performance that will enhance the current musical scene in Livermore.

As the regional chamber symphony for the greater San Francisco Bay Area, the members reside in the communities in which core supporters live and work and where their performances, educational programs, and civic participation cultivate a greater sense of community. DVFA has been presenting fine chamber music featuring national and internationally recognized groups for almost 40 years. They welcome and enthusiastically recommend the Pacific Chamber Symphony for a thrilling musical experience.

For tickets to the February 9 concert, call 931-3444 or go to [www.civicartstickets.org](http://www.civicartstickets.org). The prices are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors, \$10 for full-time students and \$5 for children under 18. Tickets may also be purchased at the door. More information is available at [www.pacificchambersymphony.org](http://www.pacificchambersymphony.org).

## ART & ENTERTAINMENT

**World Class Four Hand Piano**, featuring Mark Anderson & Tamriko Siphraevili on Saturday, February 24, at 8 p.m. The performance will take place at the Amador Theater, located at 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Annual two-piano benefit concert for the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council's Arts in the Schools Program. Piano selections will include Stravinski's *Tango* & Petrushka as well as Vivaldi's *Four Seasons* Winter, Paul Dukas' *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* and Ravel's *Boleto*. City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Presents will host. Advance tickets are \$15, \$20 and \$25. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.civicartstickets.org](http://www.civicartstickets.org) up to three hours prior to the performance, by phone at (925) 931-3444.

**Fifth Annual Youth Music Festival**, City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Presents will host the on Friday, February 23, at 8:00 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Entertainment will include solo vocalists, instrumentalists, and vocal and instrumental ensembles. Young artists, age 18 and under, from the East Bay and beyond will perform. Ticket prices are \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.civicartstickets.org](http://www.civicartstickets.org) up to three hours prior to the performance, by phone at (925) 931-3444, or in person at the Amador Theater Box Office Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and for two hours prior to the performance. Group discounts are available.

**The Odd Couple**, a Comedy by Neil Simon, Feb. 2-18, Thursday, Friday & Saturday at 8:00 pm & Sundays at 2:00 pm. The Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 North Third Street, Hayward. Tickets (510) 881-6777; information [dmtonline.org](http://dmtonline.org).

**Heroes and Villains: A Classic Film Series**, 7 p.m. Thurs., Feb. 1, "Stalag 17," starring William Holden. Pleasanton Library Meeting Room, 400 Old Bernal Avenue, Las Positas College and Pleasanton Public Library present this classic film series with Candy Klaschus, film historian and Coordinator of the Humanities

Program at Las Positas College. A film will be shown every first Thursday of the month.

**Killer Laughs Comedy Competition**, 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: Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27; March 6, 13; 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. For More Information Call (925) 264-4413 or e-mail [john@laughalotproductions.com](mailto:john@laughalotproductions.com).

**Livermore-Amador Symphony**, Sat., Feb. 3, 8 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Solos by winners of Competition for young musicians. Program includes Offenbach: *Overture to Orpheus in the Underworld*; Humperdinck: *Evening Prayer and Dream* Pantomime from Hansel and Gretel; Daugherty: *Hell's Angels* for bassoon quartet and orchestra; Liszt: *Mephisto Waltz No. 1*; and Wagner: *Entrance of the Gods into Valhalla* from *Das Rheingold*. Ticket information, 447-4924.

**Authors and Arts Program Series**, Feb. 4, 2 p.m. author Author John Perkins, "A Day in the Life." Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Free admission. Friends of the Livermore Library. Information, 373-5505.

**Cinema at Wente Vineyards** - My Big Fat Greek Wedding, Thurs., Feb. 8. Dinner and the movie is \$39 (plus tax and gratuity). Proceeds benefit the California Independent Film Festival. Movie begins at 7:30 pm Dinner & Movie: \$39 (plus tax and gratuity). Movie only tickets are also available for \$9 per adult and \$5 per child (12 and under). Wente Vineyards Visitors Center, Arroyo Rd., Livermore. For more information and ticket sales, call the box office at 925-456-2400.

**Campana Jazz Festival**, Sat., Feb. 10.

Competition all day, awards in the afternoon, evening concert featuring award winners. Performances start at 7:30 a.m. 461-6196 or [www.amadorband.org](http://www.amadorband.org).

**Benefit Concert**, Sun., Feb. 11, 2 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Presented by Amador Valley High School and Vietnam Youth Projects. Proceeds support children in need in Vietnam. Chi and Truc Nguyen and other Bay Area professional musicians will perform. Tickets and information at [www.vnyouthprojects.net](http://www.vnyouthprojects.net) or 275-9250.

**Friends: A Play by Peter Levy**, Livermore Library on Thurs., Feb. 1 at 7 p.m. Appearing in the production are John Hutchinson and Marilyn Kamelgam. There is no admission charge. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Livermore Library. The library is located at 1188 So. Livermore Avenue. For more information, contact Joyce Nevins at 373-5500 ext. 5577.

**Spyro Gyra - Jazz for the Ages**, Friday, February 16, 8 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road on the Amador Valley High School campus in Pleasanton. City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Presents will host. Spyro Gyra's show will include music from the past three decades as well as selections from four new albums, including last spring's *Wrapped in a Dream*. Advance tickets are \$20, \$30 & \$35. Tickets may be purchased on-line at [www.civicartstickets.org](http://www.civicartstickets.org) up to three hours prior to the performance, by phone at (925) 931-3444.

**Murder Mystery Dinner**, Trio at Stony Ridge Restaurant, located at the Stony Ridge and Crooked Vine wineries is hosting on February 10, at 6 pm. Cost is \$55.00 per person for dinner and show. Wine, beer and sangria menu available. Call 925-449-0660 for required reservations.

**Music**, February 2-Live music at Campo di Bocce, 175 E. Vineyard Ave, Livermore. Featuring The Hummingbird Blues Band from 8:30-12:00.

## A Night of Exuberant Piracy

By Nancy O'Connell

We were warned to expect the unexpected, and the audience was not disappointed. All preconceived ideas of Baroque music being quiet and staid, with men in powdered wigs sedately playing their instruments, vanished when the Red Priest ensemble swaggered on to the "stage" dressed as four pirates. The event was the third of the Del Valle Fine Arts concerts given this season at Livermore's First Presbyterian Church and was held on Saturday night at 8 PM.

The Baroque period in music lasted from 1600 AD to 1750. It was marked by daring experimentation. Many of the players improvised their parts and harmonized with ornamentation above a given bass line. They could be daring and original, just as the Red Priest was in its musical interpretations. The four members of the group were all virtuosos on their respective instruments. If one closed one's eyes, it could have been an evening of listening to music superbly played.

But our eyes were open. We saw the red sashes on each player. The red pirate's bandana on Howard Beach's head, shiny black pants on all of them with variations of bright red tops. Their gyrations were amusing and somewhat distracting to the musician who is trained to never move his or her head while playing. If an entire orchestra behaved in this way there would be chaos. However, the witty asides and actions of these four electrified the audience. The small children listening were captivated.

The instruments were beautiful. The harpsichord was a two manual one, painted black with gold trim. When the lid was up the interior was a deep red. Created by Kevin Pryor of San Francisco, it had elaborate painting under the strings and plectra. Pryor also is loaning another of his harpsichords for the early music concert to be given at Las Positas College on February 8th.

I was somewhat disappointed that a cello was played, rather than the viola da gamba which was the instrument used for basso continuo parts during the Baroque period. But the sound of

the 'cello probably carries in a larger hall better than the gamba would have. The gamba, with its six strings played with a curved bow with loosened hairs, would be more effective in a small drawing room. The 'cellist, Angela East, was amazing and played her instrument, a Worsley 'cello made in 1725, without using an end pin. She had to clutch it between her legs, just as the gamba is played, but the 'cello is much heavier. She played two of the pieces standing up, with a cord tied around her shoulders, holding it once like an overgrown guitar and plucking all of her notes. For the encore she even used her bow - which must take great strength.

Piers Adams played no less than ten different recorders, ranging from the very high soprano ones to a big bass one which sounded a bit like a bassoon, but with a different timbre. Some of the smaller ones were nearly alike in size, but were tuned differently, like the clarinets in a modern orchestra. He was part actor, and as he danced around the stage in his pirate's shoes he tapped his heels and bobbed his head toward each player - was this a form of conducting?

The violinist, Julia Bishop, had many nuances to her playing. Her brilliant technique was flawless. The instruments were tuned to a 437 instead of 440, just slightly lower in pitch than our contemporary orchestra. For centuries there was no set "A" of 440, and there were many deviations. Both the violinist and 'cellist also used vibrato, which was not used in the playing of baroque period, but the Red Priest ensemble were definitely rebels, and were highly entertaining.

The biggest musical surprise for me was their arrangement of the Albinoni *Adagio*. I performed this in Italy in a 300-year old cathedral as an organ soloist with an orchestra. On Saturday night the organ introduction was played on the 'cello, and the violin solo was performed on the recorder, later joined by the other two musicians. The 'cellist began and ended the work with a

quiet pizzicato, a plucking of the strings. It also was a shock to learn that this famous *Adagio* was not composed by Albinoni at all, but by a musicologist, Remo Giazzoto, in the 1940's!

For almost the entire concert the musicians played from memory, which is an extraordinary feat for a chamber music ensemble. Only in Couperin's *Le Jour des Pirates* was any music evident. Arranged by the harpsichordist, Howard Beach, from several pieces for solo keyboard by Couperin, he and the violinist used music. There was a great complexity to the musical score, and there was some highly original sound effects. The bass recorder in *Le Soir* (the evening) managed to sound like a ship's horn at sea with its long, drawn-out mournful tones.

There were also highjinks and musical jokes which kept the young people in the audience highly amused. At one point it looked as though the violinist and recorder were going to have a duel between her bow and his recorder. In a couple of instances the harpsichordist played a high note with his nose. For the adults there was a fairly convincing seduction scene, ending with the recorder player flat on his back on the floor of the sanctuary. A highly irreverent moment! The women in this scenario were the seductresses.

The Red Priest, named for Antonio Vivaldi, whose music shocked a whole generation of listeners, has shaken up all preconceptions about the Baroque period. It is group of highly talented virtuosos who obviously enjoy their music making and want to rid the world of the idea that only a few musical elite can appreciate the music of that early period. Everyone who came on Saturday night was won over by their exuberance. Their worldwide success is well deserved.

Reserve March 3 for the Fry Street Quartet, the next Del Valle concert. If you have young aspiring musicians in your family, bring them along and introduce them to the joy of listening to good music.

## The Pleasanton Chamber Players and Friends in Concert: '2 of 4 Of-A-Kind'

The Pleasanton Chamber Players will perform their first concert of the 2007 season on Sunday, February 11 at 3 pm, in the sanctuary of Trinity Lutheran Church in Pleasanton, at the corner of Hopyard and Del Valle Parkway.

Unusual instrumental groupings such as cello quartet, clarinet duo, flute duo, as well as voice and harp highlight a program of classical delights, from Bach to Heggie.

Pleasanton cellists Lawrence



Painting from 'Land and Sky' series.

## Exhibit Opens at Wente Vineyards

Local artist Angela Johal introduces her new "Land and Sky" series in oil at the Wente Vineyards Estate Winery, 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore.

A reception with the artist will be held on Feb. 4 from 1 to 3 p.m. There is no admission charge.

"My aim in doing these paintings was to express a wide range of intense emotions, ranging from a tranquil calm to loneliness and to a turbulent excitement. We don't spend enough time looking at the landscape. If we can identify what we feel when we view the landscape, then we can begin to develop a closer bond with nature and learn about ourselves," says Johal in talking about her work.

She is an award winning artist, teacher and is currently the president of the Livermore Art Association. Johal is known for her realistic watercolor still life paintings, abstract eucalyptus bark paintings, and her expressive landscapes in oil. Her paintings may be found at ArtSpace Gallery, the LAA Gallery, and at local businesses and wineries.

The show will be on display through February 26, 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Estate Winery Tasting Room, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore. For information call 925-456-2305.

Granger and Gay Hagen Dunn join forces with Peter Bedrossian and Jim Aikin from Livermore in music by Bach and romanticists Klengel and Fitzenhagen. Clarinetists Joseph Bonfiglio and Gary Sears perform works by Crusell and Mendelssohn with pianist Mary Martin; flutists Karen Stasko Veca and Teresa Orozco-Petersen show their mettle in works by Kuhlau and Fauré. Soprano Sarah Franklin and mezzo-soprano Lisa Scarborough pair up in song settings by Bellini and Offenbach (accompanied by harpist Dominique Piana) and by Heggie (in collaboration with pianist Priscilla Carter Granger and Lawrence Granger).

For music connoisseurs, it

might be interesting to note that the Offenbach selection is the famous Barcarolle from the *Tales of Hoffmann*. San Francisco composer Jake Heggie's song "My True Love Hath My Heart" was composed upon a 16th century poem given to him as a token of love.

Admission is \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door and free for children.

Tickets are available for sale at Towne Center Books (925) 846-8826 and at Ingram & Braun (925) 462-3667 in Pleasanton, and at Fine Fretted Fingers (925) 606-1324 in Livermore. Senior group discount rates can be negotiated. For information, call (925) 600-1331 or e-mail [dominiquepiana@comcast.net](mailto:dominiquepiana@comcast.net).

## Harpsichordist Featured in First Of Three Early Music Concerts

Las Positas College debuts its second annual Early Music Series in February with internationally recognized professional musicians in historically informed performances. The intimate environment allows the audience to experience the music, meet the performers, and mingle with the performers after each performance. All three concerts will take place in the Las Positas College Library and begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Series launches on Saturday, February 10 with a performance by Mahan Esfahani, an Iranian-born harpsichordist who will perform a solo harpsichord recital with a repertoire of Elizabethan England, the Court of the Sun King, and Johann Sebastian Bach. Esfahani was a Stanford President's Scholar majoring in Musicology and Theory, with a minor in History during college. He is currently in the Artist Diploma program at the Longy School of Music. Esfahani's performance style and technique have already brought him national recognition.

On Saturday, March 24, Musica Pacifica's "Alla Rustica" concert will feature the music of Spain, Ireland and Scotland, as well as rustic pieces by other favorite Baroque composers. This mixed wind/string ensemble has been performing, touring and recording for 17 years and has been described as one of the finest baroque musicians in the nation. The group's stylish, high-energy and virtuosic performances have consistently received enthusiastic reviews from critics and audiences alike.

The Farallon Quartet wraps up the Series on Saturday, April 21. Known for its innovative and exciting recorder performances, the group will perform a wide variety of musical styles from Medieval and Renaissance to commissioned modern pieces. When playing Renaissance music, the Farallon Recorder Quartet plays on a matched set of instruments modeled after a set in the Vienna Kunsthistorisches Museum.

Tickets for the general public are \$40 for the three-concert series or \$15 per individual concert, \$12 for the series for students and \$5 per individual concert. Checks should be made payable to the Las Positas College Foundation and mailed to: Early Music Concerts, Attn: Marilyn Marquis, Las Positas College, 3033 Collier Canyon Road, Livermore, CA 94551. Orders received after the Monday prior to the concerts will be held at the door.

## 'A Unique Unusual Evening' Reprise

Fourth Street Storytellers, a group comprising actors and writers who act, reprises its tribute to Cask and Mask at 7:30 on Wednesday, February 7th with "A Unique Unusual Evening in Our Town." The event will also introduce the Bothwell Arts Center, located at 2466 Eighth Street in Livermore, as a performance space for intimate productions.

The evening, which features members of Cask and Mask in some of their favorite roles, celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their founding.

This event is a part of a series called An Unusual Evening of Spoken Words—and Maybe Other Stuff, Too. Karen Hogan, who was a member of Auxiliary Players, last year revived the Unusual Evening concept that Cask and Mask introduced in 1968.

Tickets for A Unique Unusual Evening in Our Town are \$10 general admission and \$5 for seniors and students. To reserve ticket or for more information, contact Karen Hogan at 925 456-3100.

LIVERMORE CINEMAS					
THE MESSENGERS (R) DLP	12:20	2:20	4:20	7:20	9:30
PAN'S LABYRINTH (R)		1:20	4:15	7:15	9:45
BECAUSE I SAID SO (PG-13) DLP		1:10	4:05	7:05	9:45
EPIC MOVIE (PG-13) DLP	12:15	2:30	4:50	7:00	9:35
NOTES ON A SCANDAL (R)	12:00	2:15	4:30	7:30	9:30
CATCH & RELEASE (PG-13) DLP		1:00	4:10	7:10	9:35
SMOKIN' ACES (R) DLP		12:45	4:35	7:05	9:25
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) DLP		12:50	4:25	6:50	9:15
BABEL (R)		12:05	3:50	7:05	10:00
PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS (PG-13) DLP		12:10	4:00	7:00	9:30

2490 First Street 443-SHOW [www.cinemawest.com](http://www.cinemawest.com)

**Vine Cinema** Playing Feb. 2 - Feb. 8 (925) 447-2545 [WWW.VINECINEMA.COM](http://WWW.VINECINEMA.COM)  
1732 First Street - Livermore

**Peter O'Toole in VENUS coming Next Friday 2/9**

<p>Academy Award Nominee for BEST PICTURE &amp; BEST DIRECTOR Clay Aiken presents</p> <p><b>Letters From Iwo Jima</b></p> <p>Showing Fri - Sun 12:20 3:30 6:30 9:20 Showing Mon - Thurs 2:15 5:00 7:45</p>	<p>Academy Award Nominee for BEST PICTURE &amp; BEST ACTRESS Supporting Actor &amp; Actress</p> <p><b>Little Miss Sunshine</b></p> <p>Showing Fri - Sun 11:45 2:00 7:10 Showing Mon - Thurs 2:00 4:15 6:30</p>
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Academy Award Nominee for BEST PICTURE & DIRECTOR **THE DEPARTED** Showing Fri - Sun 4:15 9:15  
Showing Mon - Thurs 6:30

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**TOURISM AND SPECIAL EVENT**  
**GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE**

The City of Livermore is accepting applications for Tourism and Special Event Grant Funds. Grants are awarded to promote tourism and special events held April 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008 in the City of Livermore. Grants cannot exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the event expenses. Organizations interested in being considered must submit a "Request for Tourism and Special Event Fund Grant" application form, along with supporting documentation, to

Clarice Douglas, Special Events Grant Coordinator,  
1052 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550,  
no later than February 19, 2007, by 5:00 p.m.

Application forms and guidelines are available at City Hall, 1052 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA, & on the City's website at <http://www.ci.livermore.ca.us/newsroom.html>, or by contacting Clarice Douglas, the Special Events Grant Coordinator @925-960-4140.

# BULLETIN BOARD

Organizations wishing to run notices in Bulletin Board, send information to PO Box 1198, Livermore, CA 94551, in care of Bulletin Board. Include name of organization, meeting date, time, place and theme or subject. Phone number and contact person should also be included.

**Scams and how to avoid them.** Sgt. John Hurd from the Pleasanton Police Department will talk about scams and explain how to avoid becoming a victim. He will cover internet scams, telephone scams, and door-to-door solicitors. A question and answer session will follow. Wed., Feb. 7, 10:30 a.m. to noon at Robert Livermore Community Center, 444 East Ave., Livermore. Free. Preregistration requested at 373-5500, program #8032. The event is sponsored by the Livermore Police Department Citizens Police Academy Association and LARP Senior Services.

**Book Sale.** Friends of the Livermore Library will hold their monthly book sale on Friday, February 4, from noon to 4 p.m. in front of the former Library at 1000 South Livermore Avenue in Livermore. Fiction and nonfiction books, magazines and audiovisuals are sold at deep discounted prices and there will be a table of free books. From 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. books will be sold for \$ 2.00 a shopping bag full of books.

**Mosaic Lodge #218F & A.M.,** monthly stated communication on first Wednesday of the month at 119 So. Livermore Ave. Dinner 6:15 p.m., cost \$8. Please RSVP to

jlw@MosaicLodge218.org or call 447-2727. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. For additional information, contact Secretary@MosaicLodge218.org or call 447-2727.

**Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated.** Fremont business owner and civic champion Dennis Wolfe, founder of Citizens for Ethical Leadership in Government, will be the guest speaker at the dinner meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, February 8 at the Sheraton Pleasanton Hotel, 5990 Stoneridge Mall Rd., Pleasanton. New members and visitors are welcome. Dinner is \$26 per person. Reservation deadline is Friday, February 2. Call Karen at (925) 846-2702. Wolfe successfully sued the City of Fremont for circumventing the Brown Act, California's open meeting law, when the city council adopted a policy restricting police response to home security alarms.

**Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club.** Wed., Feb. 7, 25 miles Moraga Commons to Willows Golf Course, meet 10 a.m., Jennifer Burton, 455-8228. Please call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

**Belly Dancing.** The Dublin Recreation Dept. offers Belly Dancing classes for women at the Emerald Glen Activity Center Building B, Emerald Glen Park, 4201 Central Parkway, Dublin. Register on-line www.dublinrecguide.com or call the City of Dublin at 925-556-4500. New sessions of women's Belly Dancing Classes begin in

Dublin on Saturday, February 3rd, 2007 AND Saturday, March 3, 2007. \$46 per 4-week session. Level 1 Belly Dance: 10-11:00 a.m. Level 2 Belly Dance: 11:00 a.m. - noon. YosiFah offers ongoing weekly belly dance classes in Alamo, Dublin, Lafayette, and Martinez. More info at: www.yosifah.com 925-372-8520 yosifah@yosifah.com

**ABWA Express to Success (E2S) Network** will be presenting Liz Pabon, President and Principal Consultant of Head2Toe Consulting. The discussion will focus on creating a personal brand that gives business women greater control over the personal impact they have on others. This event will take place on Tuesday, February 20, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. at Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, 5115 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. The cost is free for members and \$5 for nonmembers. Reservations are not required. This event is sponsored in part by Striking Web and See 360 Studios.

**Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club,** meets 7 p.m. Tues., Feb. 6 at Alisal School multipurpose room, 1454 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. The speaker will be Carol Bornstein, Director of Living Collections and Nursery at the Santa Barbara Botanical Gardens. Her topic will be native plants for the garden. Visitors welcome. Information, call Bev at 485-7812.

**Crab Feed and Silent Auction,** Valley Christian Jr./Sr. High School Athletics fundraiser, Fri., Feb. 9 in the school gym. Auction includes trips, gift baskets, services and sports memorabilia. Funds raised will be used to purchase equipment and enhance facilities for sports teams. Tickets \$35 adults, \$20 student/child. Tickets can be purchased and contributions to the silent auction made

by contacting Lisa Morris, 828-5457 or Barbara Harris at 560-6226, or by visiting www.vcathletics.com.

**Twin Valley Mothers of Twins Club:** Meets Tues, Feb. 13th at John Knox Presbyterian Church, 7421 Amarillo Road, Dublin. The club's goal is to provide support, information & friendship for Mothers of Multiples (Mom's). Roundtable discussion is open to new and prospective members (a Q&A forum that deals with parenting multiples, from pregnancy on up) hosted by one of the Club's members. Round table discussion begins at 6:30 PM. The general meetings begin at 7:30 PM. Babies up to eight months and guests are welcome to the Roundtable discussions. At the general meetings, newborns and breastfeeding babies only, please.

**Armchair Travelers,** Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave., Thurs., Feb. 8, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Video, "The West Country: A Guided Tour of Southwest England," will be presented. Adults are invited to this free program. Information, call 373-5500.

**Volunteers needed:** Bookleggers present book programs to schoolchildren of Pleasanton. Training classes are set to begin February 8 at 9:30am at the Pleasanton Library. The Booklegger Program is a literacy program supported by the City of Pleasanton and the Pleasanton Unified School District. For more information about the Booklegger Program please call Penny Johnson, Booklegger Director, at 925/931-3405.

**Employment and disability rights for people with cancer,** learn about legal rights conferred by various states such as the Family Medical Leave Act, the California Family Rights Act, American with Disabilities

Act, and the California Fair Employment Act. Facilitates by Elizabeth Kristen, staff attorney with the Legal Aid Society Employment Law Center. Thurs., Feb. 15, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. ValleyCare Health Library, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite 270, Pleasanton. Free. Reservations required. Information, call the Wellness Community, 933-0107.

**Child Care licensing orientation.** Feb. 6, 9 a.m. to noon. The Licensing Orientation Meeting is the first step in becoming a licensed family child care provider and is open to all Alameda County residents. Participants will receive a certificate redeemable for an application packet and handouts with information regarding the licensing process. Child Care Links will also offer an overview of the services provided to potential providers. There is a \$25.00 Community Care Licensing Orientation fee for all attendees. Please bring a check or money order for \$25.00 (no cash or credit card) made out to the California Department of Social Services. No pre-registration is required. 1020 Serpentine Lane, Suite 102, Pleasanton. Information, Sara Gonzalez, 417-8733 or www.childcarelinks.org.

**Ohlone Audubon** meeting February 6, 7:30 pm Pleasanton Middle School 5001 Case Ave. Room 801 (not library) Pleasanton. Bob Lewis, a birding instructor at the Albany Adult School will present: Birdlife of many Colors from the Rainbow Nation: **RELIGION**

**Catholic Community of Pleasanton,** bereavement support ministry meetings on Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton in the chapel, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. All are welcome. Call Kim at 735-3741. **Effective Parenting In a Crazy World.**

Wednesday nights February 7-April 11, 6:45pm - 8:15pm at Discovery Church, 5860 Las Positas Rd., Livermore. Contact Debra Eberhart for more info 925-580-7004.

**Pathway Community Church,** 3470 Forstoria Way, Suite D, San Ramon, east of Costco and the Iron Horse Trail. Contemporary Sunday Worship Service meets at 10:30 am. Brian Ouyoung, Senior Pastor. www.pathwaycommunitychurch.com (925)830-4PCC (4722).

**St. Michael's Catholic School** will have applications available for the 2007-2008 school year beginning the week of January 29th. A parent information night will be held on February 1, 2007 beginning at 7PM in the kindergarten class. All interested parents for any grade level are invited. For further questions please contact the school at 477-1888.

**Tu B'Shvat Seder** and talk on global warming and the simple steps we can take to help half it. 10:30 a.m. Sunday, February 4. The Bothwell Center, 2466 Eighth Street at G in Livermore. Tu B'Shvat, the Jewish "New Year of the Trees" has evolved into a Jewish Earth Day, an environmental awareness holiday. Tri-Valley Cultural Jews' Tu B'Shvat celebration includes both the traditional fruits of the land of Israel and a presentation by scientist Renee Tobias on the human impact on the global warming that affects our well-being and even our survival as a species. \$5/adult for non-members of TVCJ. Reservations required. Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, 1817 Sinclair Drive, Pleasanton., (925) 485-1049 or CulturalJews@aol.com or Tri-ValleyCulturalJews.org.

# GOOD NEIGHBOR CLASSIFIEDS

## LEGAL NOTICE

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 388944

The following person (s) doing business as At Ease, 764-C Hayes Ave., Livermore, CA, 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Mary Elizabeth Binder, 764-C Hayes Ave., Livermore, CA 94550 This business is conducted by an individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 26, 1995.

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Mary Elizabeth Binder This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 12, 2006. Expires December 12, 2011.

The Independent Legal No. 2096. Publish January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 2007.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 389271

The following person (s) doing business as American Industrial Equipment, LLC, 4749-G Bennett Drive, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): American Industrial Equipment, LLC, 3346 Rockingham Court, Livermore, CA 94550 This business is conducted by limited liability company The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on December 4, 2001.

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Michael J. Branco This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 20, 2006. Expires December 20, 2011.

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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 Estate Vineyards, 5562 Victoria Lane, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Tenuta Vineyards, 633 Kalthoff Common, 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/ Nancy Tenuta This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on January 4, 2007.

Expires January 4, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2099. Publish January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 2007.

### 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 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 15, 2006. Expires December 14, 2011.

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 389990

The following person (s) doing business as 34th Street Gifts, 1745 Linden Street, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Renee Needens, 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 Needens This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on January 9, 2007.

Expires January 9, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2102. Publish January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 2007.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 389902

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

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Signature of Registrant: /s/ Maria Mancini This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on January 8, 2007.

Expires January 8, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2103. Publish January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 2007.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 390114

The following person (s) doing business as Mediaspex, 4621 Gerrilyn Way #111, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Bryan W. Jensen, 4621 Gerrilyn Way #111, 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/ Bryan W. Jensen This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on January 11, 2007.

Expires January 11, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2104. Publish January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 2007.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 389662-389663

The following person (s) doing business as (1) Voltz Home Repair, (2) Accessibility Solutions, 849 E. Stanley Blvd. #436, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): David Voltz, 973 Coronado Way, Livermore, CA 94550

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

Signature of Registrant: /s/ David Voltz and Gregory Voltz This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on 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 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Michael Ramsey 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 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on January 4, 2012.

Expires January 4, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2106. Publish January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 2007.

### 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 commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 19, 2001.

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Alan Bayley This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on January 9, 2007.

### 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 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 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on January 4, 2012.

Expires January 4, 2012. The Independent Legal No.

2108. Publish January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 2007.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 390033

The following person (s) doing business as Loristuff, 790 Sunny Brook Way, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Lauren Millsagle, 790 Sunny Brook 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/ Lauren Millsagle This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on January 10, 2006.

Expires January 10, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2109. Publish January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 2007.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 390637-390638

The following person (s) doing business as (1) Stony Ridge Winery (2) Stony Ridge, 4948 Tesla Road, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Crooked Vine, Inc., 4948 Tesla Road, Livermore, CA 94550

This business is conducted by a corporation The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/11/00.

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Dale Vaughn-Bowen This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on January 24, 2012.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 390624

The following person (s) doing business as Alghan Food Mart, 865 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Nader Nafey, 865 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore, CA 94550

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/ Nader Nafey and Najja Nafey This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on January 24, 2012.

Expires January 24, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2112. Publish February 1, 8, 15, 22, 2007.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 390007

The following person (s) doing business as Remmyses, 257 Soapstone Common, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Olyreml Awosanya, 257 Soapstone Common, 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/ Olyreml Awosanya This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on January 10, 2007.

Expires January 10, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2113. Publish February 1, 8, 15, 22, 2007.

### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. VJ06303888 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 of general circulation, printed in the county:

The Independent Dated: December 27, 2006 /s/ Jacob Blea III Judge Of The Superior Court The Independent Legal No. 2093. Published January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 2007

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# SHORT NOTES

## Bilingual Storytime

The Pleasanton Library will host a special series of bilingual storytimes during the school year. The Spanish-English series will be offered the first Wednesday evening of each month. Dates for 2007 begin on Feb. 7th, continuing Mar. 7th and concluding April 4th. The programs are free, lasting approximately 30 minutes and will be held in the library meeting room. Registration is not required. Families with children of all ages are welcome to attend and enjoy stories and song. For information on other family programs at the library, check the library's website [www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library/programs-events-child.html](http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library/programs-events-child.html) or call the Children's Desk at (925) 931-3400 x 8.

## Pleasanton Police Academy

Enrollment is now open for the Spring 2007 session of the Pleasanton Police Department Citizens' Police Academy. It begins on Thurs., March 8 and concludes on June 14. This is the fifteenth academy since 2000.

The goals of the program are to create closer partnerships with the public, explain law enforcement procedures, and discuss the importance of public involvement in the policing process.

All fourteen segments of the academy will be held on Thursdays 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Police Department with the exception of April 12, which coincides with spring break at the local schools.

Classes are primarily taught by department personnel. They cover a wide range of topics including community policing, patrol procedures, radio communications, SWAT, narcotics investigations, crime prevention, traffic enforcement, K-9s, evidence collection, use of force issues, animal services, and the DARE program.

This program is open to adults only. Applicants will be screened. Participants must live or work in the City of Pleasanton. They must be free of any felony convictions, have no misdemeanor arrests within one year of application, successfully complete a background investigation check, sign waiver forms, and be approved by the Chief of Police.

Applications are available at the front counter of the Police Department, by calling the Academy Coordinator, Sgt. Mike Tryphonas at 931-5169, or by email [mtryphonas@ci.pleasanton.ca.us](mailto:mtryphonas@ci.pleasanton.ca.us).

## Vintage Valentines

A special exhibit of vintage and antique valentines will be on display at the Carnegie Museum during the month of February, courtesy of Anna Siig and Tilly Calhoun. The Art Gallery will feature a number of handmade cards, as well as textiles, paintings and jewelry for purchase.

The model railroad exhibit by Stephen Rodriguez, which features Livermore trains, is still on display through February.

The Carnegie Museum is located on 3rd and K streets in Livermore. Hours are Wednesday through Sunday 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 449-9927.

## Immunization Clinics

Axis Community Health offers drop-in immunization clinics for low-income and uninsured families. Winter clinics will be held from 9:00-11:30

a.m. on Saturdays, February 3, and March 3, 2007. All immunization clinics are held at Axis' Pleasanton location only, 4361 Railroad Avenue.

The clinics are open to all Tri-Valley families who are low income or uninsured. Families enrolled in Medi-Cal and Medi-Cal Managed Care programs are also eligible. Parents are required to bring their children's immunization records and any information they may have about family income and medical insurance, including Medi-Cal. There is a charge for some immunizations.

Immunizations for children are also provided during regular weekday clinic hours at the Pleasanton and Livermore locations by appointment at (925) 462-1755.

## Elusive Bobcats

Elusive Bobcats is the theme of a program presented by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff on Sun., Feb. 4. Meet Ranger Patti Cole at 1 p.m. at the Wetmore Road entrance to Sycamore Grove Park.

Bobcats seem to be enjoying a boom year all over the area. Participants will hike about 3 miles in search of bobcat signs and preferred habitats of this species. Be prepared for muddy, wet conditions and possible off-trail hiking. Canceled if raining. Advanced reservations required by calling (925) 960-2400.

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.

## Say It with a Tree

Save Mt. Diablo offers an unusual Valentine's gift - Say it with a Tree! Dedicate a tree in honor of your loved one(s).

Save Mount Diablo owns a beautiful piece of land known as Chaparral Spring. Its grasslands are studded with oak and buckeye trees. Bring your loved one along on the hike on Sat., Feb. 11 and select your tree together. The hike begins at 9:30 am. Leaders are Burt Bassler and Julie Seelen. This is a moderate 2 hour hike, rain cancels. Meet at Three Springs Entry, east of Clayton on Marsh Creek Rd. 2.2 miles east of Regency Dr. RSVP with phone number located on the website at [jseelen@savemountdiablo.org](mailto:jseelen@savemountdiablo.org)

## 300th Restaurant

Carl's Jr. celebrated the opening of its 300th dual-branded Carl's Jr./Green Burrito restaurant in Livermore.

"This is a significant and impressive milestone for Carl's Jr. and the dual-branding program with Green Burrito," said Carl's Jr. president and CEO Andrew F. Puzder. "Dual-branding our Carl's Jr. restaurants with Green Burrito has been extremely successful for our company due to its popularity among our most loyal customers. Everyone who loves a good burger enjoys a tasty burrito or crispy taco from time to time - and we're pleased to offer both options under the same roof. This is our 300th dual-branded restaurant, and the first of many to come in 2007."

Carl's Jr./Green Burrito dual branding has grown steadily over the years, aided by Carl's Jr. parent company CKE Restaurants, Inc.'s acquisition of the Green Burrito chain in 2002, and by strong franchisee support for the



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Lenore Kreit from Livermore threw paint around during a celebration of Jackson Pollack's birthday. The event was held at the Bothwell Arts Center.

program.

Livermore franchise owners Daljit and Pam Hundal enjoy the distinction of having also opened the 1,000th Carl's Jr. restaurant in 2003. "I began my career at Carl's Jr. and have enjoyed great success as a franchisee," said Daljit Hundal, Carl's Jr. franchise owner and president of Hundal Companies. "To think that we franchised our first Carl's Jr. restaurant in 1991, took part in the 1,000th Carl's Jr. restaurant opening in 2003, and now share this milestone of the 300th dual-branded restaurant with CKE in 2007 is truly an honor."

## LARPD Classes

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) is now taking registration for its Winter/Spring

2007 programs for children and adults.

Among the classes and activities offered this quarter is "Spectacular Stories," especially designed for children ages three to six years. This interactive storytelling hour gives participants the opportunity to really participate. Parents are notified about the theme in advance of each class and youngsters are encouraged to dress up as a character in the story they are about to learn about. Class runs from February 1 to February 22 and is held each Thursday from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. The fee for the entire series is \$36 and classes are held at the Robert Livermore Community Center, located at 4444 East Avenue in Livermore.

Students in grades 6, 7 and 8 can sign up now for the Junior Jumpers Volleyball class, offered in two sessions for both beginning and interme-

mediate players. Participants will learn all levels of volleyball skills including passing, setting, serving, defense strategies, rotation, officiating and more. Players should bring plenty of water, kneepads, hair scrunchies for girls (no hairpins please), wear non-scruff athletic shoes and comfortable clothes. Class size is limited and early registration is advised for the classes, which are held on Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. for beginners and intermediate players, beginning March 1, and on Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. beginning February 20. All classes take place in the gym at the Robert Livermore Community Center. For more information, please visit [www.larpd.dst.ca.us](http://www.larpd.dst.ca.us).

## Air Quality Board

The Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District is inviting applications from people interested in serving on the District's Hearing Board. The board hears appeals of District decisions on permits, and issues Orders for Abatement. The Hearing Board currently meets two to three times a month depending on the volume of cases filed, usually on Thursdays, at the District's San Francisco headquarters. Members of the Hearing Board receive \$400 per meeting day, plus necessary expenses.

Applications are being sought for the principal and alternate members in the registered professional engineer and medical profession categories. Those appointed as professional engineer members will serve a term that ends on March 6, 2010. Those appointed as medical profession members will serve a term that ends on April 14, 2010.

For application materials, contact the Human Resources Office at (415) 749-4980. The materials can also be downloaded from the District's website at [http://www.baaqmd.gov/hro/service\\_ops.htm](http://www.baaqmd.gov/hro/service_ops.htm). The Deadline for receipt of applications shall be 5:00 PM., Thursday, February 15, 2007. For more information on the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, visit our web site at [www.baaqmd.gov](http://www.baaqmd.gov)



## PET OF THE WEEK

Buddy's name says it all. He loves people of all sizes and wants to be their pal. He is friendly with strangers and fine with kids and other cats. He loves to play with his toys or just hang out on a warm lap. This one-year old black Shorthair is mellow and tolerant. For more information on Buddy, ID# 6405, call Valley Humane Society at (925) 426-8656. Valley Humane Society holds pet adoptions for dogs and cats at Pet Extreme in Livermore every Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm.

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**Ginger McGrail By Appointment**  
**LIVERMORE \$1,395,000**  
Beautiful 4bd/4.5ba home built in 2004. 4451+/-sf on a 16,547+/-sf lot with incredible views. Formal LR/DR, gourmet kitchen, loft/veranda, mud room and FR.



**Mark James By Appointment**  
**LIVERMORE \$1,279,000**  
One story 4bd/3ba home in Alden Lane. 2.5 years new, 3,100+/-sf, formal LR/DR, gourmet kitchen and large backyard, pool/waterfall, spa and slate patio.



**Jennifer Malakoff By Appointment**  
**LIVERMORE \$1,085,000**  
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**Brad Slabaugh By Appointment**  
**LIVERMORE \$925,000**  
4bd/2.5ba, custom kitchen. Private backyard, pool and remarkable brick deck. Hdwd floors, side yard access. Plus many other custom features. A rare find.



**Kim Ott By Appointment**  
**LIVERMORE \$769,000**  
Charming 4bd/2ba, 1,998+/-sf home on 10,000+/-sf lot. New Anderson windows. New copper plumbing, vaulted ceiling. Tile floors in FR and kitchen.



**Scott Mendes Open Saturday 1-4**  
**LIVERMORE \$729,950**  
Immaculate Sunset East 3bd/2ba, 2,100+/-sf home completely remodeled. Huge 21,000+/-sf lot. Charming gardens. Prime neighborhood and schools. 2286 Hampton



**Mathew Schellenberg Open Sunday 1-4**  
**LIVERMORE \$715,000**  
Lovely 4 bedroom/2 bath, 2,004+/-sf model home on a spacious 7,780+/-sf lot. Easy access to schools, shopping and freeway. 6488 Owl Way



**Jennifer Malakoff By Appointment**  
**LIVERMORE \$685,950**  
Towering Tuxedo! Tri-level 4bd/2.5, 2,136+/-sf home, updated, clean and ready. Added space in the master bedroom with a bonus closet and huge retreat.



**Mark James By Appointment**  
**LIVERMORE \$627,950**  
Gorgeous remodeled 3bd/2ba, 1,374+/-sf home. Formal LR/DR, vaulted ceilings, brick fireplace, and granite counter tops. Deck and spa!



**Mark James By Appointment**  
**TRACY \$589,000**  
Nice single level 4bd/2ba, 2,268+/-sf Shea home! Open floor plan, FR/frpl and upgrades includes tumbled marble floors, granite counter tops in kitchen.



**Kevin Collins Open Saturday 1-4**  
**LIVERMORE \$529,000**  
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