

Isabel Interchange Wins Enough Money to Finish

Lobbying by Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena and city staff at the California Transportation Commission (CTC) paid off in a major way last week. The state panel took funding away from a north coast freeway project, and gave some of it to construction of the Isabel Avenue/Highway 84 interchange on Interstate 580.

Others, including Supervisor Scott Haggerty, also had a hand in convincing CTC to provide funding for local highway projects.

The \$68 million authorized for the Isabel interchange completes the amount of money needed to build the project, said city engineer Cheri Sheets. She estimated that groundbreaking for

the interchange will occur in spring 2008. The project is expected to be completed 16 months later, or roughly by the summer of 2009.

Two other I-580 projects got the green light from the CTC, as part of \$1.8 billion of first-round funding from Measure 1B, approved in November by voters. One project provides for a high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane eastbound, with an award of \$72.2 million. The other is for a westbound HOV lane, which will receive \$103 million. All projects must be underway by 2012 to qualify for the money.

At its meeting Feb. 21 in Sacramento, the CTC had approved only the eastbound HOV lane on I-580, because it

was far enough along in its planning and design work. The other two projects were left off a list recommended by the CTC staff for commission approval. It took one week of lobbying before the CTC approved the two projects at its Feb. 28 meeting in Irvine.

The last approval for funding at the Feb. 28 meeting was for the westbound HOV lane. "It was a nail-biter until the end," said Dawn Argula, deputy chief of staff for County Supervisor Scott Haggerty. She said that she kept track of the Irvine meeting via cell phone from reports provided by Congestion Management Agency (CMA) staff in attendance.

Kamena testified at both CTC meet-

ings. After the first session, in Sacramento, he and City Manager Linda Barton met with Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's staff. The governor later wrote a letter to the commission pointing out how money should be shifted away from rural areas, and instead be devoted to decongesting urban and suburban areas.

The valley corridor of Interstate 580 is the second worst freeway traffic bottleneck in the Bay Area. The commission appeared to respond to that at its Irvine meeting. First it voted to take an allocation of \$176 million away from Willits on the north coast, and give \$68 million to the Isabel interchange. Later, the commission found more money for the

westbound HOV lane on I-580.

Kamena praised state Sen. Don Perata, whose district includes Dublin and Livermore. "Sen. Perata was very influential in lobbying the commission," said Kamena.

Kamena also gave Haggerty a pat on the back. The Livermore resident is a member of the county Congestion Management Agency (CMA). From his position on the CMA, Haggerty helped speed up the time schedule for the westbound HOV lanes project to make it eligible for this first round of funding.

Argula said that her boss conducted some critical shepherding of the westbound HOV project through the CMA

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Snow that capped the hills around Livermore last Wednesday was long gone as warmer weather dominated the last few days.

Livermore District Adds Upper Administrative Positions

By Patricia Koning

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District is beefing up its upper management staff with the addition of two new assistant superintendents and a director-level position.

Five years ago, the District had three assistant superintendents and one deputy superintendent. Then, Brenda Miller (educational services) was promoted to superintendent, Don Gatti (business services) took another job, and Mike White (facilities) retired, leaving just Bob Bronzan, the Deputy Superintendent.

The responsibilities of these three positions were spread among existing staff, with Miller keeping educational services

and human resources and Bronzan covering facilities, finance, and technology. Later Susan Kinder was promoted to Director of Fiscal Services and Floyd Wilson joined the District as Director of Facilities.

With Bronzan's retirement last July, the District was without an assistant or deputy superintendent. On Dec. 4, Mike Martinez joined the District as Assistant Superintendent of Business Services.

Martinez, a San Francisco native, has spent his entire career in education. He knew in high school that he wanted to become a teacher. After graduating from St. Mary's College in Moraga with a B.A. in English and a

teaching credential, he taught at Hillside Elementary School in South San Francisco.

After five years, he took a position as a program manager of Title I school improvement, and decided to pursue a career in school administration. He served as a principal for 12 years at elementary schools in the Antioch, Milpitas, and Mt. Diablo school districts. He then became Director of Certificated Personnel for Mt. Diablo.

He served as the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources in both Hayward and San Leandro. Along the way he earned an M.A. in Educational Leadership from St. Mary's.

"I was impressed with the

leadership in this District," said Martinez. "And I was drawn to some of the issues. I like working in collective bargaining and labor relations."

Another appeal of the job was a chance to expand his experience as a district administrator. While Martinez has a strong background in human resources and labor negotiations, student services and special education are newer areas for him.

In January, the District gained a second assistant superintendent when Kelly Bowers, Director of Curriculum and Special Projects, was promoted. Her new job title is Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, the job

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Long-time School Board Member Juanita Haugen Dies

Juanita Haugen, a long-serving Pleasanton school board member recognized by many as an educational leader, has died.

A victim of cancer, Haugen passed away Monday at the age of 69 at the Hacienda Care Center in Livermore. Haugen was first elected in 1979 to serve on the Amador Valley Joint Union High School District. When voters approved unification in 1988, she was elected to serve as a trustee for the Pleasanton Unified School District. Haugen was only a few years short of attaining a record of the longest service on a school board in the state.

She worked hard as a trustee until the end of her life, missing only the last two school board meetings that were held before she died. She was sick several months ago from chemotherapy treatments, but insisted on attending by watching the meetings on a local cable TV channel, and commenting during the meeting via speakerphone. She still had very strong mental energy in the discussions.

Praise for Haugen's life, some of it expressed with tears held back, focused on her love of children and her long hours of service for them.

Trustee Pat Kernan, who has

served for the past 10 years on the board, said, "She was my mentor. I referred to her as the mother of all school board members. She is sorely missed. She was the district. She was the pillars, not just one pillar, of our community, as far as I'm concerned."

"Juanita's favorite image was a shooting star. It pretty well embodied her. She was an amazing woman, with boundless energy. She fought for every kid across the board. She felt very strongly about some things, and wouldn't budge. She epitomized what the role of a school board member is: how to act, inside and outside the board room," said Kernan.

Jim Ott, appointed to the school board last May, said, "She was passionate about all kids in the district. She was a strong advocate for the financial health of the district, for civic education, and was instrumental in developing the community of character in Pleasanton."

"We'll miss her. She was an inspiration to me. She was one of the reasons I joined the school board," said Ott. He counted himself lucky that he was able to see her about one hour before she died.

Assistant superintendent (See HAUGEN, page 3)

McNerney Says Green Bill Would Bring Jobs to District

Rep. Jerry McNerney, D-Pleasanton, spoke in favor of a bill that will help give the United States more energy independence in the coming years, and create as many as 800,000 jobs.

McNerney is cosponsor of the bill, which is dubbed the PROGRESS Act, shorthand for the Program for Real Energy Security Success. It was introduced Monday.

The author is Rep. Steny Hoyer of Delaware. He introduced a similar bill in the last session of Congress. However, it was stalled. Now that there are Democratic majorities in both houses, there is optimism that the bill will pass, said Andy Stone, McNerney's press secretary. There will be other bills passed that also support the environment, said Stone.

Many of the PROGRESS Act

provisions have strong bipartisan support, he added.

McNerney said that having worked for 20 years in the field of renewable energy, he knows that in several categories "we have not begun yet to realize the benefits that new energy technology can offer to this country." One is job creation, where the office of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi estimates that 800,000 jobs could be created by 2010. The estimate is from the Tellus Institute, said Stone.

McNerney noted that job creation is important in his 11th Congressional District, especially in the San Joaquin County portion of it, where unemployment rates have been higher than the remainder of the district.

More renewable energy will also help to move the United (See GREEN, page 4)

Lab Replacement Warhead Design Selected

The design team from Lawrence Livermore and Sandia National Laboratories has been selected to develop the Reliable Replacement Warhead (RRW).

The Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) announced the selection last week after the Nuclear Weapons Council

(NWC) approved a design for a joint NNSA and U.S. Navy program to provide a replacement warhead for a portion of the nation's sea-based nuclear weapons.

The decision has raised questions about the need for a change in the design of nuclear weapons. Some critics say the stock-

pile has been certified regularly through the stewardship program. If new elements were introduced into the weapons, it could become necessary to resume underground testing. In addition, creating more sophisticated weapons may lead to greater proliferation of nuclear weapons around the world.

Senator Dianne Feinstein was among those questioning the wisdom of moving forward with the RRW program. Feinstein commented, "There is a long history of this Administration seeking to reopen the nuclear door. I am 100 percent opposed to this. There is no new military require-

(See WARHEAD, page 4)

Haven to Withdraw from Mobile Clinic Partnership

Tri-Valley Haven is ending its partnership in the HOPE mobile clinic that provides medical, mental health and social services to the Valley's homeless population.

The Haven's Board of Directors voted to withdraw effective April 30. The move was necessary because of federal reporting requirements that jeopardize the safety and confidentiality of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

HOPE (Homeless Outreach for People Empowerment) is

funded primarily by HUD, which has initiated a homeless management information systems (HMIS) database designed to track utilization of services by the homeless. Service providers are required to enter extensive identifying personal information about clients into a national database. Once a person is entered into the system, the information can never be removed, even if that information were entered in error.

Because numerous agencies (See HAVEN, page 4)

It's Early, But More Money Is Projected for Pleasanton Schools

An updated look at Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposed state budget for 2007-08 shows the Pleasanton school district potentially gaining \$3.3 million in new revenue.

Much of it is from a cost of living adjustment of nearly 4 percent for the total district enrollment of more than 14,159 students.

The prospect of more revenue will face possible increased demands on the funding, assistant

superintendent Sandra Lepley told the school board at its meeting Feb. 27. The \$3.3 million increase will be offset by the increased cost of \$1.6 million in raises already negotiated by the two employee unions for next year.

They are the "step and column" increases, in which everyone advances one step each year in a cost of living increase. Some teachers advance further, if they (See SCHOOLS, page 4)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Third graders wore pajamas and brought their teddy bears to school last week. Pictured are Kirsten Floyd and Muriel Chong with the bear, Milky Way. The two attend Altamont Creek Elementary School in Livermore.

Rejuvenated Black Student Union Arises at Granada

Granada High School's newly organized Black Student Union (BSU) aims to make a difference at the school, especially in the academic area.

"We want to motivate students to do well in school. We feel education is very important," said Sierra Bailey, BSU president.

Parent advisor Michael Hardin adds, "I've challenged our members to achieve the highest grade point average of any group on campus."

Particular focus is being devoted to college readiness, Hardin said. Even kids who don't plan to attend a four-year college can benefit from studying for and taking these exams, he believes.

A project manager with Sun Microsystems and a graduate of Cal State Hayward, Hardin is one of four parent volunteers involved in BSU. Also helping are Tyrone Leslie, Asale Kimaada and Kelly Drief.

A teacher at the school, Drief hosts BSU's meetings in her classroom. The meetings — to which all students are welcome — take place on Mondays during the lunch period.

The club has existed before at Granada, but there seems to be a whole new spirit afoot this year. "Think of it that we're under new management," Hardin said with a smile.

He said parent involvement wasn't so strong before. The parent group goes by the name AACT (Adult Advisory Core Team). "AACT, that's what we're about. We want parents to get in there and be AActive," Hardin said.

He said the Granada faculty has been tremendously supportive. Chris Van Schaack, Granada principal, has been "awesome" in his support and assistance.

BSU has about 20 student members. "This is a young group, (See UNION, page 3)

Do You Remember?



By Anne Homan

Oak Knoll Cemetery

"Spring has sprung, the grass has riz," an old Burma Shave sign once said. After our much-needed rainy spell, the hills have indeed turned green, and the wild almond trees and field mustard are blooming. If you haven't been at the corner of Stanley Boulevard and Wall Street in Livermore recently, now is the time to go and enjoy the "dancing" of the daffodils. The Livermore-Amador Garden Club has turned the hillside there into a garden of many varieties of daffodils, planting more than 75,000 bulbs.

This hill to the north of the Granada High School campus was once the site of Livermore's first public cemetery. According to his obituary notice, William Mendenhall, father of the founder of Livermore, William M. Mendenhall, was the first person buried in the "new" Oak Knoll Cemetery on Jan. 12, 1873. Probably before that it had been a private burial ground for the Mendenhall family; originally it was a part of and surrounded by Mendenhall property. Mrs. James W. Swent, a relative of the Mendenhalls, said that members of the family had been interred there since the burial of Sophia, daughter of Martin and Malvenia Mendenhall in 1855. The place was officially recognized as a burial ground when a plat map was filed with Alameda County in 1878.

The oaks that gave the hill its name have long since disappeared. Most of the trees are now eucalyptus. The *Echo* newspaper reported in the summer of 1889: "Last Sunday afternoon as a lot of Chinese were burning joss-sticks and performing their customary annual ceremony over the graves of their countrymen buried at Oak Knoll Cemetery, they carelessly set fire to the grass, and the entire cemetery was burned over, destroying all of the enclosures and doing a large amount of other damage." Perhaps the oaks burned when the old Mont Rouge Winery tucked in at the bottom of the hill burned in 1931.

William Mendenhall's wife, Sarah, was buried here on May 14, 1883. Other graves belonged to Danville pioneer Joel Harlan and his wife, Minerva, and members of their family. Henry Clay Smith, who came to California with William M. Mendenhall and was the father of the beloved Livermore kindergarten teacher, Emma C. Smith, was interred at Oak Knoll. Dr. William S. Taylor, his wife, Martha, and their three children were buried here. Another grave was that of Fordyce H. Hawley, builder of the old city hall at McLeod and First Street, originally a bank. Many members of the Teeter and Weymouth families were buried here. John and Sabina Jackson, the first of six generations of the Jackson family who have been ranchers in the Altamont, were interred at Oak Knoll in 1885 and 1898 respectively.

Three new cemeteries opened in Livermore around the turn of the century, and fewer burials occurred at Oak Knoll. In 1934 members of the DAR copied the information from the existing headstones. According to this document, 32 burials took place in the 1870s, 24 in the 1880s, 7 in the 1890s, and 8 in the 1900s, with Dr. Taylor's burial in 1931 being the most recent on record. Some families abandoned their plots in Oak Knoll and moved their dead relatives' remains to the new burial grounds. Walter Block's father, Andrew Block, had him help move a deceased uncle from Oak Knoll to Roselawn Cemetery. "In the process the casket broke open. Walter Block never fully forgave his father for this incident."

When Oak Knoll's last sexton, Robert Adams, died in the early 1900s, no records of the grave plots could be found in his papers. Many people who were buried here will never be known. The 1906 earthquake knocked down many headstones. Floods in 1907 washed away part of the eastern hillside. "It is suspected that a number of bodies went down with the heavy slide of a few weeks ago," the *Herald* noted. "A party of young people who visited the cemetery last week reported that a coffin was uncovered on the edge of the slide and that the bones of its occupant were exposed."

Visitors who arrived from San Francisco in 1956 complained that "the desecration was appalling, cattle were roaming over the graves, and grass was waist high." Headstones had been knocked over and many of them broken. Finally, in April 1963, Oak Knoll was formally abandoned as a public cemetery. Any existing gravestones were removed and given to descendants if they could be found. Unclaimed stones were taken to the city corporation yard, and the area was dedicated as a public park. The city built heavy wooden play structures on the site, but these soon became dilapidated and most have been torn down.

Many people do not realize that the area was originally a graveyard, even though the popular Granada High student name for the site is Boot Hill. When the school district was considering various names for the city's second high school at its site nearby, Oak Knoll High School was one possibility mentioned for today's Granada.

As in all early cemeteries, many graves were of children. My favorite epitaph was the simple one on the stone of a 1½ year-old daughter: "We miss thee at home."
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Hike Brushy Peak

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) ranger staff reports that there are still some openings for the following hikes at Brushy Peak Regional Preserve in Livermore: Poppies on the Peak, Sunday, March 11; Spring Peak Potpourri, Sunday, March 11; and, Rocks and Raptors, Sunday, March 11.

Participants will climb to the top of Brushy Peak for fabulous views of the Livermore Valley and the Great Central Valley. The hike is approximately four miles round-trip, including a moderately difficult climb. Due to the sensitive nature of the site and the fact that this portion of the preserve is closed to the public, all participants must stay with the group at all times. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by a parent. Advance registration is required. Since this is a group tour, there will be no refunds. The fee for each trip is \$23. Please register on-line at www.larpd.dst.ca.us or by phone at (925) 373-5707.

Amador Defeats Granada to Win Mock Trial Competition

By Patricia Koning

Last week Amador Valley High School narrowly defeated Granada High in the Alameda County Mock Trial competition. Amador's team will represent Alameda County at the State Mock Trial competition later this month.

Amador defeated Granada by a score of 426 to 408. According to the Alameda County Office of Education, the lawyers who volunteered to score the teams had each school relatively close in many areas such as cross examinations. However, it was the closing arguments that sealed the win for Amador.

"Both sides of our team are very strong and our witnesses are very believable," says Amador's teacher-coach Heidi Stepp. "The students put in many hours in the evenings and on weekends to practice."

Earlier that week, Granada defeated favorite Piedmont High in the semi-finals. Piedmont has won the county competition five of the last six years.

"We were definitely the underdogs going into the semi-finals," says Amy Madsen, a senior on Granada's team. "Piedmont's team is like the Yankees of mock trial."

Over the last four weeks, mock trial teams from Bay Area high schools argued the case of fictional defendant Casey Campbell, a high school senior accused of leaving a homemade bomb at his school. The case delves into free speech rights over whether a violent video game, alleged to have inspired the defendant's actions, is illegal under a new state statute.

Each school's team is divided into prosecution and defense. In addition to serving as trial attorneys, the students play the roles of pre-trial attorney, witness, bailiff, and timer.

Granada junior Christy Stanker has served as pre-trial attorney for the last two years. She became involved in mock trial because she's interested in becoming a lawyer.

"I want to see if I have what it takes," she says. "I really like pre-trial because you have to use and interpret real case law in front of a real judge."

Alameda County Superior Court Judge George Hernandez, who presided over the finals, praised the two teams, saying in 12 years on the bench he has rarely seen attorneys as prepared as those who argued before him in this year's competition.

The Los Angeles-based Constitutional Rights Foundation (CRF) runs the Mock Trial program, which has participants from all 36 of California's counties. The program was created to help students acquire a working knowledge of the judicial system, develop analytical abilities and communication skills, and gain an understanding of their obligations and responsibilities as participating members of our society.

Many California lawyers and judges participate in mock trial to make the experience educational, exciting, and genuine. Attorneys act as team coaches, score participants, and serve over the trials.

For the finals, the Granada and Amador mock trial teams performed in the Rene C. Davidson Courthouse in Oakland, where the state competition will be held. The winner of the state competition will represent California in the national mock trial competition in Dallas in May.



Amador team members pose with their trophy following the Mock Trial Competition.

The members of the Amador mock trial team are: Pre-trial attorneys: Brian Sherman (defense) and William Chen (prosecution). Prosecuting attorneys: Chelsea Xu, Olga Beltsar, and Uggi Lee. Prosecution witnesses: Sai Wusirika, Vivienne Chen, Jeysree Ramachandran, and Neeti Upadhye. Defense attorneys: Udani Kadurugamuwa, Aliya Deri, and Reyhaneh Rajabzadeh. Defense witnesses: Rishi Mukhopadhy, Stephen Zhang, Neeti Upadhye, and William Chen. Bailiff: Chelsea Xu. Clerk: Brian Sherman.

The Amador mock trial team is coached by attorneys Tod Guerny, Melinda Garcia, and Steve Sherman, all of whom are Pleasanton residents.

The members of Granada's mock trial team are: Pre-trial attorneys: Christy Stanker, Christine Hanley, and Grace Sprehn. Trial attorneys: Amy Madsen, Li Zhou, Corinne Jansen, Gregg Tupper-Eoff, Irene Nemesio, Gabriel Yaffee, Travis McGuire, and Andrew Guenither. Prosecution witnesses: Jack Bussell, Peter Goritz, Alison McGuigan, Zainab Shakoor. Defense witnesses: Samantha Damestoy, Grant Zhu, Shire Beach, Christy Cox, and Gabe Thompson. Bailiff: Ben (Taka) Dahle. Clerk: Cassandra Ventura.

Granada teacher Bob Mariotti serves as Granada's teacher-coach. Dexter Frye, a former at-

torney and Granada teacher, serves as the attorney-coach.

"The victory by Amador Valley High School is a reflection of all of the hard work and dedication that students, sponsoring teachers and attorney coaches put into preparing for this year's

competition," said Alameda County Superintendent Sheila Jordan. "Praise must also be reserved for our partners in the legal community who devoted their time to support this annual competition."

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Pleasanton State of the City

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce March luncheon will feature Mayor Jennifer Hosterman delivering her annual State of the City Address. The luncheon will be held Tues., March 27, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Hilton Pleasanton at the Club, 7050 Johnson Drive. Chamber luncheons are open to the community. Cost is \$30 per person for members; \$35 for non-members. Please register by March 20, 2007 at 846-5858. Sponsor a table of (8) and receive recognition in event marketing materials, onsite at event, email and electronic communications. Cost to be a table sponsor is \$350. For more information contact Wendy Gutshall at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce (925)846-5858 x 201 or wendy@pleasanton.org

Decoy Operation

The Livermore Police Department, in conjunction with Alcohol Beverage Control, conducted an undercover sting operation on February 26. Two minor aged decoys assisted with the operation.

Minors were sent into 10 different "on-sale" licensed food establishments. Five of the ten served the minors in violation of Business Code Section 25658(a), serving an alcoholic beverage to a minor. The following violators were issued citations at the time of incident: Tequilas Taqueria, Uncle Yu's, Chilies, Strizzis, Bruno's. The following businesses complied with all ABC regulations and refused service to the minors: Chevy's, Rock House, Applebees, First Street Ale House, and Cattleman's.

More Single Family Homes

While total housing production in California continued to fall in January, single-family housing starts recorded their first month-over-month increase since last June, the California Building Industry Association announced Monday. According to data compiled by the Construction Industry Research Board, housing starts - as measured by building permits issued - totaled 9,798 in January, a 9 percent decrease from December 2006 and a 21 percent decrease compared to January 2006. However, January showed an 18 percent increase in single-family units when compared to December 2006, as 6,696 permits were pulled, but showed a 28 percent decrease when compared to January 2006. Multi-family starts - which tend to be more volatile than single-family starts on a monthly basis - totaled 3,102, down 39 percent when compared to December, and down 3 percent when compared to January 2006. CBIA Chief Economist Alan Nevin attributes the continuing decline in total starts to a normalizing market and the fact that builders have scaled back on production in order to concen-

trate on moving existing inventory. He said that new-home construction in California will continue leveling off until builders sell off their remaining inventory, a process that probably won't be completed until later this year.

In his 2007 Housing Forecast, Nevin projected that housing starts for single-family homes, condominiums, and apartments should total between 155,000 and 170,000 in 2007, keeping pace with 2006.

MTC Elects Chair, Vice Chair

Napa County Supervisor Bill Dodd took the reins of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) after his fellow commissioners unanimously elected him as chair at their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. At the same time, the MTC commissioners unanimously elected Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty to the vice chair slot. Both officers will serve a two-year term.

Representing District 4 on the Napa County Board of Supervisors since January 2001, Dodd was first appointed to MTC that same year, and has been twice reappointed to MTC by the Napa County Board of Supervisors.

Dodd said he's looking for a new approach to formulating the region's next long-range transportation plan, which is due for adoption in 2009. "Rather than being the sole province of MTC, this edition will have to be more of a partnership effort if we're going to make headway against regional problems with global implications such as sprawl and traffic gridlock," he said. Those partners would include the Association of Bay Area Governments, the Bay Area Quality Management District, and the Bay Conservation and Development Commission.

This is also the beginning of a third MTC term for Haggerty, who started on MTC in late 2000. Haggerty has been chairing MTC's Programming and Allocations Committee while serving on three other standing committees.

Haggerty has extensive experience with regional transportation and infrastructure policy. He is a founding member of the Inter-Regional Partnership, comprised of 15 elected officials representing counties and cities from two regions, and he is a member and former chair of the joint powers authority that operates the Altamont Commuter Express (ACE). He is a member and former chair of the Alameda County Transportation Authority/Alameda County Transport. "My goals include making long-needed improvements in major travel corridors, especially Interstate 580 through the Tri-Valley, one of the most congested roads in the Bay Area, and expanding and enhancing transit service," Haggerty said.

Haggerty was raised in Fremont and now resides in Livermore with his family.

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Miller held before becoming Superintendent.

"This is the professional opportunity of a lifetime, moving me one step closer to my ultimate, long-term career goal of becoming superintendent," said Bowers. "I became an educator because I believe passionately in the power and strength of public education."

Bowers has a B.A. in English from U.C. Berkeley and an M.A. in administrative leadership from Cal State Hayward (now Cal State East Bay). She spent the first 12 years of her career in Union City, first in middle school teaching core, math, science, developmental reading, Quest, drama, journalism/yearbook, and leadership. She also was the activities and athletics director at Logan High School and taught writing proficiency in summer school.

Bowers came to the District in 1998 and taught fifth grade at Arroyo Mocho for one year. This was a deliberate choice. She wanted teaching experience at all levels of K-12 education.

She moved to the District office and spent two years as the teacher on special assignment, writing grants among other duties. During that time she spearheaded a grant for the K-12 English Language Intensive Literacy Program, wrote the Intel Grants that funded the startup of the Science Odyssey Program, and was the primary author on Distinguished School grants for Arroyo Mocho, Smith, and Christensen Middle School.

When her job was eliminated due to budget cuts, Bowers served as principal of Christensen for almost two years before becoming Director of Curriculum.

The Livermore Board of Education recently approved two new positions: the Director of Information Technologies (IT) and a Grant Writer/Communications Outreach Specialist.

The Director of IT will be responsible for IT at the District office and at school sites, with duties including IT strategy and execution, interfacing with vendors, and technology security. Wilson, who has been the acting Director of IT since Bronzan's departure, estimates that the District spends nearly \$200,000 on

consultants to fulfill some of these duties now.

In presenting the job description at a recent Board meeting, Wilson noted that the student to computer ratio has increased from 12:1 in 1999 to 4.4:1 in 2003. The trustees voted unanimously in favor of creating the position, but commented that the job duties represent a tall order.

"I don't know how you are going to get God to work for us," said trustee Tom McLaughlin. "The spectrum of responsibility is so broad that I'm not sure who can fill it."

The trustees also recently approved the Grant Writer/Communications Outreach position for one year, with the hope that the position will pay for itself in subsequent years. In addition to writing grant applications, this position will serve as the public relations liaison with the community.

"With declining enrollment, I think it's wise to assess where we stand against other districts in

terms of number of administrators versus student population," said Keith Pickering-Walters, President of the Livermore Education Association. "There is a dichotomy when we are looking at closing schools but hiring more administrators."

According to Miller, District staff is already conducting a survey of like-sized Districts and their administrative staff.

"As you may recall, we eliminated considerable administrative positions when we experienced budget problems a few years ago," she said. "We are now adding back some of those positions in key focus areas that are aligned with Board of Education goals."

For information on these new positions, as well as the Director of Curriculum and Special Projects, which is open with Bowers' promotion, visit the Human Resources section on the District's website (<http://www.livermoreschools.com/>).

UNION

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most are freshmen and sophomores. They will be around for a few more years to ensure continuity," said Hardin.

"They are motivated. They're fired up. We (the AACT parents) couldn't be prouder of them," he added.

Sierra Bailey, the president, is a sophomore. A 13-year resident of Livermore, Sierra wants to go to a four-year college after Granada and study television communications.

BSU's other officers are Mykah Hardin, vice-president; Tiyuana Leslie, treasurer; Quanesha Hall, sergeant-at-arms; and Angelica Berkeley, secretary.

BSU launched a monthly lecture series last week, featuring two members of the University of California men's basketball team. An estimated 300-400 students attended the event, held during the lunch period. "The goal of the lecture series is to bring to campus people who have

interesting information to share with the kids," Michael Hardin explained.

According to Sierra, BSU's plans include a "step team" to participate in dances. They also want to do volunteer work in the community and even attend some city council meetings. "I think it might do the kids good to see what kind of stuff our city leaders are talking about," observed Hardin.

BSU emphasizes that it is open to ALL students.

"The club is definitely seeking membership from the whole student body. That's something we're really trying to stress," said Hardin. "We want all classes represented, from freshmen to seniors. We want both white kids and black kids to belong, along with all the other ethnic groups. BSU has a web page - ghbsu.org - that emphasizes the diversity. We think of it as a diversity club, rather than a black one."

HAUGEN

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Sandra Lepley also visited Haugen on the day she died. Lepley said that she was glad to hear that on the previous day, Sunday, Juanita was able to witness in her room a baptism ceremony for her first grandchild, Giovanni Sebastian Morello. He is the son of her daughter and son-in-law Holly and Mark Morello. Superintendent John Casey said of Haugen, "She was a great lady, wonderful, hard-working, a person dedicated to the kids and the community of Pleasanton. She loved this place and the kids and the families here. She helped shape this district as it is today. She made us continually look beyond the boundaries of Pleasanton, and be involved with districts across the state and nation." Casey continued, Haugen believed in "celebrating people who helped students do good

work, but also had the idea of continuous improvement. She always asked the next question: how could we be a little bit better?"

At Tuesday's city council meeting, a moment of silence was held in remembrance of Haugen. In addition, Mayor Jennifer Hosterman noted, "She was much loved. She will be missed."

As was seen in remarks from time to time at board meetings, Haugen was enthusiastic about her alma mater, University of South California (USC), as she was about Pleasanton's schoolchildren. She spent many hours in fundraising efforts for USC. She was recognized by the university with the honor of outstanding alumna in 1997.

Other honors for Haugen came from an Eastbay Chapter

of the Association of California School Administrators and the Pleasanton Soroptimists. Haugen was president of the California School Boards Association (CSBA) in 1997. She also was appointed by Secretary of Education Richard Reilly, in President Clinton's cabinet, to the National Assessment of Educational Progress. She was the only school trustee chosen.

She served on the Education Commission of the States, and the National School Boards Association. She brought back many ideas to the district, and was able to alert the district to opportunities for new programs and proposed educational standards before they materialized.

Haugen grew up near Fresno, and married Gilbert Haugen, whom she met at USC. She

worked as a probation officer in Los Angeles, before the couple settled down, first in Palo Alto, and then in Pleasanton.

Perhaps the greatest testimony to Haugen's dedication to education is that three of her four daughters became teachers. Besides Holly and Mark Morello of Brentwood, survivors include daughters and sons-in-law Heather and Chris Rizzoli of Livermore, Heidi and Bruce Peart of Davis, and Hilary Haugen of Pleasanton.

Funeral services for Haugen are pending at Callaghan Mortuary in Livermore.

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EDITORIALS

Little To Celebrate

The Bush Administration announced last week that a design team from Lawrence Livermore and Sandia National Laboratories has been selected for a project to upgrade the nation's nuclear arsenal. The goal is to develop warheads whose reliability can be assured without underground testing. LLNL/Sandia and Los Alamos competed for the work.

Not everyone celebrated. Though the project will create jobs in Livermore, many believe it will make the world less safe. Among the critics was Senator Dianne Feinstein, who observed that new nuclear weapons will essentially be created. It will encourage other countries to follow the same path, she said.

We share the concerns. The U.S. is currently engaged in delicate negotiations with Iran and North Korea to curb the spread of nuclear technology. How can we with any credibility ask others to surrender their ambitions when our own development of nuclear bombs continues?

Hagemann Farm

City of Livermore has reached an agreement with a real estate developer to acquire the Hagemann Farm. The selling price is \$1.8 million, with an 18-month option period.

The historic place, located on Olivina Avenue, consists of 4.5 acres of what was once a vast agricultural estate. Still standing there is a wooden farmhouse built in 1837.

"While the land is surrounded by development, it still has the feeling of a farm," points out local historian Anne Homan.

Despite its importance as a heritage site, the property has been under the threat of development. A plan to remove the historic protections to allow for a residential subdivision was submitted at one point, but later withdrawn.

The city must now find \$1.8 million. However the funding comes, the important thing is that after years of uncertainty about its fate, this heritage treasure no longer needs to worry about the real estate market, for 18 months at least. Someone had to act and initiate the acquisition. We applaud the city for taking this crucial step.

WARHEAD

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ment to replace existing, well-tested warheads. And, a December 2006 report by the National Laboratories showed that plutonium pits have a life-span of at least 85 years.

"What worries me is that the minute you begin to put more sophisticated warheads on the existing fleet, you are essentially creating a new nuclear weapon. And it's just a matter of time before other nations do the same thing. In fact, this could serve to encourage the very proliferation we are trying to prevent," said Feinstein.

Marylia Kelley of Tri-Valley CAREs, the local Lab watchdog group, agreed with Feinstein that the RRW program threatens the viability of the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and of the underlying international non-proliferation regime. "Our government is sending a signal that will increase international proliferation pressures and increase the nuclear danger."

Strategic Forces Subcommittee Chairman Ellen Tauscher had a more positive reaction, seeing the RRW as a way to increase the safety, security, reliability and certifiability of an existing weapon, with a commitment not to test.

Tauscher noted that Congress has also been clear that the RRW program is not about developing new military capabilities or increasing the size of the nuclear weapons stockpile. On the contrary, Congress has specified that the RRW program should be narrowly tailored to simply replace components to existing weapons.

Teams from Lawrence Livermore and Los Alamos National Laboratories partnered with Sandia National Laboratories to submit design proposals to the NWC. In late 2006, the NWC evaluated the proposals and determined that the RRW concept was feasible to sustain the nation's nuclear weapons stockpile. It was decided at that time to produce a hybrid of the designs submitted by Los Alamos and Livermore.

However, that decision was reversed in the announcement last week. Thomas P. D'Agostino, NNSA's acting administrator, noted that higher confidence in the ability to certify the Livermore design without underground nuclear testing was the primary reason for its selection. That design was more closely tied to previous underground testing. While one of several factors, it was an especially important one to assure long-term confidence in the reliability of the nuclear weapons stockpile. He added that several features of the Los Alamos design are highly inno-

vative and will be developed in parallel with the Livermore effort. As they mature, the features may be introduced into the RRW design.

"The RRW design concept utilizes modern technology that was not available during the Cold War when our nuclear weapons were designed and built. This will permit significant upgrades in safety and security features in the replacement warhead that will keep the same explosive yields and other military characteristics as the current ones," said D'Agostino.

Congressman Pete Visclosky (D-Indiana), Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, suggested that Congress may not fund the RRW. He stated, "Without a comprehensive defense strategy that defines the future mission, the emerging threats, and the specific U.S. nuclear stockpile necessary to achieve the strategic goals, it is impossible for Congress to appropriate funding for RRW in a responsible and efficient manner. The absence of a comprehensive strategic requirement for RRW will certainly cause the program to slow down, and may result in Congress eliminating funds for the program given the competition for many other worthwhile DOE programs."

Visclosky noted that to date, there has been no clear, coherent national security policy coming out of the Administration that defines the requirement for the RRW. "In fact, much of the RRW process has a make-it-up-as-you-go-along character to it. At a minimum, before I support a decision to invest hundreds of millions of dollars to build a new nuclear weapon, I am going to have to see a policy statement from the Administration that explains the national security imperative for the RRW."

The 2007 budget requests contains an estimated \$300 million in RRW related activities.

Kelley stated, "I expect that the award of the RRW design will be used by some weaponeers to argue against the prompt removal of Livermore Lab's plutonium stockpile."

Kelley added that instead of RRW, Livermore Lab and the brainpower it commands should be put to work moving the nation toward energy independence and solving complex problems like global climate change. Energy independence is a national security issue. "Our country's needs would be better served by the development of new, non-polluting renewable energy technologies — rather than a new nuclear warhead."

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.)

Fluoridation Gilbert Stratton Livermore

The F word in Livermore is spelled with 12 letters. The word is fluoridation and for the past thirty years it has sent shivers down the spine of politicians, council people, public employees and those who consider it a dirty commie conspiracy. We see that Watsonville is being forced to take better care of their children's teeth with a donation of one million dollars from the state dental society. This may leave Livermore as the cavity capital of California.

Maybe it is because kids don't vote or it will cost more than a fountain or noise monitoring gadgets. Whatever the reason, it is shameful that Livermore has not done the right thing by its children. At the very least it should be well publicized that we do not fluoridate our water so new home buyers and others moving into our community for the first time will be adequately informed.

Golf Course Concerns John Hunt Livermore

I am concerned about the changes to Las Positas Golf Course that might result from construction of the access roads to the proposed Prime Outlets Livermore. As a regular golfer at Las Positas for thirty-three years, I would like to see it maintained at its current level of excellence. The course is now in the best shape that I have ever seen it. For example, the greens are rolling at between 10 to 11 on the Stimp meter. Their speed and quality are comparable to that at Augusta National, where the US Masters

tournament is played. Additionally, the quality of the fairways is excellent. I have played "the ball down" several rounds this winter. In past years the fairway quality was such that one could not do that; one had to invoke the lift, clean and place rule.

The staff in the pro shop always treat their customers in a friendly and professional manner. The shop is well stocked with high quality golfing equipment. Additionally, they have started several new and innovative golf programs, such as the Friday "skins" game, the Nine and Dine on Friday evenings, and the Thursday night Men's Club Twilight Club League. They also sponsor an outstanding junior golfers program. Much of this excellence results from the work of Jeff DeBenedetti, the head golf professional, and Jeff Shafer, the course manager, and their staffs. They are doing outstanding jobs.

The proposed plan for access roads will have a serious negative impact on Las Positas Golf Course; therefore, an option that minimizes the adverse effects must be found.

Pleasanton City Council Bill Luty Livermore

In a country where the voice of the citizen is becoming more and more invisible, the Pleasanton city council's recent "tabling" of an Iraq discussion has further stifled the people. How dare they ignore the demand of concerned citizens who desperately want to discuss this war; citizens who have no doubt already tried and failed with their congressional representatives and in the smug, insolent words of Steve Brozovsky tried to "speak with their votes."

In the next logical step they turn to their local government, only to be struck down yet again. With each passing year in this country we learn that government doesn't always have our best interests at heart, therefore it is our duty to discuss the important issues that face us and become true involved citizens. With over 3,000 dead American men and women not to mention

countless innocent Iraqi citizens (not terrorists, not insurgents, just citizens like you and me) I cannot think of a topic more worthy of our discussion or even that dreaded word; debate.

Is the war a divisive issue? Absolutely. Should we stick our heads in the sand when it comes to divisive issues? Absolutely not.

The lives of our troops and the fate of our nation demand that we not remain silent and if that makes city council members uncomfortable then that's tough. Your job is not only to figure out who will repair the cracks in the sidewalk but also to listen to the concerns of those who elected you. Remember that slavery was also a divisive and uncomfortable issue, if everyone in the history of this country was as timid as the Pleasanton City Council much of this nation's population would still be in chains.

I salute Fred Norman and all the concerned citizens of Pleasanton and I urge everyone to hold all forms of government, from local to federal, accountable for their actions or lack thereof.

Seeking Samaritans Kate Runyon Livermore

Thanks to three anonymous good Samaritans who came to my aid, I am alive and well enough to thank them today. On February 7, I was driving along Valley Avenue in Pleasanton when I suffered a severe anaphylactic attack. I phoned 911 but was put on hold. Fortunately, I was able to flag down a passing car. The driver called 911 for me, and she

too was put on hold. She stayed with me while her daughter drove to the fire station to seek help. A man also stopped to help me. I never even saw his face, just his wing tip shoes. He laid his hands on me and prayed quietly until the ambulance came. I could have died without the help of these three caring people, whose names I still don't know. Thanks to them for comforting me until the police, paramedics, and ambulance service arrived. I will always remember and be thankful for the kindness of strangers. I would love to meet you and thank you personally.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the staff of ValleyCare. I was in the hospital for twelve days and the care was extraordinary. From Maria Martinez who cleaned my room and prayed for me as she cleaned, to the nurses Teri, Anna, Emilie and so many more, to Drs. Ng and Yee; everyone treated me with great care and concern. Thank you. And I want to thank the food service staff, the food was great and the service was fast and friendly. We in the community are blessed to have such a fine hospital!

Livermore VA Facility Claude Smith Livermore

Open letter to Sec. James Nickelson, Department of Veterans Affairs:

Considering the events of the recent past, I would hope that you would consider it inopportune to close the veterans facility in Livermore, CA. Or, if not inopportune, at least stupid.

LPC Environmental Club In Bloom Again

The Environmental Club at Las Positas College has been revived, and is taking on a variety of projects.

One of the club's advisors, mathematics professor Craig Kutil, said that the club was begun approximately 15 years ago as a group that mostly went on hikes to appreciate and study natural habitat. The club faded into inactivity over the years. During this school year, there is new life to the club.

Kutil is one of three faculty advisors. The others are chemistry professor Mike Ansel and physics and astronomy professor Eric Harpell.

The club has 15 members. It sponsored a screening of "An Inconvenient Truth," on Feb. 28 at the college. Turnout was below expectations, because there was not enough time to publicize it. In addition, the 3:30 p.m. start probably was not convenient for many, said Kutil.

However, the dozen or so people present were enthusiastic about the film. The club plans to show another movie, "Who Killed The Electric Car?" Kutil promised more publicity in advance, and a better show time for that film.

The club is offering more than

education about the environment. It is working on projects designed to improve the college's ecological footprint. One is a campaign to convince the food contractor in the college cafeteria to stop using styrofoam. "We'd like them to use the new (utensils) made of cornstarch. They even have flatware made from it. It's stronger than plastic," said Kutil.

If the contractor resists making the switch, the club would point out that using the environmentally friendly products would cost the company only a couple of cents more per item, said Kutil.

The club is also working on obtaining a grant for more recycling containers on campus. There are containers on the site now, but not enough so that each category of materials can have its own bin. Sometimes recyclers don't want to separate the materials, so less of it gets recycled, said Kutil.

Composting is another of the club's goals. Members want a contractor to cooperate on a program that would recycle food scraps, except for meat, to be mixed with green material.

LPC's sister campus, Chabot College in Hayward, has a large composting area covered with a tarpaulin, said Kutil. It is used for a large garden there. LPC has its own garden. Although the garden is small, it would benefit from compost, Kutil said.

A proposal for composting may be ready in a month. The idea has the administration's backing. It would take another month to hear back from the projected contractor, so the composting could start in two months, said Kutil.

GREEN

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States "toward ending our dependence on foreign oil from Middle East countries." There would also be environmental security, by putting a crimp into global warming, he said.

The PROGRESS Act calls for a five-point plan to help the environment. One point establishes a national energy security commission, which would make recommendations to Congress. Its members would be from industry, government and academia. Although all three sectors are active in trying to find solutions, there is no unifying entity, such as the proposed commission, to facilitate ideas and coordinate them for potential legislation.

A second focus would be alternative-energy vehicles. Federal funding for alternative fuels and vehicle technology would double from current levels.

A third goal is to establish a national biofuels infrastructure development program. It would be a grant program to reimburse industry to share the cost of investing in wholesale and retail biofuel pumps, tanks and related equipment.

Promotion of transit use and development of a rail infrastructure program is another feature of the bill.

The fifth and final point would have the federal government leading by example. "The government would convert vehicles to biofuels and other alternative energy fuels and engines," according to a statement released by McNerney's office.

Medical Foundation Opens In Dublin

The Palo Alto Medical Foundation (PAMF) Dublin Center opened March 1 with eight physicians and a nurse practitioner available to serve the health care needs of Tri-Valley residents. PAMF is located at a new 60,000-square-foot medical center, Dublin's largest medical facility.

It is located at the corner of Dublin Boulevard and Tassajara Road. The PAMF Dublin Center will offer a variety of services, including family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, laboratory and X-ray, urgent care and a Community Health Resource Center. Additional medical specialties will be added as needed. Initially, the facility will be

staffed by three family medicine physicians and a family medicine nurse practitioner, two internal medicine physicians and three pediatricians, with obstetrical and gynecological services added in April.

"PAMF already has many patients in this area," said Paul DeChant, M.D., president of PAMF-Palomares. "We want to offer our patients the high-quality care they have come to expect from PAMF, but within their own communities."

The PAMF Dublin Center will feature the latest advances in health care, including electronic health records (EHR), fully digital imaging services, same-day and next-day appointments with primary care physicians and a unique model of patient-centered care. Patient-centered care allows patients to spend more time with their health care providers and less time waiting.

PAMF was one of the earliest adopters of EHR technology. PAMF is still one of the few physician groups in the Bay Area to have such a system. PAMF's secure EHR system allows medical providers to document interactions with patients; view medical history and insurance information; order tests and review test results; make referrals; and send electronic prescription requests to pharmacies. In addition, PAMF patients have access to PAMFOnline, one of the most comprehensive Web-based health services in the country.

This e-health service allows patients to view key components of their records online, request appointments and prescription renewals, access test results and communicate electronically with their physician.

The PAMF Dublin Center is part of PAMF-Palomares, which serves patients in the Tri-Valley area, as well as Castro Valley and San Leandro. Hours are Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. More information is available at www.pamf.org/dublin.

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in time to have it ready for approval. She also noted that two of the nine CTC panelists have plenty of experience with the clogged traffic on Interstate 580. One is a veteran commission member and a longtime Valley residential developer Jim Ghielmetti. The other, Bob Alvarado, has served on the CTC a relatively short time. He is a union official who lives in El Cerrito, and has business often in the Central Valley, said Argula.

OBITUARIES

Garret Boer

Garret Boer took his final bow February 28 in Livermore, before a full house of family members. Cancer, his antagonist for a decade, took him at 79.



Garret Boer

An actor, director and all-around champion of community theater, Garret was an early member of Cask and Mask, the Livermore Valley theater group that recently celebrated its 50th anniversary.

Garret was raised in Escondido, served in the US Navy from 1945-1948, and received a bachelor's degree in mathematics from UC Berkeley, where he performed in a number of plays and later served as staff technical supervisor for the Dramatic Arts Department. An early triumph was in George Bernard Shaw's "The Misalliance," where he met Joan, his wife of 50 years.

In 1956 he started a long career as a computer programmer at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. He helped design operating systems for the Lab's computers, the largest computers of their day. He eventually specialized in data storage and was the first group leader when Storage became a separate group. As new storage devices replaced old and the data had to be moved, Garret wrote the necessary programs for these enormously complicated operations.

In retirement Garret was keen on traveling, and proud of having visited all seven continents. Some of his best trips, however, were spent houseboating on Lake Shasta or the Delta with family and friends. His last expedition was to remote Canada to observe his heroes, the polar bears.

A thoughtful man with a wry wit, progressive politics and a generous spirit, Garret looked forward to his daily crossword puzzles, weekly bridge games, Sunday breakfasts and annual trips to Ashland's Oregon Shakespeare Festival.

He is survived by his wife Joan; daughter Anne Rebecca Davies of Flower Mound, Texas; sons Bruce Boer of Orinda and Nicholas Boer of Livermore; sister Rosemary Ekins of Reno, Nev.; grandchildren Sam and Anna Boer of Orinda and Jake and Molly Davies, and several nieces and nephews.

A service to celebrate his life is planned at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 24 at the Bothwell Arts Center, Eighth and H streets, Livermore. The family suggests donations in his name to the center. Checks may be made to Bothwell Arts Center and mailed to 2222 Second Street, Suite 18, Livermore, Ca, 94550.

Earl Carlton Cofield

Our Dear Dad joined our Mother in Heaven on Feb. 24, 2007. He was surrounded by his loving children and their families.

He was born in Clarendon, Arkansas, on March 19, 1922. Earl moved his family to California in 1952. He was retired from the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory after more than 30 years of service. Previous to that he worked on highway construction and served in the Army during World War II with Patton's 3rd in N. Africa, Sicily and Europe. He was also with the occupied forces in Japan and left the service as a Staff Sergeant.

Earl was a founding member of the First Baptist Church of Pleasanton. In his younger days he enjoyed fishing, shopping at flea markets, woodworking, working on radios and "puttering" around the house.

Earl was preceded in death by Hazel, his wife of 55 years and 11 months; mother, Minnie Rainey; father, Selby H. Cofield; brother, Claude Gray; sisters, Lenita Devore and Helen Miller; and Grandson, Kenny Beeby.

He is survived by his sister, Mary Louise Drejman, of New Jersey; sons, Lonnie, Joe and James Cofield; daughters, Bonnie Schulte and Nita Beeby; son in law, Roger Schulte; daughters-in-law, Willie Jean and Alice Cofield; eleven grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews as well as numerous other relatives and friends.

A celebration of his life was held March 2 in Livermore. Interment followed at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Livermore.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

John A. Vargas

John A. Vargas passed away peacefully on February 28, 2007 after a heroic, six month battle with cancer.

A lifelong resident of Alameda County, John was born July 26, 1938 in Oakland where he would ultimately protect and serve for 20 years as a Patrolman, Sergeant, and Homicide Detective for the Oakland Police Department. John proudly served our country in the United States Coast Guard. After retiring from the police department, he spent several years as a Parole Officer and a Private Investigator conducting background investigations for the State of California.

John was an avid football fan and regularly participated in a Fantasy Football League for 20 years using his longtime nickname, Whalebones. He enjoyed playing golf, reading murder mysteries, watching police and crime drama series on T.V., and participating in an on-line police forum. He had a wonderful sense of humor and relished teasing family and friends. Jan and John had an amazing 44 years of marriage together and they spent most of John's retirement doing what they loved, spending time with family and traveling. They traveled all over the United States in their motor home touring points of interest.

John is survived by his wife of 44 years, Janice K. Vargas, son Scott K. Vargas, granddaughter Samantha Vargas, grandson Jeremy Malcuit, and daughter in-law Monica Malcuit. He was preceded in death by his mother Mary Demello; father, Alfred Vargas; stepfather Tony Demello, and his devoted, yellow-lab, Max.

A memorial service was held March 7 in Livermore, followed by interment services at the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Hayward.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Christine M. Kopacz

Christine M. Kopacz passed away on February 24, 2007 in Dublin.

Christina, AKA "Chris," and "Philly" was born in Philadelphia, PA on April 20, 1964. She moved to San Francisco in 1992. After spending nine years as a much loved manager at the Mid-night Sun in San Francisco, she left to pursue a career in law enforcement. Chris was a dedicated deputy sheriff with the Alameda County Sheriff's Department and most recently worked for Dublin Police Services. She touched many lives with her knowledge,

her generous heart and unique sense of humor.

She is survived by her partner, Cindy Pelton; Cindy's children, Joseph Fortner, Kristin Walker and Alicia Walker; her mother, Agnes Kopacz, brother, Joseph Kopacz, sisters, Janice Kehl and Denise Gabrielaitis, several nieces and nephews and her two Bichon Grise, Dexter and Chloe.

Services were held March 2 in Livermore. A reception followed at the Alameda County Deputy Sheriff's Association Hall in Pleasanton.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Delores Mae Berck

Delores Mae Berck died February 28, 2007 in Pleasanton. She was 73.

She was born October 14, 1933 in Lincoln Nebraska and had lived in Pleasanton for the last 28 years. Delores was creative and especially enjoyed building and furnishing doll houses and collecting miniatures. She handcrafted miniatures that she shared with members of an international miniature club. She was an avid reader, always on the lookout for a great mystery. Most of all she loved seeing the world with her husband, Bill. They drove through all 50 states and much of Canada and Mexico. Their world travels took them to 90 countries.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Bill Berck, daughter Susan and husband Richard, daughter Linda and husband Steve, four grandchildren, Brad, Jennifer, Tim and Nikky and a sister, Nancy Barnhill of Patterson. She was preceded in death by her parents, Howard and Gladine Barnhill.

There will be a private family service. Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Jim Westerman

Livermore native and lifelong resident Jim Westerman died February 26, 2007 in San Ramon. He was 51.

He was born August 18, 1955 at St. Paul's Hospital. He graduated from Livermore High School and afterward worked as a tech in the Hammermill at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. His hobbies were hunting, fishing, playing golf and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his father, Bill Westerman, daughter, Brandy, sons Dustin, Jacob and Jeff, son-in-law Josh and daughter-in-law Stephanie, grandson, Colin, several aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his mother Ada in 2003.

At his request, no formal services will be held.

Contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 1900 Powell St., #285, Emeryville, CA 94608.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Judy Jackson

Judy Jackson died February 17, 2007 at Eden Hospital. She was 70.

She was born June 11, 1936 in Little Rock, Arkansas. She was director of CAPE Head Start in Livermore, a program that enabled low income families to

place their children in preschool to get the best "head start" in their school. In retirement, she and her husband bred and raised Vizslas. She served as the Northern California Vizsla Club Rescue Contact for many years and was honored by the group when she retired. She loved that breed of dog and wanted to make sure each dog that reached her could have a safe and loving home.

She will be missed by many. She brightened each room she stepped into.

She was the loving wife and life partner to Don Jackson for 50 years and the mother of Jana, Mark and daughter-in-law Jani. She is also survived by grandchildren, Nicole, Jonathan, Jenessa, Joel and Dillon and three great grandchildren and a sister, Jean Van Bergen of Florida.

A celebration of Judy's life will be held at a later date.

Memorial gifts may be made to Vizsla rescue, PO Box 1443, Oakley, CA 94561.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Teresita Comendador

Teresita Comendador died in Pleasanton at the age of 65.

A Chapel Blessing Service was held March 1 in Livermore. Burial was at St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery in Livermore.

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John MacInnis

John MacInnis died February 15, 2007 at his wife's home in Livermore. He was one day shy of his 67th birthday.

John was born in Manchester, New Hampshire, grew up in Rutland Vermont, and later moved to Lubbock, Texas. He graduated from Kenyon College with honors in economics in 1962. He continued on to graduate study in economics at Ohio State University and the University of California Berkeley. He joined ROTC and subsequently spent his military service with the U.S. Air Force critiquing high tech weapons projects. He obtained his law degree from University of California, Hastings College of Law in 1972. He taught economics at Golden Gate University, at one point serving as college dean. He also taught and directed the graduate law program at Lone Mountain College, now part of the University of San Francisco.

The academic calendar allowed him to indulge his penchant for traveling, as did his next position: Director of Economic Development for the island of Yap under the then provisional government of Micronesia. His training in both economics and law were invaluable to the Micronesian government during the international trusteeship status talks from 1975-78.

Following marriage and return to the mainland in 1978. John developed a passion for restoring residential and commercial structures in the Bay Area. From then on, he worked as a semi-retired contractor, instruct-

ing his sons in the trades, practical economics and the art of straddling the fine line between curmudgeon and hermit. At the time of his death, he was overseeing the final stages of a renovation project to his primary residence in Berkeley.

He is missed by his sons, Donovan and Kevin, his mother Marion, and his wife, Donna Heinle.

Memorial donations may be made to Magnificat, an early classical Baroque performance group, 601 Van Ness Ave., #E3-142, San Francisco, CA 94102 or to the Carmel Bach Festival, PO Box 575, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921.

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ART & ENTERTAINMENT

Make Time for Music concerts to be held at 7:30pm on March 20 at Granada High School and March 21 at Livermore High School. These events showcase the talents of middle and high school musicians. Suggested donation is \$5 per adult. All proceeds go to Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF) and are used to support LJVUSD music programs. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. Contact vschellenberger@sbcglobal.net.

26th annual Melodrama. Sunol Repertory Theatre will present "Taming the Wild, Wild West in a Dress, or...Let's Give the Villain the Slip," adapted from a play by Billy St. John and directed by Klay Kunkel. Performances are March 10, 16, 17, 23, 30 & 31 at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of Sunol Glen School at 11601 Main St. in Sunol. Tickets are \$12.50 and can be ordered on line at www.sunol.net or by calling (925) 862-0664 for further information. Tickets can be purchased at Elliston Vineyards & Little Valley Winery tasting room on Saturdays and Sundays between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning February 10. So hiss and boo and have a laugh with the whole family.

Sixth Annual Poetry, Prose & Arts Festival. Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council (PCAC) and City of Pleasanton Civic Arts invite the public to free open activities on Saturday, March 31, 2007. The Festival will be held at the CarrAmerica Conference Center at 4400 Rosewood Drive in Pleasanton. Non-registered visitors to the Festival may attend the Visual Arts Exhibit presented by the Pleasanton Art League and other regional artists from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. They are invited to visit Literary Row from 12:30-2 pm and meet, talk and mingle with talented local authors. In addition, they may enjoy music played by guitar, mandolin and mandocello artist Jim Steinke, PhD during the afternoon hours. Registrations that include event workshops, readings

Peter Whelan

Peter Colin Dean Whelan died March 5, 2007 in San Francisco. He was 19.

The native of Dublin, Ireland, had lived in Pleasanton for the past 13 years. He attended Lydiksen Elementary School, Foothill High School, and Las Positas College. He loved the guitar, painting, and his pets, Cesar the cat and J.J. the dog.

He is survived by his parents, Ann Kelly and Gerard Whelan, and brothers Gerard and Stephen of Pleasanton. He was preceded in death by his stepfather James J. Kelly and a sister, Audrey Whelan.

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and other selected activities will be accepted on a first come, first served basis until March 24, 2007. Registration forms may be downloaded from the PCAC website at www.pleasantonarts.org or by contacting Michelle Russo at (925) 931-5350 or mruosso@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

High School Musical. Stage production of the Disney Channel movie, Christensen Middle School 9th annual musical production. Show dates are March 23, 24, 30 and 31 at 7 p.m. All shows are at Livermore High School Performing Arts Theatre, 600 Maple St. Tickets are \$7 orchestra level and \$5 balcony level. Seating at Livermore High is assigned. Tickets can be purchased at Country Charm in Livermore at 1601 Railroad Ave. or by calling Kathy Pehrson at 925-443-1931. Tickets may be available at the door 30 minutes prior to the show.

Valley Concert Chorale auditions, by appointment, for experienced singers interested in singing with the chorus on Monday, March 19 in Livermore. The Chorale is looking for singers who enjoy performing a wide range of music from classical to contemporary, from folk to jazz. If you have sight reading skills and enjoy singing exciting and challenging music, call 925-462-4205 to schedule an appointment.

Ed Kinney Lecture series: March 15: Children of Alcatraz; speaker is Scott Cornfield, film maker and Pleasanton resident. The Museum on Main in Pleasanton. Lectures are at 7 p.m. at the museum. Reservations are requested. \$5 members/\$10 non-members. Memberships available for purchase. The museum is located at 603 Main Street, downtown Pleasanton. (925) 462-2766.

Spring Concert. March 18, Pleasanton Community Concert Band 2 to 4 p.m. at Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Free. Information: 846-5897 or go to www.pleasantonband.org.

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SPORTS NOTES

Gymfinity Gymnastics

Gymfinity Gymnastics hosted a Very Merry Unbirthday Invitational this past weekend in Livermore. The team from Gymfinity combined to take first place in the team competition with a score of 109.65.

Highlights for Gymfinity included Victoria Enos winning the bars and beam titles on her way to taking the all-around title in the younger level 5 age group. In the same group, Rebecca Meister tied for first on bars and won floor and Amy Morrison placed first on vault. Melissa Graber led the way in the older level 5 group, placing first on bars, beam and in the all-around. Gabriella Lemoine, Haley Brott and Angelica Leporati led the level 6 competition. Lemoine took home the beam, floor and all-around, while Brott placed first on bars and Leporati on vault. In the level 7 competition, Brianna Camacho won the beam title and Valentina Barbalinardo placed first on bars. And Nicole Fitzgerald swept all events in level 8.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

One athlete runs through a drill during the MSL Sports High School Combine in Livermore last Saturday for college eligible athletes. The athletes were tested on strength, speed and individual skills. The results were recorded and will be made available to collegiate coaches nationwide.

DeFazio (1 inning) and Matt Owen (2 innings), scattering 9 hits over 7 innings. Matt Owen delivered the final blow striking out the last Clayton batter with bases loaded.

JV Softball Team

The Lady Dons JV softball team traveled to James Logan High School in Union City to open up their pre-season schedule and came away with a 6-4 victory. Amador Valley played well through out the game taking an early lead that they never relinquished. Macy Masajlo got the game started with a lead off walk. Later in the inning Carl Kachel hit the first of her two doubles in the game. Masajlo was thrown out at home while trying to score allowing Kachel to take third base on the throw. Kachel later crossed the plate in the inning on a wild pitch.

The Colts answered back in their half of the first tying the game at one. In the second inning Jessica Pipitone got on base by beating out a beautifully placed bunt. Janine Kalepp sacrificed herself with a bunt moving Pipitone into scoring position. Masajlo followed that by hitting a single scoring Pipitone. Carl Kachel then hit her second double easily scoring Masajlo. Haley Douglas then batted Kachel in with a base hit of her own and later scored from second base with an RBI single hit by Emma McGuiness. The Lady Dons finished the second inning up 4-1.

There was no other scoring until the bottom of the fourth inning when the Colts scored one run closing the score to 4-2. Amador Valley responded by scoring another run in the top of the fifth inning. McGuiness walked and showed her speed by taking second on a wild pitch. Amanda Sisneros then worked a walk putting runners at first and second. Kalepp responded by knocking in McGuiness on an RBI. Sisneros was aggressive in her base running but was thrown out at home by a fine throw from a Colt outfielder. The Lady Dons led 5-2.

In the top of the sixth inning, Macy Masajlo got another base hit and advanced into scoring position when the Colt pitcher committed a balk. Douglas then drove in Masajlo with a base hit to finish off the scoring for the Lady Dons. The Colts scored two runs in their half of the sixth inning making the final score 6-4. In the inning, Pitcher Haley Douglas got into trouble by walking two and hitting one batter.

Douglas threw five and two thirds of an inning scattering three hits, striking out four, hitting one, walking four while allowing four runs in the win. Macy Masajlo entered the game in the last inning to get the final out by inducing a Colt batter to line out to center fielder Janine Kalepp to preserve the victory. Masajlo earlier in the inning threw out a runner with a fine throw at home when she was playing in the outfield.

Bowling News

Maria Lockridge averaged 250 this week in league play at Granada Bowl in Livermore. Lockridge, Modified Guys and Dolls, had two games with nine strikes in a row 270-256 finished with a 225 for her 751 series and came back in the Classic loop with 234-257-259-750 set. The Classic also saw Gene Bruhl, Gene's Pro Shop, improved each game with 213-278-287-778 series; Mushy Machado came in with a 749 with 245-236-268.

Greg Brennecker, 173 norm in the Kings and Queens, captured his first 600 set in a Dave Young -247-212-211 and a 670 total; Dave Thompson like the 230's with 233 and a pair of 235's for his 703. Doug Dalton, Eagles Renovations league, took honors with 255-247-228-730 set; Sheryl Common became a USBC award winner with a triplicate of 179. The Wednesday Wonders were led by Bill Allen's 689 series with games of 232-212-245.

In the Cheyenne league, David Snow topped the pack with 268-237-268-773 series; Mike Stephenson posted a 715 set with 226-256-235; Mal Cowen rolled games of 247-237-220-704 and Rich Canada highs of 253-235-701 total. John Waite, Friday Primetimers was top pin-getter with 188-212-205-605. John Giambone, Generation Gap, used a pair of 224 games to go with 259 and a 707 series; youth bowler Erica Smith, 151 norm, posted a 212 game; Blake Norquist, 152 par, came in with a 218 game-591 set. Eric Williford, Strikes and Sparer, 167 averager, rolled 227-214-206-647 set.

Livermore Youth Football

Livermore Youth Football & Cheer (LYF&C) is currently looking for football coaches at all levels for the 2007 season. Livermore Youth Football is a part of the Diablo Valley Youth Football Conference, and is an elite travel team with players ranging in age from 7-14. Those interested in coaching please inquire at Mossaday@comcast.net.

Hitting Clinic

Legacy baseball, private instructors, will conduct a hands-on hitting clinic on March

11 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. It will last three hours and cover all aspects of hitting. The clinic is open to ages 7 to 13 limited to 6 students per clinic. The cost is \$55 per child. The location will be available at time of enrollment. Information, call Ruben Arellano, Sr. at 209-836-0217.

Football/Cheer

Livermore Youth Football & Cheer (LYF&C) is a full contact football league that has been established for more than 30 years. The league teaches the fundamentals of both football and cheer that are needed to make the transition into high school. The league works with the local high schools to ensure participants are learning the fundamentals needed. LYF&C's emphasizes proper technique and fundamentals, responsibility, accountability, and being a good person and teammate.

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

Football and cheer squads have been very successful in the highly competitive Diablo Valley Youth Football Conference (DVYFC). The league 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. The 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). Registration will be held March 15th from 6-8 pm at Round Table Pizza 1024 East Stanley Blvd. Information at website www.eteamz.com/lyfc or call 925-454-1421 (evenings)

Benefit Golf Tourney

Livermore High Baseball will host its 1st annual Benefit Golf Tournament at Poppy Ridge Golf Course on Fri., March 16. \$150 fee includes golf with cart, lunch, range balls, winner, clubhouse credit and door prizes. For information, call Coach Dave Perotti at 586-2811.

Special Olympics

Amador Valley High School will be the site for the Special Olympics Regional competitions in Basketball, Track & Field, and Volleyball.

The basketball event will be taking place at Amador (and Pleasanton Middle School) on the weekend of March 31 and April 1. Last year the Pleasanton community provided over 300 volunteers for this weekend.

The track and volleyball events will be at Amador Valley on Saturday, May 5. Volunteers are needed that day as well.

Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to please contact Kent Young, Volunteer Coordinator, (925) 413-0378 or zenkent@comcast.net.

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 (PPIEF) and Pleasanton Schools Education Enrichment Foundation (PSEE) will be partnering with the school organizations to sell tickets to this tournament. The tickets are \$30.00 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!

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Open House Set at Rock Climbing Gym

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) invites the public to attend a free open house at the Valley Rock Climbing Gym on Saturday, March 10, between 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Each visitor will receive two complimentary climbs on the indoor rock wall at the gym and learn information about future activities. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. All participants must sign a waiver form.

Valley Rock Climbing Gym is located at 2455 Railroad Avenue.

The LARPD recently assumed management of the facility, formerly known as Sunrise Rock Gym, for an 18-month lease and is committed to introducing rock climbing to the local community as a recreational opportunity that offers both fitness and fun. The district invested in new paint, auto belays and cosmetic renovations. The facility is now available for walk-in use, lessons, group res-

ervations, memberships and birthday parties. For more information and a fee schedule, please contact Sasha at (925) 960-2455.

Indoor rock climbing has grown into a legitimate sport over the past two decades, with gyms popping up in many cities, competing leagues, and interest in making it an Olympic sport. Rock walls are now found on cruise ships, college campuses and shopping malls. Climbing is a fun and safe activity that helps build confidence and self-esteem, balance, body movement, hand-eye coordination, flexibility, and provides challenges for all skill levels. Participation in climbing on indoor and manufactured climbing walls has now far surpassed outdoor climbing both in the number of participants and the number of outings, according to the Outdoor Industry Foundation 2005 Recreation Participation Study. Climbers at Valley Rock Climbing Gym range from as young as three to seventy years of age.

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.

Spring fashion show. The Fashion Club at Amador Valley High School will have a spring fashion show featuring local designers such as Allina B., Pink Spike, and Jolee by Claire. It will be on March 11, 2007 at the Amador Theater (1155 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton) from 2pm-4pm. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$8 at the door. The box office will be selling tickets 20 minutes before the event. Call (925)931-0628 to order. All proceeds go to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Spring Into Fashion. Pleasanton Newcomers Club presents this luncheon and fashion show on Wed., March 14 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Pleasanton, 11:30 p.m. Clothes and jewelry by Coldwater Creek; make-up by Sephora - Stoneridge Mall. Tickets \$35 members; \$38 nonmembers; partial proceeds to benefit the Assistance League of Amador Valley Operation School Bell. Questions, contact Jane Capewell, 485-3270.

Livermore Valley Education Foundation Scholarships. LVEF will be awarding two \$5,000 scholarships this spring. National Security Technologies has provided the funding to support two graduating seniors going on to four year degree programs in either engineering or science. Applicants must be currently attending a high school in the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. The scholarships will be awarded based primarily on merit, rather than financial need. Applications are due April 4, 2007 and are available at the career centers at both high schools or from our web site at www.lvgef.org.

Domestic Violence Support Group. meets at the Tri-Valley Haven for Women in Livermore every Thursday from 5: to 6:30 p.m. Survivors will be able to address issues of abuse in relationships. There will be a fee of \$40 for every eight weeks, or based on a sliding scale. For information and registration, contact Elizabeth at 449-5845, ext. 109.

HLLA, the Hearing Loss Association of America. Tri-Valley Chapter, meets March 15 at 7:00pm at the Valley Community Church at 4455 Del Valle Parkway, Pleasanton. Cheryl Eller, of the Starkey Hearing Research Center, Berkeley California will describe results from preliminary studies of the role of the brain in listening and the use of self-adjusting hearing aids. She will also give a preview of other current and future research projects and the potential application of this research to improving the quality of life for hard of hearing people. The meeting is open to the public. Attendance is free and refreshments are served. For more information contact Hiram Van Blarigan at 925 455 6591 or Email hvanblarigan@hotmail.com.

Gardening Basics. Bay Friendly workshop, Sat., March 17, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Free, however registration is required. To register or for details, go to www.BayFriendly.org or call 510-444-7645.

Tri-Valley Conservancy Board of Directors meets 7 p.m. Thurs., March 8 at the Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Avenue, Livermore.

Computer Training Classes. free. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Searching the Internet, Sat., March 10:15-12:15, or Tues., March 13: 6:15 to 8:15 p.m.; Beginning email, Sat., March 17, 10:15 to 12:15. Classes are hands on, first come, first served in the community meeting room B. Information at the Adult Information Services Desk or call 373-5505.

Coffee and Conversation with the experts. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. March 13 topic is Home Equity Conversion, Stay in Your Home. ECHO, a nonprofit housing counseling agency will present the program, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Fee \$1.25 residents, \$1.75 nonresidents.

Tri-Valley Macintosh Users Group. meets 7 p.m. on Thurs., March 15 at the Amador Valley High School Library, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. All are welcome.

There will be a vendor demonstration of MacScrapbook's iRemember (MacScrapbook.com). Following the demonstration there will be a raffle and question and answer period. Check www.clubtmug.com for more information.

Country Folk Art craft show and sale, Pleasanton, March 9-10-11, Alameda County Fairgrounds. Over 100 top artisan-exhibitors from across the country. Friday, March 9, 5 to 9 p.m.; Sat., March 10, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun., March 11, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$7 admission. Information, www.countryfolkart.com.

Livermore Amador Genealogical Society, general meeting 7:30 p.m. Tues., March 13, Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct., Pleasanton. Anne Homan, author, will talk about her new book, "Historic Livermore, California: A to Z." Visitors are welcome. No charge. Information www.l-ags.org or 447-2318.

Mad Hatter's Tea. Assistance League of Amador Valley, April 28, noon to 4 p.m. Tea and sandwiches, and spring fashion show presented by Chico's. The afternoon's activities include a hat contest, raffle, and the sale of lucky tea cups. Shrine Event Center in Livermore. It will benefit Assistance League of Amador Valley's many philanthropic projects, including Operation School Bell. Ninety percent of all net proceeds go toward philanthropic projects. For further information contact Annette at 925-462-5275 or Rickie at 925-846-3922 or email alamadorvalley@yahoo.com. Additional information is available on the web at www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org.

Unitarian Universalist. 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. Service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Topic for March 11 is "Alternatives to Incarceration," Eric Meter presiding. Information 447-8747.

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

Effective Parenting In a Crazy World. Wednesday nights February 7-April 11, 6:45pm - 8:15pm at Discovery Church, 5860

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Solutions meets Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. at Tri-Valley Church of Christ, 4481 East Ave., Livermore. The new series called, "It's Not My Fault," is currently being held. For more information call Greg Brown at 925-447-4333 or visit www.trivalleychurch.org.

Simpler Living, Compassionate Life: A Christian Perspective. Mondays at 7 p.m. St. Clare's Church. The Sessions are: March 14: Theology for the Practice of Simplicity. March 21: Your Money or Your Life: The Place of Money in Modern Life. March 28: Broader Impacts of Our Everyday Food Choices. Each participant will need a journal and a copy of the book Simpler Living, Compassionate Life: A Christian Perspective. Copies of the book are available at Towne Center Books on Main Street in Pleasanton. All are welcome, regardless of faith. Classes are free and meet at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hayward Rd. in Pleasanton. Call the church office at (925) 462-4802 for information or to register.

Couples And Family Relationships Conference: Unlock the secrets to quality couple and family relationships, including parenting techniques, at this unique learning experience. First Presbyterian Church 2020 Fifth Street Livermore California. March 31, 8 a.m. to noon. \$39 per person (\$59 after March 1). www.kivaspirit.org for registration and information. Kiva Counseling Group (925) 485-9370

Boundaries with Teens...When to Say Yes, How to Say No! March 10th at 9:00 a.m. at the Tri-Valley Church of Christ, 4481 East Avenue, Livermore. Contact Greg Brown for more information 925-447-4333.

Faith Chapel Assembly of God. 6856 Alisal St., Pleasanton. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m., Children's Church 11:15 a.m. Please call office at 846-8650 for weekly programs.

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



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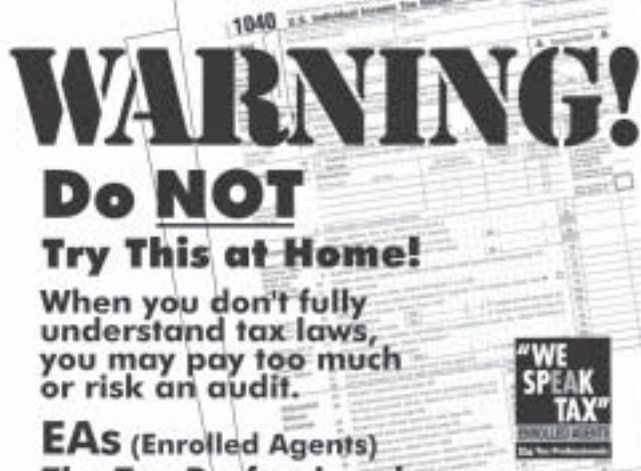
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Classical Clarinetist Wows Audience

By Susan Steinberg

Joe Bonfiglio is an amazing clarinet virtuoso, as demonstrated in his appearances with the Pleasanton Chamber Players. So it was disappointing to read that he would give a recital announced as a one-hour "Sunday Afternoon Musicale" (meaning a program of light "bonbons").

Braving stormy weather to attend, I was amazed to discover a program listing an impressive musical marathon of three classical selections, (including the showpiece Mozart concerto), topped off with popular George Gershwin songs.

Setting skeptically in a front-row chair, I surveyed the simple Unitarian Universalist Church sanctuary with its small upright piano. Hardly a setting to match Carnegie Hall with Benny Goodman, or S.F.'s Davies Hall with Richard Stoltzman.

But with the first notes of Carl Maria von Weber's "Concerto for the Clarinet" I WAS suddenly in a concert hall. The melodies of countless operatic arias (Weber's specialty) flowed effortlessly in true bel canto style, the long elegant phrases sounding surprisingly close to an actual human voice.

But how would Mozart's masterpiece work in this spare setting? Written in 1790, barely 50 years after the instrument's introduction, it remains the pinnacle of clarinet artistry to this day. Soloists find it challenging not only for its technical and interpretive demands, but also because of audience familiarity and expectations.

Mr. Bonfiglio captivated listeners immediately with his warm caressing tone and expressive legato line, making the deceptively simple music of the first movement a singular jewel. In the second movement Mozart's plaintive melodic line evoked nostalgia and melancholy all the better without the usual orchestral background. One could hear in Mozart's last completed work the wandering of a lonely soul seeking a path

to final peace. The soloist's lingering tenderness enabled each phrase to speak to the heart of his listeners - a truly spiritual experience.

Only Mozart could follow such moving music with the jaunty hi-jinks of the final Rondo. The impish runs sound like the capering birdcatcher Pappageno from "The Magic Flute," and require a quick change of mood, technique, and styling. No problem for a musician with Mr. Bonfiglio's brio, which earned a well-deserved standing ovation for a stellar performance.

For the second half, another gifted soloist, Cyndy Salmon, joined in the Mendelssohn "Clarinet Piece #1." The graceful close-harmony cascades of rich romantic melody evoked lush operatic images of the "Flower Duet" from Delibes' "Lakme." Perfectly coordinated phrasing and dynamics delighted the ear and testified to intensive rehearsal sessions.

Surely Gershwin would be an unpalatable dessert after such a classical feast? Not with a "natural" like Mr. Bonfiglio swinging into a soulful heartbreaking rendition of "Summertime" and the sly insinuating humor of "It Ain't Necessarily So," embellished with everything from pure scat to ear-piercing high flourishes.

The earthy spirit of Catfish Row came alive as the audience erupted into a deafening final ovation.

Honors were shared by Pat Mielke, the skillful piano accompanist whose supportive artistry and versatility were vital elements in the program's success. (I can only imagine what marvelous sounds she would create with a real concert piano!)

What an amazing gem of professional performance here in Livermore's own backyard. Even the heaviest rain could not dampen audience enthusiasm or our gratitude for the generosity of musicians who share such gifts with their community on behalf of a worthy cause!



Posters Available For Purchase

Carolyn Lord, a well-known Bay Area artist who resides in Livermore, recently designed an opera poster for The Mikado to be performed by the Livermore Valley Opera. Lord's poster for The Mikado, which opens Saturday, March 10, has a traditional Japanese figure reading brush-lettered text announcing the opera, based on traditional Japanese "Surimono."

Surimono are announcements, advertising, or invitations that include figures as well as text describing news and information. Behind the figure is the British flag, representing the country where composers Gilbert and Sullivan were from. The Mikado is set in Japan, but the story is really a costume-comedy on English social etiquette and mind-numbing bureaucracy.

For the first time, limited editions of the Mikado poster will be available for sale signed by Carolyn Lord on March 10th, opening night or through the LVO. Suitable for framing, the posters are \$25 each. Artist Carolyn Lord will be in the Lobby on Opening night assisting with sales!

Carolyn Lord is currently developing LVO poster images for 2007-2008 opera season.

'Harvey' in Final Weekend

Asbury Players are performing the comedy, "Harvey," that features an invisible rabbit.

Performances are March 9, 10 and 11 at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore.

Curtain time is 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Tickets are \$7 general admission, \$5 for seniors and children under 12. Tickets can be purchased at Country Charm, 1601-B Railroad Ave., Livermore. For additional ticket information, please call 455-1048.

Golf Tourney Offers Benefit for the Arts

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center has established special arrangement with the Livermore Valley Winegrowers' Foundation, host of the Livermore Valley Wine Country Championship, to provide financial support for several of the Tri-Valley performing arts organizations that will use LVPAC's new 500-seat theater beginning in October of this year.

The Wine Country Championship will be held March 29-April 1 at The Course at Wente Vineyards. It is the fifth stop on the PGA Nationwide Tour.

By visiting the Championship's website at www.winecountrychampionship.com, arts supporters may purchase PGA event tickets and designate 1/2 of the purchase price to support a performing arts group.

Last week's story left out one of the groups: the Livermore-Amador Symphony.

The Inspiring Fry Street Quartet

By Nancy O'Connell

Founded in Chicago in 1997, the Fry Street Quartet, has concertized in many parts of the world, from the Balkans to Israel. On Saturday night, March 3rd, its four members came to Livermore, performed at the Presbyterian Church, and held their audience spellbound. After a time, it was possible to forget that you were listening to four individuals, because their tones were so blended together that they seemed to breathe as one.

It was an evening dedicated to Beethoven. Three of his quartets were played. The very familiar Opus 18, #1 opened the program. In the beginning there was a delicate, beautiful pianissimo. There were also long, dramatic grand pauses. The cello and first violin had an interesting dialogue. The cellist introduced a theme and the first violinist would answer. In the *Adagio* the first violinist, William Fedkenheuer, played an unforgettable melody. The sustained notes which followed were almost ethereal sounding when all four voices were heard. All four musicians coaxed rich sonorities from their instruments. The violist, Russell Fallstad, had a full, magnificent sounding instrument, as did the cellist, Anne Francis. The two men half rose out of their seats in their excitement.

All of the players looked so young and played with passion and exuberance. Never before has this concert goer seen the first violinist with his ankles crossed. Every so often he would raise both feet off the ground and bring them down again to emphasize a beat. All four almost threw their bows up in the air in theatrical gestures in some of the grand pauses, very much as a pianist flings his hands up at the close of a difficult cadenza.

In the *Scherzo: Allegro molto* the rollicking tune was taken at lightning speed. Fedkenheuer's bow danced over the strings for the running passage of sixteenth notes. There was excellent intonation throughout and a good balance between the four voices. If a melody was introduced with a down bow, each performer in turn used the same bowing.

Beethoven's Opus 127 in E Flat Major followed and was composed 24 years later in 1825. Written five years before his death, the audience now heard a mature Beethoven, and a much more technically demanding work. It begins with a *Maestoso*, big resounding chords alternating between forte and sudden loud accents. The last bar of the short *Maestoso* has the first violinist performing 32nd note trills, leading into a tender melody in the *Allegro*. The *Maestoso* returns twice more within this first movement, adding an unusual twist to the movement as a whole. Beethoven is experimenting with form here, breaking new ground. Later in the *Allegro*, the first violinist was playing way up in the stratosphere, and the cellist was down on her C string in her lowest register, a very effective contrast. Opus 127 is the first of three quartets commissioned by the wealthy Russian Prince Galitzin who enjoyed string quartets. These quartet members looked as though they were also thoroughly enjoying their performance, and they are playing six concerts in these two weeks, a heavy concert schedule when balanced with their teaching schedule at Utah State University.

In the *Adagio*, the poignant melody is given to each of the four players. This is one of the most exquisite movements in the string quartet literature. All five variations were played with great verve and refinement. The in-

strumentalists obviously listen closely to one another and interpret the passages with a unifying thread to weave a satisfying tapestry of sound.

In the *Scherzando Vivace* the cellist introduces the theme, then the violist enters, the 2nd violin and finally, first violin. Tricky rhythms makes this a difficult movement for amateurs to play as an ensemble. But it looked effortless for the Fry Street Quartet, playing as one voice. Every nuance was played as though they've rehearsed together for months.

Beethoven was boldly experimenting in the *Finale*. There were exciting dynamic changes, difficult crossing of strings with the bows, and great dramatic variety. The *Cadenza* raced like wildfire to a powerful conclusion. After the intermission, Opus 59, No. 3 in C Major was heard. This is the last of the three famous Razumovsky quartets, named for the count who commissioned these works. Again, all four movements were performed with great musicianship and the technique was flawless. His slow movement, the *Andante* was conceived as a tribute to the Russian Razumovsky, and was unusual with the cellist plucking her strings with pizzicato, and with the movement ending not with a bang, but a whisper.

Their encore was the last movement of Haydn's Opus 76, No.5 and was generously shared after a standing ovation and enthusiastic clapping. Fedkenheuer said, "We're taking you back to where it all started, alluding to "Papa Haydn." Their interpretation was an exciting one, and after what should have been an exhausting evening of music making, they appeared as fresh as ever and showed no evidence of fatigue. Amazing!

Equally amazing was their openness and willingness to talk with members of the audience afterwards at the reception. In talking with Anne Francis, the cellist, I learned that she purchased her 'cello recently, and that it is American made by Carl Becker, Sr. in 1926. She loved her English 'cello with its dark sound, but two of the other players, the second violinist, Rebecca McFaul and Russell Fallstad, violist, perform on Becker instruments and it creates a more unified sound which is rich and powerful.

The newest member of the quartet, the first violinist, William Fedkenheuer, joined the group in February of 2006, and formerly taught at the New En-

gland Conservatory of Music in Boston. He told of his search for the perfect instrument. Last summer he went to auction houses in London, England and tested almost 500 instruments! He had the advice of someone who helped him make a choice, according to what he could afford and whether the instrument would grow in value over the years. He narrowed it down to about five violins, but the first one went for about \$6,000 more than he felt he could afford. He won the bidding on another fine instrument and now proudly performs on a Nicolo Gagliano violin created in 1765.

This is an ensemble to watch for. They've already won many prestigious awards and will win many more. Del Valle concert series continue to bring us magnificent performances, and the next one in the series will be on March 31st with a cello and piano duo. Come and bring your entire family. A small boy of seven sat in front of us in this inspiring concert, and absorbed it all, enraptured.

Pleasanton High Schools Stage Musical

Amador Valley and Foothill High Schools will present Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's popular musical, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

Performances are March 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, and 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton.

Beginning its life in 1967 as a 20-minute "pop cantata" for a school Easter concert, "Joseph" was revived and expanded in the mid-1970s and eventually made its way to Broadway in 1982. This interpretation of the biblical story of Joseph of Canaan is a high energy, eclectic musical variety show.

Tickets are \$10 students and \$12 adults. They are available at the Civic Arts Box Office at www.civicartstickets.org. For additional information, contact Amador Drama Director Kelsey Hartman via email at khartman@pleasanton.k12.ca.us

Concert Chorale Presents 'Three Tableaus of Fauré'

Valley Concert Chorale presents two performances of "Three Tableaus of Fauré" including Requiem, Messe Basse and Cantique de Jean Racine.

The first concert will be at 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 17 at First Presbyterian Church, 4th and L Streets, Livermore. The second performance is at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 18 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton.

Fauré's music was slow to gain recognition outside of France. Today he is acknowledged as one of the greatest of French composers. His delicate and elegant style has great strength and emotional appeal. His best-known work is the Requiem, composed during 1887-89. Unlike Berlioz and Verdi, Fauré fashioned an exquisite, intimate Requiem filled with peaceful, beautiful melodies.

The American composer Aaron Copland sums up Fauré's music when he wrote, "Those aware of musical refinements cannot help admire the transparent texture, the clarity of thought, the well-shaped proportions. Together they constitute a kind of Fauré magic that is difficult to analyze but lovely to hear."

In addition to the Requiem, the Valley Concert Chorale will present two relatively unknown and rarely-performed short works of Fauré, his *Tantum Ergo* and *Tu es Petrus*. The women of the choir will be featured in his brief Mass setting, *Messe Basse*.

Individual tickets for the concerts are: advance, \$17 adults and \$14 for seniors 62 and older; at the door, \$20 adults and \$17 seniors. Students 18 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by calling (925) 866-4003.

Coin Club Show Features Displays and More

The Livermore Valley Coin Club will hold its 44th annual coin show and sale on Sunday March 11, 2007, from 10 am to 5 pm.

The show will be held at the Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur Drive Springtown in Livermore.

More than 30 dealers from all over Northern California will offer gold, silver, and base metal coins from the United States and foreign countries. Ancient coins will be offered as well. Prices range from a few cents to hundreds of dollars. Dealers will make appraisals and purchase coins from the public.

Admission is free. Wooden "nickels" commemorating the event will be given away while supplies last. This year's raffle will feature a U.S. \$20 gold eagle for the grand prize and 14 additional runner-up gold and silver coins. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6/\$5.00, available at the show. An hourly drawing will also be held for U.S. silver dollars. Members of the Livermore Valley Coin Club will set up numismatic displays and will be available to discuss the club's activities. Lunch service will be available.

For further information please call Stephen Kramer at (925) 422-3794.

Writers Club Hosting Pulitzer Prize Nominee

California Writers Club, Tri Valley Branch (www.trivalleywriters.com) will host Pulitzer Prize nominee Jana McBurney-Lin at a special event on Saturday, March 17 at 11:30 am.

McBurney-Lin will discuss her first novel, *My Half of the Sky*. Charlotte Cook from Komemar Publishing will discuss the publishing aspects and answer questions.

Reservations are required as the event is expected to sell out. Luncheon will be held at Girasole Grill, 3180 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. The cost is \$18 for members, \$25 guests. Contact Fred Norman at Fnorman300@aol.com or 925-462-7495 by Wed., March 14 for reservations.

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SHORT NOTES

Africa Discussion

Tim Hunt, board chair for Heart for Africa, will discuss his 2006 trip and plans for 2007 mission trips in two meetings.

Hunt will host meetings that will feature video clips from Malawi and Kenya on Sunday, March 11 from noon to 1:30 p.m. and on Thursday, March 15 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Presbyterian Church, 4300 Mirador Drive. The meetings will take place in room 8. They are open to anyone interested in knowing more about Africa and how they may serve there in 2007 or contribute to making African's lives better.

Hunt currently serves as chairman of the board of Heart for Africa, a faith-based organization that is focused on bringing hope to Africans through improving food supplies with backyard gardens, providing safe housing for orphans and through broad-based support for education, both basic instruction and specific curriculum to deal with AIDS. An estimated 75 percent of teenaged girls in sub-Saharan Africa do not know what the AIDS virus is transmitted by sexual activity.

Heart for Africa has partnered with two children's homes in Swaziland, a small country surrounded on three sides by South Africa. Mission trips will also go to Malawi to work in the very poor rural villages and to Kenya to work in a very poor area located about 60 miles from the capital of Nairobi.

Hunt first went to Africa in August 2005 to Swaziland to plant backyard gardens. He returned to Kenya and Malawi last fall. He is the retired editor and associate publisher of the Tri-Valley Herald.

For more information or to reserve a space at either meeting, please contact Hunt at huntenterprises1@comcast.net or 925-846-9274.

Free the Trees

Free the Trees is the theme of an event at Veterans Park in Livermore

Science on Saturday Lecture Focuses on Comets and Stardust

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's (LLNL) lecture series, "Science on Saturday," runs through March 31. March 10 Hope Ishii, LLNL scientist, and Tom Shefler, Granada High School teacher, will present "Comets and the Stardust Mission: What's in Our Solar System's Freezer?"

For eons, humans have gazed up at the night sky. Sailors set their course by the regular motions of the sun, moon and stars. The occasional appearance of comets, new bright objects with glowing tails, in the regular patterns of the night sky has awed humans throughout history. Today, we know comets formed in the frozen outer reaches of the solar system and were thrown into orbits that bring them near the sun, where they develop tails of gas, dust and ions. But how much do we really know about comets? Did a comet kill the dinosaurs? What can comets tell us about our own ancient history?

Each presentation in the series is the collaboration of a Lab scientist and a science teacher and aligned with the California Science Standards. The lectures are sponsored by LLNL's Science and Technology Education Program.

The series of free lectures and demonstrations is targeted at middle and high school students. Topics are selected from the forefront of science and technology research in a variety of disciplines.

Future topics:

- March 17 — "Accelerator Mass Spectrometry: How AMS Works in Biology and Health Care," Bruce Buchholz and Ken Turteltaub of LLNL, and Bret States, teacher, Tracy High School.
- March 24 — "Energy Crisis: Will Technology Save Us?" John Ziagos, LLNL, and Dean Reese, teacher, Tracy High School.
- March 31 — "Driving a

Students Receive Tree Seedlings On Arbor Day

The Livermore Beautification Committee will visit second grade classes throughout the city in observance of Arbor Day on March 8. Committee members and volunteers will discuss with students the importance of trees in the environment. Each student will receive a tree seedling. Volunteers will demonstrate the correct way to plant and care for the trees.

Smokey the Bear will be on hand as will Woodsie the Owl.

Funding for the program is supported through grants and contributions from companies and organizations doing business in Livermore.

Donations of cash, educational materials and in-kind services help support the program. This year's sponsors include the Beautification Committee, the United States Forestry Services, Alden Lane Nursery, Alameda County Waste Management Authority, PG&E, Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club, California Department of Conservation, and Livermore FedEx Kinko's.

on Sat., March 10.

Meet Ranger Darren Segur at 10 a.m. at the group picnic area.

There are some trees in Veterans Park that were planted and caged several years ago. They have done some growing since then, and it's time to free the trees from their cages and let them be all the tree they can be. Anyone who would like to help, is asked to please sign up by calling (925) 960-2400. Bring gloves and some wire cutters or fencing pliers if available. (we have some to lend). Good for ages 5 and up. Cancelled if raining.

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARP) ranger staff is hosting this program.

Book Events

The following events are free and open to the public at Towne Center Books 555 Main St., Pleasanton, 925-846-8826:

Fri. March 10 at 4:00 Mother Daughter Bookclub grades 5-6 discussing Sun and Moon.

Tues. Mar. 20 11:30 tea with Denise Roy author of Momfulness and My Monastery is a Minivan.

Sat. March 24 at 10:30 Bart King - Big Book of Girl Stuff and Big Book of Boy Stuff.

Chocolate & Cabernet

Fran and Lanny Replogle of Fenestra Winery invite the public to taste a variety of chocolate treats with the fine red wines of Fenestra at the 15th Annual Chocolate and Cabernet Weekend on March 10 and 11, Saturday and Sunday, from noon to 5:00 p.m.

This event will be held at Fenestra Winery, 83 Vallecitos Road, Livermore.

The red wines of Fenestra Winery will be paired with chocolate: both savory recipes and sweet chocolate treats. Featured wines will be: Fenestra's classic Livermore Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, Smith & Hook Cabernet Sauvignon, rue Red * Lot 20 *, Merlot, Touriga and Port. Gimaneli's Deli will prepare savory surprises.

The \$10.00 event charge includes a plate and logo wineglass. Event charge for children ages 5-12 is \$ 5.00, ages 13-20 is \$10.00 (includes plate and nonalcoholic beverage). There is no charge for children under 5 years old.

The winery is open for tasting and sales every Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. For information, phone 925-447-5246, or visit the web site at www.fenestrawinery.com.

Irish Dance at Library

The Pleasanton Library will resound with the sound of tap as the flashing feet of students from The Moore School of Irish Dance perform on Saturday, March 10th at 2 p.m. as part of the library's series, Dance & Sing Around the World! Adding to the festivities will be Irish songs and fiddle tunes.

The Moore School of Irish Dance is based in Walnut Creek. Two of the students, Annie Geasa and Janelle Dorcy qualified to compete this June in the Nationals.

Dance & Sing Around the World! is a free series of dance and music programs for children that celebrates Pleasanton's international heritage. This program is open to all ages. Registration is not required.

For more information about library programs, please check the library's website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library/programs-events-child.html or call the Children's Desk at (925) 931-3400 x 8.

The library is located at 400 Old Bernal Avenue.

Program on Phoebe Hearst Slated

A program on the outstanding contributions by Phoebe Apperson Hearst to Pleasanton and California will be presented by Kathleen Cha

Cha will speak from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, March 18 at the museum, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton.

The program is the result of a collaborative effort of the Museum on Main and the Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW).

Phoebe Apperson Hearst educated hundreds of women and children through the Hearst Free Kindergartens, was a major benefactor of the University of California as its first woman regent, and contributed to the National Congress of Mothers, which evolved into the National Parent-Teachers Association. She funded the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA).

Hearst's life shows how a woman of the Gilded Age helped make philanthropy a hallmark of the upper class. She lived at the Hacienda Del Pozo de Verona, now the site of the Castlewood Country Club. She died there on April 13, 1919.

Cha is the senior communications officer for the Association of Bay Area Governments. She has served public, private and nonprofit sectors for more than 25 years as a strategic communi-

Family Storytimes

Storyteller John Weaver has programs planned at all three Livermore Library locations.

On Sat., March 10, he will be at the Springtown Branch, 998 Bluebell Drive, at 11 a.m. for a Springy Storytime blooming with good books for the whole family.

Three of Everything is the topic of the March 12, 7 p.m. program at the Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Avenue.

Hear all about Trains on March 17 at 11 a.m. at the Rincon Branch, 725 Rincon Avenue. Stories will be in both English and Spanish.

All ages are welcome to these free library programs. No registration is necessary. Contact Youth Services at 373-5504 for more information or pick up a March Family Storytime flyer at any one of the libraries.

Prom Possible

Hayward High Schools have some girls who would like to go a prom but have nothing to wear. Foothill High's Leadership Academy is going to lend a helping hand and here's how the public can help out:

According to co-organizer and Foothill High junior Quinn Mattingly, the school was approached by a non-profit organization called "Prom Possible" whose mission is to find formal dresses, accessories, and monetary donations for Hayward area girls who

could not otherwise afford to attend their school's proms.

In their effort to help out, the Leadership Academy is looking for size 18+ dresses and slightly used or new accessories such as jewelry, shawls and purses. The Academy will also accept cash or gift cards and all donations are tax-deductible.

Donations can be left at the Foothill High School Main Office at 4375 Foothill Road, Pleasanton (94588) or picked up by contacting them through e-mail at fhstudents08@yahoo.com. Checks may be written to "Volunteer Hayward." All items must be received by March 16.

Wi-Fi Photos

As a wireless city, Livermore is on the go. So, are you taking the broadband Internet mobile with a Wi-Fi enabled device? If so, submit a photo of your coolest use of a citywide Wi-Fi service to <http://www.tropos.com/contest> by April 12th. Judges will pick 12 semifinalists who will each win a Sony myloT personal communicator device, retail value: \$349. Wi-Fi users from across North America will then vote for their favorite among the semifinalists. The coolest use with the most votes will win the Grand Prize of an Apple® 17-inch MacBook Pro, retail value: \$2,898, to be awarded on May 1st.



PET OF THE WEEK

Jefferson is a happy, laid back, and carefree Orange Tabby. He likes children a lot, and is patient and gentle. He also gets along with dogs and other cats. He loves attention of any kind, and adores being petted, held, and brushed. He is nine-years old, but still has a lot of life left and love to give, and is looking for a home where he can enjoy his golden years. For more information on Jefferson (ID# 6407), call Valley Humane Society at (925) 426-8656. Valley Humane Society holds mobile pet adoptions for dogs and cats at Pet Extreme in Livermore every Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.



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