



Martha Meltzer to host poetry reading.

Five Local Poets Laureate to Read

Pleasanton's new Poet Laureate, Martha Meltzer, will host the next program in the Century House Poetry Reading series on Sunday, August 5, from 1 to 3 p.m. Guest poets will be three previous poet laureates from Pleasanton and Livermore's current poet laureate.

Previous Pleasanton poets laureate to appear will be Jim Ott (2001-2003), Kirk Ridgeway (See **READING**, page 10)

Tauscher Featured Is Speaker at Business Summit

The Tri-Valley Business Council will hold a special "Business Summit" on Thurs., August 9 at the Palm Event Center in Pleasanton. East Bay Congresswoman Ellen O. Tauscher (D) will be the keynote speaker.

The Summit, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Center, 1148 Vineyard Avenue includes a buffet breakfast. Reservations can be made online at www.trivalley.org. Sponsorships are available on a first come, first serve basis.

Tauscher is serving her sixth term in the U.S. House of Representatives. She represents California's 10th Congressional district, which includes Contra Costa, Alameda and Solano Counties. Tauscher is the senior Bay Area member of the influential House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Among her goals is the revitalization of California's infrastructure and reduction of congestion. The Congresswoman is a leader on defense, homeland security, high-tech, transportation and veterans' issues and is also known as one of Congress's leading experts on nuclear nonproliferation.

Another highlight of the Business Summit will be the unveiling of the Business Council's new Innovator's Website, an online tool for entrepreneurial companies to connect with Tri-Valley businesses as potential partners, vendors and customers. Tri-Valley businesses will have (See **SUMMIT**, page 3)

Kottinger Creek Park Open Again

Kottinger Creek Park reopened for public use on Wednesday. The temporary fencing around the newly completed creek restoration project was removed.

The 14.5-acre park, located at 1000 Kottinger Drive, has undergone a major transformation that involved realignment and revegetation of the creek to a more natural condition. The 1,800 foot long creek - also known as Saint Mary's Creek - has been replanted with native grasses, plants, shrubs, and trees.

"This project exemplifies Pleasanton's commitment to being a good steward of our community," said Mayor Jennifer Hosterman. "The return of the creek to a more natural setting sends a message that in Pleasanton we care about the long-term preservation of our environment."

Efforts to restore Kottinger (See **PARK**, page 14)



Columnist Bob Coomber conquered one of the Morgan Territory trails. For the story, see page 9.

Small Business Group Opposes Big Box Stores

Jeff Melchen was just a concerned resident in Boulder, Colo., in 1999, opposed to a plan to build a big-box store at the edge of the city in violation of what he felt were good planning principles for the community.

Two years later, Melchen co-founded the American Independent Business Alliance (AIBA), which fights on behalf of small businesses against proposals for big-box stores. Melchen was at a Dublin hotel last week to address area business people and interested residents about what they can do to keep big-box stores out

of the area.

The talk was part of a Bay Area tour for Melchen, which was arranged by Phil Tucker of the non-profit California Healthy Communities Network. Having a sustainable planned city is part of the health outlook of the organization, which also works for health care reform, said Tucker.

Tucker said the Dublin meeting was not well-attended, because word got out late. Business owners were unable to line up someone to take over for them during that time. However,

the interest they expressed to him on the phone was strong, he said. He might bring Melchen back to the Bay Area in January or February and give the public more advance notice, he said.

Melchen told The Independent by phone that local organizing depends on whether one or two people step forward in a community to become involved. The pattern, then, is that those individuals conduct meetings that attract others, and an effort is launched. "At this point, up to 80 percent of the cities where we've offered help have led to

that direct organizing. So far, there's a good track record about people following up," said Melchen.

Traditionally, big-box chains have answered their critics by saying that the public demands lower prices, and that big-box stores, because of ability to store and order more goods, can provide them. Their TV ads point to job creation, and talk about high sales-tax generation for cities. However, studies dispute the financial claims by big-box stores, said Melchen. The jobs they create are lower positions, mostly

clerks and cashiers, with only one store manager and some department heads on a career track.

Also, local businesses contract out for support tasks locally. They hire local attorneys, graphic designers, accountants and webmasters, instead of doing the tasks in-house at corporate headquarters, said Melchen. "Local businesses return three times more to the local community than an absent-owned chain competitor," he said.

In Iowa, over a few years, a major big-box chain opened 25 (See **GROUP**, page 4)



The Northern California Outrigger Canoe Association held the Summer Sprint Regatta Series championship races last Saturday at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park in Pleasanton. Pictured is a triple canoe, which takes 22 people to paddle. Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Asphalt Plant To Move By March

Granite Construction has agreed to move its asphalt batch plant away from a site near Vineyard Avenue on the outskirts of Pleasanton one year earlier than previously agreed.

Residents along Vineyard Avenue and in Ruby Hill have complained to Alameda County and the City of Pleasanton about noise and odors for several years. There has also been concern about air quality.

The plant was granted a permit by a county zoning administrator, based on an approval from the 1950s that was grandfathered in. The permit did not require any modern review, except by the one official administratively.

When the Pleasanton City Council saw the plant had been built and started receiving complaints from neighbors, they entered into talks with the county about correcting the situation.

After long negotiations with the county planning department, Granite agreed to relocate the plant to a site near a gravel quarry on Stanley Boulevard where people have no objections.

The new wrinkle from the agreement Tuesday is that the plant will be dismantled in January or February 2008, instead of 2009. It will re-open in March at the Stanley Boulevard site. The agreement was approved by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

Neighbors had complained last summer about more odor and noise, and wanted something done on a faster schedule.

The supervisors' vote to sign the agreement was unanimous.

Chris Gray, chief of staff for Supervisor Scott Haggerty, said, "The plant wasn't built in the proper place to begin with. Finally, we will be able to move it (See **ASPHALT**, page 4)

Six Apply for Park Board Seat

Six candidates have applied for the vacant seat on the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District board.

On Wednesday, board members met to determine which applicants would be invited to participate in a public interview process on August 8.

The applicants include former board member Alice Quinn. Others are Robert J. Coomber, Jr., Corey Nelson, Stan Peters, Mark Thrailkill and Beth Wilson.

The vacancy occurred when Dale Turner submitted a letter of resignation effective July 10. The board decided to fill the vacancy by appointment.

Applicants submitted a letter of interest and a resume.

Coomber wrote, "I am familiar with management of staff, budgets and project management. During my tenure with Wells Farm, my

responsibilities have included the oversight of more than \$250 million in company assets and receivables."

His main interest is adding additional trails and ensuring that users of many kinds can enjoy them. He is a trail user.

Nelson lists more than ten years of experience in volunteer work including his membership on the Livermore Youth Soccer League Board. He notes that special districts, such as LARPD provide services and administration for special community needs. "I believe my formal education in school and never ending lessons throughout my endeavors have given me a solid foundation to take on a new adventure as a member of the LARPD board."

Peters is retired. He has worked for two recreation de-

partments and says, "I know what it's like to work out in the field." He served as an athletic director for 21 years and was the faculty senate president of Laney College for four years and vice president for two years. "This experience enabled me to work with a variety of people in many different areas."

Peters also served as head football coach.

Quinn served on the board from 1992 to 2004. "I am still involved in the goings on of the valley and feel I could help the board by already knowing the nuts and bolts of how the district works," she writes.

She notes that at present she is a member of the East Bay Area Trails Council, Farm Bureau, and Bay Area Barns and Trails.

Thrailkill works for the com- (See **PARK BOARD**, page 4)

Airport Panel To Spell Out Hangar Priority

The Livermore airport commission is looking into a change in policy about assignment of large hangars when they become available.

About 20 of the 400 hangars at the airport are approximately 10,000 square feet. They are large enough to accommodate one large plane or two small ones. They can also provide space for important commercial plane-related operations. However, they are not related to the fixed-base

operator that the city will be hiring. That operator will build its own facilities.

There is a waiting list of 50 or so people for the large hangars, which become available at the rate of about one per year, said public works director Dan McIntyre. One person on the waiting list thought that he was high on the priority list, and was bypassed by someone else who had a commercial operation. (See **HANGARS**, page 4)

Kamena Ahead In Assembly Fund Derby

Republican Scott Kamena of Livermore has reported a total of nearly \$257,000 in contributions to his 15th Assembly District (AD) campaign. Of that total, \$137,000 was collected during the last reporting period.

The new contributions are for the state reporting period that ended June 30, 2007. Kamena emphasized in an e-mail to the Independent that none of the contributions to him are in the form of a gift or loan to himself. California election law permits lending one's own campaign any amount of money, but only the first \$100,000 may be listed as a loan and is repayable by donations from others.

Only two other 15th AD candidates report money in their campaigns so far this year. Both are Republicans who gave themselves the money, and did not go over the \$100,000 pay-back limit. Livermore resident Robert Rao, a retired CEO of a car dealership, donated \$100,000 to his campaign, which was reported on July 5. Rao listed no other donors for the period.

San Ramon Mayor Abram Wilson listed donations of \$60,000 to himself in May and \$35,000 in the last week of June, for a total of \$95,000. He also has no other donors.

There are two other Republicans listed on Secretary of State Debra Bowen's website as officially declaring their intention to run. They are Judy Biviano Lloyd of Pleasanton and Joseph Rubay of Alamo. Neither is listed as having reported any donations. (They weren't due until Tuesday.)

Bowen lists seven Democrats who have gone through the official declaration procedure. None has reported any new funding. They are Chris Van Schaack of Livermore, Joan Buchanan of Alamo, Davies Ononiwu of Elk Grove, Steve Filson, Steve Thomas, and Terry Coleman, all of Danville, and Frederic Klaske.

Filson and Thomas were unsuccessful candidates for the 2006 congressional nomination that McNerney won. Coleman was the Democratic nominee (See **CAMPAIGN**, page 4)



Patrick Leary swims from Alcatraz (in the background) to San Francisco.

Livermore Youth Finishes Alcatraz Swim

By Andrew Glazier

This is not a story about a young man who made a long swim in cold swift water. This is a story of persistence. Patrick Leary, of Livermore, is on a mis-

sion to succeed at everything he does. He is a seventh grader at East Avenue Middle School. After seeing a newscast of a young boy who swam from Alcatraz, he told his father, "I could do that."

His father didn't believe him but his swim team coach agreed. Thus began Patrick's mission to complete the swim himself. Patrick began swimming at five (See **SWIM**, page 2)

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PET OF THE WEEK

Panda is as sweet and friendly as he is cute and fluffy. He is a 5-year old Pomeranian weighing about 7 pounds. He is housetrained and will require regular grooming to keep his long coat beautiful. He is afraid of other dogs, so would do best as the only dog in the household, but he seems to get along with cats. He has never lived with children.

For more information on Panda, please call Valley Humane Society at 925-426-8656, or stop by Valley Humane Society's new Adoption Center at 3670 Nevada St. in Pleasanton's Stanley Business Park Wed-Sun 11 am-5 pm to visit our cats. Valley Humane Society holds mobile pet adoptions for dogs at Pet Extreme in Livermore every Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan



The Carnegie Library in Livermore

The first library in Livermore was organized by the Livermore Library and Dramatic Association shortly before April 1875. Family membership was \$3 annually or \$20 for a life membership. The books were kept downtown at a jewelry store and then, when more volumes were added, at George Freeman's furniture store in the IOOF building. By 1887, public interest in the library had waned. It was closed, and the book collection was stored in the local newspaper office.

The Ladies League of Progress, organized in 1896, managed to reopen the library, now called the Livermore Free Public Library. The Ladies League held a number of events to pay for the librarian's salary and for new books but soon was having financial difficulties. In 1901 the California legislature passed a law that made it possible for a town the size of Livermore to maintain a municipal library. In September of that year Livermore became the first town in the state to take advantage of the new law. The trustees voted to establish and support a library, the collection of 3,500 books became town property. A tax of 10¢ per \$100 of assessed property was approved to generate maintenance funds. As the collection continued to grow, this library on First Street became too small. Many residents were concerned about storing the books in a wooden building easily susceptible to fire.

In 1902, having heard of grants being made to libraries by steel magnate Andrew Carnegie, the Livermore Library Board made an initial attempt to gain such a grant. The project simmered until 1908 when Mrs. Dell C. Savage became president of the library board. Mrs. Savage worked resolutely to keep up community interest in the library and led the campaign to obtain a Carnegie Library for Livermore. Funds were raised in the community and by the spring of 1909, a lot at the corner of Fifth and K Streets had been purchased. The town trustees agreed to contribute \$1,000 per year for 10 years to support the library, thus earning a matching \$10,000 grant from Carnegie. His approval of the grant came in October, and a bond election held in December passed easily. The architect selected was William H. Weeks; Carnegie approved his Greek Revival style plan with its central portico supported by Ionic columns.

Opposition developed to the site, however, and a new one was chosen, the present city block between J and K, and Fourth and Third. This site formerly held butcher McKeany's slaughterhouse and corral. Work on the new library began in June 1909. The building opened to the public in May 1911; patrons were first allowed to check out books on May 15. Citizens were encouraged to contribute to the library holdings: "Each visitor will be expected to bring a book, not necessarily a new one as long as it is suited to the needs of the library."

Down on the lower floor of the Carnegie Library is a special room dedicated to Sarah and Myrtle Harp, mother and daughter, sometimes called "the Harp girls," who spent a combined 52 years as librarians for the city of Livermore. The room was remodeled from a small meeting room into a periodical and reading room in their honor. Sarah Harp served from 1896 through 1911 and Myrtle Harp from 1911, when the Carnegie Library opened, until her retirement in 1949. As a child, Dorothy Ralph Santucci was often at the library, and she remembered Myrtle Harp well: "She kept an eagle eye on us. You didn't dare talk or there would be this rap, rap, rap. You could have put a board down her back. She wouldn't let you take a book out if she didn't approve of it." Betty Hock Banke lived across Fourth Street from Carnegie Park and also spent many hours at the library. "Miss Harp knew everybody. She knew everybody's family. If I brought a book up and she did not think it was appropriate, plunk! it was pushed off to the side, and I did not take that book out. When I think back on it, she was the moralistic literary critic for the Livermore Valley." The city flag was flown in Miss Harp's honor on the day of her retirement in 1949, designated "Myrtle E. Harp Day" by mayor Harold W. Anderson.

The Carnegie Building remained the city library until Labor Day weekend in 1966 when the books were moved by the staff and members of the Job Corps to new quarters on South Livermore Avenue near the Civic Center. In 2004 Livermore's main library moved again, this time to a site south of the police station, but still on South Livermore Avenue.

Since September 1974 the upper floor of the Carnegie Library building has housed the Livermore Art Association Gallery and the History Center of the Livermore Heritage Guild. At one time more than 2,800 Carnegie libraries existed in English-speaking countries around the world, 142 in California, all partly funded by Andrew Carnegie, but many have disappeared through the years. Livermore's Carnegie Library Building is one of the few remaining in the Bay Area.

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SWIM

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and also has done some boogie boarding and surfing in Hawaii.

He trained in cold water at Pebble Beach to prepare for the swim. He saw sea lions while practicing, no sharks though. Patrick has been swimming for the LifeStylesRX "tiger sharks" swim team for four years. He trained for seven months in the cold water to prepare for the shock of the bay. Without training, people are vulnerable to the cold and drowning is a real concern.

The night before his swim, Patrick ate spinach pasta to "carbo load" the way athletes in triathlons do. That morning, he had oatmeal and hot chocolate.

Patrick and numerous other swimmers had to jump off the ferry behind Alcatraz and then swim a mile and a half to Aquatic Park. Never mind that hardened criminals never made it successfully, Patrick was determined to succeed. Even though it is a mile as the crow flies, swimmers need to swim in an arc of a mile and a half to compensate for the tides which run like a river and can push the inexperienced out to sea. Patrick wore a wetsuit and three swim caps to keep his head warm. Water this cold can actually give one an ice cream headache. Earplugs are worn for sterility and to protect the delicate bones of the inner ear.

Patrick completed the swim in one hour, three minutes and ten seconds. Patrick finished first in his age group, 387th overall. He received a special award for placing in the top three in his age group. When asked how he did it so fast he replied calmly, I just

stayed with the kayaks." Patrick's dog is a Weimaraner named "Berkeley." He waits patiently on shore for Patrick to finish his swims. Patrick says he will do the swim again next year.

His next swim is the Tiburon Mile September 16th, which starts at Angel Island and finishes at Tiburon.

In addition to swimming, Patrick has completed the Gilroy Kids Triathlon, the Hammerhead Triathlon that is a swim, a bike and a run.

The whole Leary family runs cross-country and unlike the swimming, his dog Berkeley joins too. His father Pete has competed in the Shadow Cliffs Triathlon, the twenty-six mile Suzuki Rock and Roll Marathon in San Diego and the Livermore ten kilometer Grape Stomp.

Patrick is an avid skateboarder, golfer, a straight "A" student, and never has missed the honor roll once. He likes basketball, soccer, and baseball. He wants to play football when he gets bigger. He says when he grows up he wants to play both football and baseball and hopefully have time to work like his father at Fed Ex.

Besides sports, Patrick likes to draw and read books; his latest is new "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows."

He indulges in video games on occasion. He has ten trophies and twenty medals for sports. He has more ribbons than he could hold in two hands.

His room is a shrine to sports heroes. After all this he still mows the lawn every Saturday.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The Pleasanton Relay for Life was held at the fairgrounds last weekend. The event features teams of walkers/runners who have at least one person on a set course during a 24-hour period. The teams raise money for cancer research by collecting pledges for the number of laps they complete. Cancer survivors and victims were also remembered.

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A Taste of Downtown Slated

Livermore Downtown Inc. will present Taste of Downtown on August 11 and 12. The event runs from 1 to 5 p.m.

Over twenty-five downtown stores and restaurants will serve food or local wine and more. There will be live music at the Flag Pole Plaza, Livermore Plaza, and Blacksmith Square. Explore the different shopping areas using the complimentary horse and buggy carriages.

The event will also celebrating the official 2007 Art Banner Project unveiling. Maps will be available the day of Taste of Downtown. The banners will be displayed until they are auctioned on October 13th at the Livermore Performing Arts Centers Gala Opening.

Visitors will be issued a passport as part of the \$25 admission price (if purchased by Aug. 10). Prizes will be awarded for those who have their passports stamped at all the locations. Participants will be able to vote for their favorite restaurant, shop and winery.

Presale passports will be available at Vino Cellars & Accessories 1772 First St.; John Christopher Cellars 25 S. Livermore Ave. Ste 103; or by phone from Livermore Downtown Inc. at (925) 373-1795.

Passports will also be avail-

able for \$30, while supplies last, the day of the event at Lizzie Fountain on the corner of First Street and Livermore Avenue.

Those who purchased a Livermore Downtown glass at a previous event, can bring it along. Otherwise the glass will be available for purchase through the Downtown Association both days.

2007 Livermore Downtown Club Card members receive a special Passport rate of \$20 and only \$15 if they have their own 2007 wine glass.

John Christopher Cellars will be pouring a selection of great wines, including the newest release of Courtyard Red, at the downtown location at Blacksmith Square. On Sunday, August 12th the Hummingbirdz will play live on the Blacksmith Square courtyard. They play Bluesy rock with a remarkable harmonica playing!!

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History Lecture Focuses on Ice Age

The Ed Kinney Lecture Series presents "Ice Age Fossils of the East Bay," a talk by Geologist Joyce Blueford of the Math Science Nucleus.

The program will be at 7 p.m., Thursday, August 16 at Lynnewood Methodist Church, 4444 Black Avenue, Pleasanton. The lecture series is presented by the Museum On Main Street in Pleasanton. This lecture is sponsored by Jim Allen.

The East Bay was a different place over 1.5 million years ago. Mammoths, mastodons, dire wolves, saber tooth cats, and other large mammals dominated the landscape. This lecture will look at one locality in the Irvington District in Fremont where the first remains of these fossils were scientifically recorded.

As a geologist, Joyce Blueford has distinguished her-

self in the field of radiolarian micropaleontology and sedimentology in California, Alaska, the Russian Far East, and Siberian Platform. She had written over 30 papers, including editing eight scientific books.

As an educator, she has designed numerous classes in geology and science education. She has written six volumes of curriculum, which are used around the world. She started a non-profit, Math/Science Nucleus which is devoted to increasing science to children throughout the world. She has been the lead researcher on several projects including the integration of pen computers into schools and the use of internet technology to create a new medium of electronic textbooks.

Lecture reservations are requested. Admission is \$5 for museum members and \$10 for

non-members. Call (925) 462-2766. Memberships will be available for purchase that night.

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5. The theater will derive more than 85% of its operating cost from direct earned revenues, a significantly greater percentage than the Bankhead Theater (60%).

6. The two theaters have always been designed to function as a single entity to support and control costs for programming, operations and financial support.

7. The surrounding region has more than enough population (450,000) to support the regional theater's performance events. Currently, Wente's summer concerts play to the same size audience (1700) and draw from across the East Bay area.

8. The greater Tri-Valley area can support only one regional theater, in terms of audience and product. Whichever city builds it first, wins the benefits.

The LVPAC Board and staff, along with our more than 200 Charter Members, are excited about the future of both the Bankhead Theater and the regional theater. We are pleased to be able to play a major role in helping Livermore grow to be the cultural heart of the Tri-Valley.

Sommerfest Dick and Doris Ryon Co-Festmeisters, Sommerfest 2007

The Organizing Committee for Livermore's 22nd Annual Sommerfest wishes to thank The Independent and local merchants who helped make the evening a fun-filled family event enjoyed by 500 people from the Tri-Valley area and beyond. We had great music by the Valley Banjo Band and the Karl Lebhertz Band, dancing by Alpentänzer Schuhplattler, and delicious German food and beer. This event was sponsored by the Livermore Cultural Arts Council (LCAC). It raised approximately \$10,000 to support the arts programs in Livermore schools.

The Independent provided great publicity in both its magazine and newspaper, including a front-page column the Thursday before the event. Touch of Europe grocery provided wonderful pretzels at their cost and nearby Nob Hill Foods allowed the use of their walk-in refrigerator to store German food gathered from specialty vendors from around the Bay Area. The Blue Bar procured kegs of good German Spatzen Beer. Carnegie Center, Cooleykatz, Fine Fretted Friends, Way Up Art & Frame in Livermore, and Towne Center Books in Pleasanton all helped by selling tickets. LCAC's member organizations contributed valuable door prizes and mon-

etary assistance. This event could not have happened without many hours of effort by cheerful and dedicated volunteers drawn from LCAC's member organizations and the larger community. Our hearty thanks to all individuals, merchants, and organizations who made this great event possible!

Mark your calendars for the third Saturday in June 2008, June 21st, one week after the annual Livermore Rodeo for next year's Sommerfest.

1800-Seat Theater Linda Nidever-Galles Livermore

This is the first time in my 60 years that I have sent a "letter to the editor." I attended the Livermore City Council Meeting last night and have several concerns that I would like have brought to the attention of the public. I believe a letter to the editor is a good forum and thank you for allowing me to express my views.

On July 23rd, at the City Council Chambers, a discussion on the 1800 seat theater took place. I requested that the approval of the 1800 seat theater be put to a vote at the next election so that all of the Livermore community would have a say in whether or not the city should spend millions of dollars to build this facility and if the answer is yes, then where should it be built. I did not get a "thank you" from the mayor for my talk as others who fully supported the theater did. Interesting don't you think?

Regarding the 1800 seat theater: I have no idea if this 1800 seat theater is going to be successful or not, but I do know that our local businesses think it will bring life to downtown and revenues to their pockets.

I would like the location of this theater to be reconsidered. In the proposed location, it will truncate downtown Livermore at the corner of First and Livermore Avenue. What will be to the east of this mammoth building? Why not move the theater two blocks down (Maple and First)? This would relieve some of the congestion around the Livermore Ave/First Street, give the opportunity to have quality retail business between Livermore Ave and Maple Street which will encourage people to walk along the First Street corridor to the east of Livermore Ave. There is also available some open land where parking could potentially be placed nearer to the theater. Just a suggestion, but it sure makes sense to me.

Now that the city is putting millions of dollars into the performing arts theaters, what are you doing for the poor, the elderly, those struggling to pay their bills?

As I stated last evening, I am on the Board of Directors for Open Heart Kitchen. I believe you are aware of its existence, but if not, here is what we do. We use Asbury Methodist Church kitchen to prepare food and distribute meals to the homeless, poor, seniors, and working poor of the Livermore Community at no charge. Our funding comes from many benefactors including the City of Livermore. Livermore

actually awarded OHK \$5,000 this year out of a \$25,000 grant request. Here is how Livermore fares with other cities in our area: Dublin award is \$9,934 and Pleasanton award is \$7,000 for the general hot meals program. I will speak only to the Livermore locations in this discussion to make it easy (However, we do serve one day a week in Pleasanton in addition to the three days a week in Livermore. We will soon start a Dublin hot meal service.) We have two serving locations in Livermore - East Ave. at Asbury Methodist (Tuesday and Wednesday) and on North Livermore Avenue (Thursday). We also serve a box lunch program each Friday for students of low income families to assure that they have something to eat on the weekend. We serve to Marilyn Avenue School, Portola School, Joe Mitchell School and Jackson Avenue School.

Meals Served: In June we served 4,483 meals out of Asbury, 1,568 out of the North Livermore site, and 5,200 box lunches.

We do all of this work with volunteers (nearly 1,500 of them) and 7 paid staff members. Our annual budget is around \$475K. About \$65K of this comes in grant monies from cities and the county. The rest comes from private donations. We prepare approximately 157,000 meals per year on this budget. Over 85% of the people we serve are from Livermore. We work out of a church kitchen that is about to be closed down so the church can upgrade their facility. We badly need a professional kitchen specifically for Open Heart Kitchen and place where our guests can be served, similar to Contra Costa County "Fishes and Loaves"

I thank you, Livermore City Council, for your \$5,000 grant donation. Could you possibly do more to help these Livermore residents and this program?

Public Housing in Livermore is limited (two complexes) and there is a two year wait or more for people attempting to gain access to a housing unit. Section 8 housing is closed with no known reopening window. What are you doing to increase public housing in Livermore? There seems to be a rush to spend millions to quickly erect an 1800 seat theater within the year. What are the plans to build addition public housing units?

Low cost rental units in Livermore are reducing in numbers. Many Livermore apartment complexes are closing down their low cost programs. What is Livermore doing to assure that apartment complexes are encouraged to keep low cost rental units available?

It is very nice that we have a lovely downtown in which our community can be proud. Wouldn't it be even nicer if Livermore had a well rounded community care program for all? We have a community need for homeless shelters, transitional housing for families and single adults, dental care for the poor, good medical care for the homeless and poor. Livermore City Council, what is being done to address this gap in our community?

As was stated by a woman last night, "we voted you (Livermore

City Council) in to make decisions such as the 1800 seat theater and you should take that charge, it should not go to the voters". Did we not also vote you in to take care of those in need in our community?

More Shakespeare Susan Steinberg Livermore

Anyone with doubts about an all-female Shakespeare troupe should make it a point to see Woman's Will this summer.

Their performance of "Romeo and Juliet" is indeed excellent, intelligently cut, well-acted, and clearly enunciated.

Upcoming free performances will be at San Francisco's Yerba Buena East Gardens, August 3 at 6PM and August 4 at 4 PM with a 1 PM Show August 5 at Rengstorff House, Mountain View.

Two indoor shows will be given at 8 PM August 9 and 10 at Chapel of the Chimes, Oakland, with the final two performances at 1 PM August 12 and 13 in Dolores Park, San Francisco.

For more information you can call 510-420-8673 or go to www.womanswill.org.

Livermore Airport Kathy Chase Livermore

Again, an airport opponent is

fabricating facts which does credibility a disservice. She states "a clear majority of Livermore and Pleasanton residents spent years fighting against this improvement/expansion." Huh? A majority she says? Let's count the ways here: The Livermore Citizen Survey showed only 11% of the populace strongly agreed airport noise was a problem while 40% strongly disagreed. The calls to the noise hotline: two households from Pleasanton make 39-68% of all calls each and every month. That is not a majority of Pleasanton residents. The rest of the calls come primarily from five households in the two cities with each of the households making multiple calls. Opponents cite attendance numbers at the infamous meeting at Granada High in 2005 with further distortion. Initially there were 1000, now they say there were 2000 (give 'em another year and it'll be 5000). Regardless of how many were there, there are over 160,000 people living in our two cities now which makes attendance less than 1.5% of our combined populations. So when someone says "clearly" a majority of Livermore and Pleasanton residents. . . , he/she either does not have accurate information, or is deliberately fabricating

"facts" to inflame emotions. The majority of people clearly do not share her view, so she might want to think twice about getting it on the ballot and at taxpayer expense at that.

The airport is self-supporting through the Enterprise Fund from hangar rental/tie-down fees and fuel sales.

Congresswoman Tauscher sits on the transportation committee so of course she can respond regarding Stage 2 jet engines. The Federal level is where change can be made because Livermore has absolutely no jurisdiction in this matter. This fact has time and time again been brought to the attention of the airport opponents but obviously continues to fall on deaf ears.

Bottom line: Commercial and residential development will dictate the type and number of aircraft using the Livermore Airport in the future. As more corporations move here and we have more theatrical presentations, there will probably be more private jets carrying those people, but the presence of an FBO will not be the criteria for future usage. The new hangars have been planned for 25 years and are long overdue so it's time to deliver them.

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'The Big Read' in Pleasanton Will Offer a Variety of Special Activities

Pleasanton Public Library will launch its Big Read program in celebration of Dashiell Hammett's *The Maltese Falcon* with special events held throughout the community in September and October of 2007.

The Big Read in Pleasanton is presented in partnership with Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, the Pleasanton Downtown Association, the Pleasanton PTA Council, The Pleasanton Hotel, Calaveras Repertory Theater, The Pleasanton Weekly, and Towne Center Books.

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest.

Following are the events planned in Pleasanton:

- At the September 5th Pleasanton Downtown Association's Wednesday Street Fair, the Pleasanton Library will host a "Hunt for the Missing Maltese Falcon," complete with clues and prizes, involving participants in a chase through the historic Pleasanton downtown. A library booth for the fair will provide a photo-op: residents can take their picture with Sam Spade and the Falcon. Prizes to be raffled off include a Maltese Falcon statuette, dinner for two at San Francisco's John's Grill, dinner at the Pleasanton Hotel's Mystery Dinner, and tickets to the Library's Big Read Maltese Falcon Gala on November 10, 2007.

- The Calaveras Repertory Theater presents a dramatized version of the Maltese Falcon at the Pleasanton Library on Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. There is no admission charge. "This fully-professional troupe is making a name for itself...as a company that offers high-caliber theater in an intimate setting." -Milpitas Post

- Children's author Bruce Hale will be featured on Oct. 9. "It was tall, dark, and chocolate - the stuff dreams are made of...It was the Malted Falcon." Bruce Hale, author of the popular noir-lite Chet Gecko mystery series for children, will entertain children with his humorous take

on hard-boiled detective work as related by Chet Gecko, the "crime-fighting private eye and lizard of mystery". The children's events will be held Tuesday, October 9th, after school for military families at Camp Parks and at 7pm in the Pleasanton Library's Meeting Room for the general public. As Chet says, "No case too small...no snack too big."

- Michael Shepler discusses Dashiell Hammett's transition from Pinkerton detective to mystery writer/novelist to Hollywood scriptwriter where he met, fell in love with, and influenced the theatrical career of Lillian Hellman. Their politics brought them to the attention of the House Un-American Activities Committee, where McCarthyism paved the way for Hammett and Hellman's separate stands before the Committee. This program will be Oct. 13 at 2 p.m. at the library.

Shepler is a poet and playwright. Author of 7 books including "Late Show" and "Angel's Flight." He is the poetry editor of the magazine *Political Affairs* and he teaches classes on Film Noir and Jazz at the Jazz School in Berkeley.

- Author John Lescroart will be at the library at 2 p.m. Oct. 14. For over fifteen years, fans of legal thrillers have indeed been thrilled by the exploits of San Francisco lawyer Dismas Hardy. Over the course of a series of novels that includes *Dead Irish*, *The 13th Juror*, *Nothing But the Truth*, and *The Motive*, John Lescroart has essentially made a name for himself (pronounced Less-KWAH) as the man behind Dismas. However, with a new novel set outside of Hardy's courtroom, as well as other non-literary pursuits, John Lescroart is making it clear that he won't be pigeonholed. -Barnes and Noble review. Towne Center Books will sell Mr. Lescroart's books at the event.

- The Pleasanton Hotel will host *The Maltese Crow* Mystery Theater Dinner on Oct. 12 and 19 at 6 p.m. Cost is \$60 per per-

son. "Business was slow and dreary. That is until she walked in..." *The Maltese Crow*, a spoof on the Bay Area pulp novel by Dashiell Hammett, will be performed in three acts at the Pleasanton Hotel. You will laugh, witness a crime, and help solve the mystery, all while enjoying a gourmet dinner. The fun begins the moment you step into the dining area as the professional actors present the mystery plot. A three-course dinner is served between scenes of the mystery, giving you ample opportunity to ask questions and try to solve the crime.

- A film noir series will be presented at 7 p.m. on various dates at the library. Las Positas College presents a series of Saturday night film noir screenings hosted by Candace Klaschus.

- Authors Joe Gores and Mark Coggins will be at the library on Oct. 14 at 2 p.m. Gores is the author of *Hammitt*, a Novel. The author of dozens of novels, screenplays, and television scripts, he has won three Edgar Allan Poe Awards and Japan's Maltese Falcon Award. Gores spent twelve years as a San Francisco private investigator.

Library Journal says Coggins' private investigator August Riordan is a "worthy successor to the iconic Sam Spade..." "I've been waiting a long time for a fresh look at the private eye story. Mark Coggins has delivered it here... It's original, it's smart and it was good to the last page." -Michael Connelly.

- Sisters in Crime will host a panel discussion at 2 p.m. on Oct. 21 at the library. Sisters in Crime is an international organization of writers, readers, booksellers, librarians, agents, editors, reviewers and teachers interested in raising awareness of women's contributions to the mystery genre. The organization was founded in 1986 by Sara Paretsky with other women mystery writers and enthusiasts and now has over 45 local chapters around the world. Their motto is "Quaking in Our Boots."

- Writers' Workshop with

Robert Dugoni will be held at 2 p.m. on Oct. 28 at the library. Whether looking to write a better brief, get a first novel published, hoping to write a New York Times Best-Seller, or do it all learn and understand what makes a judge, an agent, editor, and reader pick up your work and keeps them from putting it down.

- Don Herron's Dashiell Hammett Tour in San Francisco (date to be announced). Travel with Don Herron over the fog-shrouded hills stalked by Sam Spade, the Continental Op, and other hardboiled characters created by San Francisco's most renowned mystery and noir writer. During this walk you'll see the buildings where Hammett wrote his most famous stories and the majority of locales from his classic novel, *The Maltese Falcon*. Fee.

- On Oct. 8, 15 and 29 at 7 p.m. there will be a Maltese Falcon Read-a-Thon, a community reading. Everyone is welcome to participate.

- Maltese Falcon Gala will be held Nov. 10 at the library. Dancing in the stacks, wine served from the Reference Desk, vintage cars on display, swinging jazz...this is the Pleasanton Library as you've never seen it. Come as you are, or dress as a favorite Maltese Falcon character. Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 seniors.

For more information on the grant events, please contact Penny Johnson, Programs Librarian at 925/931-3405.



David and Carolyn (Forcier) Carlson

Couple Exchanges Vows

Carolyn Clarice Forcier of Pleasanton and David Gustav Carlson of Tracy were married May 29, 2007 at Mountain Terrace in Woodside with Rev. Bill Nebo officiating.

Carolyn is the daughter of Max and Lynn Martin and James Forcier of Pleasanton. She is a 2002 graduate of Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton. David is the son of David and Carol Carlson and Danette Thorton of San Jose. He is a 1997 graduate of Westmont High School in Campbell.

Attending Carolyn were Maid of Honor Kristine Stephens, bridesmaids Anne Le'strange,

Brandi Blotz and Sara Ward, and flower girl Auburn Turner. David's attendants were Best Man Ernesto Garcia, Groomsman Anthony Pavone, Ted Jones and Nelson DaRosa. Ushers were Sam Machesse and Trevor Turner. Ring bearers were Matthew and Jackson Martin.

Guests of honor were Carolyn's grandmother, Martha Carstensen of Livermore and David's grandparents, George Watson and Margit Carlson of San Jose and Melvin and Elaine Thorton of San Jose.

After a honeymoon in Maui, the couple is making their first home in Livermore.

Family to Help Celebrate 90th Birthday

Martha Jean Moorhead Carstensen will be celebrating her 90th birthday on August 8. She was born 8/8/1917 in South Bend, Indiana. She graduated from Purdue University with a degree in Home Economics. Martha worked for Union Electric in St. Louis, MO. At the beginning of WWII, Martha enlisted in the Army. After basic training in Des Moines, IA, she was stationed at Hammer Field in Fresno, CA where she met Lt Harold K. Carstensen. Harold owned a car. With time off, in exchange for gas ration cards, Harold would take groups of soldiers to Yosemite, along the coast highway, to San Francisco and Monterey. Love blossomed on a trip to Yellowstone. Martha and Harold were married June 22, 1946 at the Lakeside Presbyterian Church in San Francisco. After the war, Harold enrolled as an Electrical Engineering student at UC Berkeley and moved his new wife to Richmond, CA. David was born in 1947 followed by Jeanne in 1950. After graduating, Harold was offered a position with the new Lawrence Livermore Lab and the family moved to Livermore. Martha's family grew with Lynn in 1951. Donald in 1954 and Carol in 1955.

Martha's parents, Blair and Edna Moorhead retired to Livermore in 1955. With her family close by, Martha enjoyed a career as a homemaker. Harold traveled a great deal while the children were young, both for the Lab and as a Lt. Colonel in the Air Force Reserve. Martha, Harold and the 5 kids made annual trips to Harold's family home at Lake Park, IA. When not traveling, Martha kept busy volunteering for the Junction Avenue School PTA (she is an honorary life member) and driving needy families to medical care in Oakland for the Junction Av-

enue School nurse, Jerry Deck. Blair and Edna were active in the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore and encouraged Martha and the children to participate. Martha also enjoyed gardening, sewing, reading and visiting with her neighbors on North I Street. Her father, Blair, died in 1963 and mother, Edna, died in 1978.

Harold retired from the lab in 1970, but continued to work as an engineering consultant until 1993. Martha and Harold then traveled to Europe to visit Harold's family in Denmark. Martha continued her career as a homemaker, babysitter and chauffeur upon the birth of their first grandchild in 1971. The grandchildren joined in on the trips to Iowa and spent many hours visiting on North I. After 49 years together, Harold died in August 1995. Martha continued to open her home to all of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed being the family chauffeur

until 2005 when she hung up her car keys. She continues to enjoy visiting with and watching the antics of her grandchildren and the company of her neighbor of 40 years, Darlene Wallace.

Celebrating her 90 years with her are children David (Mary) Carstensen of Simi Valley, CA, Jeanne Carstensen of Pleasanton, CA, Lynn (Max) Martin of Pleasanton, CA, Donald (Melanie) Carstensen of Durham, CA, Carol (Mike) Ward of Buena Park, CA and grandchildren Donald (Michelle) Turner, Jeffrey Turner, Jeremy Ward, Jennifer (Tom) Pavia, Brandon (Becky) Carstensen, Heather (Robert) Barron, Molly Carstensen, Carolyn (Dave) Carlson, Patrick Forcier, Laurel Carstensen, Ellen Carstensen, Matthew Martin, Jackson Martin, Christian Forcier, Nikki (Guisippi) Fielder, Katie (Steve) Hill and two great grandchildren, Trevor and Auburn Turner.

ValleyCare Bariatric Surgery Rated Excellent

ValleyCare Health System's Weight Loss Surgery Program has been named a Center of Excellence by the American Society for Bariatric Surgery (ASBS). This designation recognizes surgical programs with a demonstrated track record of favorable outcomes in weight loss (bariatric) surgery.

According to a report released in 2007 by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the number of bariatric surgeries has grown from 16,000 performed in 1992 to 170,000 performed in 2005. Faced with clinical evidence that the most experienced and best-run bariatric surgery programs have by far the lowest rates of complications, the ASBS Centers of Excellence des-

ignation was created to recognize bariatric centers that perform well and to help hospitals continue to improve quality and safety of care.

To earn a Center of Excellence designation, ValleyCare's Weight Loss Surgery Program underwent a series of site inspections during which all aspects of the program's surgical processes were closely examined and data on health outcomes collected. Centers receiving this recognition agree to continue to share information on clinical pathways, protocol and outcomes data. Surgical Review Corporation (SRC), an organization dedicated to pursuing surgical excellence, establishes the rigorous standards with which

ValleyCare's Weight Loss Surgery program must comply.

"Due to the increasing prevalence of morbid obesity and the opportunities available to greatly improve the health of this patient population, we recognized the need to offer a high quality bariatric program," said Mary Estakhri, M.D., medical director and surgeon for ValleyCare's Weight Loss Surgery Program. "This designation is indicative of our commitment to providing a comprehensive, high level of bariatric care. We believe that the ASBS Centers of Excellence program serves as a catalyst, driving strong programs to be even better. We are honored to be considered a top performer."

Obesity has become a significant national health issue, with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reporting that 66 percent of all U.S. adults are overweight or obese. Morbid obesity is closely correlated with a number of serious conditions that severely undermine the health of overweight patients, including heart disease, high blood pressure and diabetes.

Bariatric surgery, when performed correctly, can help obese patients manage these conditions. However, as with any weight loss program, a successful outcome is dependent on the patient's commitment to a long-term lifestyle change. For information about ValleyCare's Weight Loss Surgery Program, please contact the program office at 925-416-6720.

Children's Fair Planned in September

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) will host the 2007 Children's Fair on Saturday and Sunday, September 8 and 9, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Children's Fair will be held at the Robert Livermore Community Center, located at 4444 East Avenue in Livermore. There is no admission charge.

Participants will enjoy free entertainment, educational booths related to health and safety, activities for children, and much more. The Livermore Public Library will also issue library cards to residents. A rock wall, inflatable jumping structures and some carnival games will require a small fee for participation.

Among the highlights of the upcoming LARPD Children's Fair are a bicycle rodeo, a "Fun With Science" demonstration by scientists from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, entertainment by singer Debra Knox and other musical performances, puppets, food booths, a free car seat check, free make-it and take-it crafts for kids, and much more.

"Education and fun is what the Children's Fair is all about," according to event coordinator Moe Kline of the LARPD. "There will be many resources available for parents and children to learn about childcare, child safety, academics and classes, mixed with two full days of fun entertainment and activities for families, and everyone is welcome," she adds.

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Piper Bruce Cotter entertained visitors following the ribbon cutting at the new Deer Ridge Vineyard tasting room on Wetmore Road in Livermore. The tasting room is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

PARK

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Creek began in 2000 with a grassroots effort by local citizen group Friends of Kottinger Creek, which successfully garnered City support for the project. Under the \$1.2 million contract, design work was provided by FARWEST Restoration Engineering and construction was performed by Hanford Applied Restoration & Conservation.

"It's wonderful to see this project come to completion," said City Manager Nelson Fialho. "In particular, I appreciate that the City worked in concert with local residents to develop and guide the restoration of the creek."

The restoration of Kottinger Creek is included in the City Council's work plan as a priority item. A similar restoration project was completed earlier this year as the Bernal Creek, on the Bernal property at Bernal and Valley Avenues adjacent to I-680, was restored to a natural streambed alignment with riparian vegetation.

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Zone 7 Looking At Total Severance From County

Zone 7 Water Agency will conduct a new study to see whether it should break away completely from Alameda County government.

Before its meeting July 18, the agency's board of directors also celebrated the 50th anniversary of Zone 7 with several early-era directors in attendance.

In addition, two candidates for the next board elections, to be held at the second primary election next year, told the Independent they will be running then. They are former director Chris Moore and director Dick Quigley. Director Jim Concannon, whose board service dates back to 1984, said he hasn't made up his mind. Director Jim Kohnen was unavailable for comment. Like Quigley and Concannon, Kohnen was appointed by default in 2004, because only the three candidates filed for the three seats.

The board authorized the independence study, after hearing a report by assistant general manager Jon Orellana about how the current affiliation with the county impedes the work being undertaken by Zone 7. Orellana said, "We've been experiencing delays and inefficiencies with Alameda County. Their processes in the past year have made it even more difficult to do our business." Duplication of procedures is a major inefficiency, said Orellana.

Zone 7 started as a flood control district and water agency 50 years ago. On the flood control side, supervisors have acted as the board for other flood zones in the county. Zone 7's governance structure has always provided for an elected board since 1957. The Zone 7 board sets policy for all of the water questions.

Zone 7 commissioned studies regarding independence in 1993 and 1999. The board voted in 2000 to create greater separation from the board of supervisors by gaining sole approval for projects under \$500,000. Now the question would be whether Zone 7 should throw off that restriction, too, and have total separation, with complete independence on all financial decisions.

The study will include how to fairly resolve what would happen to employee benefits and pensions if there is total separation.

NOSTALGIA REIGNS AT ANNIVERSARY GATHERING

The first three employees of Zone 7 helped the current board and employees mark 50 years at a special ceremony before the board met.

Richard Karn, the first Zone 7 employee, and Paul Lanferman were on hand. They were present when the county began setting up Zone 7 in 1955. Zone 7 became an official department in 1957.

Mun Mar, who started in that same era, became the first full-time staff member on the water side of the agency, in the 1960s, and the first general manager in 1978. He retired in 1990. Mar showed that his memory is still sharp by quickly naming the first seven board of directors, who were elected in 1957. Those directors were Herman Koopman, Eldred Chance, Karl Wente, Vic Lund, Sr., Mel Nielsen, Leo Callaghan, and Thornton Taylor.

Robert Becker, who was elected in the 1960s, said that he is the oldest living former director. Retired now from a position at LLNL, Becker said that he was urged to run by some Livermore residents who thought that there "were too many agriculturalists on the board." He said that he lost by 44 votes, but was appointed later to succeed Wente, when the winemaker was named to the state college board. Wente was the top vote-getter in that first race.

Mar was one of four Livermore residents on the board then, with the other three coming from Pleasanton. He noted that was proportional to the population of 6000 in Livermore and 4000 in Pleasanton.

Herb Crowle, retired county public works director, was unable to make it to the celebration. Karn paid tribute to him, and noted that he was the first county flood control engineer. "He said, 'We're going to form a new zone (with its elected board). It will be different,'" said Karn.

Other former directors on hand were Margaret Tracy, who served in the 1980s, and John Marchand, who left the board two years ago when he was elected to the Livermore City Council.

Supervisor Scott Haggerty presented the board with the supervisors' resolution of congratulations for the anniversary. Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) general manager Bert Michalczyk presented a plaque from his board.

MOORE, QUIGLEY SAY THEY WILL RUN

After the meeting, Chris Moore, who was appointed to the board early in 2006, but replaced by Palmer in the last election, told the Independent that he will run in the election next year. He said that he feels he "can make a contribution" to the board.

Quigley also said he will run. He cited ongoing issues that he wants to work on, including savings on energy, and lowering the cost of water to customers. If the state Department of Water Resources is able to build a conveyance like the ill-fated Peripheral Canal to carry water around the polluted Delta, it can improve the water that is delivered by the state to Zone 7, he said. Better water would mean less need of treatment, a savings in cost, he said.

The proposed Peripheral Canal, which would have carried low-salt mountain snowmelt past the Delta, was defeated by a state-wide initiative in the early 1980s. Many northern California residents saw it as a water grab by southern California.

On an item related to the Peripheral Canal, directors unanimously approved contributing \$80,000 to a \$10 million state-wide media campaign to educate residents about how water prob-

lems can be solved by building more infrastructure. Part of the problem, said staff member Karla Nesmith, is that many Californians, including Valley residents, don't know that their water comes from the mountains, not the Delta, which is used to convey the snow-melt to the Valley and southern California.

With Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger announcing a

\$5.3 billion water delivery bond package for the presidential primary election ballot early next year, educating voters is important, said Nesmith. There was no appropriation for the funding in the current budget, so the agency will take \$60,000 from the operating reserve generated by water rates and \$20,000 from the water expansion program, which serves growth.

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