



Foothill High School came from behind to defeat Amador Valley High School 20 to 13. The winning score came on a 1-yard plunge by Rob Andrews with 14 seconds left in the game. In the photo, a Foothill defender knocks the ball away.

From Germany To Meetings With MacArthur

By Victoria Kamerzell

Ernest Wertheim escaped Nazi Germany as a teenager, became a 1st lieutenant in the American military and personally met with General Douglas MacArthur on several occasions. On November 7th the Livermore Rotary Club hosted Wertheim as a speaker at their weekly luncheon meeting. Wertheim was born in Berlin, Germany on December 30th 1919. On the infamous day dubbed Crystal Night in 1938 when many Jews' stores and homes were burned, the streets littered with broken windows, the doorbell at Ernest Wertheim's home rang. "It was the last day I saw my father," recalled Wertheim. He remembers the last word that his father whispered to him: "disappear."

On January 30th 1938, Wertheim arrived in San Francisco with thirty-five dollars and "enough English to get by." He was nineteen years old. By 1942 he had joined the American military. In Germany he had studied landscape architecture, which was not yet a well-known field in America. The military, not understanding the complexity of (See TALK, page 2)



Artist Margene Rivara with Jeffrey M. Cohen, who purchased her "Days of Wine and Roses" guitar.

Orchestration! Takes Final Bow

A crowd of art and music lovers spent the afternoon in the Bankhead Theater on Sunday, November 4th to take part in the finale of Orchestration..

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center's Orchestration! instruments, 47 one-of-kind works of arts, were displayed for the final one-day exhibition and auction. The event reception included hors d'oeuvres from Zephyr Grill & Bar and wines from Wood Family Vineyards, as well as an opportunity to meet some of the participating artists. Bidding gained momentum when Margene Rivara's guitar "Days of Wine and Roses," designed with Tiffany Copper Foil Technique and Swarovski crystals, went on the auction block. Jeffrey M. Cohen topped the afternoon's action with a final bid on Margene's guitar of \$28,500.

Auction proceeds will go to support the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton and the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center. An honorarium was returned to each of the artists in recognition of their work. Pleasanton Cultural Arts (See FINAL, page 3)

Ringing Doorbells Worked For New Councilman

Jeff Williams, the challenger who finished first in the Nov. 6 run for one of two seats on the Livermore City Council, was successful partly because he went door to door and listened to people's concerns, he said this week.

In the totals at the weekend break in counting absentee ballots, Williams led the field with 8220 votes, which was 38 percent of those cast for the city council. Marj Leider, who was re-elected for her second term, had 8142 votes — 37.6 percent. Lorraine Dietrich was defeated in her bid

for a third four-year term, having received 5120 votes for 23.6 percent of the total.

Dietrich was appointed to the council in 1999. She replaced Ayn Wieskamp, who was elected to the East Bay Regional Park District board.

The count for Mayor Marshall Kamena, who ran unopposed, was 9463 votes, which gave him 94.6 percent of the vote. Write-ins accounted for the remaining 553 votes. Kamena will begin his fourth two-year term.

Williams said that as a politi-

cal unknown running against incumbent Dietrich, he felt he had to become known to voters by knocking on doors and appearing at shopping centers. He said that many residents were "impressed that a candidate would ask them their opinions about issues."

Williams found two big issues in his contacts: traffic and the desire to maintain a relatively small, compact city with agricultural lands around it. On the traffic issue, he told voters that the city must work with regional organizations and Dublin and

Pleasanton to find ways to mitigate it.

On keeping a small city, Williams said that in-fill is important, not growing outward. "Only two of the 800 to 1000 people I talked to said that we have to keep growing."

Williams and Leider lined up on the same side of the issues. They devoted special attention to their opposition to the Pardee subdivision proposed for North Livermore. The Pardee proposal was defeated 72 percent to 28 percent by voters. That was clearly the big issue in the elec-

tion, said Williams.

Leider agreed. She said, "We were successful because we pointed out the fact that Pardee had gone down by such a huge majority. The people who actually voted were ones who were very aware of what that campaign was all about. We sent out literature early, because many voted absentee."

Dietrich was unavailable for comment before the Independent's deadline.

One of her supporters, Valerie Raymond, said that it was clear (See ELECTION, page 4)



Autumn paints the vineyards in vivid colors.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Agreement May Hold Back Staples Ranch Initiative

An agreement between two major civic interest groups has set up a process enabling Pleasanton residents to be heard by city government in a thorough way concerning the Staples Ranch development.

The agreement, which may prevent a potential initiative against residential and commercial land uses on the 124 acres, was announced Nov. 8 at a special joint workshop between the city council and planning commission.

The announcement occurred after the council heard from representatives of Friends of Pleasanton (FOP), sponsor of a signature drive to put the initiative on the ballot, and Pleasanton First, the group opposed to the initiative effort. Applicants for Staples Ranch development also spoke.

The initiative's language would reserve much of the land for open space. It would ban residential and most commercial development. In a compromise, it would allow a 37-acre auto mall proposed by a Pleasanton car dealer. It would permit such

things as sports fields, schools, parks, day care centers, and non-profit youth facilities.

The new harmony concerning the Staples Ranch project cleared the way for the council to act later in the evening to authorize city staff to purchase five acres from Alameda County for a neighborhood park on the property. It will be adjacent to a 17-acre piece already slated for a community park. Both of those uses are what FOP wants in terms of preserving the parcel as much as possible for open space uses.

The council also authorized City Manager Nelson Fialho to begin the park master planning process for the 17-acre site.

Fialho told The Independent that the park-planning meetings would begin early next year. "We will invite the public to help us design the park. We have done that with Val Vista Community Park and the Bernal site. We had architects in the room then, and the public was able to influence the outcome. If we can assure them that it's happening (that

(See STAPLES, page 4)

Lab to Lay Off 500 Workers

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Director George Miller told employees during an all hands talk there would be layoffs at the Lab. In addition, a decision on raises would be delayed.

Lab spokesperson Susan Houghton said that 500 lay-offs would affect the flex work force and the supplemental labor force. There are 2000 workers in those categories. In the future, there could be up to 300 career employees let go, depending on the budget situation.

Notices will go out in January. "It is a hard decision when we have to look to our work force. We are looking at getting costs down so we can continue to do work for the nation," she stated.

According to Houghton, the decision on annual raises would

be made in January. At that time, there could no raises, partial raises, or full year raises that would be retroactive to Oct. 1. The estimated cost of full year raises to all employees is \$25 million.

There are several factors that have led to the current budget situation, said Houghton. A budget has not been approved. The House and Senate have agreed to a continuing resolution (CR) that will continue federal operations at FY2007 funding levels while they work to settle differences between funding bills.

There are increased costs due to the change in the management contract. Health care costs have increased, and attrition has been lower than anticipated, continued Houghton. "We are looking at reducing program re-

lated expenses. However, one way to reduce costs is to look at the work force, which comprises two-thirds of the budget."

The attrition rate was lower than anticipated because fewer people retired than had been predicted, Houghton stated. The main reason is that the Lab is in the process of restructuring its workforce. There is anticipation that a voluntary incentive package would be available. People are waiting to hear about that before retiring.

The switch from public to private health care programs has increased the cost by \$20 million. "UC has a better rate," noted Houghton.

In the future, the Lab will have to pay what is called a possessory use tax, which is similar to (See LAB, page 4)

Pleasanton Moves Ahead with Plan to Finance Park

The Pleasanton City Council unanimously approved a funding plan for the 300-acre Bernal Park.

The council also okayed a contract to build a 13-acre portion of the 50-acre area known as the community park.

The Bernal Property Specific Plan includes a 50-acre community park that will feature active sports facilities, lighted fields, restrooms, concession stands, a 250-acre open space park highlighted by a Grand Meadow with more than 1,000 trees, woodlands, wetlands, stream corridors and trails, with a view of the ridge lands; a youth center, community center and civic arts center.

Estimated capital costs is \$128.9 million; operating costs over a 17-year period \$31.9 million for a total of \$160.8 million.

The financing plan was developed by the Bernal Financing Committee, comprised of Councilmembers Cindy McGovern and Jerry Thorne, City Manager Nelson Fialho, City Attorney Michael Roush, and city staff.

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman declared, "Never in my wildest dreams did I think you (the committee) would come up with a plan to build this park in seventeen

years." Hosterman and others had predicted it could take as long as thirty years to complete the park.

The 17-year funding plan includes what staff described as "existing money and new funds." Existing revenues include a \$9 million reserve for phase I of the community park, and the \$2.5 million set aside from the general fund each year plus capital improvement revenues would provide \$52.7 million over 17 years. Increasing the transient occupancy tax (TOT) from the current 8 percent to 12 percent could provide \$33.9 million. Both the council and voters would have to approve the TOT increase. An additional \$21.2 million could come through an increase in the capital facilities fees paid by developers.

The additional \$53 million in revenues would come from new sources. Staff said there are a variety of measures that require a two-thirds approval by voters that the council could consider. Measures discussed included general obligation bonds, certificate of participa-

(See BERNAL, page 4)



Veterans at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory took part in the annual Veteran's Day motorcycle ride to Site 300. About 100 riders took part in the event.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Pleasanton Police Launch Effort to Increase Safety

The Pleasanton Police Department has developed a new, all-encompassing education and enforcement campaign designed to reduce traffic collisions, increase traffic and bicycle safety and reduce the incidents of driving under the influence.

The program is paid for by a \$139,494 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety.

"This is great news for Pleasanton, because the grant gives us the tools to fight DUI and promote traffic safety," said Special Operations Unit Lieutenant Tom Fenner.

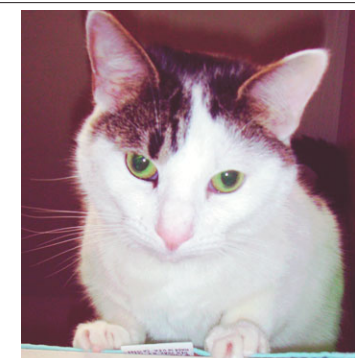
The year long grant calls for the anti-DUI, drive education, pedestrian and bicycle safety presentations to be held in local high schools in the Pleasanton Unified School District. The presentations will also be offered to parents of school age children and city residents.

Bicycle rodeos at the elementary schools will be an additional educational component of the grant.

Enforcement components will (See SAFETY, page 12)

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PET OF THE WEEK

Can we talk? Dash is a 2 year old kitty with the gift of gab. All she wants to do is chatter away and tell you all about her day! She is also extremely cuddly and friendly. She has soft, super-silky fur and stunning green eyes. She needs a home where she can stay safe indoors and be the

center of attention. Dash and all other cats and kittens can be seen Wed-Sun from 11AM to 5PM at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Available dogs can be seen every Saturday from 11AM to 2PM at VHS. For more information, call Valley Humane Society at 426-8656.

Do You Remember?



By Anne Homan

Another Unpopular War

(continued from last week)

Seven more young men from Livermore died during the Vietnam War. Army PFC William W. "Skip" Stewart graduated in 1964 from Livermore High and was drafted. The letter accompanying his posthumous Bronze Star said in part: "as a medic he performed the duties of ambulance driver" and made "outstanding contributions in the treatment of casualties—he was an inspiration to the other men in his unit." He was also a good mechanic and kept the vehicles and equipment in his care in excellent condition. His mother described him, "He took things as they came. If a job had to be done then it had to be done and he didn't make any fuss." On April 24, 1967 William was killed by a land mine near Plei Ku airport when he went to find water for his company. He was 22 years old, having just celebrated his birthday three days earlier. Another Livermore High student commented on the Vietnam Memorial web site that "he was one of the nicest guys you could ever know." He was a friend of her two older brothers.

SP4 Harlan L. Hahn attended Junction Avenue School and Livermore High. He joined the Army in 1965. At Gia Dinh he died at age 21 of hostile small arms fire while on a river patrol. He received the Bronze Star and a purple heart posthumously.

Not all casualties occurred on the battlefield. Army Chief Warrant Officer Nicholas "Nick" Damon graduated from Livermore High in 1966. He received his Block L for participating in swimming and wrestling. He played the trumpet in the school band and the pep band. He volunteered for the army in February 1968 and served two years in Vietnam as a helicopter pilot. His awards for bravery included the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Air Medal with Valor, the Army Commendation Medal and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm. After his war service, he was training helicopter pilots in Texas when he was killed in an air crash in August 1971 at age 23.

Army Sergeant Philip Whitney, who left behind a wife and young son, died at age 27 on July 3, 1968. He had graduated from Rapid City High School in South Dakota in 1959; his parents moved to Livermore in 1962. A classmate wrote on the Vietnam Memorial web site "We will miss you" at their 40th reunion in 1999. Philip drowned in the Vam Co River 18 miles southwest of Saigon in Long An province when the Huey in which he was a passenger was shot down. He was one of seven men lost in the crash, including the commanding officer of a battalion.

Army PFC Raymond Weber was a door gunner on an assault helicopter that was shot down, crashed into a hillside and exploded on January 15, 1968 in Kontum. He had joined the army in December 1966. He had received a citation in September for flying in 25 combat missions. He was 19 years old.

USAF Second Lieutenant Charles Romero graduated from Livermore High in 1958. He made block L, playing track and football for four years. He was class president in his sophomore year and a member of the student council for two years. After four years at San Jose State, he joined the Air Force in 1962 and served with honor in the Korean War. He joined the list of young men who served in Vietnam because he died during the time of the Vietnam War, on August 2, 1964. He was in the Signal Corps and was perhaps waiting for an assignment to Vietnam when he was killed in an automobile accident in Florida. He is buried here at St. Michael's Cemetery.

Only a small amount of information is available on Army PFC Edward Claeys, who was killed by a mine on May 17, 1967 at age 20 in Hua Nghia.

Dennis Podgorny, Leonard Erickson, Nick Damon, Raymond Weber, Skip Stewart, Harlan Hahn, Buddy Buckholdt, and Edward Claeys are buried with white cross markers at Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno. All except Damon and Romero, who were not killed in action, are on the wall of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC. All the names are listed with their locations on the wall on the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Wall Page. It also follows up on each name with an information page and a place to add photos and personal comments. November 13 was the 25th anniversary of the Wall's dedication.

These 12 men who died during the Vietnam War are listed on a plaque at the flag pole in Carnegie Park along with the men from Livermore who died in World War I, World War II and the Korean War. The Vietnam vets also have a separate memorial at the Livermore Valley School District offices at the corner of Las Positas and Murrieta. Dedicated in May 1973, it is a polished black marble stele located near the front door. The engraving says in part, "Let us all commit ourselves to the maintenance of peace with honor, faith, and truth, so that these men shall not have served or died in vain." Four words are carved into the top of the monument: Truth, Honor, Faith, Peace.

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TALK

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his training, put Wertheim in charge of wheelbarrow duty.

Later that year he became a U.S. citizen and married a German woman. Finally, recognizing Wertheim's potential, the military sent him to intelligence training in 1943. After his training his first job was at Camp Patrick Henry in Newport News, Virginia interviewing German prisoners.

Ernest Wertheim found that he had a personal connection with one of the prisoners; his father used to take him on hikes to the farm that had been owned by the prisoner. After this connection was established the prisoner relaxed. He inadvertently told Wertheim the location of a German submarine base. The next day Wertheim was sent to the Pentagon. Three weeks later the U.S. military bombed the base.

Wertheim first met General MacArthur when he was sent to the Philippines. The 40th Division, of which Wertheim was a member, needed to send critical information to the 1st Division. Wertheim volunteered to deliver the information by going through a dangerous backwoods area. Afterwards he returned to a schoolhouse that the military was occupying. Outside a voice yelled for anyone from the 40th Division. When Wertheim went outside he saw General Douglas MacArthur sitting in a jeep.

General MacArthur shook Wertheim's hand and said it was nice to meet him. Wertheim said that most officials wouldn't treat a lower ranking officer with such respect.

"He was very business-like and friendly," said Wertheim.

The General offered him a seat in his vehicle. He wanted Mr. Wertheim to take him to the 40th Division. They went despite Mr.

Wertheim's concern that the trip would be too dangerous for such a high-ranking officer. During the journey the jeep approached five hostile Japanese soldiers. The car jumped into a ditch. General MacArthur asked to borrow Mr. Wertheim's rifle. The General shot three Japanese soldiers. The other two soldiers ran away. Upon giving the rifle back the General apologized to Mr. Wertheim for not having enough time to clean the rifle.

"By that time," Ernest Wertheim said, "I was already charmed by him."

Wertheim would have several more interactions with General MacArthur at which time he repeatedly inquired about to the troops' morale. Their last interaction took place in Manila around July 1945. Wertheim had just helped secure a lumber mill for the military. This was a major feat since previously the military had to import lumber using planes. The purpose of the meeting was for Wertheim to debrief top officials on the location of the lumber mill. Some of the military's highest-ranking officers were present at this meeting: the Air Force General, the Head Admiral of the Navy, army commanders and General MacArthur.

During the meeting the General asked Wertheim when he had last eaten. It was nearly midnight and Wertheim replied that his last meal had been at 6:00 am. General MacArthur called for a recess. He instructed his personal chef to prepare a meal for Wertheim.

Towards the end of the meeting General MacArthur began to talk quite openly. He told Wertheim that it was wonderful to be a five-star General and to be famous. But each day the General decided how many of his

soldiers' lives he would have to risk. Wertheim felt the General was in "a very lonely position."

"I felt extremely privileged that a person of such stature was sharing some very private matters. Remember that I was just a young man."

After he spoke, the Livermore Rotary Club presented Wertheim

a bottle of wine and a flower in appreciation of his riveting lecture. Ernest Wertheim lives in San Francisco with his wife. He is a practicing partner in a landscape architecture firm.

For more information on the Livermore Rotary Club visit their website at www.livermorevalleyrotary.org

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Downtown Pleasanton and its shops will "deck the halls" with festive decorations, twinkling lights and beautiful window displays.

Santa's elves will be on hand with special mailbags to collect letters to be sent to the North Pole. The streets will come alive with the sights and sounds of the holidays, including carolers from the Valley Concert Chorale, juggler Dana Smith and his canine companions, The Towne Ringers, musicians, and a face-painting holiday clown.

This event is an opportunity to say "thank you" to our loyal customers and the community for their support. Holiday Passports will be passed out during the evening. Collect passport stamps and win a prize.

Tickets will be sold for a

chance to win a decorated Christmas Tree. Proceeds will benefit the Downtown Mural Project. Tickets are available at Alexander's Main Street Gallery (610 Main Street) and Clover Creek (670 Main Street) for \$5 each or three for \$10. There is also an opportunity to win a floral arrangement or a Gary Winter downtown miniature. Prizes will be on display in the window at Old Republic Title (corner of Main and Neal Streets).

Downtown businesses will be donating a portion of their proceeds from holiday sales from November 16 through December 24, to the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation to benefit the Firehouse Arts Center.

For more information, contact the Pleasanton Downtown Association at (925) 484-2199 and www.pleasantondowntown.net.

Winery Collecting Coats As Community Service

Garré Winery is collecting clean, reusable coats and jackets to assist the One Warm Coat community service effort. Coats of all shapes sizes are welcome and children's sizes are most needed. One Warm Coat is dedicated to distributing reusable coats, free of charge, directly to local children and adults. The program is a wonderful way for you and your family to pass along coats and jackets that you no longer need.

Garré Winery has made donating a coat simple. Just bring clean, reusable coats and jackets to Garré Winery during Holidays in the Vineyard from 12pm to 5pm on Saturday and Sunday, December 1 and 2. Garré Winery will take care of the rest. All donated coats will be given to Sacred Heart Community Services for distribution to the community in need.

One Warm Coat is a community service effort assisting in the collection of clean, reusable coats and jackets for donation to local individuals free of charge.

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Discussion of Immigration

Immigration is a hot button issue for which the national Congress seems unable to find a clear course. The League of Women Voters with its multi-state chapters and its thousands of members has chosen to confront the complexity of immigration as a study topic to find a consensus among its members that will add a reasoned decision to the national debate.

When the League creates or alters a policy for the organization on any major topic, the national organization calls for a series of study committees in the League branches throughout the country. Each of the study committees considers a series of questions designed to provide League members with a full understanding of the topic. After a multi-year process, which requires creating a consensus among members about the study topic, the League is ready to add its voice to the national debate.

The Livermore-Amador Valley League chose to open its immigration study in 2006 working with Irene Bloemraad of UC Berkeley, a recognized authority on bringing immigrants into the social mainstream. She provided the membership an overview of the enormously complex problem. League members formed a study committee and began to tackle the issues.

Now the study committee is ready to move toward a decision-making process by offering to its membership and to the public a discussion of four broad questions, each with its related questions. To do so, the committee has scheduled two sets of two public meetings, in Livermore and in Pleasanton.

The first meeting will consider the Economics of Immigration and Family Reunification. It will be held November 15 from 9-12 AM at the Livermore Police Department Community Room, 1110 South Livermore Ave., Livermore. (The Pleasanton meeting on this topic took place Nov. 14.)

The second set will discuss Immigrants residing in the US without a Legal Status and Immigration Control. They will be held November 28 from 7-10 PM at the Livermore Public Library Community Room, B, 1188 South Livermore Ave., Livermore and November 29, 9-12 noon at Pleasanton Gardens, 251 Kottinger Drive, Pleasanton. This set of meetings will discuss the same material so that individuals have a choice of time and place to come. Each meeting will begin with a background presentation; each will be formally led and recorded.

For more information about the Livermore-Amador Valley League, call 925-443-8683 or e-mail lavlww@comcast.net.

BlueGene Still Fastest

The National Nuclear Security Administration's BlueGene/L retained its number one ranking on the new Top500 list of the world's fastest supercomputers. The list was released Monday at the international Supercomputing 2007 conference in Reno, Nevada.

Housed in Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's Terascale Simulation Facility, BlueGene/L (BGL) clocked 479.8 trillion floating operations per second on LINPACK, the industry standard of measure for high-performance computing. Built by IBM, BGL is a workhorse supercomputer used to create possible science simulation of unprecedented detail for NNSA's tri-lab Advanced Simulation and Computing (ASC) Program. ACS leverages the computing expertise and resources of Sandia, Los Alamos and Lawrence Livermore national laboratories. Computer simulations are a cornerstone of NNSA's stockpile stewardship.

Recently expanded to accommodate growing demand for high-performance systems able to run the most complex nuclear weapons science calculations, BGL now has a peak speed of 596 teraFLOPS.

The upgrading of BGL allows scientists from the three nuclear weapons labs to develop and explore a broader set of applications than the single package weapons science oriented work that has been the mainstay of the machine in the past. For example, BGL had been used widely for materials science calculations, such as assessing materials at extreme temperatures and pressures. Now it will be much easier to run more complex applications related to modeling integrated systems as opposed to focused exploration of one area of physics or chemistry.

Simulations conducted on BGL helped answer critical questions about plutonium aging. Scientists used BG/L to perform the first instability simulation with a Reynolds number large enough to determine the nature of turbulence beyond the mixing transition, a feat that made the cover of Nature Physics magazine in August 2006.

The Top500 list is updated and released twice a year at the June International Supercomputing Conference (ISC) in Germany and at the November Supercomputing (SC) held at different locations in the US.

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FINAL

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Foundation Campaign Director Debbie Look noted, "We were thrilled to partner with the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center for the Orchestration! project, knowing that the proceeds will benefit the entire Tri-Valley region. The new Bankhead Theater in Livermore and the planned Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton will provide complementary arts and cultural experiences for all of our residents to enjoy."

Len Alexander, LVPAC's Executive Director, added, "The Orchestration! project provided both LVPAC and the Firehouse Arts Center with a unique and amazing platform to help introduce the two new arts centers to the greater Tri-Valley. We were amazed and honored to receive so many wonderful artistic creations from the community's professional and volunteer artists."

The scope, complexity and imaginative interpretations of the instruments underscores the vitality and excitement of both the visual and performing arts in the Valley."

Orchestration! invited artists in Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, San Ramon, Danville, and Sunol to create their own unique or whimsical masterpieces - an artistic musical instrument. Submissions were painted, decorated or creatively transformed through a variety of artistic means and ranged from a violin transformed into a magical bird, a guitar made of glass, Cynthia Lait's "Cello Submarine," a "You are My Sunshine" banjo and almost every conceivable idea in between!

Orchestration! was coordinated by representatives from LVPAC, the Livermore Art Association, the Pleasanton Art

League, the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation, Livermore Chamber of Commerce, Livermore Downtown Inc, as well as citizens from each community. Artists were selected through a jury process. Following the initial exhibit at LVPAC's Bothwell Arts Center last spring, the instruments were displayed throughout the Tri-Valley to help raise awareness of both the Firehouse Arts Center and the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center.

For more information, visit www.livermoreperformingarts.org or the website at www.pleasantonartsfoundation.org.

'Race for Tara' Benefit Planned for Injured Cyclist

A fund-raising event will be held this Sat., Nov. 17 to benefit Tara Ilanes.

"A Race for Tara" is a mountain cross race to be held at Sand Hill Ranch Bike Park in Brentwood.

Tara Ilanes is a pro BMX racer who was recently paralyzed during competition. This race is a nonprofit benefit race to raise funds for her. Although she has medical insurance there are many things that insurance will not cover.

Preregistration is available at www.bikereg.com for \$35. Sign-ups race day are from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at \$40. Rider check-in and practice will be 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. The race includes beginner classes through expert and pro classes.

The community and industry have gotten behind the effort in a big way, according to Thayne Bolin, one of the organizers.

"Even though people don't know her, we have received substantial support from several local businesses from bike parts to gift cards and gift certificates from local restaurants," declared Bolin.

Kat's Coffee on So. Vasco Road has promised to provide coffee for volunteers the morning of the race. Other local contributors include Livermore Cyclery, Cal Bikes, Riata Restaurant, Fire and Ice, Rock House Sports Grill, Ancestro's Mexican Restaurant, First Street Alehouse, and Buckaroo BBQ and Catering.


Over \$12,000 in donated merchandise will be raffled. Raffle tickets are \$1 each.

For all the details go to www.racefortara.com.

The race is being run by Gravity Addix.

For more information, contact Bolin at 998-4504.

The ranch is located at 50 Camino Diablo in Brentwood.



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TV30 Looking for Local 'Heroes'

The latest feature on TV30 News Live at 4 is called "The Tri-Valley's Heroes."

Each week, this new segment will showcase people in the Tri-Valley who do great things without credit.

"I thought it would be nice to have a regular segment on the news in which we highlight the unsung heroes of the Tri-Valley," says TV30 News Producer Kevin Wing. "We're looking for all kinds of great individuals, from the kid down the block who mows everyone's lawns for free, to someone who volunteers at Thanksgiving at the community soup kitchen, serving food to the homeless and needy. The goal behind 'The Tri-Valley's Heroes,' is to honor people who help others."

The first installment of Tri-

Valley Heroes featured Linda Lamoureux, a Livermore special education teacher.

The second installment recognized Tom Wardrope, who operates Herocare, a non-profit organization that assists public servants with many types of services, including finding affordable housing.

The third installment, which aired Tuesday, featured the men and women of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire District, who helped battle the southern California wildfires.

To nominate someone to be honored as one of "The Tri-Valley's Heroes," e-mail the station at News@TV30.org or send us a note to the station at: TV30 NEWS LIVE AT 4 4663 Bernal Avenue, Suite B Pleasanton, CA 94566.



KATHLEEN MINSER
 WASTE REDUCTION SPECIALIST
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 (COMPOST)

Q What sort of food waste is accepted in my Green Waste cart? *Doreen*

A The following food scraps (along with food-soiled paper and yard trimmings) are accepted in Green Waste curbside carts:

- Anything edible
- Baked goods, pasta, rice
- Coffee grounds, filters, tea bags
- Dairy products (butter, cheese, yogurt, etc.)
- Food-soiled paper: plates, napkins, towels, take-out containers, pizza boxes, waxed cartons (milk, juice, ice cream, etc.), grocery bags & newspaper used as Kitchen Pail liners
- Fruits, vegetables, peels, pits
- Meat, fish, poultry
- Spoiled, moldy food

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

A Waste Management closes Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Years Day. If your service day falls on or after these holidays, your pickup will occur one day later through Saturday. WM service-day guidelines are the same throughout the year:

- 1) Place all carts (with lids completely closed) and other recyclables at curbside by 6 am.
- 2) Position carts 2-3 feet apart, unobstructed by objects such as vehicles, basketball hoops or power poles.
- 3) Never overfill or tightly pack carts.
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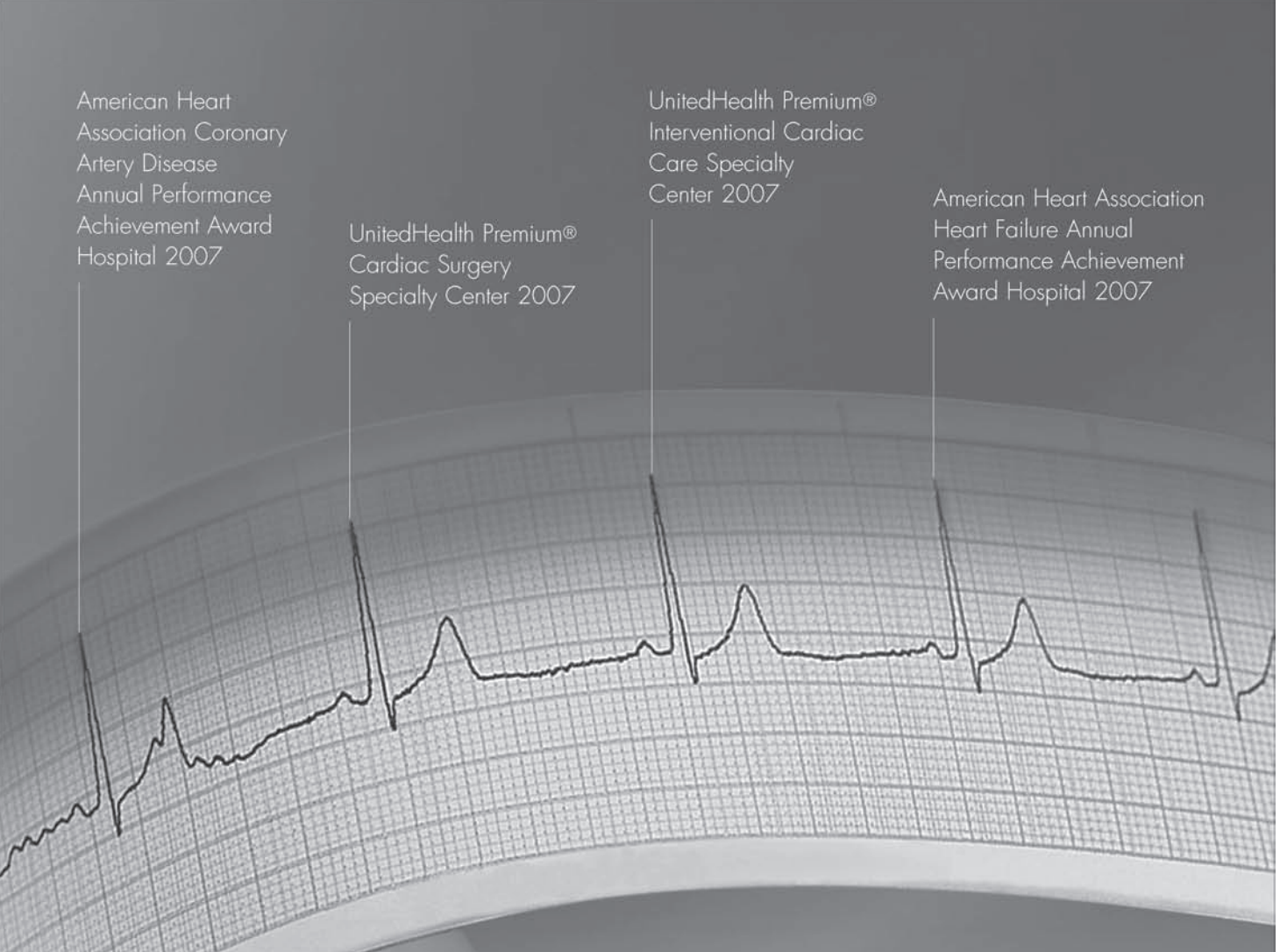
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EDITORIALS

Redefining Growth

In drawing the line on outlying, sprawl type growth, the urban limit line (UGB) is often characterized as a "no-growth" measure. In truth, however, the UGB is far from no-growth, as Livermore is demonstrating.

Marc Roberts, the city's community development director, has become something of a messenger for how the UGB is affecting downtown redevelopment. When a group from the American Planning Association visited the Livermore downtown last month, Roberts played host, informing them of the factors driving that area's rebirth.

He said that the new general plan, the downtown plan, incentives for developers and business owners, and the pedestrian-oriented streetscape have all played roles.

However, one of the most significant factors is the UGB, Roberts said. Unable to build on the outer lands, home builders are looking to the interior of the city.

"The UGB has focused development interest in the downtown area. The most dramatic impact has been the increase in housing," Roberts told the visitors.

Downtown revitalization is often viewed in the context of tourism. Roberts pointed out the housing boom is creating a population that lives within walking distance of downtown. He said such residents tend to spend a disproportionate amount of their income there. Arising in Livermore is a downtown that remains busy after the tourists have gone home.

As one of Livermore's chief planners, Marc Roberts sees the UGB from the standpoint of how it is actually working. We hope he spreads the message far and wide. Livermore is redefining growth and other towns deserve to know about it.

ELECTION

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that Pardee was the big issue in the election. Dietrich had been a proponent of the Pardee proposal. It was a way to preserve some of North Livermore's open space without relying on the hope that the area would become irrigated farmland, said Raymond.

LACK OF 'RUNNING MATE' MAY HAVE HURT

Another element in Dietrich's defeat was that she had no ally running with her on the election issues, said Raymond. Many Dietrich voters gave their second vote to either Lieder or Williams, which piled up the votes for her opponents.

No total vote count was available before deadline from the county registrar's office to single out how many of Livermore's 42,362 registered voters cast their ballots.

Counting the absentee ballots continues, and isn't expected to be finished until Nov. 22. That would be in time for the county registrar to certify the election, which would enable the new Livermore Council to be sworn in on Nov. 26.

One way to analyze the Livermore count so far is that there were 10,016 ballots cast for Livermore mayor. That includes the 553 write-ins. That means that so far in the count, 23.6 percent of eligible voters cast ballots for mayor.

In Raymond's estimation, Dietrich's 5120 votes were approximately one-half of the total cast in the mayor's race, at 10,016 votes. "A lot of the voters did a single shot (cast only the one vote for Dietrich). However, most of them tended not to do that. If half voted for Lorraine and the other half voted for others, (it puts the others ahead). I talked to a friend who voted for Lorraine, and for one of the others. She said she never thought of that (result)," said Raymond.

However, the winners had such a wide margin that a Dietrich ally on the ballot probably would not have changed the outcome, Raymond said.

Money sources were also an element in the election. Councilmember John Marchand

said, "It was clear that much of Lorraine's financial support came from landowners, developers, or real estate interests. The voters want someone who will represent their interests."

Raymond said that Williams and Leider had big financial support from Friends of Livermore, especially its six major donors. "What Friends of Livermore did was drive a truck through campaign limits. They raised more than three times as much money. This election shows what is common in elections. People who spend the most money win," said Raymond.

A "general committee," such as the Friends of Livermore Committee, is legal.

WILLIAMS' PRIORITIES INCLUDE RURAL PLANNING

Looking forward to his council tenure, Williams said that he wants to see the council "get going on an East Livermore Plan and a North Livermore Plan. The fact that Pardee was defeated by a huge amount won't discourage other developers to try in five or seven years."

Williams said he doesn't think that there is any single approach to dealing with North Livermore. The solution will be some sort of mixed use. Williams noted that for the past 30 years, Livermore residents have fought against plans to develop North Livermore. His hope is to create a plan with everyone's input that will lead to a "calm political life" on the issue for the future.

Downtown renovation is another priority. "I want to see that continued, but also see a focus on neighborhoods, especially Springtown. There are other (neighborhoods) that have shopping and public areas that are looking for revitalization. Williams singled out the shopping center near the old main library and the shopping center on Rincon Avenue as examples of neighborhoods needing a good plan.

Kamena and the current city council "convinced Trader Joe's to located in the old Kmart, and that's looking up for the first time in decades," said Williams.

is insufficient. Additionally, the population in the region, from the northern portion of the San Joaquin Valley through the Tri-Valley, continues to grow. The California Department of Finance recently predicted that San Joaquin County will grow 214 percent by 2050.

"The Bay Area Regional Rail Plan already includes provisions to build rail over the Altamont. Rather than forcing the duplication of future efforts, we should support a connection between the Bay Area and Central Valley that maximizes scarce tax revenues and recognizes California's long-term transportation needs."

LAB

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property taxes. The amount is currently being negotiated.

The fee to manage the Lab has increased. However, the transition costs are about \$50 million higher than anticipated. The estimate was \$80 million. Now it appears the transition costs are in the range of \$130 million, according to Houghton.

The Lab recently completed work on a general plan to restructure its workforce. The workforce

restructuring plan is required under Section 3161 of the National Defense Authorization Act whenever workforce restructuring may occur at a DOE defense nuclear facility. The restructuring plan does not provide specifics on size of workforce or job types that may be needed at the Lab; rather, it generically describes how such a plan might be implemented.

Houghton said that work

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tion, utility user tax, formation of a Mello-Roos District, or a parcel tax. Staff recommended delaying any decision on whether to go to voters for any of the ideas. A bond measure would be the most likely.

According to Emily Wagner, economic development fiscal officer, the next step will be to conduct a survey to determine user support for any tax measure. She noted that recent polling indicated that there would not be enough support to pass a bond measure at this time. "Timing, cost and structure of a bond measure would be crucial. It will require robust public outreach and education to pass," according to Wagner.

She noted that the same polling indicated that a TOT would be "very feasible" to pass. She

recommended placing the TOT on the ballot in 2009.

Councilmember Cindy McGovern said that there was discussion about ideas of people making donations, such as park benches and trees.

She and other councilmembers felt it was important to get started on the park.

As part of actions taken by the council last week, construction of Phase I of the 50-acre community park is projected to begin in January 2008. It is expected to take one year to complete, developing 13.2 acres of the community park site. The plan includes two lighted baseball fields, one unlighted informal baseball field, paved parking for 105 vehicles, a public restroom, a field supply and storage building, landscaping and irrigation, lighted pathways, a

would now begin on a site specific plan that would identify such issues as voluntary incentive separation plans, procedures for involuntary separations, as well as job classifications that might be needed at the Lab to carry out its mission.

The House bill affects other Department of Energy labs, including Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque and the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

children's play area, and miscellaneous site furnishings.

The cost of Phase I of the 50-acre community park is \$8.8 million. It will be funded from the City's Capital Improvement budget. Of that sum, \$5.8 million will go toward the construction contract and just over \$2 million will fund the infrastructure necessary to support access to and within the park, such as streets, sidewalks, parking lots and utilities.

McGovern noted, "Once people are using the park, a bond might be considered again. The number one thing we learned (through the polls) is that people want to use the money we have first, before they are asked to approve additional taxes."

Councilmember Thorne said it would take at least 30 years to build the park if the city relied

Earlier this month, Michael Anastasio, head of Los Alamos National Laboratory says the Lab must plan for possible layoffs. As with the situation in Livermore, it's still not certain how much Congress will give the Lab next year. Anastasio told employees in a memo that the Lab has taken steps to hedge against employee layoffs. Those include cutting non-personnel costs and reducing spending. But he says that may not be enough.

on current revenue streams. It may not happen then, due to escalating costs. He referred not only to construction, but operating costs, which are eventually projected to reach \$2.5 million a year. That would use up the total set asides from the general fund. The result would be those funds would not be available to build additional amenities at the park.

"If we start building something and show people what it looks like, we may be able to do a better job of selling a bond measure," commented Councilmember Matt Sullivan.

Thorne agreed, stating, "Our objective was to get the money to build the entire park. I do agree we would have difficulty getting a bond passed until we can show people what the park will look like. I think we can make it happen."

STAPLES

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way), my sense is we will work cooperatively with each other," said Fialho.

Although the two opposing groups are now united on having a transparent approval process for Staples Ranch, FOP has not made an unequivocal statement that it would drop the initiative drive.

FOP spokesman Richard Pugh told the Independent, "A decision on the initiative will have to be made in light of the events from last week, and activities throughout the planning process."

He continued, "Others so far have commented that the public would be satisfied if they see good faith that results in a master planning process. Maybe a ballot would not be required. The city will make a determination as to whether they want to have this placed on the ballot. They'll make that call based on the progress they see for the master planning process."

Pugh hailed the agreement as exactly what the group was seeking. FOP is not opposed to annexing the Staples Ranch to Pleasanton. The group simply wants a thorough information process with plenty of public input on all of the issues associated with the land. Talking about it in five-minute segments late at night at council meetings would be far too little input, said Pugh.

Some in Pleasanton have speculated that the new agreement is a compromise, and FOP agreed to it because the group did not find enough signature support in the community to get its initiative on the ballot. Pugh said that if anyone thinks that, "They are wrong. I would characterize the progression of getting signatures as good. The initiative (period to collect names) expires in January for the current (draft). I have no comment on that. The public at large has to make that decision," said Pugh.

Cooperation from both the city council and staff, and the Pleasanton First organization was instrumental in bringing about the agreement, said Pugh.

APPLICANT PRAISED FOR COMMUNICATION

A Pleasanton First spokesperson, former city councilmember Becky Dennis, said that a reduction in density for the continuing care facility proposed for Staples Ranch has been a good example of how the applicant has acted in response to the public's concern about community impact.

Pugh agreed with Dennis, adding a compliment. He said that Continuing Life Communities, sponsor of the 45-acre senior community, made a thorough presentation at the workshop and has reached out in the neighborhood to inform neighbors better about it.

"We have seen them practice proactive outreach to the community, before anyone asked them. They went door to door with Staples neighbors. We felt that was quite impressive. It resulted in changes in the draft before it went to the workshop on Thursday," said Pugh.

"They are trying to be thoughtful, conscientious, team players here. When we see people trying to do the right thing and be decent, we have to acknowledge it. That's what we did," said Pugh.

Other development proposed for the Staples Ranch includes 11 acres of retail development by Fremont Land, Inc., which would have more than 100,000 square feet of building area for a food market, bank, restaurants and shops. The car dealer would occupy 37 acres, including 331,000 square feet of building area, and 3270 parking stalls.

In addition, the San Jose Sharks are negotiating a lease partnership with Pleasanton to provide ice rink recreation on eight acres of the 17-acre community park. The Sharks would have to convince the city of the public recreation benefit to win the lease, said Fialho. He expects negotiations to last a couple more months. He called the chances of signing an agreement "about 50/50."

County Supervisor Scott

Haggerty in the past has been critical of the initiative drive, because he wants to see the Staples Ranch annexation happen as soon as possible. He said that if Pleasanton delayed too long on annexing the property, the county might request annexation to Livermore or Dublin.

The sooner that Staples Ranch development is approved, the sooner the county can sell the land. The money, at an estimated \$1 million per acre, goes into the county's surplus land fund. The fund is used to finance construction of new county facilities. Therefore it is an asset to taxpayers.

Haggerty has also expressed concern that the initiative would block the extension of Stoneridge Drive. Opponents of the initiative felt that one of the major reasons for the initiative was to block the extension. Under the MOU between the city and the county, the right-of-way for the extension would be retained.

Haggerty was unavailable for comment about the agreement. His chief of staff, Chris Gray said, "It's a positive move. Pleasanton seems to be moving forward. Both citizens groups want to be involved in the planning of the park, and in an inclusive process. I think the project will be an asset to the city and the county."

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.)

More Information

Beth Wilson
Livermore

I very much enjoyed the article in the Independent Magazine about different winter holidays. It was inclusive, interesting, and educational, and I felt it had a good tone. As a person of a minority religion, I appreciated being included in what felt like a natural way.

I did notice that two Jewish people interviewed for the article were neither of them part of "mainstream" Judaism. The vast majority of people who consider themselves religious Jews are Reform, Conservative, Orthodox, or Reconstructionist; these are the four branches of Judaism. While some of their practices differ, followers of these traditions all believe in God as the Creator of our world. They do not take Jesus as their savior, but believe that following the teachings of the Bible and leading an ethical life are hallmarks of a good person. I imagine your reporter contacted some of our local rabbis, but was unable to reach them to include them in the article. Once again, I thought your article was excellent and just wanted to add a little more information.

Livermore Airport

Max Curtis
Livermore

I read with interest the article in the "2007 Election Issue" regarding an EIR for Livermore Airport Expansion. I found a few items as purposed by the City very inquisitive.

In the article the City re-

sponds "that there is no way to judge the impacts until the FBO submits a specific plan to the city about what the facilities will be, and the kind of operations the firm will be offering." Didn't the Council unanimously vote to accept the specific proposal from the Livermore Air Center at their June 26 meeting? The Livermore Air Center proposal predicts a 35% increase in fuel sales and includes the construction of an additional 35,000 to 40,000 square feet of hanger and office space, and an additional 65 small and medium hangers. What more is needed to create an EIR? Could it be Livermore is trying to put off Pleasanton, until Pleasanton's window of 180 days to file a challenge has expired?

The article states "the EIR which Hosterman referred is not the airport facilities expansion EIR, which already has been completed." Livermore officials often refer to the EIR included in the city's general plan when arguing against the need for a specific airport EIR. I know of no EIR that has been created specifically for expansion of facilities at the airport.

Mr. McIntyre is quoted as saying that even if the number of flights double the airport still will not be violating noise standards. Maybe not Mr. McIntyre, but even you would have to admit that twice as many flights will result in twice as much noise and twice as much pollution.

The article ends with the Mayor trying to convince us that the new FBO (Jetport) will result in less traffic. At the June 26 Council meeting, the mayor was told by a representative of the Livermore Air Center that the FBO will increase traffic. It is not surprising the Mayor doesn't remember this as he also doesn't remember indicating at the meeting that references to "Air Cargo" would be removed from the "Minimum Standards for Commercial Aeronautical Activity" which were also accepted by the Council at that meeting. And so it goes - mistruths and broken promises.

Disappointed

Dan Dague
Livermore

I just wanted to express my disappointment in the political recommendation on page 1 of the Nov. 1, 2007 issue. I don't feel that it is appropriate for a newspaper to express their own thoughts and views on issues. I would think it is the newspapers "due diligence" to present all the facts and to paint as accurate a picture as possible so people can make appropriate decisions or come to the proper conclusions. By printing your recommendations for city mayor and council, you are showing me that you are taking a position. Now that I know you have a position, it makes me question the information printed about local issues. Am I really getting all the facts? Is the picture being painted by the reporter accurate? Maybe an important fact was left out on purpose so that I might form the same opinion as the writer.

Campaign Signs

Kathryn Weiss
Livermore

Did I vote for any of the four candidates on election day? No. Why? Because despite the fact that it is (I thought) illegal to post campaign signs without permission by the property owners, the four candidates saw fit to litter our common areas, medians, shared properties, roadsides and corners with their posters. I can guarantee they didn't get permission. I and my neighbors own part of the common area along Jack London Blvd. and it is host to at least 7 signs that none of us asked for. Why is the mayor allowing this practice to occur?

Last election a good portion of those signs were never retrieved by their campaigners and were left to molder on our bike paths and other common areas, including those wonderful metal spikes. Why are city workers not taking down these illegal

postings? 'Black hats' or 'white hats'...you're all littering and I don't support any of you.

Doolan Canyon

Jon and Kelly Karstens
Livermore

Doolan Canyon is one of the areas proposed for inclusion in the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) Master Plan. The Canyon is being reviewed for declared open space between Livermore and Dublin's urban sprawl, a park for hiking and biking, a wildlife preserve, and the list goes on.

Our question is does anyone realize that people live in Doolan Canyon and own their homes and property here? The individuals that continue to decide our fate have yet to ever ask the residents of the Canyon what they would like for the land they own and pay their property taxes on every year.

It continues to amaze us that these very people, the Mayor and Livermore City Council, spend so much time determining the best course of action and yet fail continually to start with the information that people live in this canyon! As residents of the canyon, we live in the county of Alameda and not within the city limits. We are precluded from voting on who will be the governing body of Livermore because we are county residents however; they are the very individuals who decide our fate. We can go to our local Wal-Mart and see petitions on the disposition of the canyon and yet have no ability to sign these petitions because we are county residents.

Shame on the City of Livermore government and the EBRPD for acting like this is just open land owned by the county to do whatever they will. We own our land and care for the Canyon. The first people who should have a say on what happens to this canyon are the residents. We should not find out our fate by reading the local newspaper.

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MAILBOX



James Paxson presents Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman with a commemorative plaque, while Roland Yamanaka, Facilities Senior Manager Oracle Corporation and President of the Association's Board of Directors, looks on.

Business Park Celebrates 25 Years in Pleasanton

Hacienda Business Park celebrated its 25th anniversary in grand style at a special event at the CarrAmerica Corporate Center. Representatives from a variety of groups were on hand to participate in the festivities including: members of the original park development team, park investors, park tenants, local elected officials and a broad array of community groups that have interacted with Hacienda over the years.

The plan for the business park survived an attempt to referend it. James Paxson, General Manager for Hacienda, commented, "When Hacienda was first envisioned both the founding development team and the city leaders recognized the importance of creating an entity that would provide long term oversight and continuity in the project and so an association of owners was formed. Today, the Hacienda Business Park Owners Association, also celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary in 2007, continues this mission by providing exemplary service to the park's owners and leadership in the future direction of the development."

Commendations to Hacienda were presented to Hacienda from the office of Congressman Jerry McNerney, the office of Supervisor Scott Haggerty and the City of Pleasanton. Hacienda also made a special presentation to the City of Pleasanton in honor of the spirit of community and community support shown to Hacienda over the years.

The event was sponsored by three Hacienda affiliates: Blueline Technologies (Mr. Ken Larson), Harsch Investment Properties (Ms. Nancy Gille, Mr. Al Beaudette and Ms. Julie Remy), and Colliers International (Mr. Gabe Arechaederra). Entertainment was provided by the Amador High School Jazz Band Combo. Special support to the function was provided by Amador High School DECA Distributed Education Clubs of America.

Hacienda Business Park began twenty-five years ago as a co-development between, what has become, Callahan Property Company and The Prudential Insurance Company of America. Details on the park's beginnings were recently chronicled in the park's newsletter, NETWORK, with a number of feature articles.

Don't Sign Referendum Jon Harvey Pleasanton

The City Manager, developer, and community have worked together on a plan that has won near unanimous support on the City Council. Why does the council support the Oak Grove project? Because they gave the developer and City Manager direction to work with the community and they did just that.

At this stage, our energy is better directed at watch-dogging the permitting process through the various local and federal agencies to ensure environmental issues (clean water, wildlife habitat, etc.) are resolved or properly mitigated.

In addition, the open space is worth more than 496 acres and protection of the urban growth boundary; it is the keystone property in the Pleasanton Southeast Hills to help spawn the remaining connections between the Vineyard Corridor and the Callippe Preserve.

The proposed referendum will not only take away the park and undo all of the work that has been done to achieve a reasonably balanced solution, it makes a very wild assumption that another cast of characters will somehow arrive at a better solution in the future. I am not willing to take that risk and will not support the referendum. Please research the issue before signing the petition or just don't sign it.

Stop Pro-Growth Council Brian Arkin Retired Chairman Pleasanton Planning Commission

We must act now to stop our pro-growth city council from destroying our agricultural open space throughout our town and allowing a property owner from outside the USA to make tens of millions of dollars by destroying our Southern Hills. They want to cutoff the tops of our hills and build a mile-long street lined with mega-mansions up to 12,500 sq-ft overlooking our town. Actually these should be called palaces because in addition to the main houses (up to 12,500 and 3 stories tall), they can have super large garages and auxiliary structures (like second homes). This will be visible to the whole city. The so-called parkland the city is getting in return from the developer amounts to nothing more than a few trails on the hillsides of these palaces. Our taxpayer money would be used to maintain their hills. Please ignore the developer money asking you to do nothing. Please sign our referendum and companion initia-

tive to have a city-wide vote at the next election so we can all decide what is best for Pleasanton. We only have 20 days left. Please sign today.

Pleasanton Beware Becky Dennis Former City Councilmember

Watch out Pleasanton. Solicitors for two more ill-conceived ballot measures have hit the streets. Before you sign their documents, please consider their unintended consequences.

Reversing the approval of 51 homes and a 498 acre park at Oak Grove will actually:

- Increase the number of units permitted from 51 to 98
- Give away ownership of 498 acres of park land
- Eliminate permanent protection of the open space and views in Pleasanton's southeast hills

These seemingly sincere petitioners are passionate about their cause, but woefully ignorant of land use and property rights law. Nonetheless, they get signatures by appealing to residents' desire to save open space.

For instance, while showing pictures of what look like office buildings on a hill (definitely NOT approved for Oak Grove) they hastened to assure me that Pleasanton would still get to

keep the park if their ballot measures were successful. They explained their strategy to pass laws that will make it impossible to develop the property, thus forcing the property owner to give all their land to Pleasanton in order to avoid having to pay taxes on their now worthless property. This is both unlikely and illegal.

Far from saving open space, their petitioning jeopardizes over 15 years of work by environmental, open space, and trails advocates to protect our southeast hills. Every signature they collect brings Pleasanton closer to losing a 500 acre park and permanently reducing the amount of development allowed at Oak Grove.

For further information, visit www.keepourpark.org.

Take Ownership Steve Brozosky, Pleasanton Former City Councilmember Current School Board Member

What attracted me to Pleasanton over 25 years ago was the involvement the community has in the planning of the city. In other communities people have given up and assume that the politics are too strong therefore their opinions do not make a difference.

In Pleasanton we are privileged that concerned citizens have taken major issues to the ballot. That has helped shape our community and has resulted in the beautiful Pleasanton Ridgeline, a housing cap to control growth, a large Bernal park preserved for our children, to name a few.

When issues go on the ballot, this community has serious discussions during the election, and the majority wins.

What I do not understand is that recently there have been very aggressive actions by groups to stop people from signing initiatives to qualify for the ballot. Why would they not want to have these items qualify for the ballot? Do they think that the community is not educated enough to make an informed decision? Do they feel the community would differ from their opinions and their only savior is to not let the people vote on it?

I encourage you to get involved and sign petitions that you feel are worthwhile discussions to have in the community. If you do not wish to sign, that is fine but please respect the rights of others to practice democracy and collect signatures.

Take ownership in "your" community. You make a difference.



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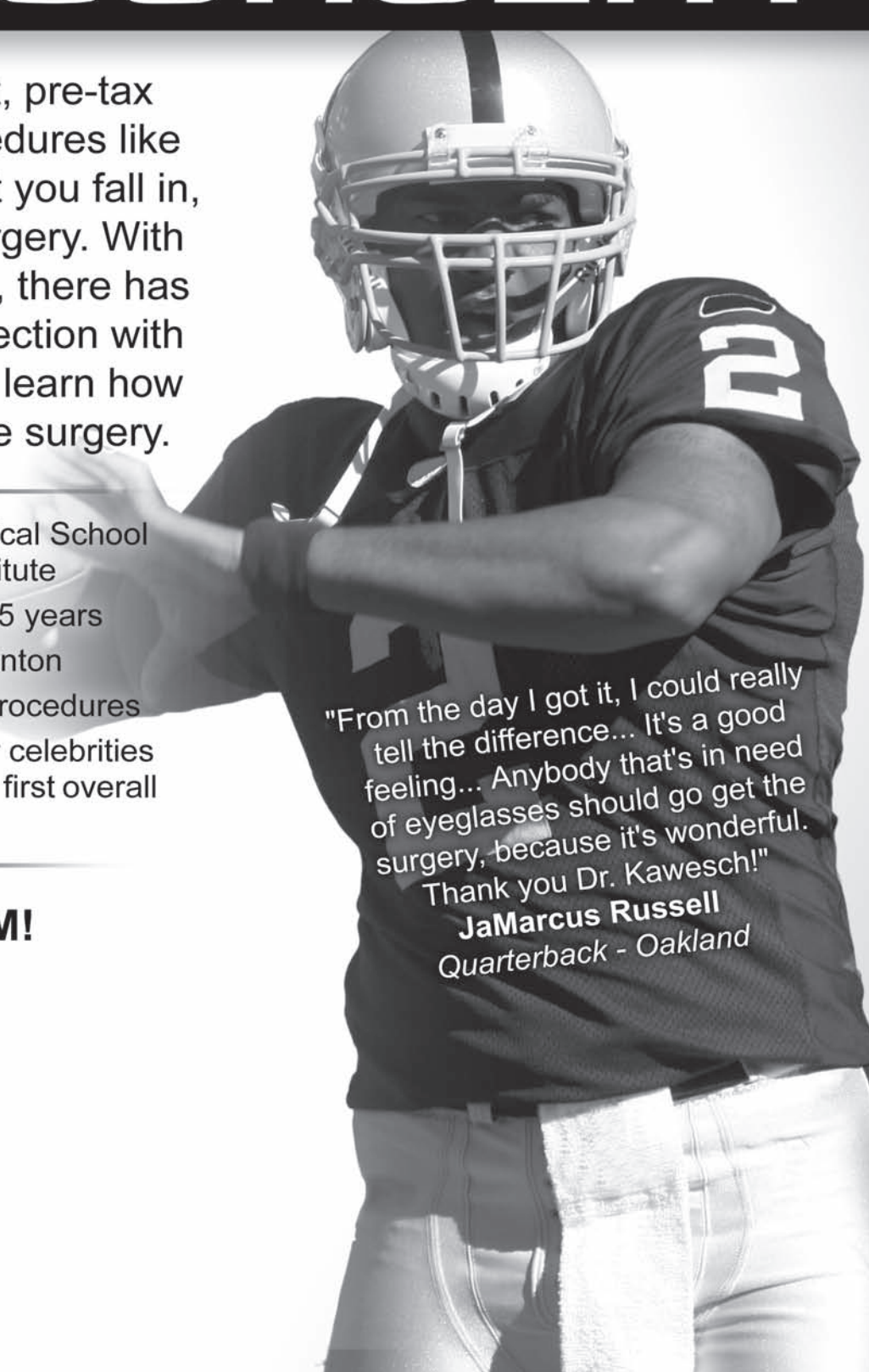
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SPORTS NOTES

first big play of the drive occurred on a third-and-five when Ewanich carried for 20 to Foothill's 40. Then, on the first play of the fourth quarter, Gibbons threw a perfect ball to Rowland in the left corner of the end zone for a 29-yard scoring strike to put the Dons on top, for good, 28-21, with 9:54 to play.

David Ellison and Brian Hill combined to stop a fourth-and-two at the Dons 42 on Foothill's next drive and Amador went to work trying to kill the clock with 6:14 to go. On a third-and-three at midfield, Camarena got four yards with a great second effort. Then, facing a third-and-10, Gibbons hit Rowland on a slant between three defenders for another first down to the Foothill 30. With Foothill out of timeouts the Dons needed one more first down to tie the game, but Ewanich did better than that. Behind great blocks by Hill and Rob Potter, he took a counter to the left-side 24 yards for the score. Osterholt took a pitch from Camarena around right end for a two-point conversion to provide the final margin.

In fifth quarter action, Chris Nespor hit Mitch Flaherty on a slant for a 38-yard scoring strike. Nespor went three for five on the night, also completing passes to Joe Moroney and Adam Mitchell. Defensively, Amador got a sack from Joey Manuel, a tackle for loss by Chad Lampley, and an interception by Bronson Eggart. The interception came after pressure by Joe Silva and Daniel Chavez rushed the throw. Murphy also noted the play of Patrick O'Brien on defense. "He always sticks his nose in there and doesn't back down from anyone," commented Murphy.

The Dons finish the season 8-2 and 4-2 in the EBAL. Amador was 19 seconds from a league championship that would have come with a victory over Cal.

Livermore Youth Football

Livermore Youth Football results

Midweek: The #7 seed Livermore Vikings were eliminated from the Diablo Valley Youth Football League playoffs on Saturday at Granada High School by the #2 seed Deer Valley Wolverines. The Vikings would strike first early in the 2nd quarter when Jeremy Mata found Jack Jensen in the back of the end zone for a 5 yard touchdown pass. Mata's extra point was good and the Vikings led 8-0. The Wolverines would pull to within 2 points when they scored with a minute left in the 1st half. The half time score was Livermore 8, Deer Valley 6. The Vikings fumbled the opening kick off and the Wolverines recovered on their 30 yard line. The Wolverines drove down and punched it from the Viking's 1 yard line. The Wolverines successfully ran the PAT in for a point which left the score 13 to 8 Deer Valley. The Vikings would take the lead again early in the 4th quarter when their work horse Damariya Drew plugged into the end zone for the score and a 14-13 lead. However, on the ensuing drive the Vikings could not stop the powerful Wolverines as they drove down and scored the winning touch down with less than 3 minutes remaining in the game. Players: Jack Brasher, Jeremy Mata, Max Kreger, Jacob Montana, Brandon Hall, Damariya Drew, Jacob Kearney, Jahar Staples, Quincy White, Dustin Simon, J.D. Moss, Fernando Manzano, Austin Nelson, Jack Jensen, Joe Wood, Greg White, Frankie Robles, Nick Latourette, Luc Hamilton, Steven Dupont, Brandon Mori, Orion Suber, Kamin Peterson, Tyler Leasau.

Jr. Midweek: The Livermore Norsemen fell to the West Pittsburg Vikings 29-8 in the DYVFC playoffs. The Norsemen slowed the undefeated and high-powered offense of the Vikings but a few big plays and some special teams errors gave them too many chances. In an arduous, muddy game, the Norsemen did fight hard but were just out-matched. The Norsemen did score on a five yard run by Kevin Kutchera. Jacob Kirby converted the extra points. The score was set up by two excellent runs by Kevin Coburn. The 2007 Norsemen players: Tony Barrow, Jake Bohland, Brinkley, Jordan Brooking, Kyle Campiotti, Rio Castillo, Kevin Coburn, Riley Drea, Salvatore Glaviano, Derek Granados, Garrett Grandos, Joey Gonzales, Joshua Johnson, Jacob Kirby, Kevin Kutchera, Tyler Locatelli, David Moffitt, Marshall Peters, Tyler Rardon, Zac Rosas, Ben Sawyer, Zac Sturgill, Courtney Townsell, Mikey Walls, and Jake Williams.

Pleasanton Seahawks

Sixteen elite swimmers from the Pleasanton Seahawks team competed in a senior trial and final meet at the Concord Community Pool Nov. 2 to 4. Almost all the events swam by all the swimmers reached "A" or above.

Leading the effort were: Catherine Breed (14), Natalie Wong (14), and Lisa Narum (17). All three swimmers have reached personal best times in most of the events they swam. Catherine Breed improved her times in five events (500 free, 200 back, 200 fly, 200 IM, and 400M). Natalie Wong improved her times in five events (100 breast, 200 breast, 200 fly, 200 IM, and 400 IM). Lisa Narum dropped her times in four events (50 free, 500 free, 1650 free, and 100 back).

Also competing were Tory Houston (14), Danielle Stueckler (14), Kyle Lindsay (14), Andre Seitz (14), Casey Coughlin (16), Krystal Lau (15), Bethany Poon (16), Karen Wang (15), Christopher Guido (15), Joshua Meints (16), Neda Nguyen (17), Robert Barrett (17), and Brandon Fischer (18).

California Gymnastics

California Gymnastics Academy competed in the Level 6 State Championship Meet hosted by Liberty Gymnastics in Concord on November 10-11, 2007.

RESULTS (by event):

LEVEL 6: Child C: VAULT - Tiana Hodzic (8.775) BARS - Hodzic (7.975) BEAM - Hodzic (8.025) FLOOR - Hodzic (8.85) ALL AROUND - Hodzic (33.625).

Senior C: VAULT - Amy Tilton-Lumetta (9.1) BARS - Tilton-Lumetta (8.65) BEAM - Tilton-Lumetta, 1st place (9.55) FLOOR - Tilton-Lumetta, 16th place (9.225) ALL AROUND - Tilton-Lumetta, T3rd place (36.525).

Senior B: VAULT - Jaime Gray, T9th place (8.95) BARS - Gray, 10th place (8.55) BEAM - Gray (8.5) FLOOR - Gray, T7th place (8.95) ALL AROUND - Gray, 9th place (34.5).

Pleasanton Jr. Football

Pleasanton Junior Football League results:

Senior Contact: The Dolphins dropped a thriller to the Bucs in their final game of the

season, 22-14, but remained on top of the Senior Contact Division standings with a record of 7-2. Brandon Arace hit Max Kurth on a 66 yard touchdown pass to tie the game with just over a minute left in the game. However, the Bucs scored on a touchdown pass of their own with only 32 seconds to go in the game to take the lead. Kurth also scored on a 55 yard fumble recovery, and a PAT, running for 93 yards in the game. Jonathan Camello caught one pass for 23 yards. Casey Cummings had high tackle honors with 6, followed closely by Wayne King and Anthony Grant with 4.5 each, Arace (4), Anthony Viveiros (3.5), Nick Covert (2) and Zach Parella (2). King also had a fumble recovery for the Dolphins, while Drake Kissinger made a key stop at the goal line to stop a Bucs PAT attempt.

Baseball Tryouts

Tryouts for the Colt, 45s Jr. Elite Travel Baseball teams will take place Sat., Nov 17 for ages 10-14U at Diablo Vista Baseball Field, 1000 Tassajara Ranch Dr., Danville. For specific age division tryout times and more information contact Coach Max Valencia at (925) 639-9034 or www.eteamz.com/colt.45s.

Baseball Camp

Tri-Valley Baseball Camp is set for December 2nd, 10:00am-3:00pm. Camp is for Boys and Girls ages 5-13. Camp is run by Diamondback Scout Brian Kohndrow along with College and Pro Players. For further information email springtrainingcamp@comcast.net.

American LL Signups

American Little League will hold registration on Thurs., Dec. 6, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Players must be 5-18 yrs. old on or before April 30, 2008. New players must bring birth certificate and proof of residence. Information www.eteamz.com/LALL.

Baseball Bricks.

The Livermore High School baseball field is undergoing some major renovations. It will have a new brick backstop. The team is selling engraved bricks to help raise funds for the project. Bricks are 4x8 or 8x8. They will be engraved with whatever you wish installed at the field forever. The cost is \$50 per small brick and \$100 per large brick. There are discounts for multiple bricks. Please go to www.eteamz.com/LHS-CowboysBaseball for more info or contact David Perotti at (925) 606-4812 x2438 or dperotti@livermore.k12.ca.us. The deadline is November 30.

Fastpitch Tryouts

Tryouts for the spring/summer team Lady Hustle Fastpitch Softball 14 A travel team in Pleasanton have been scheduled:

Dec. 1: Tryouts for Pitchers and Catchers only 10-11am; All Players Hitting 11:00-12:30; All Players Fielding/Running 1:30-2:45.

Dec. 9: Tryouts for All Players Fielding/Running 1:30-2:45; All Players Hitting 3:30-5:00; Pitchers and Catchers Only 5:00-6:00.

Tryouts are at Double Diamond Sports Academy, Livermore/Robertson Park softball field, 2272 Research Dr., Livermore. Please register for tryouts in advance at www.ladyhustlefastpitch.com. For information call Coach Teresa Bocharad at 785-0846.

Tigers Baseball

Tigers Baseball will present a special weekend with one of southern California's most celebrated hall of fame collegiate coaches, Robert "Skip" Claproud. Players ages (11-17) are invited to spend two days in November with a Hall of Fame Collegiate Coach learning the secrets to his success. Players attending this event will experience on field college-level training under Coach Claproud's tutorage. Space is limited. Preregister at the Tigers' Baseball website, http://www.reamsite.com/baseball/tigersbaseball.

Softball Tryouts

Livermore Smoke 12U-A Softball will hold tryouts December 8th at 10am at Robertson Park, Livermore. Please contact Johnny Heinz for further information by e-mail at jmheinz@comcast.net or call 454-1406.

Pony Baseball

Pony Baseball is now accepting Registration for the Spring 2008 season. Register online at www.pleasantonpony.com or call 600-PONY for more information.

PGSL Registration

2008 Registration is open for all divisions in the Pleasanton Phantom Girls Softball League. All girls living in Pleasanton, Dublin and Sunol are eligible to play PGSL softball. Two ways to register: 1) Online at www.pleasantonsoftball.org; 2) Mail-in: PGSL, P.O. Box 911, Pleasanton, CA 94566 (download a registration form from our website). Registration deadline is January 1, 2008. For more information visit the PGSL website at www.pleasantonsoftball.org.

Track and Field

Track and Field Athenian Athletics Track Club invites athletes ages 7-18 to participate in our winter practice sessions to prepare for the 2008 track and field season. Practices will be held on a voluntary/drop-in basis Monday through Friday. Adults of all ages and ability are also encouraged to join the club to participate in our health and wellness nights' program. For membership, practice time and location, please visit www.athenianathletics.com or call Coach Rick Richardson at 925-518-9356.

OBITUARIES

Mildred "Millie" Peters

Mildred "Millie" Peters passed away Nov. 5, 2007 in her Livermore home. She was 84.

Growing up as the daughter of Danish immigrants, Millie was raised on the family ranch in Livermore. She married Anthony "Tony" Peters and the couple enjoyed an active life-style of fishing, golfing and bowling. She was a long time member of the Las Positas Nifty Niners golfing group and the Dania Ladies Society Danneborg No. 16.

Miller was preceded in death by her husband, Tony, her brother Peter Banke, Jr., and her sister, Elva Hansen.

She is survived by her sister Asta Motoros of Pleasant Hill; nieces Sharon Knudson of Oakdale, Molly Dougan, Laura Gallagher, Jan Dunaway, Marlene Smith and Barbara Lillak of Livermore; nephews Richard Motoros of New Orleans, Paul and John Banke of Livermore, Ronald Hansen of Pleasanton, Steve Hansen of Danville and William Peters of Chatsworth.

"Auntie Mildred's" great-nieces and nephews will always remember her for her impeccable style, kind spirit and impressive knack for crossword puzzles.

A memorial service was held Nov. 11 in Livermore. She was laid to rest by her husband at Memory Gardens Cemetery immediately following the service.

The family suggests donations to Hope Hospice or an organization of choice.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

William (Bill) Henshaw

William (Bill) David Henshaw passed away November 7, 2007 following a short illness. He was 82.

He was born on April 5, 1924 in Cincinnati, Ohio to William and Catherine Henshaw. He served in the U.S. Navy for 28 years, from 1942 to 1971, earning numerous medals. They include the World War II Victory Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, American Theater Medal, Asiatic Pacific Medal, African and Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, China Service Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, and eight Good Conduct Medals. He was honorably discharged on Nov. 30, 1971 as a Quarter Master First Class.

After serving his country, Bill joined the Pleasanton Unified School District, where he was a warehouse manager for 18 years. In 1989, he retired to enjoy life with his family and friends. He was a member of St. Raymond's Catholic Church in Dublin for 23 years.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Catherine (Duarte), who he married on April 30, 1949; six children: Tim, Terry, Marty, Jennifer, Kit and Juliet, and 16 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Robert.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the American Cancer Society, www.acs.org.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Magdalena (Lena) O'Reilly

Magdalena (Lena) Franziska O'Reilly died November 8, 2007 after a long battle with kidney failure. She was 80.

Lena was born July 10, 1927 in Wiesbaden, Germany. She was a long time resident of Martinez. She was one of the first German war brides to enter the country in 1947 and was proudly naturalized as an American citizen on Nov. 11, 1954. She worked at Albertsons for 30 years. She was a gardener with a green thumb who loved to nurture the wild-life that frequented her gardens.

Lena is survived by her son and daughter-in-law John O'Reilly III and Susan O'Reilly, sister and brother-in-law Kathi and Otto Woelfel, granddaughters Kelly O'Reilly and Shannon Galloway; grandsons Jordan and Andre and many devoted nieces and nephews.

Family and friends are invited to a memorial service Fri., Nov. 16 at 2 p.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church, 2100 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek.

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Barbara Brody

Barbara Brody was born February 22, 1919 in Battle Creek, Michigan, and died October 30, 2007 at the age of 88.

She was the daughter of Floyd and Nellie (Bowman) Stiles, sister to Maxwell Stiles (deceased) and Anita Barnes (deceased). She graduated from Battle Creek High School in 1936 and Michigan State University in 1940. In 1940, she married James Brody (deceased). They had four children, Linda Myers of Livermore; James Brody of Traverse City, Michigan; Clark Brody of Wilsonville, Oregon; and Tim Brody of Rohnert Park, California. She had nine grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Barbara was raised in Michigan and spent her adult life in Illinois and Michigan. In 1998, she moved to California to be near family.

Barbara became a teacher at the age of 47 when necessity required her to assume support of her family. She taught language arts to fourth and fifth graders for 18 years in Westmont, Illinois. However, her most favored and

rewarding role was that of a good and true wife and mother. She loved nothing more than for her family to be together. Fine Lake, Michigan was the site of many happy memories. She also enjoyed reading, gardening, playing bridge and church activities.

As she aged, Barbara showed great courage in facing the loss of her vision from macular degeneration and other health events. She maintained a positive attitude and always tried her best. Her spirit will live on in the hearts of her family and friends. She was always there for us and we will miss her.

Memorials may be sent to First Methodist Church, 111 E. Michigan Ave., Battle Creek, MI 49014, or to Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd., Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568.

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Tom Hutchinson

Tom Hutchinson died November 6, 2007 in Walnut Creek. He was 87.

Tom was born Dec. 15, 1919 in Lilesville Township to Bessie Brower and Milton Jasper Hutchinson. He graduated from Lilesville High School in 1938 and joined the Army Air Corps soon after. He gained the rank of corporal by Dec. 7, 1941 and was stationed at Schofield Barracks near Honolulu, HI during the Pearl Harbor attack. After help-

ing with the massive cleanup there, he volunteered for flight school training. He was given the sergeant pilot status. As the war advanced, he was awarded officer status and joined the Regular Air Force. During the war, he flew transports all over the world, supplying the allies with bombers and transports throughout both war theaters. He landed on every continent with the exception of Antarctica.

During the war, he flew the Hump, supplying the Chinese from India flying over the Himalayas as well as flight checking the new pilots to the flight patterns, flying onto darkened Chinese airfields at night and in bad weather. After the war, he flew the Berlin Airlift in the 1950s. He remained in the Air Force, transferring to the Strategic Air Command, learning to fly refueling planes. Eventually, he became a command instructor pilot for the KC-135s.

In 1960, he retired from the Air Force, moved with his family to the Bay Area and began a second career with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory as a computer technician working with the Cray computers. He retired after 20 years. In later life, he enjoyed theater and dining opportunities, traveled on several Pacific Ocean cruises, and thoroughly enjoyed working on his golf game - a passion all his life until his health began to fail.

He is survived by a daughter, Ann Hutchinson, grandchildren, Robert and Brandi Taylor, great grandchildren Jonathan, Hope and Benjamin Taylor and a sister, Maggie Hutchinson Phillips of Pineville, NC. He was preceded in death by his parents, most of his siblings, and his son, Tom Hutchinson, Jr.

Funeral arrangements will be by Leavitt Funeral Home of Wadesboro, NC with interment in the Gum Springs Baptist Church Cemetery in the

Hutchinson plot on Nov. 17.

Local arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

C.M. "Frenchie" Allec

C.M. "Frenchie" Allec died October 30, 2007 after complications from intestinal surgery. He was 79.

He was born May 6, 1928 in San Francisco. He graduated from Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton in 1947 and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He retired from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in 1990 after 31 years.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Bette, in 1987. He is survived by his wife of 17 years, Marie, his sister Lea Larson, two daughters Amy Helm and Michele Tomowski, stepchildren Janine Schiller and John, Jeff and Joe Morey. He is also survived by grandchildren Shaun and Erin McInnis, step-grandchildren Chris Morey and Jake and Samantha Schiller, as well as his sons-in-law, and additional family and many friends.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Fri., Nov. 16 at Saint John Vianney Catholic Church, 1650 Ygnacio Valley Rd., Walnut Creek. Burial will be private.

Donations may be made to the Saint John Vianney Building Fund or to a charity of choice.

Loren "Larry" Martin

Loren "Larry" Jay Martin died November 4, 2007 in Livermore. He was born Sept. 19, 1942 in Minneapolis, MN.

He is survived by his wife, Bernie, daughters and sons-in-law Julie and Chris Lascano and Amy and Tom Braumbaugh. He is also survived by grandchildren Benjamin, Jonah, Mariaina, Aubrey and Morgan. He was a dear friend to many and loved dearly by his entire family.

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Thursday, November 29, 2007 (4pm - 6pm)
Odd Fellows Hall - Banquet Room
1349 Hays Street (San Leandro, CA)

Monday, December 3, 2007 (4pm - 6pm)
Alameda County Conference Center
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125-12th Street, Suite 400 (Oakland, CA)

Tuesday, December 4, 2007 (4pm - 6pm)
Livermore Public Library - Community Rooms A & B
1188 South Livermore Avenue (Livermore, CA)

Wednesday, December 5, 2007 (4pm - 6pm)
Fremont Family Resource Center - Pacific Room
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Thursday, December 6, 2007 (4-6pm)
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Livermore Art Association and Pleasanton Art League. meet Mon., Nov. 26, 7:30 p.m. at Almond Avenue School, 1401 Almond Ave., Livermore. Guest artist will be Nancy Roberts, who will share her passion for painting with pastel. There is no admission charge.

Prometheus Symphony. fall concert Sun., Nov. 18, 3 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 114 Montecito and Grand Ave., Oakland. Program: Bernstein: Overture to Candide; Tchaikovsky: Romeo and Juliet Fantasy; Mendelssohn: Symphony No. 3 Scottish. Admission is free. Donation requested.

Metamorphoses - Amador Valley High School's Drama Dept. presents "Metamorphoses," a Broadway hit written by Mary Zimmerman, directed by Kelsey Hartman. November 15, 16 and 17 at 7:30pm, with a matinee on Sat. Nov. 17 at 2pm. (No performance Nov. 9.) For tickets (\$5/students; \$8/adults) visit www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/avhsweb/hartman; click on Metamorphosis, or purchase them at the door prior to each performance. Amador's Second Stage in the Multi-Purpose room; 1155 Santa Rota Rd., Pleasanton; free parking.

Holidays with "Voices in Harmony," Northern California's Premier Men's A Cappella Chorus, with special guests UC Men's Choral from Berkeley, as well as an award winning a cappella

quartet. Sun., Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. \$25. 925-373-6800.

Country Folk Art will present a home holiday and gifts craft show on Nov. 16, 17 and 18 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Hours will be 4 to 9 p.m. on Fri., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat., and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sun. Admission is \$7, good for the weekend. Top artisans from across the country will be on hand.

Livermore Art Association Gallery. LAA presents their semi annual "Trunk Show," which includes jewelry pieces and other wearable art for sale. Refreshments will be served. Free event. Fri., Nov. 16th, 5:30 to 8:30pm., Carnegie Bldg., 2155 Third St., Livermore. 455-6442.

Las Positas College Fall Play. Fridays & Saturdays, November 16, 17 at 8 pm; Sunday, November 18 at 2 pm. Las Positas College Theater and are \$10 general admission and \$7 for students and seniors. 3033 Collier Canyon Rd., Livermore. For further information call the Performing Arts Events Line at 925-424-1100 or call Cindy Rosefield at 925-424-1119.

Lithorama. presented by Livermore Lithophiles Gem and Mineral Club. Nov. 17, 10 to 5 and Nov. 18, 10 to 4 at The Barn, 3131 Pacific Ave., Livermore. www.lithophiles.com or 443-5769.

Ed Kinney Lecture Series. November 18th at 7 p.m. Julia Morgan - Architectural History (A re-enactment) with speaker Betty Marvin, Architectural Historian. Lynwood Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave. across from the Aquatic Center. For information on upcoming events, lectures and the current exhibit, please visit our

website www.museummain.org.

Livermore School of Dance. Nov. 24, "The Dream of the Snow Queen," performances at 2 and 7 p.m. Holiday production showcasing both classical and modern ballet with pointe work, as well as jazz, lyrical, hip-hop, and Broadway style numbers. Tickets are \$24, \$18, and \$158 for adults, and \$108 for children 12 and under and seniors over 65. Tickets may be purchased at the door before each performance. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., in downtown Livermore.

Las Positas College Dance Performance. Friday & Saturday, November 30, December 1 at 8 pm and Sunday, December 2 at 4 pm. Las Positas College Theater and are \$10 general admission and \$7 for students and seniors. 3033 Collier Canyon Rd., Livermore. For further information call the Performing Arts Events Line at 925-424-1100 or call Cindy Rosefield at 925-424-1119.

Author Mildred Kalish. Little Heathens: Hard Times and High Spirits on an Iowa Farm During the Great Depression. Nov. 18, 2:00 pm. Friends of the Livermore Library, Author and Arts Series, held in the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue. For information call 373-5505. Free.

Art Fundraisers. Sue Evans of Sue Evans Photography and Design is sponsoring a holiday fundraiser to support the Arts in Pleasanton and Livermore. She has created two different holiday cards for each community. The Pleasanton design includes the Pleasanton Arch, museum and Christmas tree, while the Livermore design features Ravenswood. Both cards are available in a colored photograph version and a black and white sketch with red highlights. A

portion of her wholesale and retail sales will be donated to the Pleasanton Firehouse Project and the Livermore Performing Arts Center. Evans is a member of the Tri-Valley Visitor and Convention Bureau, the Livermore Chamber of Commerce and ABWA Express to Success. Sue can be reached at (925) 989-4113 or SueEvansPhotography@comcast.net for further details and to order cards.

Pleasanton Art League Public Art Circuit has installed its fall/winter exhibits. The public is invited to view and purchase work by local artists at the following locations in Pleasanton: Main Street: Lynda Briggs and Erika Richert at Bank of America (337); Bruce Ruark, Mahesh Baishya, and Dee Haag at Keller Williams Realty (459) and Towne Center Books (555). Exhibits on Hopyard Road: Annette Mack, B.J. Shaw, and Elaine Szymanska at R E Realty Express (4555); Sharon Lanham, Pat Smith, and Tricia Poulos-Leonard at Sallmann, Yang, and Alameda C.P.A.s (4900, #183). Artists Bonnie Krichbaum, Sally Haig, and Antonia Wennink are showing their work at Me and Mai Friend's Cafe at 4713 First Street. Photography by Lisa Davis, Lisa Rigge, and Karen Hanner is on display at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce at 777 Peters Street. A solo show of abstract acrylics by Sally Haig is on display at Vogue Hair Studio at 5410-4 Sunol Blvd. Artists who would like to join the circuit can call Lisa Davis at 925-518-4436.

Mark Mertens. a local artist, will be having a one-person show at the Center for the Arts, 20440 Redwood Road, in Castro Valley. November 23rd through December 24th. The title of the show is "An Artist Takes the Long View," featuring recent pastel landscapes by Mark Mertens. The show will be open during performances.



California Red by Victoria Ryan.

Deer Ridge Features Pastel Artist

Deer Ridge Vineyards in Livermore presents a show featuring the vibrant and colorful pastel paintings of California pastel artist, Victoria Ryan. Theme is "Dreaming in Color."

The exhibition will be open Nov. 9, 2007 through Jan. 23, 2008. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday to Sunday.

There will be an artist reception on Sat., Dec. 1 from 4 to 6 p.m. The public is invited to meet both artists at a special wine reception.

This event is free and open to the public. All artwork will be available for purchase.

Deer Ridge Vineyards is located at 1828 Wetmore Road in Livermore. For additional information, call 1-866-561-0838.



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Public Invited to Watch Livermore Idol Competition This Saturday

The Livermore Area Youth Advisory Commission presents the Fourth Annual Livermore Idol Show on Saturday, November 17. The take-off on the television hit show will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Cresta Blanca Ballroom at the Robert Livermore Community Center at 4444 East Avenue.

More than 22 contestants participated in singing auditions to be selected as finalists in the local contest, which will showcase the talents of the "final" eight who are in grades 6 to 12. Each contestant will perform one fast song and one slow song of his or her choice. Students were recruited through flyers distributed in the local schools and at LARPD facilities and events. All participants will receive a prize. The first prize winner will be awarded a \$3900 scholarship to the John Robert Powers School of Performing Arts.

Tickets can be purchased at the door and are \$5 for students and \$7 for adults. For more information, please contact Julie Lange at (925) 373-5700.

Medieval Banquet Highlights Revels

Revelry and merriment will abound in St. Bart's Parish Hall in Livermore when the church presents "St. Bartholomew's Revels" on Saturday, December 1. The festive fund-raiser will include a medieval banquet, a mummers' play, an auction, a fine arts and crafts boutique, and Renaissance music performed by St. Bart's choir and a local recorder consort.

Such seasonal revels involving plays, music and dance were popular in England for many centuries. The mummers' play originated as a pantomime skit put on by local farm workers — it was so called because they kept "mum" while performing. The plot is secular and more or less nonsensical. The main character, St. George, has become what we'd call a "superhero" since he slew that dragon. In the ancient rhyming script he confronts and slays all rivals who have the misfortune to happen along.

The festivities will start at 5:30 p.m. in the raftered Parish Hall of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. Tickets may be purchased in advance at \$35 for adults and \$10 for children, or at the door on Dec. 1 for \$45 and \$15 respectively. They may be obtained by contacting Liz Wilkins at (925) 443-9991 or lizwilkins@hotmail.com by Nov. 21.

Jazz Kicks Off Dublin Winter Concerts

The City of Dublin presents its 4th Annual Winter Concert Series. Concerts will rotate at various City facilities this year. Tickets are available at the door. \$10/Adult - \$5/Youth. For more information, call (925) 833-6645 or visit www.ci.dublin.ca.us.

The Concert Series opens with a local Jazz Group, headed by trumpeter Dave Rocha on Sat., Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. The program will be at Old St. Raymond's Church, 6600 Donlon Way, Dublin.

The Dave Rocha Jazz Group has been performing throughout the greater San Francisco Bay Area for over ten years. In its current form, the group consists of trumpet, acoustic bass and electric guitar. The band performs an eclectic mix of modern jazz standards, "pop" tunes and originals. This includes a wide selection of swing, latin, jazz waltz, up tempo numbers, bossa novas and ballads.

Band Concert Slated at Bankhead

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band will present its Children's Concert on November 18, at the Bankhead Theater, 1200 First Street, Livermore. The concert will start at 2 p.m. and end at 3 p.m.

This year's theme is "Music from Famous Cartoons." Young and old alike will recognize the tunes that made cartoons so much fun to watch. Selections range from Mickey Mouse to SpongeBob SquarePants (and Bart Simpson, too.) Due to the renovation project on Amador Theater, the Band will perform at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

There is no admission charge. Come early, seating is limited. For more information call 925-846-5897 or go to www.pleasantonband.org.

Pleasanton Businesses Donate to Firehouse Arts Center

A growing number of merchants in downtown Pleasanton are showing their support for the Firehouse Arts Center by joining the 2007 Downtown Pleasanton Giving Campaign. Spearheaded by the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation (PCAF), the campaign allows local businesses to become involved with its fund-raising efforts. Participating business owners agree to donate a portion of proceeds on purchases made from November 16 to December 24.

The PCAF is encouraging shoppers to patronize these merchants, whose establishments will display a large yellow star. Campaign coordinator Debbie Look said, "This is a great opportunity for business owners and individuals to help us bring our vision for the Firehouse Arts Center to fruition. The center will be an exciting cultural resource for everyone in our community. So remember to 'follow the stars' when you are doing your holiday shopping this year!"

The following downtown businesses have already pledged their support for the campaign:

Alexander's Main Street Gallery, Blue Agave Club, Christesen's Tack Room, Clover Creek Gifts, Dinner My Way, Fusion 3 Salon Spa, Gallery M, Gourmet Works, Jewelers Gallery, Passionate Athlete, Sincerely Yours Cards & Gifts, Studio 7 Fine Arts, Sugar Shack, Towne Center Books, Vic's All Star Kitchen, and Worthington Gallery West.

For more information about the 2007 Downtown Pleasanton Giving Campaign or the Firehouse Arts Center, call 846-1007.

Celebrating a Gift of Children's Book Art

In conjunction with National Children's Book Week (Nov. 12-18), the public is invited to a reception Thursday, November 15 at 7:00 p.m. in celebration of a gift of children's book art to the Friends of the Pleasanton Public Library.

Fern Skowlund, owner of Toad Hall Books from 1979 to 1994, recently donated her collection of original children's book art to the Friends, who have arranged for it to be on permanent display in the children's area of the library.

The reception is in acknowledgement of this gift and to alert the Pleasanton community to the presence of these fun works now in our library.

After brief remarks, light refreshments will be served. An opportunity provided to view the newly displayed art. For more information, please call the Children's Desk at (925) 931-3400 ext. 8.

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Basket Brigade Prepares to Deliver Thanksgiving Food

Nearly 200 Bay Area residents will gather this Saturday, November 17 at the Tri-Valley Basket Brigade, a special Thanksgiving food drive that allows volunteers to personally deliver Thanksgiving food baskets to families in need.

Brigade volunteers will come from all over the Bay Area, including San Francisco, Novato, San Jose, Concord and the Tri-Valley, to be involved. Youth from Discovery Church and Holy Cross Church in Livermore, the Granada High School Dance Team, and San Ramon Valley High School's National Honor Society are vol-

unteering, and mothers from the Tri-Valley Holistic Moms Network will also participate.

Volunteers will assemble and wrap oversized baskets full of Thanksgiving goodies including turkeys, stuffing, cranberry and potatoes. Thanksgiving bags containing food, blankets, clothing and paper supplies will also be created for distribution to the homeless.

"In a country with such abundance, there is no reason any family should be without a meal on Thanksgiving," said Reese Ramos, co-coordinator of the event. "We're hoping that the 'Basket Brigade' will genuinely

touch the lives of our community by providing a hands-on, fun way for people to join forces and deliver a message of hope."

Once the baskets are assembled and wrapped, volunteers will be delivering them to needy families around the Bay. The Brigade has partnered with schools and non-profit agencies like Brighter Beginnings, which serves at-risk children in Contra Costa and Alameda counties, to locate needy recipients.

Members of the public that would like to get involved still have time. "We've had a great response so far, but we can al-

ways use more hands and hearts," said co-coordinator Katherine Havener. "We still need donations to ensure that each person in need receives a Thanksgiving basket or bag. We can also still use people to help assemble and deliver. It's a great way to really embrace the spirit of the holiday."

The Tri-Valley Basket Brigade, a grassroots effort that relies entirely on donations from the local community, is being organized by San Ramon-based husband and wife team Havener and Ramos. It is one of thousands of Basket Brigades that will oc-

cur all over the world inspired by the Anthony Robbins Foundation, a non-profit organization. The organization provides baskets of food and household items to more than 2 million people in 74 countries every year.

The Tri-Valley Basket Brigade will be held on Saturday, November 17 from 8:30 am to noon at Trinity Lutheran Church in Pleasanton. Trinity Lutheran has generously donated space for the event.

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This business is conducted

by:an individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on September 28, 2007.
Signature of Registrant: /s:/Rechea A. Fallis
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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
FILE NO. 392121
The following person (s) has (have) Abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name Specialty Inspections, 4417 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton CA 94566
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on February 23, 2007, in the County of Alameda. Specialty Home Inspections, Inc., 4417 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton CA 94566
This business was conducted by:a corporation
Signature of Registrant: /s:/Mark J. Keams
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on October 29, 2007.
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FILE NO. 402970
The following person (s) doing business as:Artisan Salon, 1837 Holmes Street, Livermore CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Hair I.D. Inc., 76 Tourmaline Avenue, Livermore CA 94550
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Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: DOROTHY MARGARET CHAPPELL, AKA DOROTHY CHAPPELL, DOROTHY M. CHAPPELL, & MRS. ORTON K. CHAPPELL.
Case No. VP07353612
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: DOROTHY MARGARET CHAPPELL, AKA DOROTHY CHAPPELL, DOROTHY M. CHAPPELL & MRS. ORTON K. CHAPPELL
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Public notice is hereby given that on October 19 2007 the Regents of the University of California filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C., for a construction permit for a new noncommercial educational FM Station on Channel 210 at Livermore, CA. The proposed Class A Station will operate with effective radiated power of 200 Watts and antenna height of 36.9 meters above ground from a transmitter located .1 mile south of E. Grant Avenue on Research Drive lot 33 in Livermore, Alameda County, California. The main studio for the proposed station will be located at 14 Lower Freeborn

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This business is conducted by: a corporation
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Signature of Registrant: /s:/Jennifer Adams
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Treatment Facility A (TFA), located on the southwest corner of the Livermore Site, was designed to cleanup the western and southwestern offsite plumes (areas of ground water containing contamination), including the ground water contamination at well W-404. TFA began operating in September 1989 and continues to successfully clean up much of the offsite plume and stop downgradient migration of the plume at well W-404; however, the ground water plume around well W-404 is in a hydraulic stagnation zone (an area where ground water is not flowing) creating a detached portion of the plume that is not being treated at TFA. Without active remediation at this location, the plume will continue to exist and concentrations will remain at elevated levels for decades. With active pumping at the well W 404 location, contaminants within this plume are expected to meet regulatory cleanup goals in a relatively short timeframe. The ESD describes options for active pumping at well W-404.

A copy of the ESD will be available for public review starting November 16, 2007 through December 17, 2007 at the Livermore Public Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, and the LLNL Discovery Center on Greenville Road.

For questions or more information, please contact Phil Wong, Livermore Site Remedial Project Manager, Livermore Site Office, Environmental Stewardship Division, P.O. Box 808, L-293, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore, CA 94550 or phil.wong@oak.doe.gov.

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Wine Country Championship Helping to 'Graduate' Golfers to the PGA

Winning the Livermore Valley Wine Country Championship at Wente Vineyards last April was only the second-best thing to happen to Omar Uresti this year. The first was the birth of his daughter, Isabel, in May. But the triumph at The Course At Wente Vineyards was vital to his finishing 15th on the Nationwide Tour money list and earning one of the automatic "graduation" spots for the PGA Tour in 2008.

"The victory freed me up to decide which tour I wanted to play," said Uresti, 39, whose focus immediately went to the Nationwide Tour the rest of the year. "I was not stressing so much which way to go."

By earning \$247,355 in 25 events Uresti is one of the top 25 from the Nationwide Tour - all of whom played in the Wine Country Championship at Wente Vineyards - to go to the big tour

next year.

"That illustrates the talent that plays at Wente Vineyards," said Chris Conway, tournament director for the golf, food and wine event that is scheduled to return March 31-April 6, 2008. "We are looking forward to producing another champion in 2008 who will add to the legacy of our tournament," Conway concluded.

For the second time in as many years, the Wine Country

Championship produced the toughest course on the Nationwide Tour. Fast, firm conditions and some weekend wind resulted in the cumulative scoring average of 75.235, more than 3 over par - the highest on Tour since a 75.421 average at the 2002 Monterey Peninsula Classic (at Bayonet Golf Course, par 72). The toughest hole on the Tour was the par-4 first hole at The Course at Wente Vineyards, which played to a stroke average of 4.507.

Uresti's winning total of even-par 288 not only was the highest for the year, but the second-highest since the tour debuted in 1990. (Roger Salazar won the 1991 South Texas Open at 3 over par.) "I like it that way," said Uresti, who has played full-time on the PGA Tour nine seasons since 1995 and holds the tour record for consecutive birdies (nine). "The golf course was set up fine. But when the rough is that thick and the greens are that hard, that course can beat you up and wear you out."

The Greg Norman-designed Course At Wente Vineyards wore out the best of the Nationwide Tour. Of the top 25, only three finished in the top 10, while 11 missed the cut entirely. Eventual leading money winner Richard Johnson tied for 40th at Wente Vineyards, 10 over par.

The family oriented Wine Country Championship has averaged 20,000 spectators annually, with event proceeds benefiting local non-profit organizations. Sponsored by the Liver-

more Valley Winegrowers Association and Wente Vineyards, next year the event is to benefit the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, among other organizations. Details on other sponsorship and pro-am participation opportunities, as well as admissions, are to be announced.

The only Nationwide Tour event in Northern California, the Wine Country Championship at Wente Vineyards features some

of the top professionals in the world. Besides an up-close view of world-class golf, spectators enjoy wine tasting from more than 20 local wineries, gourmet food and special demonstrations by local chefs and vintners.

For more information about the 2008 Livermore Valley Wine Country Championship at Wente Vineyards, visit www.winecountrychampionship.com.



Christy Boyes, from the Livermore Police Department, serves dinner at Strizzi's during the Tip a Cop fund-raising event. The money raised goes to the Special Olympics.

SAFETY

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be special traffic operations to include red-light running, school zone violations, and operations to increase bicycle and pedestrian safety. The grant will additionally provide the city with radar speed feedback signs and a lighted crosswalk.

As part of the program, the Police Department will partner with Mothers' Against Drunk Driving to get a series of messages and themes out about changing behavior and driver attitudes through various forms of messaging.

Pantry Seeking Food Donations

November 11-17 has been designated National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week, a national effort to promote education, action and awareness concerning hunger and homelessness.

At Tri-Valley Haven's Food Pantry, more than 3500 guests were served, the largest number ever. The pantry is located at 418 Junction Ave., Livermore in the Mar Thoma Church. It opened five years ago. At that time between 700 and 800 people were served each month.

Tri-Valley Haven is preparing for its annual Thanksgiving distribution to 550 families (more than 2000 people), Nov. 20 and 21. A local organization that has contributed to this effort for several years is the Livermore Harley Owners Group. They will make their delivery to the pantry on Nov. 17 at noon.

The Haven Pantry is seeking donations nonperishable grocery items and gift cards to local supermarkets. To make a contribution, contact the Pantry at 449-1664.

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