

Callippe Golf Course Lands On National Top 10 List

Callippe Preserve, Pleasanton's municipal golf course in Happy Valley, has been ranked in the top 10 nationally in a category in the January issue of Golf Digest magazine.

The course was ranked 9th in "Best New Public Courses Under \$75." Greens fees at Callippe top out at \$60 for non-residents and \$51 for residents on weekends, typically the most expensive time to play golf at any course. Lowest weekday greens fees at Callippe are \$36 for residents.

Callippe was the only California course listed in the top 10 in the under-\$75 category. The King Carter Golf Club in Irvington, VA, was at the top of the list.

Approximately 165 new and remodeled courses were nominated in various categories, including best public courses over \$75, and private and semi-private clubs with public access. The courses were opened between May 1, 2005, and April, 2006. Callippe opened in November, 2005. Courses were rated on aes-

thetics, variety of design, and degree of difficulty. They were judged by more than 800 low-handicap male and female golfers nationwide who paid their own greens fees.

John Renslow, general manager at Callippe, said, "It's nice to receive confirmation about our course. I knew it was a neat design. The city did a good job. It's a good layout, and we're proud of it."

Golf Digest "is the New York Times" of golf publications, leading all others in circulation, said

Renslow. It will make the course even more popular, although that's not really needed, he said. People have to call two weeks ahead to reserve a tee time. The course recorded 73,000 rounds of golf for 2006, its first full year of operation. "If you can get over 45,000 or 50,000 (rounds at a course) you are feeling good about yourself," said Renslow.

Approximately one-half of those golf rounds were played by Pleasanton residents. Renslow said that he felt good about Callippe being ranked sixth in the

state last spring among all public courses, new or old, by another publication, Golf Week magazine, which is a rival to Golf Digest. That magazine's audience has a higher level of enthusiast, and has much less circulation, said Renslow. He added that there is no way to judge the publicity's impact on use of the course, because "we've been so busy since the day we opened, we've never had a reduction."

The new and remodeled courses opened during a period "that celebrated authenticity in

golf design. 'America's Best New Courses of 2006' reflect what pleasures can result when man and money yield to Mother Nature," said Ron Whitten, Golf Digest senior editor for architecture.

Callippe's carving of the back nine holes out of the hills were cited as an example of incorporating nature into the design, according to an earlier story in Golf Magazine, which is a sister publication of Golf Digest. In that story, Joe Passov, the magazine's (See GOLF COURSE, page 3)

Teen Court Would Judge Peers about Restitution For Crime

By Ron McNicoll

The Center for Community Dispute Settlement (CCDS), which is based in Livermore, is working with justice system officials to create a special court where youths who admit relatively minor legal violations make restitution as suggested by a "jury" of their fellow teens.

The new court would work with teen-agers in Livermore and Dublin, and possibly go into San Ramon and Danville, said Carol Pitts, director of neighborhood and youth program for CCDS. Pleasanton has not been interested, because the city has its own youth offenders restitution program, operated through the police department, she said.

CCDS has been working in the field of conflict resolution for more than 10 years, helping to resolve such things as disputes between neighbors and bad feelings between students. Such kinds of dialogue make CCDS a natural group to organize a youth court, which has the goal of coming to an agreement among all of the parties involved. The aim is to enable teens willingly to make restitution and apology to their minor crime victims. Such offenses as shoplifting, vandalism, taunting someone with racial epithets, and simple assault, such as shoving someone, are among the offenses typically heard in a youth court, said Pitts.

The juvenile justice system refers the cases to the youth (See COURT, page 8)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Riding a bicycle up to the top of Mt. Diablo has become a New Year's Day ritual for many. This year, low clouds made for clear weather at the top of the mountain.

Disability Non-profit Expands to Livermore

By Ron McNicoll

Hope Services, a long-time San Jose organization that helps developmentally disabled people, extended its operations to Livermore Jan. 1.

"We hope to develop new services, especially in the Tri-Valley area. There are a lot of services for people with disabilities in Alameda County, but a lot of them are in Oakland, or outside the Tri-Valley area. That's what we are told by folks who say they have to travel to obtain services," said Cathy Bouchard, the organization's director of day services.

Bouchard estimated that perhaps by next fall, Hope Services will be able to serve 25 to 50 people. The organization is considering starting an early intervention program for babies in the first three years of life. "The sooner that people get intervention programs and services, the more they can progress through life," said Bouchard.

The approach is a collabora-

tive one, with a child-care worker and an occupational therapist going into the home to accomplish the work. "We evaluate the child's needs. We work with the whole family as a unit, and teach them how to work with their babies, for example, how to eat solid foods. If a social worker is needed, we can send one. It has been very successful," said Bouchard.

Another organization, The Independent Way, already serves Valley residents with disabilities. It uses the same primary funding source that Hope Services will, the Regional Center of the East Bay. However, there won't be any competition, since services haven't been keeping up with the demand from increasing population, said Bouchard.

This will be Hope Service's first venture into the county. It serves 3000 developmentally disabled people in three South Bay counties. The organization was begun by parents of devel-

(See HOPE, page 4)

Supervisors to Hear Cemetery Appeal

Individuals, the City of Livermore, Friends of Livermore and Fallon Enterprises, Inc. have appealed the Alameda County Planning Commissions' approval of the Vineyard Memorial Cemetery in North Livermore.

The Board of Supervisors will hear the appeal on Thurs., Jan. 11 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Chambers, 1221 Oak St., fifth floor, Oakland.

Individuals appealing the decision include North Livermore residents Gail Vardanega, Lona McCallister and Nancy Bankhead. Bankhead is also the CEO of Fallon Enterprises, Inc.

The cemetery site is located to the west of North Livermore

Avenue. The approval by the planning commission allows the construction of a cemetery consisting of 105,000 grave sites; a two-story mortuary/crematorium with approximately 20,130 square feet of floor area; an on-site manager's residence in the mortuary/crematorium; a mausoleum with approximately 17,457 feet of floor area; a caretaker's residence; a maintenance facility area; a 3,500 square foot maintenance building; and, a separate independent residence, all on approximately 40 acres of a 110 acre parcel.

One of the conditions of approval is that the developers must identify a sustainable supply of water. In addition, it must

be shown that water usage by the cemetery does not negatively impact nearby wells. The studies are to be completed before a grading permit can be issued.

The applicant, Jack Smith, told the planning commission that the cemetery would not be built unless there were adequate water. "We are not going to put that kind of money into a project unless we know it can work," he declared.

The area is zoned for agriculture. A cemetery itself is a conditional use allowed under the zoning. However, the other buildings and uses are subject to zoning requirements specified in the Measure D initiative and adopted

(See APPEAL, page 8)

Judge Rules For First Step Of Salamander Protection

The threatened tiger salamander species, whose habitat includes territory in the Valley, has moved ahead in a battle to secure state protection, in addition to its existing federal guarantees.

Sacramento Superior Court Judge Lloyd Connelly overturned the state Fish & Game commission's rejection of a petition to list the salamander under the state's Endangered Species Act (ESA), which is modeled af-

ter the federal act of the same name. The petition was brought to Fish & Game by the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD).

Connelly's decision, rendered Dec. 14, overturned the commission's 3-2 vote in December 2004 to reject the CBD petition.

The judge said that turning down the petition just because the majority of commissioners didn't want to bring the species (See SALAMANDER, page 2)

Close Election Races Were Among Highlights of the Last Six Months of 2006

The last six months of 2006 saw some closely contested election races.

There was controversy over projects proposed for unincorporated areas of the East County.

The arts continued to be a focus in Livermore and Pleasanton.

JULY 2006

The Livermore School Board approved the construction of new science classrooms at both of the district's comprehensive high schools.

Former Livermore Mayor Cathie Brown was inducted into the local government leadership circle at the Sister Cities International 50th anniversary conference. The honor was in recognition of Brown's work in developing a sister city relationship between Livermore and Snezhinsk in western Siberia.

Wheels bus service celebrated 20 years in the Valley.

Public Advocates, a nonprofit legal group, put the City of Pleasanton on notice that it expected the city to make progress on its goals to provide more affordable housing as identified in the city's housing element. A letter sent to the city stated that a lawsuit could be filed if the city did not show progress.

The City of Livermore received a state grant of \$762,000 to develop part of a cross-valley trail along the Arroyo Mocho between El Charro Road and North Livermore Avenue.

Both the Livermore and Pleasanton City Councils voted to extend moratoriums on medical marijuana dispensaries in their cities.

A survey conducted as part of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District's master plan update found that Livermore residents are outdoor lovers, with 64 percent spending leisure time in active outdoor sports and recreation or at outdoor social gatherings.

Money Magazine listed Livermore in 31st place in the top Best 100 Places to Live in America.

The Alameda County Planning Commission delayed a decision on whether to allow Cedar Grove Community

Church to build a facility on 14 acres on South Livermore Avenue. Opponents of the plan said the church was too large, was incompatible with agriculture uses and therefore Measure D, and would have a negative impact on growth of the wine industry.

The Department of Energy issued a final Request for Proposals for the competitive selection of a contractor to manage and operate the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. The current contract with UC expires Sept. 30, 2007.

The Pleasanton Library received a \$25,000 Cultural Crossroads grant from the California State Library. The funds would be used to explore ways the Indian community has enriched the city.

Neighbors of a cemetery proposed for North Livermore objected to the use. The proposal would use 40 acres of a 110-acre parcel on North Livermore Avenue. The main concern of neighbors was the water the cemetery would use and the impact on their wells. The Alameda County Planning Commission continued the matter following public comments.

Republican Pete McCloskey endorsed Democrat Jerry McNerney for the 10th Congressional District seat. McCloskey was defeated by incumbent Wal-Mart. Lorraine Dietrich opposed the annexation. Property owners have applied to the county to change the zoning on their land to allow it to be subdivided.

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AUGUST 2006

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

In 2006, work began on the renovation of the historic Kollin Hardware building in downtown Pleasanton.

replace. The Livermore City Council voted to move ahead with a forced annexation of a county island of property opposite Wal-Mart. Lorraine Dietrich opposed the annexation. Property owners have applied to the county to change the zoning on their land to allow it to be subdivided.

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ture success of the wine industry required grapes and facilities capable of producing wines that retail for at least \$15 per bottle. He also objected to urban uses in an area designated for agriculture.

Both the City of Livermore and Alameda County approved resolutions in support of rangeland conservation. The approval did not obligate expenditure of funding or provide official support for a specific program. However, the votes demonstrated support for the goal of working to protect and enhance rangeland landscape.

Pleasanton Mayor Candidate Steve Brozosky reported raising \$12,000 towards his campaign. Incumbent Jennifer Hosterman had collected \$2667.

The Livermore Performing Arts Center completed arrangements to secure tax-exempt bond financing for construction of the 500-seat performing arts theater.

A scholarship was established

through the Las Positas College Foundation in honor of Barry Schrader. The scholarship would be available to journalism and communication arts students at the college. Schrader worked for several local newspapers, was a historian, and had served on the Chabot-Las Positas Community College Board.

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission formed a partnership with Sustainable Agriculture Education (SAGE) for an 18-acre sustainable agricultural park adjacent to the Sunol Water Temple. The farm included recreation, public access, resource restoration, agriculture and education goals.

The Livermore Library launched the first Teen Film Festival.

It was announced that Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's Site 300 was on the short list of sites being considered for a National Bio and Agro Defense Facility. The laboratory would conduct research in biological threats involving foreign animals, zoonotic (transmitted from animals to humans) and human diseases.

Bob Bronzan retired after 42 years with the Livermore School District. During that time he taught, coached football, baseball, and wrestling, served as union president, and held a variety of administrative positions. His last position was that of assistant superintendent.

Incumbents only filed for two Valley races: Pleasanton School Board and the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District. Pat Kernan and Jim Ott would be automatically elected to the school board; Scott Kamena, David Furst and Maryalice Faltings to the LARP board.

Pleasanton proclaimed August 5 as John Madden day in recognition of his induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Paul Hommert was selected to head Sandia's Livermore site.

The Pleasanton City Council delayed making a decision on whether to help finance noise monitoring at the Livermore Airport. The council wanted

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Do You Remember?



By Anne Homan

N. D. Dutcher Hardware

Claudia Dutcher is a member of the fourth generation of her family to own a Livermore business. She opened Dutch Treat Needlecrafts in October 1991. "I always wanted to have my own business. I thought if I don't do this now, I'm going to kick myself for not giving it a try. If it doesn't work, it doesn't work—you go do something else." Currently, her store is in the Second Street Mall.

She owns a large collection of memorabilia of her great-grandfather, grandfather, and father, who were proprietors of Dutcher and later Dutcher & Son Hardware. The old two-story Dutcher Hardware building, two doors to the east of the Independent newspaper building on First Street, was torn down in 2004 by the City of Livermore for the rejuvenation of Livermore's downtown. In recent years, it had been the home of Livermore Cyclery.

Norris D. Dutcher, who was born in Watertown, NY, in 1850, came with his mother and siblings to California by way of Panama when he was 10 years old; they settled first in Hayward. According to Claudia's recollection of family lore, the father, Hiram Dutcher, had deserted his wife and children earlier for the lure of the Midwest and a redheaded woman.

In 1868 Norris came to Livermore and, after working as an apprentice with blacksmiths James Beazell and R.N. Caughill and as clerk in several businesses, opened his own hardware and plumbing business in 1877. Norris married Mary Gillespie in April 1885. Her stepfather, William S. Lowe, at this time managed the Livermore Hotel, located at the southeast corner of First and Livermore. At that time, Livermore Avenue was called Lizzie Street.

As Norris Dutcher's business grew, he moved into larger quarters several times until 1888, when he purchased the lot on First Street and built his own store. He was described in a 1907 article touting Livermore businesses: "Commencing in a small way he has by sheer dint of energy, perseverance, will power, determination to be at the top, and active sterling ability climbed the ladder, rung by rung, till today his house of business stands as one of the leading institutions not only of the Livermore Valley, but of Alameda County."

The family home was on the lot now covered by Der Wienschmitzel. Norris served as Livermore town clerk and treasurer and also for many years in the volunteer fire department. He died suddenly of a heart attack at age 82 in 1932, shortly after his retirement from the hardware business.

When Norris Dutcher retired in January 1932, his son Norris "DeWitt" Dutcher Jr., took over the business completely. They had worked together since 1912, when the store's name was changed to N.D. Dutcher & Son Hardware.

The younger man's wife, Agnes Wallace, came in 1908 at age 19 to Livermore as a teacher for the 40 pupils at the one-room Townsend School five miles outside of town, earning \$75 a month. She met her future husband on hot, dusty Tesla Road. He was late for an appointment to fix the school water pump. She had given up waiting for him and started home with her rented horse and buggy. "I was hot and tired. I saw this young man driving down with a big, white bulldog by his side. I asked, 'Are you the plumber?' And he said, 'Yes.' I said, 'Oh no, will I have to go all the way back?' His answer, 'Hell no, I'm just gonna fix the plumbing.'"

DeWitt and Agnes Dutcher married in 1915 and had their residence on the northeast corner of Third and South M.

DeWitt had attended the Livermore Grammar School and Livermore High, where he played football. He was a member of the old National Guard unit, Company I, and served with them in the San Francisco devastation of 1906. He also served in World War I.

According to his obituary, he had "great interest in the welfare of animals" and for many years served as the humane officer for the city of Livermore. When he was 16, he joined the Livermore Fire Department and remained a volunteer member until his death in 1948. After a time, Agnes married Claude Rees. In 1959 the house at Third and South M was torn down. The site is now a parking lot.

DeWitt and Agnes had one child; they named him Norris DeWitt Dutcher III. His nickname was "Dutch." His daughter, Claudia, remembered visiting the hardware store with its "old smells and creaky floor boards; ... it was always sort of dark 'cause it was this big, long building with lots of things hanging and lots of counters and old cases with stuff piled on top." Dutch Dutcher sold the hardware business in 1959 and the building in 1970.

Claudia and her father had quarreled, but not long before his death they reconciled. "He came to see the (needlecraft) store. I think he was pleased. New customers frequently come in and inquire about her business, 'Have you been here a long time?' The answer, of course, is "yes."

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Indian Architecture Topic of Pleasanton Library Program

A program on "Indian Architecture From Temples to Modern Day," and "The Art of Vastu Shastra," will be presented at the Pleasanton Library on Sat., Jan. 13 from 2 to 5 p.m.

There will be a slideshow overview of Indian architecture presented by architect Amit Upadhye, and a seminar on the ancient art of Vastu Shastra presented by Mike Mastro, a consultant from Seattle.

Amit Upadhye, an architect from the Arizona firm of AU Design Studio, will start his discussion with Buddhist architecture of 500 BC and bring the audience through ancient, medieval and modern era structures. Indian architecture is much more than



The Taj Mahal.

Vastu Shastra, the science of environmental harmony and the precursor to Chinese feng shui, works by balancing the environment, home and business, in accordance with the natural laws inherent in the universe. Mike

Tickets Go on Sale for 'Truffles, Tidbits & Wine Tasting'

"Truffles, Tidbits and Wine Tasting: a dessert and wine experience" is set for Thurs., Feb. 8 in downtown Pleasanton.

The Pleasanton Downtown Association is presenting this special event from 6 to 9 p.m. at participating businesses.

The event kicks off at The Rose Hotel, 807 Main Street. Participants will receive a commemorative wine glass, and map. Wineries of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association will be pouring red and white wines, ports, dessert wines and

champagnes. Each participating business will feature sweet treats and/or hors d'oeuvres to pair with the wine selections being poured.

Tickets may be purchased in advance at a discounted price of \$25 between January 8th and February 7th. Only eight hundred (800) tickets will be offered for this event. They will be available for purchase beginning January 8, at the following locations: The Rose Hotel, 807 Main Street; Clover Creek, 670 Main Street; Studio 7 Fine Arts, 77 West An-

SHORT NOTES

All About Mammals

The Sat., Jan. 6 nature program, is all about mammals. Participants will first study pelts and skulls to determine which animal is which and examine what makes a mammal unique from other animals. Next, there will be a short hike through Veterans Park to see what mammals can be found there.

Meet Ranger Vickie Eggert at 2 p.m. in Veterans Park. This program is presented by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District. There is a \$3 per vehicle parking fee. A \$2 donation is requested to help support the programs. Participants may call (925) 960-2400 for more information.

Getting Organized

Las Positas Community College will present a class entitled, "Organizing Your Office: Home, Work and Small Business," on Sat., Feb. 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on campus.

Las Positas Community College is located at 3303 Collier Canyon Rd., Livermore. Additional information is available at 424-1467 or www.laspositascollege.edu/communityed. Fee is \$79 plus class text \$20.

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The text, "How to Do Space Age Work with a Stone Age Brain," will be distributed in class. Bring a lunch as facilities are limited.

Immunization Clinics

Axis Community Health offers drop-in immunization clinics for low-income and uninsured families. Winter clinics will be held from 9:00-11:30 a.m. on Saturdays, January 6, February 3, and March 3, 2007. All immunization clinics are held at Axis' Pleasanton location only, 4361 Railroad Avenue.

The clinics are open to all Tri-

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

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

'Dreaming in Code'

Scott Rosenberg, co-founder of online literary magazine Salon.com, will present his new book, Dreaming in Code, at the Pleasanton Public Library on Sunday, January 21, 2007 at 2pm.

"Software is easy to make, except when you want it to do something new," Rosenberg observes. The catch is that "the only software worth making is software that does something new." This two-tiered insight comes from years of observing a team led by Mitch Kapur (the creator of the Lotus 1-2-3 spreadsheet) in its efforts to create a "personal information manager" that can handle to-do lists as easily as events scheduling and address books. Rosenberg's fly-on-the-wall reporting deftly charts the course taken by Kapur's Open Source Applications Foundation, while acknowledging that every software programmer finds his or her own unique path to a brick wall in the development process. (The software is still in development even now.) With equal enthusiasm, Rosenberg digs into the history of the computer industry's efforts to make programming a more efficient process.

The presentation will be in the Library Meeting Room, 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

The program is free and open to all. No registration required. For more information, call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.

Nominations Sought

The City of Dublin is currently accepting nominations for the 2006 Citizen of the Year and Organization of the Year. New this year, the city is also accepting applications for Young Citizen of the Year, recognizing the volunteer service of Dublin's youth in first to twelfth grade.

"We are very excited to create the Young Citizen of the Year Award," stated Mayor Janet Lockhart. "It is very important to recognize young volunteers as a way to encourage a lifelong commitment to volunteer service."

Nomination criteria for the awards are based on the Dublin Pride - Integrity in Action Program's 10 characteristics: responsibility, respectfulness, caring, giving, positive attitude, trustworthiness, cooperation, doing one's best, honesty, and self-discipline.

All nominees will be recognized at the Feb. 20 city council meeting. They are invited to attend the "Wild about our Volunteers" recognition event to be held at the Dublin Senior Center on Fri., Feb. 23, where the winners will be announced.

The Organization of the Year will receive a \$500 cash prize, and a \$300 donation will be given to each Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year's favorite nonprofit organization.

Nomination forms are also available at the city's website www.ci.dublin.ca.us or by calling the City Clerk's office at 833-6650. The deadline for nomination submission is 3:00 p.m., Thursday, February 1, 2007.

Prostate Cancer

San Ramon Regional Medical Center and its Prostate Cancer Support Group present a free educational seminar, "Nutritional Therapies for Prostate Cancer," Tuesday, January 9, from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Registered Dietitian, Barbara Reis, R.D., from the hospital staff, will speak in the West Day Room in San Ramon Regional's South Building, located at 7777 Norris Canyon Road. Spouses are welcome to attend.

Volunteers Help Out on 5th Wednesday Evening at Open Heart Kitchen

Lenmar Bay Area associates will put down their nails and hammers, pencils and mouse pads, and volunteer their time and culinary talents to whip up hot meals for Open Heart Kitchen's neediest Tri-Valley families on Wednesday, January 31.

The "5th Wednesday Evening" is a group volunteer program instituted by Open Heart Kitchen, the only nonprofit in the Tri-Valley which provides nutritious, prepared meals to address the hunger is-

issues of low-income community residents.

Companies, faith-based groups, high school leadership organizations and other groups are asked to donate their time to prepare and serve food or to contribute to the cost of the meals, which are prepared by Open Heart Kitchen volunteers. Hot meals are made from scratch by volunteers and consist of a protein, starch, vegetable, green salad, fruit salad, bread, milk, coffee, tea, juice and dessert. Each week, Open Heart Kitchen

counts on over 130 volunteers to dedicate their time to help prepare over 2,500 nutritious meals for needy children, seniors, families and individuals without charge.

"This is the community where we work and live and it's a perfect opportunity for Lenmar associates to be an active part of this wonderful organization," said Shelece Draper, Director of Communications for Lenmar Bay Area Homebuilding. "People living in poverty in the Tri-Valley area continue to rise. Lenmar values our partnerships with organizations that reach out to individuals and families in need."

"Companies like Lenmar enable Open Heart Kitchen to serve nutritious meals to the neediest in our community," said Carol Beddome, Executive Director of Open Heart Kitchen. "Given the high cost of living in our community, it's not surprising that there are people living below the poverty line in Livermore, Dublin and Pleasanton. These families are struggling to pay for basic needs, like putting food on the table."

Open Heart Kitchen is a non-

profit meal service dedicated to providing nutritious prepared food for people in need in the Tri-Valley area. Through six programs, Open Heart Kitchen addresses hunger issues for children, seniors, families and individuals. For more information about the programs and ways you can help, visit www.openheartkitchen.org.

SALAMANDER

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into inclusion was not a valid reason, said CBD spokesman Jeff Miller.

Connelly said in his decision that the commission "misstated or ignored substantial evidence in the administrative record, and relied on conflicting information of doubtful scientific value."

Miller called the ruling "a good precedent. You can't just do something. If the science is there, they have to act," said Miller.

The commission's staff had recommended acceptance of the petition. Now that the judge has ordered the commission to accept the petition, the second of the two steps of the listing process will

come into play. The first step was for the commission simply to determine whether it should accept the petition. The judge ruled it must be accepted. Now the species is considered a "candidate."

The second step will involve a review of the species' current status for 12 months to determine whether listing is warranted. Then the commission will vote.

State protection for species is important for several reasons, said Miller. It might be granted to species that don't have federal protection. Fish & Game would prepare a recovery plan for the species that is separate from the federal Fish & Wildlife plan, raising the prospect of more protection than it would have otherwise.

State funds would be available for the state's designated habitat protection. Also, state protection makes a big difference where state agencies have permitting authority, said Miller.

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

McNerney Names Staff Members

Congressman-elect Jerry McNerney has announced a number of his staff hires for both his district and Washington, D.C. offices.

Erich Pfueller, the recent California Director of Clean Water Action and former Chief of Staff to Representative David Bonior (D-MD), will be his Chief of Staff located in the district.

Angela Kouters, a political staffer at the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee and former aide to Senator Fritz Hollings (D-SC), will serve as DC Chief of Staff in Washington. Additionally, Nick Holder will be joining the staff as Legislative Director after having served for several years as a Senior Legislative Assistant to Congressman Tim Bishop (D-NY).

Andy Stone has been tapped to fill the role of Communication Director. Most recently, Stone has worked as a communications strategist at M + R Strategic Services consulting on the Angelidis for Governor campaign.

McNerney has chosen Angel Picon as his Regional District Director based out of the Stockton office. Also joining the staff in Washington, D.C. are Tobin Dietrich, Teresa Frison and Andreas Mueller, serving as Legislative Assistant, Scheduler and Legislative Aide, and Staff Assistant, respectively.

McNerney said of his new hires "I believe this is the most talented and experienced team I could have assembled to serve the needs of our community and bring about real change in Washington."

Dublin Receives Awards

The City of Dublin has been selected to receive three Awards of Achievement from the California Parks & Recreation Society (CPRS) in the categories of Neighborhood/Community Life, Agency Brochure and Special Focus Brochure. Dublin competed with other cities throughout the state of California. Parks and Community Services Director Diane Lowart wrote "This is another of several high level statewide awards our department has won in the last decade. It is something we can all take pride in due to the winners of these awards being chosen by their peers."

The "Heritage Center Exhibit Restoration Project" won an Award of Achievement for Neighborhood / Community Life. The goal of the restoration project was to design a fresh new exhibit that engages visitors through innovative and interactive exhibits. The exhibit honors Dublin's history and the diversity of its founding fathers, as well as acknowledges the ongoing diversity of the current citizenship and its positive effects in shaping Dublin's future.

The exhibit takes visitors on the journey of Dublin's first settler's, Michael and Eleanor Murray and Jeremiah Fallon who, as teenagers, left the abject poverty of Ireland for America. The exhibit begins their journey on a dock in America, continues to the tenements of New York and follows their brave trek across the frontier. When they arrive in California, they encounter and work with Spanish/Mexican and tribal peoples and establish the town of Dublin. The new exhibit has resulted in a significant increase in attendance at the Heritage Center with over 2,100 visitors since opening in August 2006. For current museum hours, please call 925-452-2100.

The remaining Awards of Achievement were for two of the Department's successful marketing programs. The City's "Welcome to Dublin" New Resident Marketing Brochure received the award for a Special Focus Brochure. The Summer 2006 Edition of "The Guide" received the award for Agency Brochure.

Regional Mixer

The 10th Annual Tri-Valley Regional Mixer,

hosted by the Tri-Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau, will be held on January 9, 2007 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, Satellite Wagering Facility.

There will be food, Livermore Valley Wines, great networking and informative booths along with prizes.

Cost to attend is \$20 per person. Please RSVP to the Tri-Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau at 846-8910 by January 4, 2007.

Seven Arrested

The Pleasanton Police Department arrested seven individuals on drug offenses. Four of the suspects were also charged with child endangerment.

Police served a search warrant at 3517 S. Glacier Court based on the sales of methamphetamine. Officers found nine people, including two minor children. Ten grams of suspected methamphetamine were seized from Timothy Woods, 40, who resides at the home. Others arrested and charged with drug offenses were: William Trevor, 21; the homeowner Gary Soffer, 59; Denise Cook of Livermore, 38; Jennifer Magruder, 30; Donald Turner, 35, and his wife Michele Turner.

The Turners were charged with child endangerment for allowing their minor children, ages 8 and 9, to live in a drug environment. The children were placed in protective custody with the Alameda County Children's Protective Services. Woods and Soffer were also charged with child endangerment.

Traffic Fatality

A motorcyclist was killed when it struck a Mercedes broadside on Springtown Blvd. at Rhododendron Drive. The driver of the motorcycle, 20-year-old Tucson Nunes of Livermore, was pronounced deceased at the scene. The driver of the Mercedes was uninjured.

The cause of the collision is still under investigation. According to witnesses at the scene, the motorcycle was traveling N/B on Springtown Blvd. and the Mercedes was entering Springtown Blvd. from Rhododendron Dr. Collision Investigation Officer Wes Morgan is the primary investigator for this incident. Anyone who witnessed this collision is asked to contact Officer Morgan at (925) 371-4850.

Fewer Homes Built

Due to homebuilders' continuing efforts to reduce their standing inventory and the Thanksgiving holiday, overall housing production dropped by 9 percent in November in California compared to October and by almost 34 percent when compared to November 2005, according to the California Building Industry Association.

In November, permits were pulled for 5,989 single-family homes statewide, down 3 percent from the previous month and 38 percent from November 2005, while multifamily housing starts - condos and apartments - totaled 3,723, down 17 percent from the previous month and down 26 percent from November 2005. Overall for the month, builders pulled permits for 9,712 homes, condos and apartments, according to statistics compiled by the Burbank-based Construction Industry Research Board (CIRB).

During the first 11 months of 2006, total housing production was down 22 percent from the previous year.

CIRB Research Director Ben Bartolotto said that once the numbers are seasonally adjusted, the picture is not as bleak. He said the seasonally adjusted single-family figure for November 2006 is actually up 11.9 percent from October 2006, though still down 41 percent from November 2005.

CBIA Chief Economist Alan Nevin said that new-home construction in California is expected to continue leveling off until builders sell off their standing inventory, a process that probably won't be completed until early 2007.

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.)

It's the Fire Danger

Greg Albin
Pleasanton

A question was posed by Becky Dennis as to why the staging areas were removed. The answer is simple: fire danger.

There have been many fires on the hills in the open space in the past several years. One was particularly problematic for LFPD a year ago in September as it started in the open space referred to in the article and raced towards homes on Smallwood Court. While LFPD has several 4 wheel drive tankers staged in nearby fire stations, they could not get to the fire area with most of them due to the slope of the hillsides and other logistics, per the fire captain on duty at the time. Their only option was to string hoses from hydrants on the Smallwood Court.

More recently, there was a fire off Hearst Drive the night of 7/4/06, and another one in the early morning hours of 7/5/06 on Smallwood Court. Representatives of LFPD have personally told me about the difficulty they could face if a fire started in one of the ravines in the open space, where the trails are proposed.

Fire danger to the nearby homes is a constant threat, but is especially heightened in the dry season. Compounding matters is the direction of the wind at this time, flowing from east to west from the open space to the homes in the area. A staging area with trails will attract not only those conscientious residents but also those less so. Our younger generation will soon discover the discreetness of these trails and will be frequently visiting them to do what many young kids do. All it will take is one discarded but lit cigarette on the dry grass and poof. LFPD has more than they can handle. The closest CDF station is in Sunol. It takes them 20 or so minutes to get to this area once notified. Air tankers, same or more time. In the end, could well be that there was not enough time.

While all of us Pleasanton residents appreciate open trails, it is just too dangerous a proposition to some of your fellow residents to have this area opened up.

Toy Stores

Susan M. Mayall
Livermore

This Christmas I was able, for the first time ever, to buy toys for our three youngest grandchild-

dren in Livermore. All were greeted with delight and will give lasting pleasure.

In case you haven't noticed we now have two excellent toy stores stocking quality domestic and imported toys - Woopsiedaisy on J street and Cooleykatz on 2nd Street. They're both owned by local people and are warm, friendly places to walk into - exactly what's needed in our revitalized downtown.

I hope that all you parents and grandparents will support them. They offer unique items often unavailable in the chain stores, the sort of toys that lead to imagination and creativity. Visit them first, support your downtown, and have a delightful experience.

Cask and Mask

Sheila Cooper
Livermore

How fun it was to see pictures of Cask and Maskers. We moved to Livermore in 1970 and David Cooper immediately found Duke Etc., Joan Boer at The Independent, and a connection to Cask and Mask. He performed in many of C&M's plays in the 70's.

One of my most memorable experiences was driving out to May School late in August 1971 (temperature in the early 100's, quite exhausting for a San Francisco native now only in her second Livermore summer), for a rehearsal of "An Unusual Evening." Cask and Maskers remember that this was more than a variety show; it was a Livermore experience. I remember each of the folks in the 50's picture being there that evening. I

was six months pregnant and became incredibly woozy as we headed from our home in the "Jewel tract" out to May School. San Franciscans could never even imagine what an August early evening would feel like in the Livermore Valley. We stopped the '68 Toyota Corona by the road side, and gave time for the woozies to be overcome. How could David Cooper not be at a rehearsal?

A historical note: Those who moved to Livermore in the 70's couldn't afford to live in the Jensen and "Chick" tract (aka Valley East—you know, Lucille, Norma, Charlotte etc.), or Sunset East (that was the Ruby Hills of Livermore in the early 70's). We were mostly entry level Labbers or teachers, so we lived in the western outskirts of Livermore. These included the birds and National Parks tracts around Rincon and Rancho Schools, and the jewel tract near Smith and Mendenhall Schools. These homes brought affordable housing to western Livermore.

Getting back to the woozies. David Cooper's wife, aka Sheila Cooper, would never—and we mean never—miss a rehearsal. The woozies were overcome and I experienced my first back stage work with a Cask and Mask Unusual Experience!

May I add two names to the remembered list of long time Cask and Maskers, perhaps not remembered because they have passed to the great proscenium in the universe—Paul Glockner and David Cooper. Check with the 70's Cask and Maskers for memories of Paul and David!



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Notice of
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Application Availability

Nonprofit, community-based organizations providing human services, youth programs and services, or promoting culture/arts.

Civic Arts, Human Services and Youth Commissions
Welcome applications

Application Packets will be available to the public beginning on January 16, 2007.

- ✓ Pick-up packets - Department of Parks and Community Services Main Office 200 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton
- ✓ Request packets to be mailed by calling (925) 931-5346
- ✓ Packets available through the City website: www.ci.Pleasanton.ca.us

Application Deadline
Wednesday, March 7, 2007

- Completed applications must be received by 5:00 p.m.
- No postmarks/Fax/emails.

Questions? Contact 931-5346
Eileen Hofstadt, Community Services Manager

GOLF COURSE

(continued from page one) course-ranking editor, noted that the Callippe butterfly is an endangered species, and that Pleasanton took measures to guard the species.

The city also helped another "endangered species," namely reasonably priced greens fees, with its schedule of fees. Passov wrote that at Callippe, the "key to scoring is thoughtful shot-making. Several out-of-play environmentally sensitive areas can wreak havoc on your score card, as do native oaks, 59 bunkers and the near-constant presence of Happy Valley Creek. The most memorable hole is the downhill 163-yard, par-3 13th, which has picture-postcard views of Mt. Diablo."


Passov also said, "The Bay Area's most famous public course is Harding Park (in San Francisco). However, tee times there are about as readily available as winning lottery tickets. Thanks

to the quality of the design and the pricing, Callippe Preserve should enjoy a much longer lifespan than the ill-fated butterfly, which has a life span of only three weeks."

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EDITORIALS

Conversation About Our Objectives

The Pleasanton City Council has decided it needs more public input before it is prepared to vote on the proposed condo conversion ordinance.

The ordinance has been returned to staff with directions to solicit the views of all those concerned about this issue, from the real estate community to affordable housing activists.

Such conversions make starter housing more available to those who want to own their homes but cannot afford to buy into the single-family market. However, the conversions cut the stock of housing that is affordable to those who lack the means to buy - i.e., the greater majority of tenants.

Although Pleasanton's proposed ordinance contains a number of requirements aimed at making the conversions as inclusionary as possible to tenants, it would still force many of them to move.

"Any way you look at it," remarked Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, "We are losing opportunities for housing."

Councilmember Matt Sullivan identified the issue best, observing, "One thing missing is why we are doing this. Is it to maintain low and very low rental housing or do we want to create low and moderate for-sale housing? These are two different objectives. I am concerned about the fact that we are losing lower income rental housing. We need to have a conversation about our objectives."

The tenants who lose when rentals are converted are the working people of the community. If the City of Pleasanton's objective is to encourage these workers to live locally, any change of existing procedures that would facilitate conversions must be rejected. Change must be in the direction of toughening the regulations to make condo conversions more difficult.

Candidates Line up for 15th Assembly Race

Candidates are beginning to line up to replace Republican Guy Houston as the 15th State Assembly District representative. Scott Kamena has officially launched his campaign. Kamena, a Republican, filed in August and started raising funds in early September. To date, Kamena reports that he has raised over \$110,000. The money would be used for the 2008 primary race.

Houston will reach his term limit in November 2008. The 15th Assembly District is the last partisan seat held by a Republican in the Bay Area. The Republicans hold a 2 percent registration margin over Democrats in the district that includes portions of Alameda, Contra Costa, Sacramento and San Joaquin counties. Livermore, Danville, San Ramon, and Alamo are part of the district as are portions of Pleasanton, Walnut Creek, Stockton, Galt and Elk Grove.

Kamena currently serves on the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors, last year as its chairman. He would have two years remaining on his term. Kamena said he would resign from the board if elected to the assembly.

His main issue is education. "I feel all of our problems boil down to a large segment of the population unable to take care of themselves," he stated. He would provide some basic vocational training that involves computer use that businesses want, offer additional electives that would lead people to be able to take jobs, and support community colleges in efforts to provide 2-year degrees that lead to jobs.

A second Republican, Robert Rao of Livermore, has also formed a campaign committee. He reports that he has \$119,000 collected for his run.

Rao has never held political office. "I'm coming from left field into the political arena," he declared. He has been a self-em-

ployed businessman for 30 years as the CEO of new car dealerships.

As to why he is running, Rao explained that he has been in business for thirty years and during that time sent millions of dollars to deal with traffic, education, health care, housing and the budget.

"We have bumper-to-bumper traffic; we are rated 46th or 48th in education depending on which poll you read; there are 6 million Californians without health care; my kids can't afford to buy a home; and there is a budget crisis each year. I don't want to send any more money, I want to send myself to Sacramento," according to Rao.

Other names that have been mentioned as potential Republican candidates are Supervisor Scott Haggerty, San Ramon Abram Wilson, and Pleasanton software business owner Judy Biviano Lloyd. Haggerty and Wilson appear the least likely to run.

On the Democratic side, Livermore resident Chris Van Schaack is definitely running. He is in the process of organizing a committee.

Van Schaack has been the principal at Granada High School for the last three years. He has been in education for almost twenty years, nine and a half as a teacher and ten as an administrator. One of the reasons he is running he said, "I really think I can be a great deal of assistance when it comes to education reform."

For now, his major focus is raising money. Van Schaack says he has collected \$40,000. He anticipates he will need to raise between \$250,000 and \$400,000 for the primary campaign.

Other Democratic candidates talked about as potential candidates include Terry Coleman, who ran against Guy Houston in the last election; and Stevan Thomas, who ran unsuccessfully in the primary last year.

HOPE

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opmentally disabled people more than 50 years ago in a one-room schoolhouse in San Jose.

Bouchard, who has lived in Pleasanton for the past eight years with her husband, David, has worked for Hope Services for 25 years.

In coming to Livermore, Hope Services has taken over an existing non-profit organization, AID (Advancement and Independence for the Disabled).

"AID will continue as a subset of Hope Services," said John Lafferty, a veteran of AID, who became a supervisor for Hope Services in the new arrangement.

AID specializes in building housing for disabled people. It has erected 12 units around Livermore, catching some public attention because of the use of

straw-bale wall construction. This feature provides better heat insulation and noise-silencing than other methods.

Lafferty supervises the Library Cafe at the Livermore library, which is the for-profit venture that pays for the housing construction. The cafe will continue to operate.

Bouchard said that Hopes Services "will probably approach (the cafe) in the same way (as AID did). However, we believe strongly that everything we do should have someone with disability employed. We'll look for one or two trainees to work there." The jobs would be tailored to the workers' ability. All of the current staff would keep their jobs, explained Bouchard.

LAST 6 MONTHS

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a memorandum of understanding about establishing a noise baseline, the use of information gathered during monitoring, and a plan to work on various issues raised by Pleasanton regarding operations at the airport.

The battle over Cedar Grove Church's application to build in South Livermore was characterized as a land use issue by some and a religious use issue by others. The Alameda County Planning Commission again delayed a decision on the issue.

Zone 7 Water Agency's stream management plan included both habitat and recreation elements. The new plan emphasized minimizing erosion and sedimentation and reducing peak storm flows.

Tobias Brink was selected to serve as the new CEO of the Tri-Valley Business Council. He would replace Tom O'Malley, who had served as CEO since the council's inception in 1994. Ken Mercer replaced Phil Wentz as president of the Business Council.

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District made a formal request to purchase a 13-acre school site from the Livermore School District. The land is adjacent to Robertson Park and could potentially be used to provide additional sports fields along with neighborhood park amenities.

The Livermore School District launched a study to update district plans. Areas to be investigated included school size and education issues, a third high school, and a visioning process.

SEPTEMBER 2006

The Pleasanton City Council approved purchase of the Memorial Gardens Cemetery. The cost was \$1. Councilmember Cindy McGovern was opposed to the purchase, stating that the city should not be in the funeral business. The city planned to partner with Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services for funeral, burial and cremation services.

The Bothwell Arts Center opened, providing a place for the arts to grow in Livermore.

The Pleasanton School District placed 11th among unified school districts in California on results from the 2006 API tests.

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District approved a proposal to cover the equestrian show arena at Robertson Park.

Pleasanton Police Chief Tim Neal announced plans to retire by year's end.

Traffic congestion and lack of affordable housing were the two main issues raised during the first debate involving candidates for Pleasanton mayor and city council. Mayoral candidates were Steve Brozosky and incumbent Jennifer Hosterman. Running for council were challengers Brian Arkin, Cheryl Cook-Kallio and Dan Faustina, and incumbent Jerry Thorne.

Following a discussion on council rules and operating procedures, the Pleasanton City Council made no changes. Councilmember Steve Brozosky asked that the rules be reviewed. His request was related to Mayor Jennifer Hosterman's travels to various meetings and activities related to peace and environmental issues.

Residents on Mines Road raised concerns about the commercialization of the rural area. An events center had opened without first obtaining a permit. A permit was eventually approved by the East County Board of Zoning Adjustments. However, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors overturned the decision.

Trader Joe's, Kohl's Department Store, a "mega" Toyota dealership and a Super Wal-Mart were said to be in the works for Livermore.

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce celebrated its 60th anniversary.

The Board of Directors of the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation pledged \$1 million towards the Firehouse Arts Center.

Lon Goldstein was named executive director of the Livermore Valley Charter School.

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty endorsed Steve Brozosky for mayor of Pleasanton. The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce endorsed Cheryl Cook-Kallio and Jerry Thorne for city council, but declined to endorse a candidate for mayor.

Concannon Vineyard received approval to build a bottling plant on its property on Tesla Road in Livermore. Cedar Grove Church had appealed the approval. However, no church representative appeared.

The Livermore School Board found itself in an unusual position with surplus money to spend. The budget included about \$2 million more than projected.

A study predicted that enrollment in Livermore schools could drop by 15 percent by the year 2014.

Plans to bring in a fixed base operator (FBO) at the Livermore Airport drew opposition from neighbors of the airport. They claimed that it would increase jet traffic at the airport, which would increase noise.

Granada High School's first graduating class celebrated its 40th reunion.

The University of California and Bechtel National announced plans to team up to bid for the management contract for the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. UC has managed the Lab during its 54 years of existence.

Fenestra Winery celebrated its 30th anniversary.

OCTOBER 2006

The Alameda County Planning Commission turned down an application by Cedar Grove Community Church to build on a site in South Livermore. The vote was 5 to 2. The commissioners said that the proposal was too large and did not meet county policy and zoning regulations for the South Livermore Area. It did not enhance or promote cultivated agriculture, as required by Alameda County's Measure D.

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Venter kicked off its first annual membership campaign, exceeding its goal to raise \$70,000 by \$50,000.

Jim Ott was selected chairman of the Las Positas College Foundation.

Pleasanton Poet Laureate Cynthia Bryant launched a project that called for American poets to write poems to the people of Iraq. The poems are to be translated, published and sent to Iraq.

Pleasanton City Councilmember and mayoral candidate Steve Brozosky reported collecting \$34,657, well ahead of the \$12,798 raised by incumbent Jennifer Hosterman. Jerry Thorne topped council candidates in fund-raising with \$14,155.

The City of Livermore received a \$1.2 million grant to construct a pedestrian connection from Livermore Village, in the old Lucky Center, to the downtown transit center.

Polls showed that the race between Democrat Jerry McNeerney and incumbent Republican Richard Pombo for the 11th Congressional District seat was too close to call.

Actor Ed Asner was selected to receive a lifetime achievement award from the California Independent Film Festival.

The Livermore Valley Charter School announced plans to open an academy for grades 8 and 9 and a preparatory school for grades 10 through 12.

Urban Habitat, a regional environmental justice organization, filed a lawsuit challenging policies and practices by the City of Pleasanton they said excluded housing for lower income families. Among those policies were the housing cap that limits the number of homes to 29,000, the failure to rezone land for affordable housing, and the growth management program that restricts building permits to 350 per year.

The Pleasanton City Council approved granting \$200,000 of its share of the Altamont Landfill Open Space fund to the East Bay Regional Park District as part of the purchase price of a 103 acre property on the ridgelines.

The Ninth Circuit Court ruled inadequate a Department of Energy environmental study for plans to operate a Biosafety Level-3 facility at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. The court remanded the review back to DOE for further analysis on terrorists risks and possibly a new environmental impact statement. Among those who brought the lawsuit was Tri-Valley CARES.

Susan Cota, Chancellor of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, announced plans to retire effect August 2007.

Scientists at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory announced the discovery of a new superheavy element: element 118.

Pleasanton's mayoral campaign heated up with countercharges aimed at discrediting the opposition. Mayor Jennifer Hosterman was charged with using her city email account to solicit campaign donations and endorsements. Her emails were sent to Alameda County District Attorney Tom Orloff for an opinion as to whether her use could be considered a serious violation. Councilmember Steve Brozosky was accused of using his position to promote his software, resulting in financial gain and possible conflict of interest. He responded that he had always made sure his business and council activities were kept separate.

The Pleasanton City Council approved a development on the westside of Foothill Road that added 22 acres of open space to the Alviso Adobe Park.

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District and the Livermore Valley Charter School reached an agreement to extend the lease for the park district's Friendship Center. The two share the Sonoma School site. The charter school is expanding and wants full use of the school. The park district has launched a search for a new location. In the meantime, the adult day care will remain at the Sonoma School.

Bob Bronzan, former deputy superintendent of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, was selected top business services administrator by the Association of School Administrators. Bronzan retired earlier in the year.

The Pleasanton City Council voted to increase their pay from \$500 to \$700 per month for councilmembers and \$600 to \$800 for the mayor. In addition, a \$200 per month car allowance was approved.

Tri-Valley CARES, New College of California, Nuclear Watch of New Mexico, and WindMiller Energy formed a limited liability company in order to bid for the management contract of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

NOVEMBER 2006 Pleasanton mayoral candidate Steve Brozosky set a record for

campaign donations, bringing in \$63,363. His opponent, incumbent Jennifer Hosterman, reported \$22,415 in donations.

A development plan for the old Lucky site in downtown Livermore was approved that included 281 residential units, commercial space and artist facilities, including live-work spaces.

Three bids were submitted for the contract to manage the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Bidders included a team called National Security Technologies LLC, involving Northrop Grumman, Nuclear Fuel Services, CH2M Hill, and AECOM. The University of California and Bechtel National along with BWX Technologies Inc., Battelle and Washington Group International comprised a second team. A third group, called Livermore Lab Green LLC, was made up of Tri-Valley CARES, New College of California, Nuclear Watch of New Mexico, and WindMiller Energy.

The Pleasanton School Board offered input on future growth in the city. The board let it be known that it preferred a dispersed growth pattern.

Brian Ladd, a social science teacher at Amador Valley High School, was selected as one of two 2006-2007 Alameda County Teachers of the Year. The other was from Castro Valley.

Livermore governing bodies heard a presentation on a character counts program being considered for implementation in the city. A subcommittee comprised of two representatives each from the park district, school district and city was established to make a recommendation on whether to proceed with the program.

Las Positas College men's and women's basketball teams played the first intercollegiate games at "The Nest," the new gymnasium on the Livermore campus.

The Pleasanton City Council rescinded its recent pay raise after it was determined the discussion leading up to a vote on the raise had been conducted in violation of the Brown Act. The discussion took place in closed session.

It was found that records of emails belonging to Councilmember Steve Brozosky, a mayoral candidate, were missing. Brozosky explained that he, with the help of the city, had set up a system that automatically transferred his emails from the city's computers to his own computer. At the same time the emails were removed from the city's system.

Jennifer Hosterman was re-elected Mayor of Pleasanton. The final margin of 179 votes was reached two weeks after election day as election officials counted absentee and provisional ballots. Incumbent Jerry Thorne and newcomer Cheryl Cook-Kallio were elected to the Pleasanton City Council. Pleasanton voters also endorsed a plan for the Bernal property. Incumbents Anne White and Bill Dunlop and newcomer Katherine Runyon were elected to the Livermore School Board. Democrat Jerry McNeerney defeated incumbent Republican Richard Pombo for the 11th Congressional District seat. Democrat Ellen Tauscher retained her 10th Congressional District seat. Guy Houston (R) was reelected to the 15th State Assembly seat; Mary Hayashi (D) defeated Jill Buck (R) in the 18th Assembly District race; Ellen Corbett easily won election to the 10th State Senate seat. Ayn Wieskamp was re-elected to the East Bay Regional Park District Board. Graham Barnes and Guineeth Van Dyke were reelected to the Sunol Glen School Board.

The Livermore City Council directed staff to return with ordinances banning superstores and medical marijuana dispensaries in the city.

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District agreed to take over operation of the climbing gym at Sunrise Mountain Sports.

The Foothill High School football team went undefeated in league play and advanced to the finals of the North Coast Section 4-A playoffs where they were defeated by De La Salle High School.

The Pleasanton Mayor's Award was given to the entire Assisted Living Facility Subcommittee for its work in making the facility a reality. Subcommittee members were Barbara Hemphill, Harvey Kameny, Marty Kameny, Pat Lane, Joanne Olsen, and Christine Steiner.

Planning moved forward on the Alamo Canal Trail Connection that would provide a link between Pleasanton and Dublin under I-580.

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District board approved plans for the park adjacent to the Bothwell Arts Center that included removal of the softball field. The board added a condition that the field would not be removed until a replacement field was established. The condition was included in response to concerns voiced by girls softball league representatives about the lack of playing fields.

The Wine Country Mural on the Strizzi's restaurant wall in downtown Livermore was dedicated. The mural was the idea of artist Diane Taasevigen, who died before it was completed.

A survey of Valley teens found DUI to be the top concern. Other concerns were lack of counselors to help students with personal issues, and access to help on reproductive issues.

Dale Myers, Zone 7 Water Dis-

trict general manager, announced his retirement.

Livermore High School students Melissa Gutierrez, Heather McLean and Lauren Swift received Achievement Awards for Writing from the National Council of Teachers of English.

Pleasanton Middle School students organized a districtwide effort, "Operation Hope," aimed at providing toys, blankets, clothing and hot meals to the needy.

The Livermore City Council voted to retain on-call trash clean-ups. The council had considered returning to the previous system that provided four pre-scheduled cleanups during the year.

Livermore native Rod Cortez was appointed to a judgeship in the San Bernardino County Superior Court by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

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A cemetery complex in North Livermore was approved by the Alameda County Planning Commission with the condition that a sustainable water supply could be identified. Friends of Livermore and the City of Livermore appealed the decision to the Board of Supervisors. The appeal was based on several factors. One was the belief that the issues of water quality and quantity were not addressed. Other issues were the inconsistency with ECAP and Alameda County's Measure D policies. The proposed mortuary and mausoleum cannot fit inside the required 2-acre building envelope. A third house is proposed where only two are allowed.

It was announced that the annual Pleasanton Rose Show would be revived following a two year absence. Alain Pined Realty initiated the revival in partnership with the City of Pleasanton and Alliance Title.

A permit to hold rocket launches at Robertson Park was extended by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District board to allow time for the Livermore Unit National Association of Rocketry (LUNAR) to find a new location.

The Livermore School Board delayed a vote on petitions for two new charter schools, one an academy for grades 8 and 9 and the other a preparatory school for grades 10 to 12. The Livermore Valley Charter School decided to withdraw the petitions to address issues raised by the school district. One of the primary concerns of the school district was bringing the number of socio-economically disadvantaged students in line with the District's demographics. Another condition was inclusion of a viable plan that meaningfully attempts to recruit socio-economically disadvantaged students. Another issue for the District was the LVCS student discipline policy.

A new 10-screen Livermore Cinemas opened in downtown Livermore.

Losing Pleasanton mayoral candidate Steve Brozosky said he would not ask for a recount in the closely contested race.

Fund-raising for a Catholic high school planned for Livermore was put on the slow track while the Diocese of Oakland concentrated on building a new cathedral.

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center selected Len Alexander as its first full-time CEO. Alexander had been serving as interim director.

The Livermore City Council approved study of plans presented by the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center to purchase land for a planned 1800-seat performing arts theater. The site is at the corner of So. Livermore Avenue and First Street.

Livermore backed off on a plan to ban medical marijuana dispensaries in the city. The council asked for staff to look into successful programs in other cities.

The Vine Cinema in Livermore celebrated its 50th anniversary.

Concerns were raised by trail advocate Dolores Bengtson about access to 497 acres of open space in the Oak Grove project. She noted that the project includes only a regional trail segment and no staging area. The city's Trails Master Plan was not taken into consideration.

Steve Pulido resigned from the Pleasanton School Board after it was announced that he had been appointed to the Alameda County Superior Court bench. The school board voted to appoint his successor.

The California Independent Film Festival would move from October to April. The dates are April 19-22 in Livermore.

The Livermore City Council approved an ordinance that will require all new private property construction to meet green building standards starting January 1, 2008.

The Tri-Valley would be the location of the region's first toll lane. It is to be constructed along a 14-mile stretch on southbound I-680 from Pleasanton to Milpitas. The lane is projected to ease congestion by allowing single driver cars into the car pool lane for a fee.

The Pleasanton City Council approved a new events center, wine tasting facility and wine making area in Ruby Hill.

New restrooms were opened in Delucchi Park in downtown Pleasanton.

Zone 7 Water Agency selected a new general manager. Jill Duerig replaced Dale Myers who is retiring. Duerig was the current assistant general manager in charge of engineering for the agency.

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SPORTS NOTES

New Football League Taking Signups

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

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

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

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

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

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

Amador Alumni Sweep

For the 2nd year in a row Amador swept the Women's and Men's Alumni Soccer Games. The Amador Women won 5-1 and the Amador Men won on penalty kicks (4-3) after regulation ended tied 2-2.

Scoring for the Lady Dons were Beverly Mayer (2004, 3 goals), Kaitlyn McDonald (2000) and Julie Solano (1993). Valerie Mayer (2002), Ashley Kenitzer and McDonald added the assists. Kim Patrick (1999) scored the lone goal for Foothill. Amador goalie Erin Murray (2004) had 8 saves.

Brian Cox (2000) and Tim Foley (2000) scored for the Amador Men while Kyle Crain (2006) had 2 goals for Foothill. Nick Winslow assisted on the Cox goal. Boomer Cruz (2006) assisted on one of the Crain goals. Rob Flores (1996) was outstanding in goal for the winners. Brad Googins (1987) was also superb in goal for Foothill.

BUSC and Rage provided the halftime entertainment. BUSC U12 boys played the Rage U13 girls during the half of the Women's game and BUSC U11 boys played the Rage U12 girls during the half of the Men's game. The scores were 0-0 and 1-0 respectively.

Eighty players from the 70's, 80's, 90's and 00's played in this year's games, which alternate between the fields at Amador and Foothill High schools. (This year the games were at Amador) Volunteers and coaches from each school help organize the event. They staff the snackbar, announce the game and handle tickets. Pleasanton Referees Association officiate the games. The youth players acted as ball girls and boys.

\$4500 was raised this year with the proceeds going to the Soccer programs at each school. Through 4 years over \$25,000 has been raised. All-Star Sports provided the jerseys and Hopyard Brewery donated funds from earnings made at the post game gathering.

Ryan Gordon was a 2003 graduate of Foothill High School. He was killed in a boating accident shortly after graduating. He played soccer at Foothill for 4 years and was planning on attending Santa Barbara City College where he planned to continue playing soccer. The original Alumni Game was organized to fund a scholarship that benefits a graduating member of the Foothill women's or men's soccer team who aspires to play soccer in college. Past scholarship winners are playing at Oregon State, Harvard, USC and Oregon. Since the 1st year all proceeds from the games go directly to the soccer programs at the 2 high schools.

Track and Field Signup

St. Michael's/St. Charles CYO Track and Field Team is taking signups on Tues., Jan. 9 and Mon., Jan. 22 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the St. Michael's Church Parish Hall, corner of Maple and 3rd streets, Livermore. Questions, call Jim Stafford at 989-4795.

Baseball Camp

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

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

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

Freshman Play Well

The Amador Valley girl's freshman basketball team played in a pre-season Junior Varsity Tournament at Freedom High School in Oakley. The teams in the tournament were some of the top teams in the area. Amador Valley was without the high scoring Britanna Bloom and the rebounding of Kelsey Martin.

Amador opened up with an unbeaten Liberty High School. Liberty's height was too much for Amador. Amador played tough and battled throughout the game losing 52-22. Courtney Wagner led Amador with nine points. Chelsea Luther tossed in five points. Haley Douglas added four points, and Emily Pease and Jessica Infald scored two each.

The Don's faced College Park in the second round. College Park was tall and fast. College Park beat Amador 54-23. Luther led the way with ten points. Pauline Rosa played an outstanding game scoring a season high six points. Infald dropped in four points and produced steals in the trap. Pease and Douglas helped control the boards in the loss.

In Amador's final game of the tournament, they beat Jesse Bethel 52-23. Haley Douglas scored a game high 14 points while Emily Pease dropped in ten. Not only did Pease and Douglas score 24 points inside, they dominated the rebounding effort for the Dons. The Dons front court pressure was consistent the whole game with Luther (nine points), Rosa (seven points), and Infald (eight points). Although Wagner only scored two points, she led the Dons offensive attack and had seven assists. Britanna Randall made her scoring debut as well, adding two points.



Aftershocker band members are (from left) Chris Choate, Dave Marchand, Matt Cooley, Dylan Haas, Ralph Walter Patterson III, Josh Rau.

Band Features Own Music

Local band, Aftershocker, performs at The Blue Bar in downtown Livermore on January 13 at 10 p.m.

The band formed in Davis 3 years ago as a classic rock cover band. However, band members soon found that their own compositions were more entertaining than the covers. Originally the band was comprised of Dylan Haas (back up vocals, rhythm guitar), Matt Cooley (lead vocals), Josh Rau (accordion, harmonica, keyboard, sax), and Ralph Walter Patterson III (drums). Last year Aftershocker added Chris Choate (bass) and Dave Marchand (lead guitar).

Aftershocker has recorded a five song EP and has over 23 original songs in its repertoire. The group still performs standard rock-n-roll tunes, as well. Aftershocker will release their full length album: "Born to Rock," in February.

Aftershocker performs at 10 p.m.

Annual Crab Feed

The 2nd Annual Livermore Girls Softball Association Crab Feed fundraiser will be held on Saturday, February 3 from 6:30-11 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore. Tickets are on sale at Groh Bros. Chevrolet, 59 South L Street, Livermore for \$30 each, and tables of eight can still be purchased. Not only will crab lovers get their fill on some of the best crab around (and all you can eat of it!), but we will also have fresh French bread, Caesar salad and pasta too! For more information please contact Robin Groh at (925) 447-3190.

Lacrosse Coaches

Boys' and Girls' Lacrosse Coaches Wanted: Granada High School is looking for coaches with college or high school experience to head up the lacrosse varsity and JV Boys' teams. Also needed are Girls' JV coach and assistant coaches who have an interest in becoming head coach next year. The teams are a mix of experienced and new players that are very enthusiastic about the sport and very supportive parents who are volunteering to help and be assistant coaches. The home field is an all weather turf field with excellent lighting for practice and games at night. Compensation is available for Varsity and JV head coaches. The goal is to create a quality organization that will build a solid Lacrosse program for both boys and girls at Granada.

If interested please contact the following:
Boys coaching position - Contact: Dennis Strouse, stroudd@aol.com, or 925-883-8746 cell 925-371-8746 home.

Girls coaching position - Contact: Stu Brokowsky, sbrokowsky@mindspring.com, or 925-484-4303

CYO Basketball

The 4th grade boys St. Michael's/St. Charles (SM/SC) 418 team played a great game against Catholic Community of Pleasanton (CCOP) in Pleasanton in CYO basketball action. The SM/SC team had a season high 24 points and lost by just 6 in the final two minutes of play. Alex Cupps led SM/SC shooters with 12 points. Brett Allen, Jordan Dowd and Troy Simplings each scored 4 apiece. Troy Simplings also played outstanding defense in what is thus far SM/SC 418's best game of the year.

The 4th grade boys SM/SC 418 team scored 12 points in their final pre-holiday break game against St. Joan of Arc. Brett Allen and Jordan Dowd led the team with 4 points each. Jacob Huff and Alex Cupps had 2 apiece. David Thompson stood out with excellent defense.

Livermore SM/SC Holiday Classic Tournament Play

SM/SC #418 played three tough games in the holiday classic tournament this week. In the first game vs. St. Raymond's, SM/SC had a great first half scoring 8 points and holding St. Raymond's to 10. The second half SM/SC again scored 8 points however the St. Raymond's offense caught fire and scored 18 points. SM/SC was led by Alex Cupps (6), Brett Allen (4), Jordan Dowd (2), Zack Kline (2) and Blake Richards (2). Andrew Dawson played excellent defense and pulled down 5 rebounds.

In SM/SC 418's second game vs. the Woll SM/SC team, 418 was again quite tough in the first half, with the score tied at 14 apiece going into the second half. The Woll crew led by the hot shooting and ferocious defense of Nolan Parker, scored 16 points in the second half to overpower SM/SC 418's four second half points. Jordan Dowd delivered excellent 6 for 11 shooting performance (12). Alex Cupps (4) and Brett Allen (2) contributed the remaining baskets. Blake Richards offensive screens stood out as did Zack Kline's defense.

SM/SC lost the final game of the tournament 22-13. The first half was again a fine defensive showing holding their opponents to just 8 points. Andrew Dawson (2), Alex Cupps (5) Jordan Dowd (4) and Brett Allen (2) all scored for SM/SC 418. Brett Allen rebounded well and played tough defense.

Girls Softball Registration

2007 Registration for all Pleasanton Phantom divisions is now open. Phantom softball is open to girls in grades K-12 living in Pleasanton, Dublin and Sunol. Registration can be made online or mail-in. Registration forms are available on line or you may request one by mailing to PGSL, P.O. Box 911, Pleasanton, CA 94566. Return the registration to the same address. See the PGSL web site for additional information www.pleasantonsoftball.org or contact Dalice Godwin at ponyperf@comcast.net or 462-5608.

Softball 18U Travel Team

Tryouts for the 2007 18U 'A' Pleasanton Girls Softball summer travel team will be held on January 7, 2007 at the California High School varsity softball fields, 9870 Broadmoor Dr. San Ramon. Tryouts begin 12 noon. All girls from the Bay Area are welcome to tryout.

See the PGSL web site for additional information www.pleasantonsoftball.org or contact Louie Greco at sicicala51351@comcast.net or 828-1861.

Auditions Open for Youth Music Festival

City of Pleasanton Civic Arts will hold auditions for its Fifth Annual Youth Music Festival on January 25 and 30, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Amador Theater 1155 Santa Rita Road (on the Amador Valley High School campus) in Pleasanton.

Solo vocalists, instrumentalists, and vocal and instrumental ensembles under the age of 18 are welcome to audition. Rock bands are not included in the Festival. The Festival performance will take place at the Amador Theater on February 23, 2007.

"This year, we have scheduled two full evenings of audi-

tions to accommodate the large number of enthusiastic, talented youth in our area," says Senior Recreation Program Specialist Mark Duncanson. "We especially encourage vocal and instrumental ensembles to audition and we'd love to have nontraditional acts or youth with unique expressions of their talent."

Auditions will be held by appointment only. Interested youth should contact Mark Duncanson at mduncanson@ci.pleasanton.ca.us or (925) 931-3481. Email is preferred and the following information is required: Name of youth performer(s) and name of En-

semble (if applicable); Age of youth performer(s) at the time of performance (February 23, 2007); Youth's talent (vocalist, instrumentalist, or both, instrument played, etc.); Song to be performed (must be same song they will perform at the show if chosen); Original Composer/Writer of song; Residence city of youth performer; and Name and phone # of adult contact.

Due to the high volume of audition requests, those providing incomplete information will not be considered for the audition process and will not be called back if their information is complete.

East Meets West in New Art Exhibit

"East Meets West" is the theme of a new exhibit now on display in the Livermore Library Civic Center Gallery.

A reception for the artists will be held on Saturday, January 6, 2007 from 1-3:30 p.m. at the Livermore Library Civic Center Gallery, 1188 So. Livermore Avenue. All are invited to come and meet the artists.

Organizer Lily Xu approached eight local and international artists with the intention of increasing multicultural awareness and enriching our cultural life. "I have discovered that art is one of the best mediums to achieve my goal of promoting Asian art and culture,"

says Lily. To this end, she chose several artists who will be exhibiting traditional and contemporary works from eastern and western influence.

Traditional Chinese painting has been evolving for over two thousand years, says Xu. The fundamental approach, techniques, and materials are different from Western painting. "Most important is to realize that traditional Chinese painting does not depend on technique alone. It is part of a 3000 year-old culture in which painting is intimately linked with the art of calligraphy, poetry, religion, and music. You need to know about these to achieve success."

The show has become more culturally diverse than originally conceived, as two of the artists representing the west hail from origins in other countries - Bettie Goozman from South Africa, and Edmee Keele, from South America. Other artists include Linda Ryan, Amy Leung, Zhi Ping Zhang, Bao Chun Li, and Xiao Ming Fan. Lily Xu will also be exhibiting.

"Lily's the perfect person to organize such a show," says local abstract figurative artist Linda Ryan, who will exhibit her work. "She works fluently in both western and eastern techniques, and has a unique perspective to offer."

The exhibit will run through January 31, 2007. For more information, call Lily Xu at 925-980-1005.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

Livermore Art Association Gallery Show, opening January 13: Humanity! Figurative, portraiture, people old and young. Gallery in Carnegie Bldg., 3rd Street between J and K Streets, Livermore. Open Wed.-Sun. 11:30 to 4 p.m. Information, 449-9927.

Auditions, Valley Concert Choral, by appointment for experienced singers interested in singing with the chorus on Monday, January 15 and Monday, January 29, 2007 in Livermore. If you have sight reading skills and enjoy singing exciting and challenging music, call 925-462-4205 to schedule an appointment. For more information, visit www.valleyconcertchorale.org.

Open casting calls: "The Amazing Race," January 6th 10am - 2pm by CBS 5 (KPIX), Metro PCS, 3963 Stevens Creek Blvd., Santa Clara. Public info: 415 765 8788. www.cbs5.com. Survivor: January 20th 10am - 2pm by CBS 5 for Survivor CBS 5 (KPIX) at Metro PCS, 900 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco. Public info: 415 765 8788. www.cbs5.com.

Livermore Art Association/Pleasanton Art League, meeting Mon., Jan. 15, 7:30 p.m. Cultural Arts Bldg., 4455 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Gloria K. Alford will present a slide show featuring a 40 year evolution of a mixed media artist. No admission charge.

Concerto Competition, Prometheus Symphony Orchestra for Bay Area string, wind and percussion players age 18 or younger. Competition is Tues., Jan. 30, 2007 at Zion Lutheran Church, Piedmont. The winner will perform with the orchestra on Sun., March 25, 2007 and will receive a \$150 award. Application deadline is Jan. 20, 2007. Applications are available by calling 447-3659 or on-line at www.prometheussymphony.org.

Ravenswood Poetry Series, Jan. 7, 2 to 4 p.m. presented by Livermore Poet Laureate Connie Post, Ravenswood Historic Site, 2647 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Featured readers Armand Brint, Theresa Whithall.

Open Mic will take place after a short break around 3 p.m. Light Refreshments will be served. \$5.00 admission fee

Folksinger John McCutcheon performs at St. James' Episcopal Church on Monday, January 15, at 7:30 p.m. The all-ages performance will feature his unique approach folk music and mastery of many instruments, including the hammer dulcimer. General admission tickets are on sale now for \$20, \$15 for children under age 12. Children under age 5 are admitted free of charge. A limited number of higher priced tickets may be available at the door. For ticket information, call the St. James' office at 510-797-1492 or visit www.saintj.com. St. James' Episcopal Church: 37051 Cabrillo Terrace (at Thornton), Fremont.

Poet's Showcase, Hosted by Pleasanton's Poet Laureate Cynthia L. Bryant on Thursday, January 25th 7:30pm Towne Center Books, 555 Main Street, Pleasanton in honor of Charlene Villella, Pleasanton's first poet laureate. No fee, light refreshments.

History Talk, Livermore Heritage Guild, Wed., Jan. 10, 7:30 p.m. at the Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Jack London in Livermore presented by Marie Abbott. She will talk about his childhood days in Livermore and his successful writing career later in life. \$2 suggested donation. Light refreshments provided.

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

Dublin Winter Concert Series, Sat., Jan. 13, 7 p.m. Michael McNevin, accomplished folk music guitarist and storyteller whose songs read like

short stories. Old St. Raymond's Church, 6600 Donlon Way, Dublin. Tickets at the door, \$10 adults, \$5 youth 12 and under. Light refreshments available. Information, call the City of Dublin, 833-6645.

Authors and Arts Program Series, Jan. 18, 7 p.m. author Chef, PBS star Joanne Weir, "Weir Cooking in the City." Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Free admission. Friends of the Livermore Library. Information, 373-5505.

Incorruptible, by Michael Hollinger, performances Jan. 19-Feb. 10. Role Players Ensemble Theatre. Village Theatre, 233 Front St., Danville. For tickets and show times, call 314-3400.

Killer Laughs Comedy Competition, starting Tues., Jan. 30, Tommy T's Comedy and Steakhouse, 5104 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton; info 227-1800. Each show will feature a special guest comedian after the competition. Presented by Laugh-A-Lot Productions Presents. Dates for preliminary rounds: Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27; March 6, 1; semi finals: March 20, 27; finals: April 3 featuring nine comics. All shows start 8 p.m.; doors open 6 p.m. \$7 cover plus two item minimum. For More Information Call (925) 264-4413 or john@laughalotproductions.com.

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OBITUARIES

Cynthia Mae Grant-Desch

Cynthia Mae Grant-Desch died December 27, 2006 in Pleasanton. She was 47.

The Oakland, CA native had lived in Livermore for the past six years, moving here from Windom, TX. She worked as an accountant for a construction company. She sometimes attended the Crosswinds Church in Dublin. Cindy has been described as a one-of-a-kind loving woman.

She is survived by her significant other Gary Desch, daughter Michelle Fouse of Texas, stepdaughters Jennifer Desch and Andrea Desch, both of Livermore; son TJ Grant of Livermore, stepson Brian Desch of Livermore, sisters Peggy Ann Wilbur of California, Jacqueline Renee Davis and Donna Rae Minter, both of Texas, her father and stepmother Donald and Nina Lee, mother and stepfather Patsy and Harry Sullivan, and eight grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held December 29 in Livermore.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Charles E. Wilder, Maj. (Ret) USAF

Charles Wilder passed away at the age of 85 on April 21, 2006 in Livermore, CA. He succumbed to complications of emphysema due to his 70 year love of smoking. Parkinson's was also a contributor to his passing. Charles passed while still plying his charm and good humor to his

nurses.

He served his country during WWII in Europe and later in Korea as a member of the Army and USAF.

Mr. Wilder is survived by his only son Joe who was at his bedside along with other family members.

After retiring from the Air Force he worked in the communications industry and Civil Service at the Washington Naval Yards and later at Gunter/Maxwell AFB in Montgomery AL. Charles was loved and admired by those who knew him for being patient, generous, and tolerant of others while always being a well dressed gentleman. He will meet his wife Caroline, who passed in 2004, at the 19th hole in Springfield, MA. Charles was a member of the Masonic Lodge 889 and Alcazar Shriners in Montgomery, Al. The family requests anyone wishing to send flowers instead send contributions to the Shriners Hospital for children in his memory at www.donate2shc.org.

John W. Simon

John W. Simon passed away on December 27, 2007 at the age of 88 in San Jose.

He made Livermore his home in 1936 when he moved to Livermore from Marion, Ill with his father at the age of 16. He was the former owner of Simon's Barber Shop in Livermore, from 1949 to 1996, when he retired at the age of 77. He graduated from Livermore High School in 1939

and was married to the former Dorothy Mack of Livermore. John served in the United States Navy during World War II, 1944-45, on the U.S.S. Medusa, the largest repair ship that accompanied the Asian Fleet in the South Pacific Ocean. He was a past member of the Livermore Masonic Lodge and Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Livermore.

He was the father of Margery Atkinson of San Jose, Carol Ford (Tim) of Elko, NV, Mary Ludwig of Livermore and Tom Simon (Gail) of Reno, NV, grandfather of Jeanne Schow (Rick) Morgan Hill, Diane Elner of San Jose, Dirk Walker (Paula) of San Jose, Cynthia Rowe (Sean) of Reno, NV, Renae Ludwig and Kyle Ludwig of Livermore, great grandfather of Kristy and Brenden Schow of Morgan Hill and Nathaniel Martinez of Livermore.

Funeral services were held December 30 in Livermore. Burial was at Roselawn Cemetery in Livermore.

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Edgar Eichhorn

Edgar Eichhorn died December 26, 2006 in Tracy. He was 73.

The native of Spokane, Washington had lived in Tracy for 7 years. Prior to that he had lived in Livermore for 30 years. He went through the ROTC program and became a 1st Lieutenant in the Army beginning in 1955 for two years. He graduated from Gonzaga University with a BS in

chemical engineering and worked as an engineer for Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical in Pleasanton, retiring after 39 years. He was a loving servant to God, family, community and county.

His hobbies included fishing, traveling, and golfing. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend with an unforgettable smile. He was active in the Knights of Columbus both in Livermore and Tracy, SIRS Club of Livermore and Golden Friends of Livermore. His faith was very important to him and he was a member of both St. Michael's Catholic Church, Livermore, and St. Bernard's Catholic Church, Tracy.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Ruth Eichhorn, daughters and sons-in-law Connie and Alan Gazaway of San Jose, Mary and Rob Costa of Tracy and Jenni and Ted Bettger of Tracy; sons and daughters-in-law Bill and Denise Eichhorn of Ripon and John and Anne-Marie Eichhorn of San Jose, and ten grandchildren.

Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated January 3 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Livermore. Private burial followed.

Memorials may be made to St. Michael's Golden Friends or St. Michael's Building Foundation, 458 Maple St., Livermore, CA 94550.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Joyce Friesen

Joyce Friesen lost her battle with cancer on December 26, 2007 at Kaiser in Fremont. She was 66.

The Oakland, CA native had lived in Livermore for 44 years. "Mom" spent most of her adult life as a devoted homemaker. She was an active participant in her children's education, working as PTA officer throughout their lives. She was active in the Valley's gem and mineral club, the Livermore Lithophiles and was treasurer and/or secretary of the club many times over. Joyce was an avid camper, loved to travel the country in her motorhome with her husband.

She worked as a bookkeeper for the Livermore Chamber of Commerce for about ten years, retiring in 1993. She hosted five exchange students from foreign countries.

She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Richard Friesen; daughter Donna Smith of Hopewell, NJ; son Jerry Friesen of Livermore, a sister, Barbara Myatt of Ukiah, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held January 2 in Livermore. Burial was at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Livermore.

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Nicole Weight, 2658 Starling Court, Pleasanton, CA 94566

This business is conducted by a general partnership. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.
Signature of Registrant: /s:/Monica Fey

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 388303

The following person (s) doing business as Better Plumbing "dba" Economy Seismic, 239 Main Street Suite E, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner (s):
Cameron Shawn Gugliemelli, 628 Berryessa Street, Milpitas, CA 95034

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Signature of Registrant: /s:/Cameron Gugliemelli
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 388677

The following person (s) doing business as 1)Kindred Spirits Healing 2)Paws on Healing, 1085 Carrara Way, Livermore, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):
Gina K. Jacobs, 1085 Carrara Way, Livermore, CA 94550

This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name of names listed above on October 25, 2006.

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Gina Jacobs

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 389151

The following person (s) doing business as CNG Garden Supplies, 22

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Jose L. Carrasco Jr. 2021 Del Monte St. Livermore, CA 94550
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Signature of Registrant: /s:/Jose L Carrasco and Blair Gach

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 388700

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

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Signature of Registrant: /s:/Doug Pearson

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Expires December 5, 2011. The Independent Legal No. 2091. Publish December 28, 2006, January 4, 11, 18, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 389192

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

Daoud Aboujoudom, 1904 Armondo Court, Pleasanton, CA 94566

This business is conducted by husband and wife.

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Signature of Registrant: /s:/Jala Aboujoudom and Daoud Aboujoudom

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 19, 2006. Expires December 19, 2011.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 389362

The following person (s) doing business as Little Caesars Pizza, 1092 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):
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Signature of Registrant: /s:/Gurinder Singh

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on December 22, 2006. Expires December 22, 2011.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

JEROME MARTIN AUERBACH CASE NO. VP06299187

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **JEROME M. AUERBACH, JEROME AUERBACH, AND JEROME MARTIN AUERBACH** A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **PAULA J. AUERBACH** in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA.

PAULA J. AUERBACH is appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important action, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)

The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on **FEBRUARY 26, 2007 at 1:30PM in Dept. 707 at SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, 5672 STONERIDGE DRIVE, PLEASANTON, CA 94588.**

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your

claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner: RICHARD L. FULLER

SBN#95418
821 13th Street, Suite E
Modesto, CA 95354

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. VG06303888 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
5672 Stoneridge Drive Pleasanton, CA 94588

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner Subadra Subramanian filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present Name: Subadra Subramanian Proposed Name: Subadra Nithyananda Subramanian

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

NOTICE OF HEARING
a. Date: 2/13/07 Time: 2:00PM Dept: 707

b. The address of the court is: 5672 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588

3a. A copy of this Order To Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper, printed in the county:

The Independent Dated: December 27, 2006 /s:/Jacob Blea III

Judge Of The Superior Court The Independent Legal No. 2093. Published January 4, 11, 18, 25, 2007

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. VG06304068 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
5672 Stoneridge Drive Pleasanton, CA 94588

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: Donna Wing and Syed Adnan Asar filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present Name: Kiran Sophia Asar Proposed Name: Sophia Kiran Asar

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

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APPEAL

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by the County as part of the East Area County Plan (ECAP).

All of the appeals list the adequacy of water as a major concern. Other reasons were inconsistencies with the provisions of the ECAP and Measure D. These include definition of infrastructure, compatibility and promotion of agriculture, construction outside of a 2-acre envelope, and the inclusion of three residences. The appeals also question the need for the cemetery.

The City of Livermore points out that the project is likely to have a detrimental effect on surrounding properties if the supply of groundwater were inadequate, by drawing down the water table on which neighboring wells owners rely, or by requiring further environmental impacts were water imported. The city points out that the project is not in compliance with ECAP Policy 253 which states that "the County shall approve new development only upon verification that an adequate long term, sustainable, clearly identified water supply will be provided to serve the development, including in times of drought."

The City's appeal further states that the project is incon-

sistent with the purpose and intent of voter-approved Measure D and the goals and policies of ECAP. The purposes of Measure D are to preserve and enhance agriculture and agricultural lands, and to protect the natural qualities, the wildlife habitats, the watersheds, and the beautiful open spaces of Alameda County from excessive, badly located, and harmful development. Livermore points out that the project would convert 40 acres of agricultural land into a cemetery, mortuary/crematorium, mausoleum, gravesites, and residences which will degrade the natural quality of the land and reduce the agricultural viability of the land. In addition, the loss of potential agriculture acreage may reduce the feasibility of importing water to North Livermore for agriculture expansion.

County counsel issued the view that the term "community facilities" is used in a more open-ended manner than the zoning code definition. They point to items that are included as examples. The language does not specifically limit the application of the word to those items, they claim. "Given this open-ended

language... any reasonable person could conclude a cemetery is a community facility." The attorney concludes that the planning commission has the discretion to determine that the cemetery complies with the general plan.

The City of Livermore argues that the project is not a public or quasi-public use. A cemetery is not a community facility under ECAP Policy 13. Likewise, a mortuary/crematorium, and mausoleum are not community facilities. ECAP Policies indicate that the term "community facilities" is intended to mean schools, parks and other similar facilities. Livermore in its appeal states that it is undisputed that the project is not a school, park, or even a golf course. Livermore adds that legal opinion issued by county counsel contains a forced reading of the definition which effectively, and without authorization, adds the words "including, but not limited to" to the definitions of public facilities in the ECAP and Measure D.

Friends of Livermore's appeal also addresses the definition of infrastructure pointing out that the county counsel has taken the use of "facilities such as... (a

group of similar uses) and stretched the similarities to include cemeteries and mortuaries. "With this reasoning, a Super Walmart would qualify as infrastructure."

Livermore's appeal notes that all that residential, agricultural, and other buildings on a parcel are to be located within a two-acre contiguous development envelope. The project locates two residences outside the two-acre development envelope of the mortuary/crematorium and mausoleum. ECAP only permits one single-family home per parcel and one secondary residential unit. The project authorizes three residences on the parcel (one principal residence, one secondary residence, and one on-site manager's residence).

The appeals raise the issue of

need. Friends of Livermore states that the proposed cemetery far exceeds that needed for adequate service to East County.

County staff reports cited growth in Contra Costa County, outside the Tri-Valley in Brentwood and in San Joaquin County from Mountain House and Tracy to Stockton as justification of need.

FOL says in its appeal that it does not believe that Alameda County has an obligation to provide for growth beyond that allowed in the Tri-Valley and, more specifically, the East County Area. "This lack of need for a cemetery of this magnitude, to say nothing of a new mortuary/crematorium when the Tri-Valley is already well served in these areas, precludes the finding for the first condition of approval."



PET OF THE WEEK:

Phoebe is a very sweet and loving 6-year old lap cat. She adores having her black and silver medium length fur brushed, and she craves human attention. She is very outgoing and friendly, even with strangers. She doesn't really enjoy the company of other kitties, however, and would be happiest as the only pet in the household. She is playful and well mannered, and has no litter box issues. For more information on Phoebe, call Valley Humane Society at (925) 426-8656. Valley Humane Society holds mobile pet adoptions for dogs and cats at Pet Extreme in Livermore every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The First Presbyterian Church in Livermore offered a labyrinth walk on New Year's Eve. The walk provided an opportunity to say good-bye to the old year and welcome the new one with peace and intention.

BULLETIN BOARD

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

Armchair Travelers, Thurs., Jan. 11, Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Avenue. From 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Chuck Meier will give a slide show presentation based on his book, "Before the Nukes: the remarkable history of the area of the Nevada Test Site." Adults invited to this free program. For additional information, call 373-5500.

Tri Valley Conservancy Board of Directors Meeting, meets 7 p.m. Thurs., Jan. 11 at the Livermore P

Literacy Pioneer to Speak, Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Livermore Library. Ruth J. Colvin, Founder of Literacy Volunteers of America and recent recipient of the nation's highest civilian honor - the Presidential Medal of Freedom, will discuss her life's work and her campaign to promote adult literacy throughout the world. Livermore Civic Center Library, Community Room, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. The public is invited. There is no charge.

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

Book Sale - Friends of the Livermore Library will hold their monthly book sale on Sunday, January 7, from noon to 4 p.m. in front of the former Library at 1000 South Livermore Avenue in Livermore. Fiction and nonfiction books, magazines and audio/visuals are sold at deep discounted prices and there will be a table of free books. From 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. books will be sold for \$ 2.00 a shopping bag full of books.

Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club, meets 7:30 p.m. Thurs., Jan. 9 at the Alisal Multipurpose Room, 1454 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Ivy Munion, principal and CEO of Irrigation System Consultants of Livermore, will be the guest speaker. She will discuss irrigation choices available to the homeowner, as well as installation techniques. Visitors are welcome. For information, call Bev at 485-7812.

Valley Care Auxiliary will be holding a "gently read" book sale on Mon. and Tues., Jan. 8 and 9 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the lobby of LifeStyleRX building, 1119 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore.

Computer Training Classes, free, Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Schedule: Introduction to the Internet, Sat., Jan. 6, 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Searching the Internet, Sat., Jan. 6, 2 to 4 p.m. Introduction to Word Processing, Tues., Jan. 8, 8:15 to 8:15 p.m. using Microsoft Word. Beginning e-mail, Sat., Jan. 20, 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Classes are hands on, first come, first served in the community meeting room B. Information at the Adult Information Services Desk or call 373-5505.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., Jan. 6, 30 miles Dublin to Palomares Rd. and back, meet at Shannon Center, Paul Yamshon, 487-9253. Sun., Jan. 7, 25 miles Dublin to Danville and back, meet

at Shannon Center. Liz Marcoux, 895-1295. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Tri-Valley Republican Women, Ward Connerly will be the guest speaker at the Thursday, January 11, 2007 dinner meeting of the Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Pleasanton Hotel (formerly the Wyndham Garden Hotel) 5990 Stoneridge Mall Rd., Pleasanton. New members and visitors are welcome. Reservation deadline is January 8. Contact Marilyn (925) 485-9869.

Amador Valley Quilt Guild will meet on Saturday, January 13, at 1:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Avenue, Pleasanton. This Saturday our featured speaker will be Cathie Hoover, quilt artist and internationally recognized teacher. Cathie will share personal experiences and challenges that have expanded her comfort zone. Cathie will hold a workshop the following day. The guild is a non-profit educational association for quilters of all skill levels. Anyone interested in quilting may attend. For further information about the guild or upcoming speakers, please visit our website, <http://amadervalleyquilters.org>.

Granada Dance Clinic for Elementary & Middle School Girls, Granada High School Dance Team will be holding 2 jazz/hip-hop dance clinics on Jan. 27, 2007 from 9am - 12pm. The elementary clinic will be for 3rd - 5th grade girls. The middle school clinic will be for 6-8th grade girls. Each clinic will teach a separate routine and will perform at a Granada Basketball game. The cost is \$40 and includes dance instruction, a t-shirt, snacks, and a cd with music to take home. Registration forms can be found online at <http://www.granadadance.com>. The deadline to register is Jan. 15, 2007.

Entering the Entrepreneurial World, Attend TVC's Center for Commercialization & Entrepreneurial Training on Wednesday, January 17, from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm (registration/continental breakfast at 8 am). This session introduces the emerging or expanding entrepreneur to the services of Technology Ventures Corporation (TVC), commercializing a technology-based product, analyzing the business and financial potential of a product, and exploring the organization and legal alternatives. Technology Ventures Corporation (TVC) provides consulting and support services to technology start-ups. TVC's training sessions are free to attendees and will be held at the Carr America Conference Center, 4400 Rosewood Drive, Pleasanton. Please register online at: <http://www.123signup.com/calendar?org=techventures>. For more information, contact TVC at 925.960.1600 or TVC.CA@techventures.org.

Valley Care Auxiliary, Volunteers needed. Nine different areas of volunteer service available in both Pleasanton and Livermore. Floorservice, information desks, office, the library, gift and thrift shops. For more information, please call 734-3368.

Pruning Classes: Fruit trees, pruning, spraying and maintenance, classes Sat., Jan. 6 at 10 a.m. and Sun., Jan. 7 at 1 p.m. Roses: pruning, spraying and maintenance, classes Sat., Jan. 13 at 10 a.m. and Sun., Jan. 14 at 1 p.m. Japanese Maples: timing and technique show and tell with demonstrations, classes Sat., Jan. 27, 10 a.m. and Sun., Jan. 28 1 p.m. Western Garden Nursery, 2756 Vineyard Ave., Pleasanton. Free. Information 462-1760.

Inner and Outer Peace Meditation Program at Pleasanton Library, Jan. 14 at 2

p.m. A free seminar with Marshall Zaslove, M.D., a Board certified psychiatrist, author and meditation practitioner for over 30 years, 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. The program is free and open to all. No registration required. For more information, call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.

34th annual Crab Feed and Dance, hosted by the Livermore Knights of Columbus Council #4588 on Sat., Jan. 6 at St. Michael's Hall, 3rd and Maple Streets, Livermore. Menu includes crab, pasta, salad and cake. Social hour 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m., music and dancing 8 to 11:30 p.m. Live music by Open Road. Tickets \$40 per person. For more ticket information, contact Michael and Cecilia Valent, 455-9420; Manny and Chris Figueiredo, 455-0543; or Jake and Angel Raposa, 449-1278.

San Ramon Newcomers Club, lunch at Forbes Mill in Danville on Jan. 25; 11:30 a.m. social, lunch at noon. Open to residents of San Ramon, Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore. For information, call 735-3508 or go to <http://newcomers.home.comcast.net>.

RELIGION
Unitarian Universalist, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. Topic for Jan. 7 is the annual "Beginnings and Endings" service; those wishing to have a reading, a poem, a sketch, a piece of music, or whatever to share, please contact Linda Bissum. Information 447-8747.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Livermore, has services at 10 a.m. every Sunday and at 7:30 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month. Sunday School for students (ages 3-20) is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday. The church and reading room are located at third and N Streets. The Reading Room, which is open to the public, features books, CDs and magazines for sale. For information, call (925) 447-2946.

Sunset Community Church, 2200 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Sunday worship service at 10:30 a.m. Nursery and children's church provided. A "Night of Worship" first Sunday of each month at 6 p.m. Wednesday night program for all ages at 7 p.m. Information, call 447-6282.

Tri-Valley Unity Church meets at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. Sunday service and children's school at 10 a.m. Ongoing classes and groups. Special Thanksgiving Day service, 10:00 a.m. All are welcome. Rev. Mary Anne Harris, minister. Call (925) 829-2733 or visit www.trivalleyunity.com.

Faith Chapel Assembly of God, Pleasanton, 6656 Alisal St. Sunday school for all ages 9:30 a.m., worship service 10:30 a.m. (nursery for both Sunday school and worship), children's church program, age 3-12, 11:15 a.m. Singles and young married home Bible study Monday 7:30 p.m. (call for address). Women's Bible study Wednesday 10 a.m. Information, call the church office, 846-8650.

Catholic Community of Pleasanton, bereavement support ministry meetings on Jan. 11, 25; Feb. 8, 22; March 8, 22; and April 12 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton in the chapel, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. All are welcome. Questions? Please call Kim at 735-3741.

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews (TVCJ) will hold a family sabbath pizza dinner in Castro Valley on Fri., Jan. 5. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. and include a short Secular Humanistic ceremony of singing, candle-lighting and sharing challah and wine or grape juice. The cost is \$6 per adult; there is no charge for children. Reservations are required and can be made by e-mail to CulturalJews@aol.com or by phone to (510) 888-1404. Intermarried and non-traditional families are particularly welcome.

St. Charles' Ministry of Lifelong Learning Presents LIFE (Lessons in Faith Experience). A program for Adults who are looking to deepen their relationship with God and to enhance their life of faith. "Surprised by Mercy," is the topic of the Tues., Jan. 16 program, 7:30 p.m. presented by Fr. Rusty Shaughnessy, O.F.M. There is a \$5.00 free will donation requested to pay for the speaker. For more information contact Julie at upatholic@aol.com or 447-4549. St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Livermore.

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Pitts said that many youth courts require offenders to later serve on juries, so that they can see things from a different perspective. Often it brings big changes in their lives, said Pitts. In general, the youth court often develops in an offender an empathy (for victims) and "a sense of responsibility for their actions. That's an important key to the success of the youth courts," Pitts said.

Ten years ago, there were only a few youth courts in the state. Now, enabled by a new state agency in the past few years, the number has climbed to 1100. CCDS would like to get "the whole community involved" in setting up the court. Volunteers who want to work with youths are welcome. There will be outreach to service clubs and businesses, too.

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