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Penny Marshall

#### Penny Marshall, Pauly Shore to **Be Honored**

Well known Hollywood celebrities, and the Valley's own John Madden, will be in Livermore for the upcoming California Inde-pendent Film Festival.

Penny Marshall, director and actor, will be presented with the 2008 Golden Slate Award for excellence in directing. She will be honored at the Bankhead Theater, April 17, during "A League of Their Own," an Actors Studio style discussion with John Madden.

Penny Marshall first gained prominence as a television actress with a recurring guest role on *The Odd Couple* from 1971 to 1975. She then played the role of the wise-cracking brewery worker, Laverne De Fazio, in the TV citcarn Laverne ord Shirley TV sitcom Laverne and Shirley from 1976 to 1983. She has directed several successful motion (See FILM, page 10)



One of the gardens on last year's tour.

## **Garden Tour**

## **Zone 7 Prompting Brings Focus on Toxic Clean-up**

Zone 7 Water Agency general manager Jill Duerig received a pat on the back from the board of directors at their meeting March 19 for what the members called her "strong letter" to a regional agency concerning an under-ground basin pollution plume.

A toxic plume under two Liv-ermore shopping centers was caused by the chemical tetrachloroethene (PCD), which leaked from dry cleaners and a sewer line two decades ago. The chemical was discontinued at both sites by 1995. Currently, there is a narrow plume about two or three blocks long still below

the surface, to the northwest of the shopping centers.

The two centers, Livermore Arcade and Vintner Square (formerly Millers Outpost), are in the vicinity of Railroad Avenue and P Street. The plume reaches as far as the intersection of Rincon and Olivina avenues. Efforts to clean up the plume have been underway since the mid-1990s.

Owners of the two centers petitioned the Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (BRWQCB) not long ago to release them from further work, on grounds that no further clean-

up work would improve the situation, and that the work in the relevant plume area has been sufficient.

Duerig met with the regional board, and told board members that not only should the regional board require the shopping centers to continue work, it should require them to conduct a survey to see whether the plume has moved, both laterally and deeper into the underground basin.

Essentially, the regional board staff agreed. Duerig put her request formally into the letter that drew Zone 7 board praise.

The regional board staff in

turn sent a letter to the shopping center representatives March 17 asking for a report by June, which would outline the extent of the plume. It also offered the owners and their consultant a chance to submit a work plan to deal with further clean-up, before the regional board makes any decision. That way, the landowners can obtain pre-approval before they commit money to a specific plan.

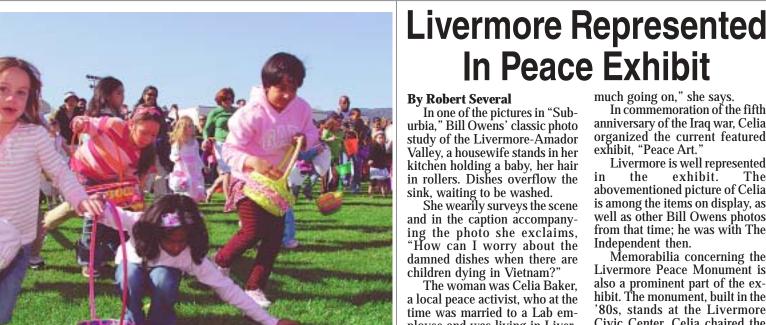
The regional board's letter said that the plume's boundary appears to be unstable. One test well showed violations of standards for three consecutive times

during two consecutive quarters. Findings at a deeper level test may well indicate the plume is going deeper into the under-ground, said the board's letter.

These factors seem to cast doubt on the landowners' assertions that the plume is stable and is too shallow to pose a threat to the Cal Water wells. However, the board's letter also says the plume may not be the sole contributor to all of the PCE in the vicinity.

Duerig told the Independent that a consultant for the landowners said that an unnamed third dry cleaner is responsible for

(See CLEAN-UP, page 4)



ployee and was living in Livermore.

Forty years later, Celia now lives in Walnut Creek and goes by the name of Celia Menczel. Menczel is the maiden name of her maternal grandmother, who fled Nazi Vienna in 1939 and found refuge in America.

Celia remains an activist. For the past two years she has been doing volunteer work at the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco. She's an extremely active volunteer, spending a couple days a week at the club, helping with the diverse lectures and exhibits the non-partisan group sponsors. "I love the Commonwealth Club! They have so

#### In commemoration of the fifth

anniversary of the Iraq war, Celia organized the current featured exhibit, "Peace Art."

Livermore is well represented the exhibit. The abovementioned picture of Celia is among the items on display, as well as other Bill Owens photos from that time; he was with The Independent then.

Memorabilia concerning the Livermore Peace Monument is also a prominent part of the exhibit. The monument, built in the '80s, stands at the Livermore Civic Center. Celia chaired the committee appointed by Mayor Dale Turner that built it. A letter to the editor by Leon Smith led to the project. The monument was sculpted by Don Homan.

The Commonwealth Club exhibit also includes two works by Claire Haritani, one a watercolor of the Livermore Peace Monument and the other a calligraphy of the word "peace." Almost all the items in the

exhbit come from Celia's own home, collected over the years through her activism. The items include paintings, postcards, posters, books, photographs, jewelry and more. One of the (See EXHIBIT, page 3)

#### **Remembering Marilyn Kane**

One woman's love for a park Bernal property. The sandwich

Photo - Doug Jorgensen Kids were off and running, scooping up eggs filled with candy and prizes, at the annual Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch egg hunt held in Pleasanton last Saturday.

## City Asked to Lead Oak Grove Appeal

The long awaited decision on the Oak Grove development southeast hills of Pleasanton favors landowners Jennifer and Frederic Lin.

Superior Court Judge Frank Roesch ruled that portions of the development plan for the project ing information to gather signatures.

Former City Councilmember Kay Ayala, leader of the referendum effort, immediately filed an appeal. She says that she has

City Attorney Michael Roush said he is not aware of the request for the city to lead the appeal. "However, at some point the council will discuss in closed session whether to appeal once the judgement has been entered. The has not yet had such a

## **Benefits Valley** Humane Society

"Hidden Gardens of the Val-ley Tour," benefiting the Valley Humane Society, will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sun-day May 4

day, May 4. The tour, rain or shine, will allow participants to visit out-standing and unique gardens at Pleasanton homes, where the love of gardens meets the love of pets. Each of of the gardens is

named after the homeowner's pet. Browse "Shabby and Chic" and "Chateau Snowflake" -just to name a few. There will be rose gardens, a tropical garden, and gardens with pools and hard-

scape. The tour is also an opportu-nity to discover ideas and inspirations for garden designs, foun-tains, barbeques, flower and shrub

(See TOUR, page 8)



Photo courtesy of Goodguys Pictured is a 1932 Ford 3 Window coupe hot rod. The Beach Boys immortalized the car in their 60s hit "Lil Deuce Coupe." This particular hot rod features a souped up Flathead V-8 motor, painted steel "wires" (wire wheels), a rich black coat of paint, louvers and leather upholstery. It will be on display at the Goodguys 26th All American Get-Together Car Show at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Sat., March 29, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sun., March 30, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be 3,000 hot rods, custom cars, muscle cars and trucks of all years, makes and models. Other event features include vendor exhibits, an automotive swap meet, cars for sale corral, live music, kids area and more. General Admission is \$15, Kids 7-12 \$6. For information call (925) 838-9876 or go to www.goodguys.com.

should have been included as part of the ordinance being circulated by referendum supporters when gathering signatures. As a result, the referendum is noncompliant under the law and nullified.

All other charges against the referendum organizers were dis-missed, including the argument that they used false and mislead-

appeal. She says that she has asked the city to take the lead in the appeal. She contends that the ruling issued by Roesch cre-ates a major problem for the city. "If the judge is correct, the city has approved an illegal ordi-nance and must redo it. If the judge is not correct, the city has no recourse but to lead the ap-neal." She believes it is illegal peal." She believes it is illegal, because it didn't contain all of the information regarding the development.

discussion," Roush stated.

"We gave her what we con-sidered to be the full text of the ordinance. The judge did not agree. I don't believe the ordi-nance needs to be redone," Roush added.

In his ruling, Roesch noted that the referendum petition defendant did not have to attach (See APPEAL, page 4)

and the love of a family for that woman have produced the largest ever donation by an individual or family to the City of Pleasanton.

Marilyn Kane, affectionately known around town as the "sandwich board lady," was instrumen-tal in convincing the city to create a large open space park on the city owned portion of the

board, which she wore around town and to public hearings, was filled with pictures of the historic Lithia Park in Ashland, Oregon. It asked the question, "why can't we do this in Pleasanton?"

Marilyn died suddenly in 2006. Her husband, Jim Kane, told the city council Tuesday that he and their children (Bruce,

Wine Country

Set to Tee Off

Championship

Todd Fischer enjoys being an unofficial "Goodwill Ambassa-

dor" for the Livermore Valley

Wine Country Championship,

since the Nationwide Tour event is played virtually in his back

Raised in Pleasanton and still a part-time resident there, the 38-

year-old pro golf tour veteran is

(See PARK, page 4)

## A 'Sound and Healthy' City

Pleasanton is a "sound and very healthy city," declared Mayor Jennifer Hosterman during her annual state of the city talk.

A packed house was on hand for her presentation last Friday during a Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

Hosterman credited sound fi-Hosterman credited sound fi-nancial planning, a diverse eco-nomic base and an active and deeply involved community with providing Pleasanton with a qual-ity of life that is "the envy of many." She cautioned that there could be future negative impacts from such things as the downturn in the economy. To avoid such in the economy. To avoid such impacts, the city is moving to "create new opportunities.

One effort is to make Pleasan-ton a "Center of Innovation and

Ideas," a place where ideas can be incubated and grow, noted Hosterman. "There's a groundswell of innovation. We intend to nurture and support those fledgling companies. We've been meeting with growth-company executives and industry experts to help us position the city, and the Tri-Valley, as a center of innovation. We've been told by these companies that access to information and capital are critical, and to that end, we're developing an event that will bring them all together.

Such efforts will help to pro-vide Pleasanton with a healthy, sustainable budget and economy. "In the short term that (See PLEASANTON, page 2)

## More Funds OKed for TV30

Inside

The Livermore City Council approved \$61,912 in supplemen-tal funding for Tri-Valley Com-munity Television Corporation (TV30).

TV30 carries local program-ming, including council meet-

over the past several years, expenses required to operate the station have exceeded the income, creating a budget deficit. In addi-

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tion to operating costs this year, there were capital costs, finan-cial and organizational audits, legal services, and a public sur-vey. As a result, TV30 does not have the funds to continue operations through the remainder of the fiscal year, which ends June 30.

City Manager Linda Barton told the council that all four cit-(See TV30, page 4)

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Harold Hill (Tom Reardon) leads the boys' band in the Pleasanton Playhouse production of "The Music Man." The show opens at the Bankhead Theater on April 4. For details, see page 9.

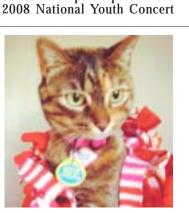
#### Hart Students Perform at Carnegie Hall

rector of Instrumental Music for Thomas Hart Middle School who is a native New Yorker. "As a teacher, my goal is to showcase my students' talents. What could be grander than to do it in this world renowned venue," he

After submitting an audition (See HART, page 8)

#### PET OF THE WEEK

Pippa is a 3 year old Torbie mix cat. A Torbie is a cross between a tortoiseshell and a tabby cat- her markings are very unique. She is very friendly and loves other cats- in fact she likes to lick them. She likes to be held and snuggled, and would prefer to be an indoor kitty with a lot of toy mice to play with. (As you can see in her photo- she likes to burrow under the blankets, too.) To visit with Pippa or any of the adoptable cats, please visit Valley Humane Society at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton, Wed-Sun from 11AM to 5PM. Visit the web site at www.valleyhumane.org, or call 925-426-8656 for more details.



fied School District school given

the honor and opportunity to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City on Thursday, March

The String Orchestra and Sym-phonic Band will present a total of six pieces. Close to one hun-

dred students from Hart Middle

School will participate in the

27.

## Thomas Hart Middle School

will be the first Pleasanton Uni-

program. "This has been a dream of mine," said Dennis Aquilina, Diadded.

one of the event's biggest sup-Photo - Eric Wood porters. He plans to be back home for the third edition of the Wine Country Championship at Wente Vineyards when the event returns March 31-April 6. "It's always nice to have a tournament like this at home," Fischer said. "However, there is

yard.

that added pressure because you want to do so well for your family and friends."

Fischer has played in all four Nationwide Tour events so far this year, finishing in a tie for seventh at the Mexico Open. He would love to have that type of performance at the Wine Coun-try Championship, where he missed the cut last year, his first appearance in the event (in 2006 Fischer was playing full-time on (See GOLF TOURNEY, page 3)

# Speakers Draw Different Conclusions from Proposed Weapons Complex Changes



Photo - Doug Jorgensen Scott Wilson from the Lab talks about the proposed changes with Livermore Councilmember Marj Leider.

Public hearings held in Liv-ermore and Tracy last week on plans to revamp the nation's nuclear complex drew opposite conclusions from speakers. One side viewed the changes

as providing a smaller, more efficient and more highly responsive complex. The other viewpoint called the proposal a "thin dis-guise to design and build new nuclear weapons.

The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) hearings attracted approximately 200 people scattered over three separate meetings in Tracy and Livermore last Tuesday and Wednesday.

Robert Smolen, NNSA deputy director for defense programs, spoke in a video at the hearing. He said that the preferred alternative would provide "a viable capability to respond to an uncertain future." It would concentrate special nuclear materials at five sites by 2012. The footprint of the complex would be reduced by one third, the work force by 20 to 30 percent, mainly through attrition.

Under the preferred alternative, the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory would be a center of excellence for nuclear design and engineering; a center of excellence for high explosive research and development, with the High Explosives Applications Facility; a science magnet in high-energy-density physics, with the National Ignition Facility; and a platform host site for petascale the Sequoia supercomputer. In addition. most of the Lab's special nuclear material would be removed and consolidated at a more central site. Weapons activities would stop at Sife 300 by 2015.

Sandia National Laboratories/ California would be transformed into a multi-agency laboratory.

"Nuclear Smolen continued

requirements to include. "The size and composition of the nuclear arsenal won't be decided as part of this process." The President and Congress make those decisions

Speakers in favor of the changes included Lab Director and Lawrence National Security president George Miller, along with Livermore City Councilmembers Jeff Williams and Marj Leider.

Peace, religious, science and environmental advocates opposed the plans.

Miller commented, "It has been clear for some time that the nation has needed a blueprint for the future of the nation's nuclear weapons complex that takes into account the circumstances that have changed since the end of the Cold War.

He continued, "The preferred alternative addresses the need to consolidate special nuclear materials at fewer sites, to shrink the complex, and to replace outdated facilities and processes with modern equivalents that are more cost effective and environmentally responsible.

Paul Hammett, vice president site manager Sandia/California, said the laboratory would work with the Department of Energy to develop new roles for Sandia. In preparation, Sandia has already reduced its nuclear workforce by 15 percent and engaged those employees in other security issues.

Leider and Williams both raised concerns over how NNSA's planned reductions to Lab programs and its employees might impact the Laboratory's ability

to help the community. "I'm supportive of the NNSA's preferred alternative. I'm also concerned about the impact of changes on our community," explained Williams, who recently retired from the Lab. "Lawrence Livermore and Sandia were highly influential in the growth of Livermore. A center of excellence sounds good, but only if it is sustained by government support.'

NNSA invest in the city's infrastructure rather than just donate to school programs and charities. Williams also said NNSA should facilitate start-up companies, look for non-NNSA work for the Lab; and consider more procurements locally to provide a sales tax benefit to the area.

According to those opposed under DOE's preferred alternative, at least \$150 billion taxpayer dollars will be spent over the next two decades to rebuild 26 million square feet of nuclear weapons design, testing and production plants across the nation. "The DOE is attempting to sell the American people a bill of goods by referring to this plan as a 'consolidation' when it is really a 'revitalization' of the nuclear weapons complex," remarked Marylia Kelley, the Executive Director of Tri-Valley CAREs.

Lea Abraham of Peace Action West stated, "No nuclear weapon is safe. We live in an increasingly precarious situation, one in which this country can not continue to operate under the theory, 'do as I say, not as I do.<sup>5</sup>

Another speaker, Marie Cecilia Freeman, opposed the changes in the complex "on the grounds of common sense and morality." She said that the more the U.S. pursues its current nuclear policy, the more motivated other entities would be to do the same. "Nuclear weapons do not make us safer. They put is in more peril." In addition. "the more efficient such weapons become, the more likely we are to use them," she declared.

The nuclear activists claim that the driving force for "Complex Transformation" is the Reliable Replacement Warhead (RRW) program to redesign every nuclear weapon in the enduring U.S. arsenal. The Livermore Lab has been selected to design the RRW. Congress cut funds for the RRW last year. The DOE returned this February 2008 with more than \$40 million for continued development of the RRW in its fiscal year 2009 budget request, according to Kelley.

Comments on the preferred alternative will be accepted through April 10. Comments may be e-mailed to NNSA, sent via the Web, mailed to Ted Wycka, NNSA, Office of Transformation NA-10.1, 1000 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington D.C. 20585 or faxed to 703-931-9222.

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Mayor Jennifer Hosterman

looks pretty good. The city had a \$1.5 million surplus last year and \$26 million in reserve accounts," she declared. Hosterman noted the city is

expecting a decrease in revenues from property taxes and residential fees in light of the current housing market. At the same time commercial growth is continuing. There are over 61,000 employees in 19 million square feet of space. Businesses are attracted by the city's skilled and highly educated workforce. Stoneridge Mall is looking at building a new Nordstrom and adding 200,000 square feet of retail space. CarrAmerica is working on a 500,000 square foot expansion that would include a 130 room hotel. Roche Molecular, a pharmaceutical and medical technology company, has completed a 140,000 square foot expansion at its campus.

"The city is working aggres-sively to relocate and expand the auto mall to the Staples Ranch property. It will include more dealerships to contribute to the city's tax base," continued Hosterman.

The development is made possible as the result of sound land use planning, said Hoster-man. "Build-out and our voterapproved housing cap will present challenges for Pleasanton planning in the future. However, I'm convinced that we'll continue to work through issues as a community to arrive at the best decision for Pleasanton," she stated.

The third priority is to provide a safe environment. Hosterman noted that surveys indicate that people do feel safe in Pleasanton. The city's crime rate is amon "The rare, recent acts of violence that have taken place remind us that even Pleasanton is not exempt from crime and of the importance of maintaining a con-stant vigilance on the safety front," she added.

Traffic has become an issue

as the area grows. Hosterman noted that increased enforcement has resulted in a decrease in traffic collisions.

A fourth priority is climate protection and environmental awareness. "The City of Pleasanton has joined with the other Alameda County cities to hire experts to measure each city's carbon footprint. The experts will analyze Pleasanton's footprint in 1990, and strategize changes that we can make to meet those 1990 emission standard levels by 2020. "I hope to be more aggressive than that," stated Hosterman. She noted that Pleasanton has

been a leader in mandating green building and promoting the use of solar energy. Pleasanton is "ahead of the curve" with its energy plan and new energy element.

On a national level, over 800 mayors including those from our largest cities, have signed onto the Climate Protection Agreement, developed by Mayor Nick-els of Seattle through the US Conference of Mayors. These cities represent over 25% of America's population. "As a re-sult of our collective actions across America, we are creating a brand new green economy, which means jobs. This is the largest opportunity for job creation that this country has seen in many

years. I am proud to be a part of this movement. I am proud that Pleasanton is one of many cities leading the way.

Regionalism is the fifth priority. Hosterman noted that area cities and Alameda County are working together to improve traffic, provide additional funding for the Tri-Valley Housing Opportunity Center, and lobbied for and received funds to continue to develop the East Bay Regional Communications System.

Our partnerships and our collaborative efforts are paying off for the region, and for the people of Pleasanton. I want to recognize those elected officials with whom we work to sustain the viability of the Tri-Valley: Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Dublin Mayor Janet Lockhart, Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena, San Ramon Mayor H. Abram Wilson and Danville Mayor Candace Andersen. While we're all dedicated to our communities, we recognize that together we have the power to bring additional resources to our region," she stated. Hosterman concluded by

her fellow thanking councilmembers, city staff and employees. "Together we have crafted Pleasanton into a community that honors its past and protects and advances its future.



#### ROMANCE, RHYME AND REMEMBRANCE Livermore-Amador Symphony

Arthur Barnes, Music Director. The concert features Dawn Harms conducting Beethoven's Fourth Symphony and Lawrence Granger performing Elgar's Cello Concerto in E minor. The evening also includes the Overture from Thomas's sentimental opera Mignon and Ravel's Mother Goose Suite depicting popular children's fairy tales. A pre-concert talk begins at 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 29 at 8pm

Tickets \$21, \$26, \$31, Students Under 18 FREE

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weapons must remain a viable part of the national security. The production capacity is gone." One of the elements in the preferred alternative looks at adding additional production facilities.

Ted White, in charge of preparing the environmental impact statement, pointed out that NNSA could not pick and choose what

Williams pointed out that he did not think the EIS addressed the economic impact of the transformation. He suggested that

movements with Latino dance forms. Founded by Cuban-born artistic director Eduardo Vilaro, this richly textured & highly original contemporary dance theater features a fresh, exciting performance style. Thursday, April 24 at 8pm Tickets \$28, \$31, \$36, \$11 Students

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vance; daily tickets are \$5 each for the first two days of tourna-ment play (April 3-4) and \$10

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with a paid adult admission.

For tickets and more informa-

tion about the Livermore Valley Wine Country Championship, visit the website at

winecountrychampionship.com,

call (925) 447-2200 or fax (925)

447-2900.

Passes for the entire week are

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## VALLEY ROUNDUP



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Rob Rucben and Jamie, age 2, took part in a peace vigil held last Wednesday in Pleasanton on the 5th anniversary of the start of the war in Iraq. The program included stories told about those directly affected by the war, poetry from Fred Norman, and music of peace.

#### **Employment Fair**

Students at Las Positas College are looking for employers who are looking for help.

The college will hold its annual employment fair on Thursday, April 24, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the student center, building 1700, on the Livermore campus. The college is located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore.

Employers interested in recruiting for fulltime or part-time technical career openings or summer jobs are welcome to recruit during the fair. There is \$100 fee for employment recruiters to participate in this event. Admission is free for people seeking employment. Employers who would like to participate

should contact Scheanelle Green, coordinator of the Career/Transfer and Employment Center at Las Positas, (925) 424-1423 or email sgreen@laspositascollege.edu.

#### New Community Development Director

Brian Dolan has been selected to serve as Pleasanton Community Development Director. He will begin work on April 7, 2008.

Dolan brings 22 years of professional urban planning experience to his new position, along with eight years of managerial skill in municipal planning and private sector experience in environmental engineering.

Dolan most recently served as the Director of Development Services for the City of Vallejo. Prior to that he worked in economic development and planning for the cities of Concord and Palo Alto. Dolan also has broad experience in private sector engineering as a senior environ-mental planner and is well versed on the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

As Community Development Director, Dolan will oversee a department that merges the City's planning, code enforcement and building and safety units in a reorganization that stems from City Manager Nelson Fialho's desire to stream-line the permitting process. Both internal and external work committees spent approximately 18 months reviewing the existing process toward this end.

"I have great expectations that this new de-partment will systematize the planning and development functions of the city in a way that marks an immediate improvement in the level of customer service," observed Fialho.

Dolan will assume the responsibilities of Jerry Iserson, the Director of Planning and Commu-nity Development, who delayed his retirement to assist with the transition and will continue working on special assignment for a limited time

to assist in completing the General Plan Update. Dolan currently resides in Moraga with his wife Allison, an attorney who also serves on the Moraga Planning Commission, son Brandon, 13, and daughter Madelyn, age 10.

#### **BART Procurement**

BART is currently conducting an Availabil-ity and Utilization Study (Study). The purpose of the Study is to analyze and evaluate BARTs contracting practices in the areas of procurement of products, equipment, and supplies; construc-tion services; and professional services, includ-ing technical, architecture, engineering and paraprofessional services. BART is sponsoring a community meeting to inform the business community about the Study. Representatives from chambers of commerce, trade associations, and governmental organizations will provide literature and information of interest to local businesses.

The meeting will be Wed., April 2 at Joseph P. Bort Metro Center Lawrence D. Dahms Audito-rium 101 8th Street Oakland from 6 to 10 p.m.

An overview of the Disparity Study process will be presented and businesses will have the opportunity to share their contracting experiences. In addition, purchasing managers from BART will discuss upcoming contracting opportunities.

RSVP by email Please bartmeeting@mtaltd.com or call 510.291.9682 for more information.

#### Paint the Stadium

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) is seeking volunteers or volunteer groups to re-paint numbers on the 7,000 seats

at the Robertson Park Stadium. All materials will be provided by LARPD. The District plans to begin the project in April, 2008. Volunteers 16 years and younger must be accompanied by a participating adult. For more information, contact LARPD Volunteer Coordinator Katrina Hole at (925) 373-5748.

GOLF TOURNEY

the PGA Tour).

The elite field of Nationwide Tour players who have committed to play includes each winner of the first four events on the Nationwide Tour this year, as well and 19 of the top 20 leading money winners have committed to compete in the Wine Country Championship.

The caliber of play on the Nationwide Tour is great," said Fischer. "This tour is not the same as it was when I first started (in 1998). I look at the fields now and can see that it is not a 'developmental tour' anymore.

Other Northern California products in the field include Matt Bettencourt of Modesto, Joel Kribel of Pleasanton, Jeff Brehaut of Los Altos, Matt Hansen of Atwater and Tom Johnson of Weaverville, who is 13th on the money list going into next week.

They all will be part of the only stop in Northern California, which has proved to be the toughest test on the tour the past two years.

Besides hosting the best field of professional golfers to visit the Bay Area in 2008, the Wine Country Championship also will feature gourmet food and wine tasting each day. The AT&T Tech pavilion presented by Logitech will host some of the latest gadgets and electronics for business and the home.

The family oriented Wine Country Championship has av-eraged 20,000 spectators annually, with event proceeds benefiting local non-profit organizations. Sponsored by Wente Vineyards and hosted by the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association, the event is to benefit the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, among other organizations.

While it is a tour-tested layout, the Course at Wente Vineyards also provides tour-quality conditions year round. It has been awarded top honors for Best Playing Conditions in the East Bay Region by Greenskeeper.org and ranked No. 1 on Fairways and Greens magazine's 2008 rankings of non-resort courses in the Bay Area (No. 16 overall in the state).

Currently there are five tour winners from 2008 heading to the Wine Country Championship, which includes the top four money winners on the Nationwide Tour this year - Jarrod Lyle of Australia (Mexico Open), Ewan Porter of Australia (Moonah

#### Classic), Darren Stiles of the U.S. (New Zealand PGA Championship) and Scott Dunlap of the U.S. (Panama Movistar). The fifth winner is Arjun Atwal of India, who won the Malaysian Open two weeks ago on the PGA Euro-pean Tour. Also in the field is 2006 Wine Country Championship winner Tripp Ísenhour.

Standup comedian Henry Cho, an avid golfer, is to be the special guest at Wednesday's pro-am. Known for being "an Asian with a Southern accent," the Tennessee-born Korean comic also is to perform at the pro-am awards function Wednesday evening.

All three Wine Country Championship Pro-Am events have been sold out. They will be played on Monday, March 31, at 1 p.m., Wednesďay, April 2 at 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. and are open to the public.

There are a limited number of

## EXHIBIT

(continued from page one) pieces on display is the small suitcase that contained all of her mother's possessions when the family fled Vienna in 1939.

As part of the exhibit, a panel discussion took place at the club last Thursday evening on the question of whether artists should use their work to change society. The panelists, who included Bill Owens, all agreed that art can be and should be transformative. "It can make a better society," in Owens' words.

Celia has written a statement of purpose about the exhibit. She writes, "Art does transcend. Once you understand the art of the other, they are no longer the

other. Differences remain, but our art can bring us closer together and could be used to encourage us to find peace.

"As Leon Smith so eloquently recommended, 'we should be building monuments to peace and not to war — to remind us of what our true objectives should

The exhibit opened March 4 and was scheduled to end March 31, but has been extended to April 11. It may be viewed at the Commonwealth Club, 595 Market Street (adjacent to Montgomery Street BART Station). There's no admission charge.



#### Attorney to Serve on Las Positas College Foundation Board

Attorney David Brillant has joined the Las Positas College Foundation Board of Directors, Board Chairman Tom Daggett announced last week.

Brillant is an associate

bers and learning more about the unique role Las Positas College plays in the Tri-Valley area, I am delighted that I can join the board and serve the college,"

gram for veterans returning from service overseas. The second was for \$4,000 to support two Las Positas performing arts programs in downtown Livermore at the program for vets as well as an aggressive outreach program.

The performing arts grant will support the orchestra and band concert at the Bankhead Theater

law firm of Randick, Odea and Tooliatos in Pleasanton. His practice focuses on trusts and estates, taxation and general business matters. He holds a law degree from Golden Gate University and a LL.M. in taxation. He handles both transactions and litigation.

After meeting board mem-

Brillant said.

He is the 19th member of the Foundation board. New Las Positas President DeRionne Pollard also joined the board as an ex-officio member.

The Foundation awarded two key grants in 2008. The first was for \$20,000 to jump start Las Positas College's growing proBankhead I neater.

The Las Positas veterans' program is designed to ease the transition of service personnel from military to civilian life as a college student. The program provides assistance with educational and financial needs. The grant also provides money for scholarships and a textbook loan

on May 14 at 8 p.m.

The Foundation's purpose is to raise awareness of the college in the Tri-Valley area and to raise funds and invest them to strengthen the college's programs.

For information about the Foundation, please contact CEO Ted Kaye at (925) 424-1010 or tkaye@laspositascollege.edu.



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# EDITORIAL

## **Bonnie And Clyde**

A pair of steelhead trout named Bonnie and Clyde were observed traveling together and exhibiting spawning behavior in Alameda Creek two weeks ago.

They swam up into Niles Canyon after getting a boost to help them past a barrier in the lower creek. This is the first time adult steelhead have attempted to spawn in Alameda Creek since the 1960s.

Bonnie measures 27 inches long and weighs 8.5 pounds. Clyde is 28 inches and 8 pounds.

They were first seen on February 25 in Fremont trying to jump over a BART weir, an impassable barrier. Federal and state permits were obtained to capture them in nets and radio-tag and measure them, after which they were returned to the creek.

"This is a nice hint of what is to come," said Jeff Miller of the Alameda Creek Alliance.

He said barriers are to come down and the goal is to gain access for the fish all the way into and above Sunol **Regional Wilderness.** 

The good work to bring the fish back is being performed by Miller's Alameda Creek Alliance in partnership with public agencies such as the East Bay Regional Park District and County of Alameda.

This is a turning point. Bonnie and Clyde's heroic run gives real hope that in a few years steelhead will be spawning abundantly throughout the Alameda Creek watershed, as they once did.

## APPEAL

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the entire development plan to achieve technical compliance. However, he points out that the final conditions of approval, which were attached and which modify the development plan, "are meaningless and potentially misleading without including at least some portions of the development plan." One example he mentioned is a map indicating the location of each lot in the proposed development

"Referencing outside sources that are available for review elsewhere does not cure the potentially misleading nature of the referendum petition as presented," according to Roesch's ruling.

Ayala stated that citizens had no control over what the city included as part of the ordinance. "The city has already argued that the ordinance is complete. No one is disputing that we carried the entire ordinance. What the judge is saying is that a few more things should have been included in the ordinance.

Roush said he understood Ayala's arguments. However, he doesn't agree that the ordinance is illegal under the court's decision. He explained that the issues of the legality of the referendum and ordinance are different. "The ordinance was not challenged in court, the referendum petition

release applauding the court rul-

"This decision is a victory for the Lin family, the city and the residents of Pleasanton," said Marty Inderbitzen, attorney for the Lin family. "When we initi-ated this project, we made a commitment to an open, honest and candid process that would involve the entire community. That's why we have spent four years of intensive planning." At issue is a 51-unit luxury

home development approved by the council within 562 acres in the southeast hills of Pleasanton to the east of the Kottinger Ranch subdivision. The homes would range in size from 9,000 to 12,500 square feet. The city would receive 496 acres of open space, trails, a staging area and a new firetruck.

There were two documents approved by the city council in regard to Oak Grove. One is the development plan; the second a developer agreement. The referendum sought to overturn the development plan, but would have also canceled out the developer agreement. The city council included a "poison pill" provision in the approval so that if one document were successfully referended, both would be set aside

The project is being developed by Charter Properties headed by James Tong, representing the Lin family.

## Pleasanton Solar School Is Backdrop For McNerney Push On Green Energy

Rep. Jerry McNerney visited Walnut Grove Elementary School in his hometown of Pleasanton on Monday, using a solar panel installation there as a backdrop for a press conference about his continuing campaign to get passage of a clean energy bill that he has co-sponsored.

The Democratic congressman's bill, the Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Act of 2008, would extend investment and production tax credits for development of more manufacturing and installation of solar and wind energy equipment in the United States. The credits expire this year.

The House passed the bill 236 to 182 with bipartisan support. However, it is bogged down in the Senate. McNerney is urging citizens to write senators to ask them to approve the measure.

The House has a policy of requiring a bill to state the revenue offsets for what it would cost the U.S. Treasury. In this bill, the \$18 billion cost would be offset by a comparable reduction in tax breaks for the fossil fuel industry. McNerney said that the oil industry made \$1 trillion in profits last year. It can afford an offset of \$18 million, when the environmental consequences of global warming and the national security interests of foreign oil dependency are taken into consideration.

Appearing with McNerney at the press conference were execu-

tives representing various aspects of green energy. Steve Daniel, a sales executive with Akeena Solar, which is in the Bay Area, lent a personal note when he said that he switched his career from high tech to solar, partly under McNerney's influence.

McNerney was a wind power consultant for 20 years, before being elected to Congress in 2006.

Daniel said that green energy has poured more than \$2 billion into the U.S. economy, counting both direct and indirect jobs. "This (bill) would be a strong step forward in dealing with global warming. It makes sense in every dimension," he declared.

Blair Sweezey is a marketing director for Applied Materials, which manufactures siliconbased materials for various devices, including solar panels. He stated, "The Earth absorbs more energy in one hour than the world uses in one year." The problem is to get solar panel technology down to the point where using solar energy is cost-effective.

Sweezey said that research and development in his industry has lowered the price of flat panel displays by a factor of 20. By pursuing research, it's possible to lower the cost of solar panels by 300 percent, which "will make it costeffective in much of the world."

California is required to have 20 percent of its energy come from renewables by 2010. "However, California's success depends on the federal credits," said Sweezey. Without the renewal of credits, the potential for 116,000 new direct and indirect jobs in the solar industry would be lost next year, he said. Adding that in 2006, there were 450,000 direct and indirect jobs in the industry.

Applied Materials, which is located in the Silicon Valley, has 900 employees in its energy division, but needs policy support to build (the industry) here (in the United States). "Many photovoltaic firms are looking abroad because of the instability on policy here compared to Europe, which has a stable policy, said Sweezey.

Mark Tholke is a project manager for enXco, which operates and develops wind power. The firm has several California locations, including the Altamont. Tholke said that the growing wind energy industry is provid-ing enough electricity to power 1.5 million homes in the United States.

Tholke quoted a third party report, which says that the industry is poised to add 6500 megawatts, if the credits-enabled development continues. However, if the tax credits go away, less than 500 megawatts would be developed.

Calling McNerney the expert in Washington on alternative energy, Tholke said, "Wind energy would save money over time. It's rare to have a policy with so much upside and so little downside.

The press conference was at Walnut Grove school because it is one of seven Pleasanton schools to sign up for a PG&E grant program for solar panel installation. Walnut Grove and Harvest Park middle school already have panels installed. Others that will receive them are Pleasanton and Hart middle schools, Foothill High School, and Hearst and Lydiksen elementary schools.

The panels won't meet 100 percent of the schools' electricity needs. However, over the 20year life of a power purchase agreement with PG&E, the district expects to save \$125,000 annually on its electric bill. There is no capital outlay from the district for the installation.

Walnut Grove has panels on its roof that output 10.5 kilowatts. The installation at Harvest Park is producing 30 kilowatts. In summer, when school is not in session, the district expects that with low electricity consumption on campuses, the sites will contribute more electricity to the grid than they will take from it. Walnut Grove has one solar panel mounted on a post, which powers the pump for a nearby lawn irrigation system. Its nickname is the "solar popsicle." That was the site of McNerney's press conference.

## Livermore to Provide List of Solar Energy Vendors

Livermore has elected to proceed with plans to list multiple companies who could provide solar installations for city residents.

The city council had asked for information on selecting one vendor.

David Rashe, the city's permit center manager, said staff could not find any other city that sponsored a sole source program. There are small neighborhood coalitions that have selected single source contractors.

Rashe said that in looking into solar power, it is clear that one size does not fit all. Each situation is unique when it comes to installing photovoltaic systems. What the city's program will provide is information on how to get started in the process. There will be information about tax incentives and financing, including potential grants. The list of potential vendors will have

lar companies agreed with the decision to list multiple companies. "No company has access to all modules or the expertise for every situation," stated Bryan Raymond from Diablo Solar Šervices.

Jacob Averbach from SEC Solar indicated that timing is an issue as rebates from the state continue to decline in value and tax incentives on the federal level will end this December.

Former Councilmember Tom Reitter also mentioned the timing issue. He is organizing a private group of citizens to looking into solar installation options. The first meeting will be Wed., April 9 at 7 p.m. "We will bring in people to talk about PV and financing. The hope is that the group would ultimately select a vendor." Anyone interested in joining the group can call Reitter at 443-3326.

Councilmember Jeff Williams expressed disar pointment in the city's program. "I don't hear any- lic Works Agency, Alameda

thing coming from the city that will help folks. The whole point is to encourage maximum number of people to put in PVs. The program basically says we are giving you the best information we can, now you're on your own.'

Councilmember John Marchand said the city's program provides a good starting place. People will still have to engage in due diligence and select a contractor. "The program is a place to kick the tires and look at technology.

#### **ÄLAMEDA CREEK** WATERSHED COUNCIL

In other environmental news, the city council authorized city staff to participate in the Alameda Creek Watershed Council, signing onto a letter of understanding to future the goals of the council.

The council includes Zone 7, the Regional Water Quality Con-

**County Resource Conservation** District, Alameda Creek Alliance, and the Alameda County Water District.

The goals include ensuring the long term availability of adequate water supplies, protecting and enhancing natural resources and wildlife, sustaining and protecting agriculture uses, creating and maintaining recreational opportunities, providing flood protection, and providing for public education and outreach opportunities.

The council replaces the former Zone 7 Alameda Creek Watershed Management Program Steering Committee.

The council recently supported the city's grant application for \$5 million in funding for flood control improvements for the El Charro Specific Plan. As part of the grant proposal, the council would provide volunteers and coordinate volunteers

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Community supporters of the Oak Grove plan issued a press

one through a vetting process. Several representatives of sotrol Board. Alameda County Pub-

in mitigation planting along the creek corridor.

#### **CLEAN-UP** (continued from page one)

more PCE under the site. However, the consultant was not available to the Independent before its deadline.

However, the regional board's letter does discount any potential blame of a dry cleaner at 1188 Stanley Boulevard. There were no ground water impacts found there. It's not apparent any other dry cleaners, within a radius of several thousand feet, are responsible either. "Their implication in the (consultant's) letter of Jan. 28 is not pertinent to this case," said the water quality board's letter.

The public issue at stake for Zone 7 is protection of its own groundwater aquifers, as well as guarding the wells for retailer California Water Service (Cal Water), which serves threefourths of Livermore water customers. Cal Water has one well within the plume and two nearby. Cal Water's water quality

project manager, Tarrah Ĥenrie, told the Independent that Cal Water installed a two-stage carbon filtration several years ago on its well within the plume. The facility cost \$225,000. Replacement filters to keep up the job will cost more than \$20,000. One was replaced last year.

Normally, they last two years or less, depending on conditions. The filters have done their job well, with absolutely no PCB getting into the drinking water, said Henrie.

## TV30

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ies who are represented on the TV30 board are being asked to provide additional funds. The mayors and city managers from Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin and San Ramon comprise the board.

"In April, the board will meet to discuss the mission and direction, as well as funding and programming for TV30," said Barton.

Over 50 percent of residents who responded to a survey conducted by the City of Livermore said they watched city council meetings. led This Councilmember Marj Leider to comment, "It is important to have a plan for the future of the station.

Barton said that the survey to be conducted for TV30 would be important in determining the PARK

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Tom and Lisa), "have committed to contribute to this park as a lasting memorial to a woman who was always trying to make it wonderful for everyone.

The first check for \$500,000 has been given to the city. Kane said a second check would be between \$300,000 and \$400,000 once the Kane Family trust had been liquidated. "The kids told me, 'take all of mother's estate and as much of yours as you are comfortable doing and give it to the city for a park.' I told them they were giving away their inheritance. 'That's fine. We don't need it,' was their reply.

Jim Kane said that he and Marilyn liked to stop in Ashland, Oregon to visit the park. It was during one of those stops the idea was born to create a walking park for people of all ages on the Bernal property. "When we returned to Pleasanton, Marilyn put together the sandwich board and walked up and down Main Street. She got a lot of attention and collected 1500 signatures in support of the idea," recalls Jim Kane.

The funds will be used to

Potential for Earthquake Induced Landslides in Some Areas

The California Geological Survey has released preliminary seismic hazard zone maps showing areas in western Âlameda County with potential for earthquake induced landslides and

60 square miles in size known as a "quadrangle."

development and construction

## projects to protect life and prop-

erty in the event of a large quake. Earthquakes of magnitude 5.5 or greater can trigger landslides or liquefaction, during which soil temporarily loses its ability to support structures. The maps establish zones of

required investigation. For development within a zone, the local building department must require that a registered geologist investigate the site for evidence of liquefaction or landslide potential. If such evidence is found, design modifications must be made in the planning stage.

Property sellers and real estate

off-trail to obtain a closer view

of the arroyo. There would be a

staging area with ten parking

Parks and Community Services

Department, commented, "In my

30 years in the public sector, I

believe this is the largest contri-

bution by an individual or fam-

McGovern asked that the city

name the trail for Marilyn. "I

knew Marilyn. I knew she loved

that land and I'd like to have it

named for her," McGovern said.

The council was unanimous in

family is giving a very special

gift to our community. Genera-

tions to come will enjoy this gift

and remember this very special

person and family from our com-

McGovern stated, "The Kane

**City Councilmember Cindy** 

Jim Wofle, director of the

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supporting the idea.

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agents must inform potential buyers if property is in a seismic hazard zone.

The new maps will become official after a 90-day review period for governments and geotechnical experts, followed by a 90-day revision opportunity for the Department of Conservation

The Dublin Quadrangle has two parts. About 10 square miles, a zone requiring investigation for liquefaction, runs from the border with Contra Costa County in the north to the fairgrounds in the southeast. Roughly 30 miles of hilly land could result in earthquake induced landslides. This includes portions of Castro Valley and Castlewood Country Cľub.

The Livermore Quadrangle includes about 19 square miles of land to be investigated for liquefaction. This zone includes about two-thirds of the valley floor and most of the stream valleys and canyons. The zone includes much of downtown Livermore from I-580 to just north of Bess Avenue, the Livermore Airport, Santa Rita Rehabilitation Center, Pleasanton City Hall, and Amador Valley High School. The landslide area in the Livermore Quadrangle is roughly 15 square miles. It includes two separate hilly areas, one north of I-580 in the Mt. Diablo foothills to the Contra Costa County border, the other southeast of downtown Pleasanton.

#### Campaign '08 **Haggerty Endorses Kamena**

Third-term Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty has endorsed Scott Kamena in the race to replace termed-out Assemblyman Guy Houston in the 15th Assembly District.

Haggerty was first elected in 1996 to represent portions of East Alameda County including the 15th District cities of Livermore and Pleasanton. He is seen as a leader in transportation issues, fighting to eliminate congestion on Bay Area freeways and expand BART services throughout the region.

"Scott is a proven Republican leader with hometown roots who will bring leadership to the region and help solve our transportation and gridlock crisis," said Haggerty. "I urge Republicans throughout the district to join me in supporting Scott's campaign. He will be a voice for our region in Sacramento."

Other endorsements include Alameda County Sheriff Charlie Plummer, the entire Livermore City Council, Walnut Creek Treasurer Ron Cassano and Elk Grove City Councilwoman Sophia Scherman. There are over 200 15th District Republicans listed on Kamena's website.

#### **YOUTH REPUBLICANS ENDORSE RAO**

The Silicon Valley Young Republican Federation announced its support of Republican businessman Robert Rao in the open 15th Assembly District.

"Robert Rao is a true conservative Republican whom we trust to reform government and end Sacramento's runaway spending," said Theri Rowen, President of the Silicon Valley Young **Republican Federation.** "Robert Rao is a proven businessman who knows how to balance budgets and streamline organizations. That's what we need more of in Sacramento, and that's why he's our choice for Assembly."

#### program mix for the future. Funding is a question mark. Currently, 62 percent of the income for TV30 comes from the four cities. Since 5001, Comcast has been paying a 50 cent fee for each subscriber. However, this

method of funding will end in 2011. New state law allows cities to implement a 1 percent gross revenue fee for capital support only of public, education and government television. One of the decisions the board will have to make is how to provide operational funds for TV30 in the

Some funding comes from a fee charged for productions, such as Livermore Live. "We want to make sure there is full cost recovery for programs the station contracts to produce," mentioned Barton

future.



liquefaction. Communities covered fully or in part by the maps include Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, Castro Valley, and Hayward. Each map covers an area about

The maps designate areas where special precautions may have to be implemented in new

## complete a trail from the south end of the Bernal property to

Bernal Ave., a 1.3 mile walk. The 10-foot wide trail would go along the arroyo where possible. There are three vista points planned where hikers could go

## SHORT NOTES

#### **Ducks and Birds**

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff will present two programs this weekend.

A wood duck walk will be held Sat., March 29. Meet Ranger Glen Florey at 2 p.m. at Veterans Park. There are 26 wood duck nesting boxes spread across Sycamore Grove and Veterans parks. This walk will provide information about these beautiful birds and their nesting habits. This is the time of year that the ducks will be returning to the park and looking for mates. Part of this walk will be off trail so please bring sturdy shoes and clothes that can get a little dirty. The walk will go rain or shine, but if it is raining, be prepared for some mud.

On Sun., March 30 there will be a feathered spring fling. Meet Ranger Pat Sotelo at 8 a.m. at the Wetmore Road entrance to Sycamroe Grove Park. This birdwalk (yes, it's a birdwalk) will last about two hours. A few binoculars and field guides will be available to lend. Beginning birders are encouraged to attend. Cancelled if raining.

attend. Cancelled if raining. 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.

#### Salt Free Cooking

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) is offering salt-free cooking classes. This course is for cooks who want

This course is for cooks who want to learn how to get started with salt-free cooking. Students will make some meals and discuss where to find more recipes and foods that have no salt added. Please let the instructor know of any allergies. In addition to class fee, there is a \$15 material fee payable to the instructor at class.

Classes: Wed. April 16, 6-8 pm, Intro. to Salt-Free Cooking Indian Food-S32; Wed. May 7, 6-8 pm, Intro. to Salt Free Cooking-S32; Wed. May 28, 6-8 pm, Intro. to Salt-Free Cooking Italian Food-S32.

Register now by calling LARPD at (925) 373-5707 or visiting the LARPD website at www.larpd.dst.ca.us.

#### Golf Benefits Education

Tickets The Livermore Valley Wine Country Championship Tournament will be held at The Course at Wente Vineyards from April 3 - April 6.

This tournament showcases the PGA Nationwide Tour featuring "up and coming" golf stars and the event features wine tasting, food and cooking demonstrations.

The Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF) is a returning ticket partner for this event. LVEF receives 100% of all ticket sales. To purchase tickets (\$20 each), visit the LVEF website: www.lvef.org. For more information on the event, visit the official website at www.winecountrychampionship.com.

#### Coldwell Banker Honored

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in the Bay Area was honored recently at the corporation's International Business Conference for its support of Habitat for Humanity.

The Bay Area affiliate was one of 12 Coldwell Banker affiliated companies named to the Coldwell Banker Golden Hammer Centennial Society. The honor was bestowed upon the companies for helping raise more than \$5 million to support the construction of 100 Habitat for Humanity homes across the nation by the end of 2010.

by the end of 2010. "In 2007, we put forth a challenge to our affiliated companies to help raise another \$5 million by 2010, and Coldwell Banker in the Bay Area more than met the challenge," said Jim Gillespie, president and chief executive officer of Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC. "The company has helped residents from Monterey Bay to Tahoe reach the American Dream of Homeownership. We are very proud of the work that they have done."

the work that they have done." Through its annual community raffle, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage raised in excess of \$250,000 last year to help fund Habitat for Humanity home builds conducted by different Habitat chapters in Northern California including the Foothills, Nevada County, Sacramento, East Bay, Sonoma County, San Francisco, Peninsula, Monterey County, San Benito County and Silicon Valley chapters.

Habitat for Humanity International is an ecumenical Christian non-profit organization that works to eliminate poverty housing by building affordable housing in partnership with communities and low income families. Habitat for Humanity achieves its mission purposes by working through local, affiliated organizations that have entered into a covenant relationship with Habitat for Humanity International.

#### Native Californian Class

A multi-media Saturday morning class on the First Californians will be held April 19 from 9:30 to 11:30 AM at Village High School in Pleasanton, Room 602.

Patricipants will be able to feel hands-on material, taste some of the food which native Californians ate, see how they lived on the land, respecting it. Hear how they met European explorers, missionaries, and the Gold rush settlers, and learn about the situation of Callifornia native people today. Instructor is Patricia Belding, and the class fee is \$25, which includes an optional half hour DVD after the class. To register, go online at www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/adulted

www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/adulted and look under Enrichment for Class # 258601, They Were Here First: In Introduction To California Native Culture, or call 925/426-4280 and ask for the same number and title.

#### 'We the People' Funds

The Amador Valley "We the People" competition civics team is preparing for the national championship in May in Washington, D.C. Not only is the team practicing its presentations, team members are also raising money to fund the trip—a goal of about \$50,000. The group is seeking donations from individuals, groups, or businesses. Donations may be made out to

Donations may be made out to AVHS We the People and mailed c/o Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton, CA 94566. To hear more about the program, watch for team members on this month's Your Schools show on Community Television Channel 28.

Members of the 2008 competition civics team are Vincent Buscarello, Joel Detweiler, Stoney Glover, William Grau, Margaret Haupt, Kristyn Hayashi, Genevieve Hoffman, Pooja Jaeel, Udani Kadurugamuwa, Teresa Machado, Erica Miranda, Sarah Moellering, Lanz Nalagan, Joshua Pann, Shannon Parker, Jeysree Ramachandran, Devi Santhosh, Kevin Sasek, Alex Schlick, Ryan Seams, Amaan Shaikh, Siddarth Somanathan, Connie Sun, Kristopher Tayyeb, Corrine Tu, Alan Wang, Terri Wang, Tony Wang, and Curtis Wong. The team is coached by Brian Ladd.

#### Dating Class

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) is offering a Dating for the Shy/Adventurous Class. Students discuss ways to be em-

Students discuss ways to be empowered with dating skills, set expectations and take action. The class is Sat. 4/12, 9:30-11:30 a.m., fee \$32 at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore.

4444 East Ave., Livermore. Register by calling LARPD at (925) 373-5707 or visiting the LARPD website at www.larpd.dst.ca.us

#### Cartoons Come to Life

Ever see a cartoon strip come to life before your very eyes? Cartoonist and storyteller Joe Wos brings his unique blend of storytelling and cartooning to the Pleasanton Public Library on Friday, April 4 at 4:00 p.m.

day, April 4 at 4:00 p.m.. Once Upon a Toon® shines a spotlight on creativity. This interactive program combines original stories and live cartoon illustration for an experience that children and adults of all ages will enjoy. Joe Wos relates his heartwarming and hilarious rendition of folk tales and fairy tales with a twist. Each turn of the tale and stroke of the pen produces a new drawing, and all drawings are given to the audience.

are given to the audience. This free program, about 45 minutes long, is best for those ages 5 and older. For more information please contact the Children's Desk at (925) 931-3400 ext. 8, or visit the library's website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/ services/library. The Pleasanton Public Library is located at 400 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton.

#### Olive Growers Seminar

Tri Valley Conservancy announced today that they will be hosting an Olive Growers Quality Alliance Educational Series. The purpose of this series is to assure the highest quality of olive oil produced by the Tri-Valley Olive Growers.

The next Olive Growers Quality Alliance workshop will be held on Wednesday, April 2nd, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, at the Livermore Public Library, Community Room B, 1188 So. Livermore Avenue, in Livermore.

The topic of *The Emerging California Olive Oil Industry in a Global Marketplace*, will bepresented by Alan Green.

Please RSVP by March 28, at 925 449-8706. There is a \$10 fee to help cover cost of olive oil and meeting

#### **Raiderette Classes**

materials.

Classes that will prepare candidates for the upcoming Raiderette auditions will be offered at Bancroft Middle School on March 29, April 5 and April 12 from 9-11 a.m., with check-in beginning at 8:30 a.m. The school is located at 1150 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro. Each class costs \$25.

The Oakland Raiders are searching for candidates to serve as Raiderettes. Preliminary auditions will be held on Sunday, April 13 at the Oakland Airport Hotel. Check-in will begin at 8 a.m., with preliminary interviews immediately following.

There is no dance audition at the preliminaries. Required attire is daytime dresses, skirts or shorts, with appropriate hairstyle and makeup. Finalists will be announced at the end of the event.

Rehearsals for the dance routine will be held on Tuesday, April 15 and Thursday, April 17 from 7-9 p.m. Final auditions will be held on Sunday, April 20. Auditions and rehearsals are closed to the general public.

Eligible candidates must be at least 18 years old by the date of the preliminary audition; available to attend all home games, rehearsals on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7-9:30 p.m. (beginning in late April), rehearsals Saturday mornings from 7:30-10:30 a.m. and special public relations, charity and performance events; and able to attend a full day Saturday minicamp on May 3.

Candidates may not cheer for both the Raiders and another professional or college team. Preregistration is strongly advised for participation in the audition process. The advance fee to register is \$20 and the deadline is April 8.

For more information, visit www.raiders.com and click on the 2008 Raiderettes tab.

#### Wine Club Release

Crooked Vine Winery is releasing two wines, its 2004 Double Gold Medal winning Cabernet Sauvignon and a 2004 Petite Sirah, to its Club Vine Wine Club members on March 29. Wines will be available to wine club members for tasting and pickup beginning at 11:30 a.m. Crooked Vine Club Vine members receive 20% discounts on wine club releases. Membership is free. For more information contact Crooked Vine at 925-371-8156 or visit its website at www.crookedvinewinery.com.

#### **Towne Center Books**

• Read and Be Happy Hour, April 3 from 5-6 with Comedian Robert Schimmel who will be at Tommy T's the first week in April. Robert is a survivor of stage III non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. His book Cancer on \$5.00 a Day (Chemo Not Included) tells of his journey in, of course the humorous edgy style one would expect from Robert. Admission is \$5.00 or free with book purchase. Please call 925-846-8826 for reservations.

• Livermore author Sarah Jane will celebrate spring and her new children's book at the store on Sat., April 19 at 11:00. The morning will include planting seeds.

ing seeds. Towne Center is located at 555 Main Street in downtown Pleasanton.

#### Amador DECA

The Amador Valley High School DECA team just returned from the California State Development Conference, held this past weekend in Irvine, California. Over 1,300 students competed from schools in California. Amador had 50 students compete. AVHS competitors:

AVHS competitors: California Mortgage Brokers \$1000 Scholarships: Matt Carlucci, Joey Bruno, Justin Mullaney; Apparel & Accessories: Erin Rist- Top 8 Exam; Automotive Services: Michelle Schwem -2nd Place Overall, Nandor Laszek – participant; Business Services: Meg Haupt – 3rd Place Overall, Justin Maslana – Top 8 Role Play 1 &



Marketing Management Services: Corinne Tu – 2nd Place Overall, Seunguk Lee – Top 8 Overall; Quick Serve Restaurant Management Services: Mike Chen – 1st Place Overall, Trevor Landas – Top 8 Overall; Restaurant Full Service Management: Erica Droher – 2nd Place Overall, Gayani Kadurugamuwa – Top 8 Overall, Lauren Morton- 2nd Place Role Play 2, Sunny Lee – Top 8 Exam; Retail Services: Chelsea Xu – 3rd Place Overall, Dhruv Dhall – participant; Sports and Entertainment Management: Priya Nathan – 2nd Place Overall;

Buying and Merchandising Team Event: Amrita Kulkarni & Ryan Terri – Top 8 Overall; Hospitality Team Management: Joey Bruno & Matt Carlucci – 1st Place Overall, Sheena Peng & Josh Pann – Top 8 Overall, Rebecca Mackenzie & Stephanie Mackenzie – participants; Internet Team Management: Nina Saleh & Randi Olsen - 2nd Place Overall, Mark Thomas & Brandon Cruz – Top 8 Overall, Brendan Schindler & VJ Ravindran – Top 8 Overall' Sports and Intertainment Team Management: Jay Guillmart & Justin Mullaney: 3rd Place Overall, Angelina Hlavaty & Shelby Barraza – participants, Jonathon Cailes & Ruiqi Mao - participants; Travel & Tourism Team Management: Bora Yuh & Sharon Jiang – Top 8 Overall, James Galt & Matt Ready – participants, Becca Crawbuck & Michael Sobrero - participants Written Project, Internet Business Plan: Chelsea Xu, 3rd Place Overall;

Plan: Chelsea Xu, 3rd Place Overall; Written Project, Entrepreneurship Written: Caroline Hsia & Corinne Tu, 2nd Place Overall; Written Project, Entrepreneurship Written: Mike Chen, Seunguk Lee, Amrita Kulkarni, Top 8 Overall; Written Project, Entrepreneurship Plan: Sunny Lee, Top 8 Overall; Written Project, International Business Plan: Sharon Jiang, Bora Yuh, Lanz Nalagan, Top 8 Overall; Written Project, Fashion Merchandising: Jennifer Yan, 1st Place Overall; Written Project, Entrepreneurship Participating: Dhruv Dhall, 1st Place Overall; Written Project, Entrepreneurship Paticipating: Shelby Barraza, participant; Quiz Bowl: Trevor Landess, Seunguk Lee, Justin Sun, Ruigi Mao – Semi Final Round; Math Yuam:

Dhall, 1st Place Overall; Written Project, Entrepreneurship Paticipating: Shelby Barraza, participant; Quiz Bowl: Trevor Landess, Seunguk Lee, Justin Sun, Ruiqi Mao – Semi Final Round; Math Exam: Seunguk Lee, 2nd Place Overall Amador DECA will be busy preparing for the final level of competition, International Career Development Conference to be held in Atlanta, Georgia April 27-April 30th, 2008. Funds will be needed to pay travel expenses. Anyone who would like to donate to the travel expenses, please contact the DECA Advisor, Joan Thomas, cell 925-998-1056 or email joaniethomas@hotmail.com. Congratulations Amador Valley DECA.

#### ABWA Awards

The local American Business Women's Association Express to Success (ABWA E2S) chapter holds monthly meetings that focus on professional networking and professional development for women in business. This month the group announced its Woman of the Year and Business of the Quarter.

Woman of the Year Sharon Almeida has been an ABWA national member for many years and joined Express to Success shortly after the group was formed in 2003. She has served as president, vice president and chair of several ABWA committees. Almeida has been a financial advisor since 1987



has volunteered her time in school, church and for the Portuguese community. Since 2004 she has devoted most of her volunteer time to HOUSE, INC. a nonprofit organization that purchases and manages homes for developmentally disabled adults, providing housing support to live independently and reach their full potential. Since 2004, HOUSE, INC. has purchased three houses. Almeida acts as a property manager for one home.

and run her own firm since 2000. She

Each quarter the Express to Success Network also selects a Business of the Quarter to recognize a member for her efforts to support her chapter and her community. Culver Careers, where E2S member Karen Ferriera works as a National Executive Sales Recruiter, has been voted Business of the First Quarter 2008. A Bay Area native, Ferriera founded the E2S chapter of ABWA almost five years ago and was its first president. She works with many networking organizations to keep E2S membership growing and thriving. The local ABWA E2S chapter meets

The local ÅBWA E2S chapter meets on the third Tuesday of each month from 6:00 to 8:30 pm at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel at 5115 Hopyard Road in Pleasanton. For more information, email info@expresstosuccess.org or go to www.expresstosuccess.org.

#### Marketing Association

The Livermore Marketing Association has elected a new board to lead this organization of local real estate professionals and affiliates through 2008.

2008. The line up is: Pete Conley of Re/ Max East Bay Group, president; Kim Ott of Alain Pinel, vice president; Randi DeHollander of Vintage Mortgage, treasurer; Cher Wollard of Windermere Welcome Home, public relations officer; Francine Bauer of Financial Title Co., correspondence officer; Gertha Davis of Windermere Welcome Home and Stephanie Curran of Alain Pinel, member communications officers; Holly Bruce of Windermere Welcome Home and Bill McManus of Pro Mortgage Group, tour coordinators; Mike Pitsker of Farmers Insurance Group, sergeant-at-arms; Emily Graham and Karen Long of Wachovia, affiliate liaisons.

sons. LMA meets Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave. All professionals in real estate and related businesses are welcome. Admission is \$4. Rachael Lavezzo-Snedecor, execu-

Rachael Lavezzo-Snedecor, executive director of the Livermore Downtown, will address the Livermore Marketing Association at its weekly meeting on Jan. 24. Lavezzo-Snedecor, the first speaker of the new year for LMA, will present an update on activities and developments in the downtown "Golden Triangle."

Linda Ryan, manager of the Bothwell Center, will address the Livermore Marketing Association at its weekly meeting on Jan. 31. Ryan, an award-winning Tri-Valley artist, has been an important voice for the visual arts in Livermore. Besides managing the Bothwell Center, with its studios, classes, art shows and performances, Ryan helped found Tri-Valley Artists Guild, which coordinates the very successful annual Artists Walk, as well as numerous other art shows in the community. She will talk to the group about public art and art spaces in Livermore, including the role of the Bothwell Center in our community.

The Prostate Cancer Support Group at San Ramon Regional Medical Center invites the community to learn about issues related







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## Life After Prostate Cancer

Free Educational Seminar



to life after prostate cancer. Many men experience urinary incontinence and impotence following prostate cancer treatment. Our board-certified urologist, Parminder Sethi, M.D., will discuss surgical and non-surgical treatments of these side-effects. Family risk is another concern. Dr. Sethi will discuss the risk of prostate cancer in sons, brothers and other close relatives. He will explain when male relatives should seek screening and testing for the concer. The physicion will be prepared to answer questions on other medical topics related to life after prostate cancer. Partners and family members are invited and encouraged to attend. The Prostate Concer Support Group meets the second Tuesday of the month from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., and the community is welcome to attend at no charge.

Speaker: Parminder S. Sethi, M.D. Urologist

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## SPORTS NOTES

#### Lady Hustle Results

Pleasanton's recently formed Lady Hustle Girls U14 softball team is off to a great start, having competed in the TripleCrown World Series Qualifier in Salinas March 1st & 2nd and the USSSA World Series Qualifier March 15/16 at Manteca Field of Dreams.

In their first tournament in Salinas, Lady Hustle qualified for Triple Crown World Series in Utah in the summer with a 3rd place finish amongst a strong field of 22 teams from Northern and Southern California.

Lady Hustle won their first four games with shut out victories over teams from Orcutt, Lincoln, and Rancho Cordova. Great pitching performances from Katie Mannion, Montana Berg, and Sami Schiller were supported with strong defensive plays from Lu Lu Lanza, Nicole Borchard, Niki Stark and Lexi Seigel-Meyer.

In the quarterfinal game vs. Hanford Dirt Dogs, Hustle held on for a thrilling 2 to 1 victory and headed to the semi-finals where they fell 10-5 to eventual tourney champions Salinas Storm. Hustle highlights included a long home run to left from Alexis Martinez who was the leading hitter for the tournament.

Lady Hustle was back in action this past weekend at Manteca's Field of Dreams and earned their first Championship with a domi-nating 12-3 victory over the Nevada Diamonds. Their win earned them a berth to the USSSA World Series at the Disney World Sports Complex in Florida in July. This victory was highlighted by a powerful display of hitting throughout the lineup and included home runs by Katie Mannion and Lu LuLanza. Sami Schiller was the winning pitcher and contributed throughout the week end offensively with 2 home runs and a game winning double in the semi-final game

Lady Hustle beat Brentwood's Delta Diamonds twice during the tournament with Schiller and Mannion as winning pitchers. Nu Nu Evans and Jess McKeehan kept runners in check all weekend with strong catching and several runners thrown out on the bases. Leading hitters for the tourney include Nu Nu Evans with 8 hits and 7 runs scored along with Katie Mannion, who batted

#### Livermore Girls Softball

Livermore Girls Softball Association scores from last week:

Middle school Black division: AP Concrete Thrashers 14, Burger King Vipers 13. The Thrashers trailed by four runs in the 13. The Thrashers trailed by four runs in the bottom of the fourth inning, then kicked it into gear to take their first win of the season. Brandy Guillen hit a single, two doubles, an RBI and three runs scored, Allyson Walker hit two singles, scored a run and had three RBI, Jena Forsberg hit a double, single scored a run and had two RBI. Top players for the Vipers include Sheryn Beard's single and a nice catch, Erika Serrano had a great hit and two stolen bases. and Paiee Darrow with and two stolen bases, and Paige Darrow with some clutch hits and great base running. Jazzercise Gold Gloves 10, Meredith Real Estate Brokers TNT 4, The Gold Gloves

were led by pitcher Cassidy Van Trease's complete game with nine strikouts, Sarah Hepburn contributed a single, double and two runs scored. Katy Jones reached base three times including two doubles. TNT had great

times including two doubles. 1N1 had great defensive game at the catcher position by Natasha Storti, while Brooke Lari and Kristen Paulazzo also played good defense. Jazzercise Gold Gloves 13, Burger King Vipers 4. Madalyn Geyer pitched a great game for the Gold Gloves striking out four and walking just one in four innings, Victoria Mercado turned in a tremendous defensive catch in centerfield to end a Vipers rally. Jessica Jacobs was among three Golden Calch in centerfield to end a Vipers rany. Jessica Jacobs was among three Golden Gloves who reached base two times. Despite coming back in the middle innings, the Vipers could not hold back the strong offense of the Golden Gloves. Superb defense and bunting by both Nicole Lutz and Hailey Schultz, and strong pitching and a clutch hit by Courtnie Fields helped keep the Vipers in the arme

AP Concrete Thrashers 10, Meredith Real Estate Brokers TNT 5. For the Thrasers, Tiffanie Munoz pitched three outstanding innings giving up only three runs, Amylisa Golvin walloped a high ball for a two-run homerun. Brandy Guillen really broke things open with a standup triple that cleared the bacos

Middle School Red division: Vintage Management Group Triple Threat 18, Total Sports Hornets 5. Highlights include Hornet's Katelyn Davenport stealing home for the team's third run, and Brianna Zantinan's fielding. Also, Sierra Hoggatt pitched four strong

ng innings. Earth Safety Dynamics Attack 10, Bruce Earth Safety Dynamics Attack 10, Bruce Bowen Photography Grapes of Wrath 2. The Grapes of Wrath played it close for most of the game, but the Attack pulled away late. Erica Smith reached base all three times for the Grapes of Wrath and played good defense at first base, while Austyn Najera and Taylor Enloe each reached base both times at bat, with Enloe hitting a single. Tenet Healthcare Foundation Team Fury 15. San Ramon Auto Renair Lady Yanks 8 Tenet Healthcare Foundation Team Fury 15, San Ramon Auto Repair Lady Yanks 8. Team Fury kept their lead throughout the game. Team Fury was paced by a powerhouse grand slam by Kyleigh Anderson, awesome pitching by Haley Williford, including six strikeouts in two innings, and a base hit, RBI and a great put out at home by Shannon Osterberg. Bill Howard Floors Hot Tamales 7, Vintage Management Group Triple Threat 6. This was a battle of two unbeaten teams. For the Hot Tamales. Ceara Fisher pitched a fine the Hot Tamales, Ceara Fisher pitched a fine game of five innings with 11 strikeouts and two runs scored, Kayleigh LaGrutta had two hits with two RBIs, and Kristen Hayden pitched an inning getting one strikeout and one hit. The Triple Threat were led by Alyssa one hit. The Triple Threat were led by Alyssa Gonzalez played catcher for all six innings with a single and two RBIs, Carina Novell was three-for-three scoring three times and a long solo home run while pitching 3 innings. Jenna Jenkins made a great defensive play at shortstop and walked once. Earth Safety Dynamics Attack 15, Total Sports Hornets 7. The Hornets' Katelyn Davenport hit a hard single into left field, and stole home for the third run. Brianna Zantman slanned a hard single to left field and made slapped a hard single to left field, and made a great line drive catch at second base. Ashlynn Franks made a heads-up play by advancing to first base on a dropped third strike Bruce Bowen Photography Grapes of Wrath 11, San Ramon Auto Repair Lady Yanks 9. The Grapes of Wrath held a small led throughout to hold off the Lady Yanks'. For the Grapes of Wrath, Jessica Choi scored beth time the meable becaude becaude ticked the both times she reached base and pitched the team out of trouble. Ariana Taylor reached base both times at bat and made a great throw from second base for an out at the plate, and Brittany Pringle reached base all three times, scoring twice CADealerDirect.com Jaguars 13, Tenet Healthcare Foundation Team Fury 12. Team Fury took the lead till the very end when they had to settle for a loss. Siena Trujillo had nad to settle for a loss, shena Trujno had consistent base hits with RBI's, Haley Williford had a powerful triple and Elise Robinson had a great base hit. **10-under:** Faltings Racing Team The Crew 12, Teal Explosion 3. For The Crew, Christy Bryant did an awesome job as eatchor Mideline Hudo made actular through catcher, Madeline Hyde made a stellar throw from outfield, and Sabrina Downey hit a couple of excellent base hits. Jason Wilkins Memorial Hot Chili Peppers 14, A.P. Concrete Black Widows 10. Trailing 10-4, the Hot Chili Peppers ex-Wilkins played great defense, Morgan Dillard pitched a strong game, and Tori Nicole had a key double in the win. For the Black

Widows, Samantha Schwartz had a couple terrific hits, Ilexis Pereida made some great plays in the outfield, and Shelby Rocereto

kept our head in the game with great cheering. Sherman Roofing Shermanatorz 10, New United Motors, Inc. Lil' Yanks 4. For the Lil' Yanks, Jackie Granados hit a triple and had a colid inving of mitching

a solid inning of pitching. Interstate Concrete Pumping Mavericks 13, Chase Financial Group Dirt Devils 1. The Mavericks started the game strong with key RBI hits by Elise Williams and Peyton Woelk. Laura Duterte pitched a strong first

New United Motors, Ind. Lil' Yanks 10, New United Motors, Ind. Lil' Yanks 2, Interstate Concrete Pumping Mavericks 2, The Lil' Yanks played their best game of the year. Karla Rosa doubled in two runs, Jamie Wittmer came around the bases after pounding the ball into the outfield and pitched two scoreless innings, and Gianna Belloumini had the game-ending catch at third. After giving up runs in the first inning, the Mavericks defense picked up, led by Victoria Little at pitcher. Mariah Dias had an RBI in the second inning to help the Mavericks, and Sydney Zambonin doubled in the sixth.

Faltings Racing Team The Crew 7, Livermore Valley Cellars Wild Things 5. all the girls played a great game, led by pitching of Jesslyn Faltings and Jessica Johnston, and Christy Bryant hit a great triple. Pacific Dental Care Teal Explosion 11,

Jason Wilkins Memorial Hot Chili Peppers 11. This game was a nail biter, with the score oing back and forth from beginning to end. Top players for teal explosion were Katherine Biehn with two runs, two hits, two stolen bases and two RBI, Maddie Byrne with two runs, two hits, and three stolen bases, and Kasey Clendenen with a run scored, a hit and o stolen bases. Danielle Hoefner of the Hot Chili Peppers singled in two runs, Amelia Mowry hit a deep single to left field, and Tea Stephenson made a key defensive play to preserve the tie.

A.P. Concrete Black Widows 13, Chase Financial Group Dirt Devils 5. For the Black Widows, Samantha Schwartz pitched great, holding them for three innings with no runs and three strike outs, Julie Maruskin had a double and 2 RBIs, and Jordan Volponi had a great stop to hold the Dirt Devils from

8-under: Around the Bay Pest Control Black Widows vs. Rich Cortez and Sons Heating & Air Wildcats. Coaches' selections -Iamie Freitas, Morgan Waugh, Tara Collier (BW); Ashley Lamb, Kelly Hughes, Taylor Stephensen (W). Austin Precision Bubble Gum Girls vs. Around the Bay Pest Control Black Widows. Coaches' selections -Mackenzie Wallace, Katie Hinds, Angelina Purkatt (BW). Nicola, Eaithanka, Creac Burkett (BW); Nicole Fairbanks, Grace Stanford, Carlie Spruiell (BBG). Mancini's Sleepworld Magic Dragons vs. Austin Pre-cision Bubble Gum Girls. Coaches' selec-Ciston Bubble Gum Gin's, Coaches' Selec-tions - Melanie Laronde, Katie Carmichael, Gabriella Maitland (MD); Peyton Fields, Jenny Stoner, Angelina Medeiros (BBG). Mancini's Sleepworld Magic Dargons vs. Les Schwab Tires Golden Stars. Coaches' selections - Lindsay Brown, Maddie Lovdahl, Prionne Whealcol (MD), Intern Beal Ectete Brianna Wheelock (MD). Intero Real Estate Cheetah Girls vs. Les Schwab Tires Golden Stars. Coaches' selections - Sierra Deane, Maya Pillon (CG). William D. Thompson Attorney at Law Daisy Girls vs. Intero Real Estate Cheetah Girls. Coaches' selections -

Emme Poe, Lindsey Philips (CG). **T-ball:** J.R. Pierce Plumbing Pink Ladies vs. Bloomingcamp Optometry Rockin' Rabbits. Coaches' selections - Cassidy Bates, Chloe Doust, Isabella Romero (PL); Caitlyn Quartaroli, Annabelle Stine, Eliana Eme (RR). Kapowee Diamond Diggers vs. Inte-grated Archive Systems Blue Angels. Coaches' selections - Hannah Sandahl, Audrey Curtis, Lexi Scribner (DD); Megan Mossinger, Abigai Andrews, Allison Scher (BA), J.R. Pierce Plumbing Pink Ladies vs. Quail Electronics, Inc. Little Stingers. Coaches' selections - Ally Meeker, Lauren Farrauto, Kennedy Griffith (PL). Pertica Insurance Services Hot Tamales vs. Kapowee Diamond Diggers. Coaches' selections - Shelby Wil-liams, Madison Wright, Olivia Claypool (HT). Pertica Insurance Services Hot Tamales vs. Integrated Archive Systems Blue Angels. Coaches' selections - Sabrina Pertica, Amanda Prica, Skylar Shapiro (HT); Isabella LaRosa, olleen McCandless, Ashley Yamamoto

#### Livermore National LL

Livermore National Little League highlights: Majors: Diamondbacks 7, Dodgers 7

Marin FC 91 by a score of 1-0. Brady Jimison scored the lone goal assisted by Chris Bernardi. In the semifnal match, Mustang had a

tough loss to Chivas Jr, USA 2-1. Sasha Chalek scored the only goal for Mustang assisted by Dominic Daley. The Strikers had excellent defensive play

from Ryan Rivera in the nets assisted by Michael Janjgian, Patrick Watson, Nick Feeney and Dominic Daley. Midfielders & Struikers, George Mayer, Jose Garcia, Alex Alvarez, Scott Brensel, Kian Malek, Sasha Chalek, Justin Chew, Nadav Kariv, Emrah Klimenta & Gerardo Garcia did a great job pressuring the defense creating scoring opportunities

#### Pleasanton Girls Softball

The Pleasanton Girls Softball Leagaue began play last week. Following are some of

**MICRO Division:** Niki Ward Photog-raphy Dolphins vs. Richert Lumber Stars: Great hits by Olivia McGee and Samantha Lipsker of Niki Ward Photography Dolphins and Allie Jenzon and Hannah Schott of Richert Lumber Stars. Outstanding fielding by Claire Larsen and Alison Smith of Niki Ward Photography Dolphins and Haley Roundtree of Richert Lumber Stars. Top players: Niki Ward Photography Dolphins - Claire Larsen, Olivia McGee, Samanatha Lipsker; Richert Lumber Stars - Allie Jenzon, Hannah Schott, Haley Roundtree. Borg Redwood Fences Diamonds vs.

Friends of PGSL: For the Borg Redwood Fences Diamonds: 3 outs made in the first inning by pitcher Nicole Riordan. Excellent fielding and throwing to first base by Julia Great fielding play in the 3rd inning by Fiona Thendeen at second base, made 2 outs by throwing to first base (to Julia Camello). Great hits by: - Keara Greenan - Madison Burke - Emily Johnson Top players: Borg Redwood Fences Diamonds-Nicole Riordan, Fiona Thendeen, Julia Balestreri; Friends of PGSL- Mackenzie Riddle, Emily Peterson, Michelle Zekria.

#### Livermore American LL Livermore American Little League re-

sults from last week:

**A Division:** Wets 13, Nationals 24: For the Mets, Grant Hrdlicka caught a flyball at third, Neil Patel hit a single, and Emory Larson at short stop threw two great throws to first. For the Nationals, Cassidy Herberth hit a double, Nicholas Macchioni had a great out at third, and Ryan Bond hit a double. Top Mets: Grant Hrdlicka, Neil Patel, Emory Larson; Top Nationals: Cassidy Herberth, Nicholas Macchioni, Ryan Bond. Blue Jays 16, Marlins 6: The Blue Jays,

led on offense by Peeso, Priest and Clifton, started the game strong and the Marlins were unable to come back. The Marlins were led on offense by Paison and Kilday and Forgatsch led the team defensively. Top Marlins: Landon Paison, Christopher Kilday, Alex Forgatsch; Top Blue Jays: Josh Peeso, Cameron Priest, Shane Clifton.

Shane Clifton. AA Division: Tigers 7, Indians 0: While the Indians played hard, (especially Bobby Canteline, Logan Cole, and Michael Hallock) the Tigers outplayed them scoring 1 run in the 2nd inning. 4 runs in the 5th, and 2 more in the 7th inning. The Tiger's Victor Rivera got a base hit & one RBI, John Langerud caught a line drive at first & did a nice job pitching, and Bryce Dishrow was 2 for 3 at bat; getting and Bryce Disbrow was 2 for 3 at bats, getting doubles and RBI's both times. Top Tigers: Victor Rivera, John Langerud, and Bryce Disbrow; Top Indians: Bobby Canteline,

Logan Cole, and Michael Hallock. Majors: A's 12, Mountain House Reds 0: The A's traveled over the hill to play the Mountain House Reds last weekend. The A's pitchers, Lance Jackson, Jake Stoneham and Trevor Escover, kept the Mountain House Reds off balance and recorded several strikes outs. The rest of the A's came through with a strong defensive effort with good fielding, picking off runners and throwing other run-ners out when they tried to steal. The offense for the A's was paced by some strong hits and heads up base running. The Mountain House Reds showed great improvement defensively with several nice plays. Players such as Alex Pedroza, Christian Tanton, Drew Ziller and Jared Dalrymple made outstanding plays out in the field. Top As: Lance Jackson, Jake Stoneham and Trevor Escover for their excel-lent pitching and timely hitting; Top Reds: Jared Dlrymple, Alex Pedroza, Christian Tanton and Drew Ziller.

tournament recently

After firing a 79 in the snow on Saturday, Kenny started Sunday three shot off the lead. As the weather cleared, Maroney was still three shots behind with three holes to play. With birdies on 16 and 17, the gap was closed to one shot on the scenic 18th hole of Sierra Meadows Golf Course in Ahwannee, CA at the base of Yosemite Valley. Finishing with a 75 and forcing a playoff with San Rafael's Stevie Johnson, Maroney pared the first playoff hole to bring home the 14-15 age

group title with a two day score of 154. Kenny takes his recent momentum into the competition of EBAL golf where he is a rare freshman competing at the varsity level for Granada High Golf Coach Matt Robles.

#### GHS Lacrosse

Granada High School varsity lacrosse team suffered two losses last week.

Monte Vista defeated the Matadors 10 to Monte Vista dereated me Matadors 10 to 1. Scorers: Granada: Hoeppner 1; Monte Vista: Solomon 1, Branke 1, Miller 1, Iverson 1, Stein 2, Lieber 3, Moon 1; Assists Monte Vista: Lieber 1, Stein 2, Miller 1; Goalies Saves: Granada: Hopkins, 13; Monte Vista: Moriarty, 8.

It was San Ramon Valley 14, Granada 1. Scorers Granada: McCallister 1; San Ramon Valley: Sorenson 4, Giroux 3, Roudeau 2, Rayda 3, Egan 1, Barrett 1; Assists SRV: Rayda 2, Giroux 1, Sorenson 3, Miller 1, Cummings 1, Fitzgerald 1; Goalies/Saves: Granada: Hopkins, 4; San Ramon Valley: Dacar, 7.

Granada's season record now stands at 3 wins and 6 losses.

#### LHS Lacrosse

The Livermore High School junior var-sity lacrosse team won their season opener against the Dougherty Valley Wildcats this week 7 - 5. Livermore scored first in the first quarter on a Brad Rootz goal. The much improved Wildcats tied the score a few minutes later to make it 1 - 1 after 1. Cowboy goals by Marc Acosta and Cody Sawyer made it 3 - 1 but again the stubborn Wildcats scored to make it 3 - 2 at the half. The Cowboys scored 4 in the 3rd quarter. Goals by Paul Warnke, Jake Heston, Brad Rottz again and Cody Shubin saw the lead grow to 7 -2 but once again the Wildcats put 2 in goal to make it 7 - 4 after 3. In the final quarter Dougherty scored 1 goal to make the final margin Livermore 7 Wildcats 5. Good defense was played by Joe Stone, Nathan Loberg, Craig Cofer, Spencer Davidson, Aubrey Gott, Ryan Wilkerson, Ian Ingram and Joe Lewis. The man in goal was Steven Martinez. Fine Middie play by Joey Youngblood, Michael Middle piay by Joey Youngblood, Michael McClurg, Matt Holzshuh, Arek Medina, Cameron Sawyer, Keyon Taravati, Joe Gonzalez, Mario Ferrer, Ryan McCubbin, Tim Byrnes. Attack in the mix were Zach Pursch, Stan Steeper, Kyle McCammon, Chad Berghoff and Jacob Cuellar.

#### Youth Lacrosse

In a game that was tied 2-2 early in the first half, Pleasanton Pups B1 Vortex used a five-goal second half rally to seal a win over the Scorpions. The Vortex is now 2-2 on the season. Four different players figured into the scoring column. Joseph Chacon tallied a hat trick, with Erik Gallagher, Colton Steiner and Andrew Totaro scoring one goal each. Vortex came out firing in the second half, and once again it was lead by Brian Kinnee's continuing his face-off domination. Goalie Conner McFarlane faced a barrage of shots Conner MCrariane faced a parrage or snots and turned away eighteen. Throughout the game, the defense was clearly playing a physical, check-heavy game that kept the Scorpions attack off-balance and out of rhythm. Big hits from Kevan Knaggs, Ian Mills, Noah Geib, Sam Gorman and Will Drake set the tone for the Vortex physical transform. The midding group showed a lot style of play. The middles group showed a lot of improvement on rides and clears. Wesley Bower, Nick Burnap, Brian Culy and David Zatorski, along with Joseph Chacon, Brian Kinnee and Andrew Totaro, really shined on the middle line on both sides of the field.

#### Baseball Camps

Director of Golf

Danny Baron has joined The Course At

Wente Vineyards as its new director of golf. Baron, 30, is responsible for the daily opera-tions of the Greg Norman-designed golf course, as well as the clubhouse grill.

Known as an ambassador of the game with a knack for creating attractive programs for men, women and junior golfers, Baron moves into his new position after serving as

general manager and director of golf at Trilogy Golf Club in Rio Vista. There he

handled the golf, food and beverage, sales and marketing, and maintenance departments.

Baron played four years on the golf team at

the University of Louisville, was named captain for two years and made the Conference

USA All-Academic Team. Graduating with honors with a degree in business marketing,

Baron chose a career in the golf business, starting in 1990 at Seneca Golf Course in Louisville.

In 1996 he joined the Polo Fields Golf and Country Club in Louisville, where he worked nine years and was head golf profes-

sional from 2002-2006. Baron also contin-ued his education, earning a PGA Certifica-

tion in General Management in February,

instrumental in developing Trilogy's "Learn to Golf" program that contributed to more

than 80 Trilogy members taking up the game of golf for the first time. Baron and his wife, Shannon, live in

Baron moved West in 2006 to join Trilogy Golf Club in Rio Vista, where he was

Born and raised in Louisville, Ky.

Matador Baseball Summer Camps, ages 5-14. Weekly skills-based camps at Granada High School Varsity field run by Varsity coaches and players. Camp dates: June 16-19 (incoming 7, 8, and 9 grades only), June 23-26, and June 30-July 3 from 9-12 each day. Cost is \$140 per camp (if registered by June 1, \$150 after June 1). For more information and registration, www.granadabaseball.org.

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299, which followed his 239 and then a 10 strike in a row effort 285 game to complete the 823 Series.

Also rolling in the same league was Phil Sivret who recorded a 754 series that included games of 258, 255 and a 241. Jim French 279 High game netted him a 712 series.

Rich Canada of the ReMax Executive Cheyenne League rolled a 715 series that included scores of 258, 245 and 212. Darin Smith competing in the same loop turned in games of 217, 248 and 237 for a 702 series. Lee Pettus of the Monday Mashers used

a 265 game to complete a 686 series while William Jenneiahn of the Tuesday Lab League rolled 245, 223, and 209 for a 677 set. Bob Suhr of the Balhorn, O'Dell Match Point upped his average with games of 236, 237 and 214 for a 687.

In the PrimeTime Senior League all eyes were focused on Dolores MacLeod who crushed her normal average score of 120 with a high game of 232. Harry Thompson rolled

a high game of 232. Harry Thompson rolled a 235 game in that same league. Rose Nelson of the Donna Mixer's loop bowled 213 and a 202 on her way to a 605 Series. Friday Family Affair youth bowlers Reily Chin had a 237 on his way to a 623 series and Vincent Salinas-Piper rolled a 246 on his way to a 628 Series while Nick Tehero rolled a 244.

#### GolfTournament

The first annual Safe and Sober Golf Tournament will be held April 18 at the Poppy Ridge Golf Course in Livermore. This is a fund-raiser for both Livermore

This is a fund-raiser for both Livermore and Granada high schools grad nights. A \$175 per person fee for the tournament includes golf, cart, range balls, lunch and a BBQ dinner. This is a 4-player scramble format tournament. There will be a raffle and live and silent auctions during dinner. For more information, call 980-9832, email zoox31@gmail.com or visit Granada or Livermore school websites to download registration forms. Sonosorships are avail-

registration forms. Sponsorships are avail

#### Swim Clinic

Livermore area athletes will have a unique chance to enhance their competitive swimming skills by working with two of the country's greatest swimmers, Josh Davis and Kim Vandenberg. The Livermore Aquacowboys Swim Team will host a Mutual of Omaha Breakout! Swim Clinic on Sunday, April 26th at the Livermore Valley Tennis Club, 2000 Arroyo Road in Liver more

more. The Mutual of Omaha Breakout! Swim Clinic was developed by Olympic gold medalist Josh Davis and Mutual of Omaha to inspire and motivate a new generation of swim stars. Davis, who earned three gold medals in the 1996 Olympics and two silver medals in the 2000 Olympic Games, is a master clinician and motivational speaker.

The event is a four hour in-water stroke technique clinic from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. for ages, 8 to 18 year olds. The cost is \$85 per swimmer (lunch included). The swimmers will hear a talk from Olympian Josh Davis and US National Team member Kim Vandenberg. Immediately following, they will hit the water with Davis and Vandenberg for in-water demonstration and instruction on swim strokes and techniques. Some participants may even have a chance to test their strokes in a race against the Olympic champions. Concluding the event, the swimming champions will be available for autographs and photos.

Registration for the Mutual of Omaha Breakout! Swim Clinic is currently open. To register, contact Dave Clark at info@lacswimming.com or call 925-443-7700 and ask for Emily Horst LVTC Aquatics Director.

#### Run Like the Wind

The City of San Ramon will host the 2nd annual Run Like the Wind ½ Marathon & 5K Run/Walk on Sunday, March 30, at the San Ramon Dougherty Station Community Cen-

In its inaugural year, 2007, this event posted a field of more than 1,000 participants. "Run like the Wind" will benefit local middle and high school athletic programs that pro-vide race-day volunteers. Along with giving a financial hand to the schools, "Run Like the Wind" is also dedicated to encourage all to embrace a more healthy and active way of life!

Trophies will go to the top male, female and team finishers of each race. In addition, medals will be awarded to all ½ marathon go to designated age groups for both male and female participants (check application for

Canyon Road, in San Ramon. The Half

Carlyon Road, in San Ramon. The Hain Marathon Race will start at 7:30 a.m., with the 5K Run / Walk beginning at 7:45 a.m. For more Run Like the Wind in San Ramon information and/or an application, contact the San Ramon Parks & Community Services at 925-973-3268 or mions@sararmon ca gov. Timing and remjones@sanramon.ca.gov. Timing and re-sults of this event will be provided by On Your Mark Events.

#### **Ballistic Registration**

Ballistic United Soccer Club registration is underway. On-line registration is open for the 2008-2009 season is now open. Please visit our www.BUSC.org for fees and in-structions on how to register.

#### Soccer Camp Registration

The Development soccer cycle begins in April with a two month Keep 'em Playing Camp. The camp exposes players to a number of Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club (BUSC) coaches through creative smallsided games and training sessions. The final session of the camp allows players to practice their skills in World Cup-style competition. The camp is offered for one day a week for 1.5 hours of training. At this point players may continue in the program by registering for the training component. The cost is \$150 for 9 Camp Days. Camp

is 1.5 hours on Tuesday for the month of April and in May 4:30 – 6:00 pm. To register, visit "player camps" page at www.BUSC.org.

#### Shotgun Scrambles

Poppy Ridge Golf Course will be offer "Sunday Social Shotgun Scrambles" once a month throughout 2008. Golfers have expressed an interest in playing social tournaments, "just for fun" and are not concerned about improving their handicap. They wan to meet other golfers to play with as a single golfer or couples.

golfer or couples. The Sunday Social Shotguns will in-clude 9-hole green fees and golf car, family style dinner, themed event and specially priced drink during dinner, starting at 2PM on Sundays with dinner at 5PM for \$75/ person.

For those new golfers, a shotgun tourna-ment is formatted, all foursomes tee off simultaneously on every hole. Each player tees off and makes subsequent shots from where best ball lands. There will be contests for everyone. Each shotgun tournament will be a themed event. For more information, call (925) 456-8202.

#### YMCA Golf Tournament

The Tri-Valley YMCA 2008 Golf Tour-nament will be held at Poppy Ridge Golf Course in Livermore on Mon., April 28. The \$195 per person fee includes lunch,

dinner and refreshments, ar ound of scramble golf, raffle, and live and silent auctions. The tournament will benefit the Tri-Valley YMCA. For more information, call the YMCA at 475–6100 scramble and s

475-6108 or email mcasper@ymeastbay.org. Register before March 1 for a discount. There are opportunities for group and corporate involvement in this event.

#### Track and Field

Athenian Athletics Track Club invites Athenian Athletics Track Club invites youth athletes ages 7-18 to participate in track and field practice sessions to prepare for the 2008 track and field season. The club is preparing for USATF Meets and AAU meets. Practices will be held on a voluntary/drop-in basis Monday through Friday. For club membership, practice times and locations, please visitwww.athenianathletics.com or call Coach Bik Bichardson at 925-518-9356 call Coach Rik Richardson at 925-518-9356

#### Youth Soccer League

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) is offering a youth soccer program designed for all ability levels, taught by Make Me a Pro Soccer (MMAPS) staff. Parent volunteers are important to the programs success. Parents are encouraged to take part as Coaches and/or Officials and will be trained by certified MMAPS instructors.

Program meets twice weekly for 8 weeks. Each session consists of a 45-minute practice during the week, with games scheduled to play on Saturdays. Go to the LARPD website t: www.larpd.dst.ca.us, or Make Me a Pro Sports website at: mmapsports.com for more

As this is a non-competitive recreational league, players will be randomly placed on teams. There are no tryouts. Players receive

Top Players: Diamondbacks: Tim Harris, Nick Sposeto, Zachary Rosas; Dodgers: Tristan Thalhuber, Jordan Dowd, Brandon Anderso

AAA Division: Cardinals 8, Giants 8: This was an action packed game. Trevar O'Neill had several solid hits for the Cardinals. Ryan Petersen was on fire all night, he made a jaw dropping catch at short stop. Logan Warner pitched a great game for the Cardinals.The Giants couldn't be stopped either.Andrew Romero caught a great fly ball in center field, Vincent Rizzo hit in two RBI's and Daniel Crisman hit an amazing triple.Both teams were evenly matched. Everyone had fun. Top Players: Cardinals: Trevar O'Neill, Ryan Peterson, Logan Warner; Giants: An-drew Romero, Vincent Rizzo, Daniel Crisman;

A Division: It was another barn-burner for the Giants and Padres as both teams brought their bats. Evan Nystom opened the game for the Giants with a big hit, scoring one. Justin Rasmussen and Mason Smith were right behind him, cleaning the bases. Then, the Padres took to the plate. Ronald Martindill blasted the ball to left field for the Padres. Soon to follow were Christopher Sanchez and Evan Purl, both with great hits. Then, Mason Smith of the Giants had a web-gem of a catch at pitcher to end it. Top Players: Giants: Evan Nystrom, Justin Rasmussen, Mason Smith; Padres: Ronald Martindill, Christopher Sanchez, Evan Purl; Nationals: Blake Burrell, Xavier Arredondo, Jacob Vane; Cardinals: John Moran, Brandon Martin, Chirstopher Johnson.

**T-Ball:** A's vs. Rockies: The bats were hot as both teams knocked the ball to the infield warning track. Throws to first were plentiful as were catches and a lot of almosts. Top Players: A's: Christian Gerier, Kyle Stow, Zach\_Gooby; Rockies: Timothy Studebaker, Tory Silva, Spencer Teokro.

#### Youth Soccer

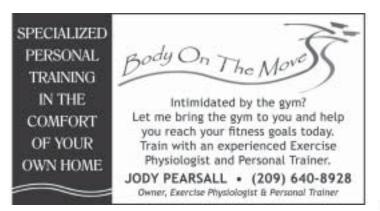
The Mustang Strikers U-17 boys soccer team competed in the Nomads College Show-case in San Diego, Ca this weekend and made

ti to the semifinal match before losing 2-0 to the Chivas Jr, USA of Southern, California. Mustang started off preliminary round play with a 3-1 victory over CRSC bridage Force of Southern, Califonia. Ryan Moore scored first, followed by Nadav Kariv and Brady Limicon. Crasle ware assisted by Chris Brady Jimison. Goals were assisted by Chris Bernardi, Emrah Klimenta and Brady Jimison.

In game two versus Corona Utd 91— Mustang came away with a 1-1 tie. Ryan Moore netted the lone goal asssisted by Chris Bernardi.

In game 3 of pool play, Mustang played Paris St Germain FC, recording a 2-1 victory. Sasha Chalek and Chris Bernardi scored the goals for Mustang assisted by Jose Garcia and ChRis Bernardi.

In Quarterfinal action, Mustang defeated



#### **Pleasanton Seahawks**

Thirty-six Pleasanton Seahawks swim-mers with Junior Olympic qualified times competed in Pacific Swimming Short Course Junior Olympic in the San Ramon Valley March 14-16.

Highlight of the meet is the performance by Catherine Breed (14) in breaking the Pacific Swimming 13-14 year old girl's 500 free record. The previous record was held by one of the top international swimmers -Natalie Coughlin for eleven years. The following swimmers improved their

personal time: Brianna Neumayr (17) cut 35 seconds off her 1650 free and 17 seconds off seconds off her 1650 free and 17 seconds off her 1000 free, Christopher Dourov (13) lowered his 200 back by 5 seconds, Jason Chen (12) improved his 50 breast by 2 seconds, Scott Robert (10) improved his 50 back by almost 2 seconds, and Maxime Rooney (9) cut his 100 back by more than 3 seconds. Three swimmers have achieved personal best time in numerous events. They are: Anthony Shen (11), Rachel Knowles (11), and Jonathan Ong (10). Seahawks swimmers who attended this meet were: Bethany Poon (17), Marina Allen

(17), Kyle Lindsay (15), Danielle Stickler (15), Hannah Schmitz (15), Caitlin Dourov (16), Edward Zhang (14), Tim MClaughlin (14), Peter Huang (14), Natalie Wong (14), Kristen Stroud (14), Roshni Nair (13), Bridget Moran (14), Cassidy Booe (14), Caleb Wang (12), Alex Wang (12), Nick Silverthorn (12), Maggie Woods (12), Lillian Sun (11), Bernadine Martin (12), Elisa Sun (11), Bernadine Martin (12), Elise Cox (12), Regis Lachance (10), Mary Woods (10), Annalisa Parker (10), Kayla Lindsay (9), Margaret Kauffeld (10), and Eva Chen (10).

#### Freshman Wins at Golf

Battling the hail, rain and snow, Granada High School freshman varsity golfer Kenny Maroney charged from behind to win the Junior Golf Association of Northern California's Yosemite St. Patrick's Day Golf



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Entry fees received after March 14: Half Marathon Single: \$45; 5K Single: \$30. Check-in and race day registration opens at 6:00 a.m., at the San Ramon Dougherty Station Community Center 17011 Bollinger

a team jersey, and will be notified or given a practice & league schedule prior to the 4/5 start date for league play. No play 5/24. The fee is \$152 for the sessions that run April 5 to March 31. The league is divided into three age groups, 4 to 5, 6 to 7, and 8 to 10. For more information, call LARPD at (925) 373-5707.







#### The Greening of the Valley

I should have written this column last week in honor of St. Patrick's Day and the many people from Ireland who settled in the Tri-Valley.

John Green, an Irishman from County Longford, immigrated in 1851 to New York, where he served as an apprentice in a drug firm. He became a naturalized citizen on June 13, 1856 and two years later came to California. While working for the New York drug firm, he had learned Spanish in order to deal with its overseas business in South America. He operated a drugstore in Oakland for a while and then came over the hills to the Dublin area with his gear in an ox cart. At first a squatter on land claimed by both Michael Murray and James Witt Dougherty, eventually in 1862 Green paid \$6,000 for Murray's land and house and settled the lawsuit with Dougherty for \$900. On August 14, 1860 he had married Anna McGovern, also from County Longford, in San Francisco. In the early 1860s Green built a general store at the southeast corner of what is now Dublin Boulevard and Donlon Way in Dublin, at that time a crossroads on the old Stockton Road. William H. Brewer, on his stopover in October 1862, counted two taverns, a grocery store, and two houses in the area. Green's Dublin store has been restored and is presently a community church.

In the U.S. agricultural census for Murray Township in 1870, Green was listed with 950 acres of land, 18 horses, 22 cattle, and 30 swine. He had crops of 600 bushels of spring wheat, 600 bushels of barley, and 25 bushels of Irish potatoes. About 1860 he also built the Amador Valley Hotel-later called the Dublin Hotel-at the southwest corner across from his store. The hotel was torn down in 1946 to make way for a strip mall and parking lot. That site has now been bought by the city of Dublin to create a heritage park; the Kolb ranch buildings will be moved there. The site adjoins the Dublin Cemetery and Old St. Raymond's Church.

According to the 1937 WPA county history, Green studied laws governing the old land grants. Mexican landowners often visited him in the evening for advice about their legal problems. When the Livermore family was having a difficult time paying taxes on their property before the boundaries of Rancho Las Positas were established by the courts in 1872, John Green paid Daniel Livermore \$2,000 for 400 acres of the rancho. This was in 1865, not long after the Livermores had been forced to sell a large section of their property to Francisco Aurrecochea by public auction. Perhaps Green was trying to help them with an infusion of cash.

John Green served as an Alameda County supervisor from 1863 to 1866 and again from 1877 to 1882. One of his passions was training race horses, and, according to Dublin researcher Virginia Bennett, he built his own private racetrack south of his store. He bred a black trotting stallion named Directum, which held the world's mile record in the 1890s. Green died in 1895 at age 72 from diabetes; he and his wife, Anna, are buried in St. Michael's Cemetery. They had seven children: Thomas, Edward, Joseph, Mary, Clara, Ann, and Ella.

Green School District was organized in 1875 and named for John Green, who allowed the school to be built on his property northeast of Livermore; in 1881 he sold the 1.24 acre site to the district for \$100. The one-room school was at the southwest corner of the old Stockton Road, now Old Altamont Road, and Greenville Road.

John Green established a second store in 1869 at the western foot of the Altamont Pass, about four miles east of Livermore. In the 1870 census he was listed as a general merchant, with locations at both Dougherty's Station (an old name for Dublin) and Livermore. His son Thomas ran the Greenville store, located on the north side of the old Stockton Highway opposite the Green School. Greenville Road, which dead-ends at Old Altamont Road and runs along the east side of Livermore, was named for the family. After the repeal of Prohibition, perhaps the Greenville store metamorphosed into the Greenville Inn, an establishment that sold beer, wine, ice cream, light meals, sandwiches, and sundries such as cigarettes. Bill and Margaret Laughlin Theil, Violet Laughlin, Ted and Myrtle Keech all had a hand in operating the

The tall bridge that brings the Altamont Commuter Express, or ACE Train. over the Old Altamont Road and the Southern Pacific right-of-way is often referred to as the "Greenville trestle. The Central/Southern Pacific Railroad had a stop called Greenville to the west of the trestle. When Thomas Green died in 1941, he left property still owned by the family in the Greenville area to his sisters Ann and Ella. John Green Elementary School opened in Dublin in September 2007. About a year from now, the Dublin Heritage Guild is planning to have a special exhibit on John Green at the old Murray School. Many artifacts will be loaned for the display by David Keller and other descendants of the Green family.

## **Livermore Well Represented on Alameda** County Women's Hall of Fame

#### **By Patricia Koning**

On Saturday, March 29, seven women will be inducted into the Alameda County Women®'s Hall of Fame. Two of the seven, longtime educator Helen Daniel and veterinarian Pam Hullinger, are from Livermore.

"I'm very honored and humbled, given the accomplishments of the other inductees,' says Hullinger, who is Chief Veterinary Officer at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL).

Daniel says she's a little embarrassed with having the spotlight shown on her career. "I don't like to call a whole lot of attention to myself, except when I'm in the classroom," she explains.

The purpose of the Women's Hall of Fame is to recognize outstanding women for their achievements and contributions to the overall well being of Alameda County and its citizens. The Women's Hall of Fame was established in 1993 by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, the Alameda County Health Care Foundation, and the Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women.

There are 11 categories: Business and Professions, Community Service, Culture and Art,

Education, Environment, Health, Justice, Non-Traditional Careers, Science, Sports and Athletics, and Youth. Hullinger was nominated for science and Daniels for education.

Hullinger says that when she became a veterinarian, she never expected to wind up working at a national laboratory. She began her career as a private practice veterinarian, but also always enjoyed teaching. After completing a residency at U.C. Davis, she became a college professor and went to work for the State Department of Agriculture. Along the way, she became a national leader in efforts to prevent the introduction and spread of foreign animal diseases.

Over the past seven years, Hullinger has used her expertise on the front lines of two of the world's major disease outbreaks: foot-and-mouth disease in Great Britain in 2001 and exotic Newcastle disease in California in 2002 and 2003. She also played an important role in working to contain equine West Nile disease in California in 2003.

For the past six years, she has volunteered with Rural Area Veterinary Services (RAVS), a Humane Society program that sends veterinarians to underserved areas to build infrastructure and

#### develop a community appreciation of veterinary care. She's traveled to Guatemala, Peru, and Chile with RAVS.

At home, mentoring young people interested in veterinary careers is a priority for Hullinger. "In the field of veterinary research, we struggle to find enough people to fill the jobs," she explains. "It is really important that veterinarians are involved in public health issues. Four-fifths of all diseases are shared between humans and animals, and the stability of agriculture is essential to the health of our economy.

The name Helen Daniel is familiar to many people who attended Livermore schools, as she taught English at Livermore High School for 32 years. "I love kids, especially teenagers. It's a difficult age as human beings," she says. "I loved every part of being a teacher and didn't want to give it up.

Daniel has taught all levels of English, from remedial to Advanced Placement. During her career she led efforts to improve computer education, served on committees to keep the campus safe for all students, and helped establish programs for non-English-speaking students in response to dramatic demographic

changes on campus.

Her experience and leadership has also made her a valuable resource for her fellow teachers. She was selected by her peers to be a Mentor Teacher for four years and also was as a founding member of Livermore's PEER evaluation committee, which helps teachers facing difficulties with their assignments.

After retiring from teaching at Livermore High School 2004, Daniel moved to Vineyard High School where she works with students on independent study.

The other inductees into the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame are community activist Barbara Millican Montgomery for Community Service; Peggy Peabody, artistic director of Ballet Petit, for Culture and Arts; Carla Perez, Northern California Program Director for Communities for a Better Environment (CBE), for Environment; Jane C. Garcia, Chief Executive Officer of La Clinica de La Raza, for Health; Peggy Fulton Hora, a retired Judge of the Superior Court, for Justice.

Nominations for the 2009 Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame are now being accepted. Visit www.acgov.org/cao/ halloffame/ for more information.

#### BOARD 51

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. **Fashion for a Cure**, Charity Fashion

Show at Granada Hig;h 100% of proceeds benefit American Cancer Society. Fri., April 18 at 7 p.m. Clothing from Chinese Laun-dry, Davidand Goliath, L-R-G, Orghipchick, Diva in U. Purse Party, Magnet, Bride's Corral, Styles, and the Edge. \$2/ticket, all clothing and accessories will be auctioned off after the show. Granada High School, 400 Well Streat Livermore Wall Street, Livermore. Livermore Community Blood Drive

Friday, April 18, 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue in the Gym. There is a severe shortage of blood in the Bay Area, and only 3% of the eligible people give blood. Please help save a life by giving blood. The process takes 1-1½ hours, and snacks and refresh-ments are served after you donate. You must be 17 years old, and have a form of identification with you. To sign up, go to www.GiveLife.org, and use ASBURY as the sponsor code. For information contact

the sponsor code. For information contact Tom Petty at 925-980-8164 or e-mail BloodDrive@asburylive.org. Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club meets Tuesday, April 1st, at 7:00 p.m. at Alisal School, multipurpose room, 1454 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. The speaker ic Dector Cordon Prophic where to no were is Doctor Gordon Frankie, whose topic will be The Importance of Urban Bees. Visitors are welcome. For questions, please call Sally at 417-8809.

Welcome to Medicare, free community seminar. Tues., April 1; Tues., May 6; or Tues., June 3, each is 7 to 9:30 p.m. San Ramon Regional Medical Center, South Conference Room, South Building. Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon. Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Pro-gram (HICAP) of Contra Costa will present the seminar. Debbie Hammond, HICAP counselor, will discuss Medicare A, B, C & D; how to supplement Medicare; and when and how to buy a drug plan. HICAP is a nonprofit under the Dept. of Aging. For seminar reservations, call: 800.284.2878 or register on-line. Be the Boss of Your Bladder, Many people experience bladder control problems as they get older, and accept it as a normal as they get offer, and accept it as a normal part of aging. In fact, people of all ages experience these problems. Frieda Alessi of Extensions Physical Therapy will share the myths, the truths, and offer solutions for incontinence. Join us at the Pleasanton Senior Center – 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton on Tuesday, April 8. 10am to 11:30am. \$1.50 Residents/\$2 Non-residents. \$1.50 Residents/\$2 Non-residents. Nature Photo Essays, Sun., March 30, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Coyote Hills Regional Park, Fremont. Slide show presentation of images of animal behavior, landscapes and flowers. Each photo has a story to tell. Mary Barnett and Sue Evans will share their work and photography adventures. This event is free and sponsored by East Bay Regional Parks. Registration is reourined to assure a seat Call Registration is required to assure a seat. Call 1-888-EBPARKS. It will be held at Coyote Hills. Coyote Hills is at the west end of Patterson Ranch Road/Commerce Drive in Fremont. \$5 parking fee may apply. Women of Power and Influence, pre-Southern Alameda County Chapter. Tues., April 8, Dublin Radisson Hotel, 6680 Re-gional St., Dublin. Panelists will include Elaine Taylor, founder and president of the Taylor Family Foundation; Fain L. McDaniel, adult partner with KPMG; Janet Lockhart, Dublin Mayor; and Colleen McKeown, VP and area manager with Kaiser Permanente; emcee will be Faith Alpher. 11:15 a.m. \$22 members, \$27 nonmembers and guests. Sponsor Mary Anne Rozsa, Coldwell Banker, Livermore office. RSVP by Fri., April 4, 847-2207 or Rhonda @RhondaFee.com.

Money: A Woman's Perspective, Wed., pril 23, noon at the Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Sponsored by Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin branch of the American Association of University Women. Presenters are Libby Milhalka founder of Altamont Capital Management, and Nancy Ubaldi, vice president for investments at UBS. Free. Bring questions and a bag lunch. Beverages and dessert provided. Questions; Marge Johnson 846-6084 or rudymargejohnson@comcast.net.

Wildflowers on Wanda, wildflower walk Sat., March 29, John Muir National Historic Site. Two hour walk begins at 9 a.m. with a saunter up Mt. Wanda. Meet at CalTrans Park and Ride, corner of Alhambra Ave., and Franklin Canyon Rd., Martinez. Bring water and binoculars. Wear good walking shoes, trail is steep. If rains heavily,

Walking shoes, train is steep. If rains heavily, walk canceled. Information, call 228-8860. Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., March 29, 40 miles Cinderella training ride from Livermore Airport out Mines Rd., meet 9 a.m., Bekki Livingston, 735-8327. Sat., March 29, 35 miles, Rohnert Park, Scame and Twu Book, meet 10 a.m. Park, Sonoma and Two Rock, meet 10 a.m. at Starbucks, Lydia Zane, 510-558-3454. Sun., March 30, 60 miles Calaveras Rd. to Milpitas, Warm Springs, Niles Canyon, Palomares and Dublin Canyon, meet 10 a.m. at Val Vista Park in Pleasanton, Curtis Stallins, 922-2461. Tues., April 1, 25 miles SF Museum ride, meet 10 a.m. at Ferry Bldg., Randy Huey, 518-8439. Wed., April 2, 47 mile loop from Dublin to Moraga and Lafayette and back along San Ramon Valley Blvd., meet 10 a.m. at Shannon Center, Barb Hailey, 820-8006. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Retired Public Employees Association, Tri-Valley Chapter 075, meets Thurs., April 3, 10:45 a.m. Emil Villa's Hickory Pit, 3064 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Speaker will

event. Information, Carmela Stepp, 640-

7346 or stepp2@sbcglobal.net. Free e-waste day, Cheer Xplosion is hosting a free electronic waste recycling fundraiser. All computer and electronic wasterccycling fund-raiser. All computer and electronic equip-ment will be accepted including desktops, laptops, PDAs, monitors, televisions, print-ers, copy and fax machines, computer systems, mice, keyboards, stereos, radios, DVD players, telephones and cell phones. Items may be dropped off on Sun., April 13, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Cheer Xplosion in the Plaza 84 Shopping Center, 50 Wright Brothers Ave., Livermore. Information, 245-1552.

Swimstrong for Team KC, swim-a-thon benefiting the Team CK Trust, Sun., April 20, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center Pool, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Collect pledges for laps will swim in 30 minutes, bring a towel and personal swim gear. Deadline to register is April 11. Information about swimstrong fund-raiser

www.korrinecroghan.blogspot.com.Regis-tration may be left at the community center pool, or send request to

Participation in the refer at the community of the reference of the refere Donations are accepted through the sale of the night, contact laura4barnett@netscape.net.

Livermore-Amador Genealogical So-ciety, general meeting Tues., April 8, 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct., Pleasanton. Ron Willis, guest speaker, "Detecting Date of Historical Pho-tographs." Visitors welcome. No charge. www.L-AGS.org. Swingin' Bingo, Sat., March 29, 7 p.m.

St. Michael's Parish Hall, 372 Maple St., Livermore. \$10 per person (includes 1 bingo packet for 10 games). Music for dancing or listening D.

Pleasanton, CA 94566.

St. Michael's Parish - annual dinner, dance and auction, "Under the Tuscan Sky", April 5th, 5:30-11:00pm, Robert Liv-Sky', April 5th, 5:30-11:00pm, Robert Liv-ermore Community Center. Tickets \$45. Proceeds benefit St. Michael K-8 grade school, Youth Ministry, Hispanic Ministry, English and Spanish Faith Formation Pro-grams and Adult Education. For tickets and donations, contact St. Michael's Church rectory at 925-447-1585. RELIGION

KELLGION Unitarian Universalist, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Sunday, March 30th, Rev. Frederick Rabidoux of the First Unitarian Universalist Society in San Francisco, whose ministry is focused on the spiritual and emotional issues of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered people. He will share some thoughts on his ministry and his personal journey. Sunday Service begins at 10:30 a.m. Information 447-8747.

447-8747. <sup>-</sup> Three Steps to Rewriting Your Story - A two-session class that includes discover-ing ultimate purpose, seeing what areas of life have not been in alignment with purpose, and then rewriting story. Richard Southern of the Tri-Valley Unity Church, meeting at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. Classes are March 30 and April 13, 11:20a m to 12:25 www trivalleyunity com 11:30 a.m. to 12:45. www.trivalleyunity.com or 829-2733.

Grief support, Thurs., March 27, 7:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Pleasan-ton. Open to all regardless of religious orientation. Please call Joan at 828-6864 for information.

Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m. Sun-day worship. Information 447-1950.

Gay Worship. Information 447-1930. **Revelation**- God's Gift of Hope, is the theme for St. Charles/St.Michael Easter season's Monday Night Bible Study series. It begins April 7 and runs through May 19. In this book, John stirs, our hone by giving In this book. John stirs out e by giving us insight into the life that God prepares for those who are faithful. The evening sessions are held at St. Charles, 1315 Lomitas Ave. and they begin at 7:30 pm in the Pope John XXIII room. All of the Valley community is invited to join. For more information or to reserve a spot contact Julie at upcatholic@aol.com or 447-4549 ex 114.

(Readers can reach me at am50homan@yahoo.com.)

#### **Pleasanton Police Department** Honors Top Employees

Pleasanton Police Officer Kurt Schlehuber and Maintenance Assistant Jay Linton have been named employees of the year. Pleasanton Police Chief Michael Fraser made the announcement on Monday.

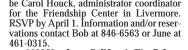
Fraser sought nominations from department staff members for "Police of the Year" and "Professional Staff Employee of the Year.'

Officer Schlehuber came to the Pleasanton Department as a police academy graduate in February 2003. Chief Fraser noted, "He has shown significant professional growth during the five years he has been with the department.

Schlehuber is presently as-signed to the Patrol Bureau and is assigned to night watch. Along with his regular responsibilities, he has been instrumental in the implementation of the department's new Computer Aided Dispatch/Records Man-agement. He not only created electronic report writing documents, but trained many of the department personnel in various aspects of the system. His efforts resulted in an on time, under budget implementation of the system.

According to Fraser, Officer Schlehuber is looked to as an informal leader by his peers. As a field training officer, he is responsible for the training or new police officers. He is a Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) member and serves on the board of the Pleasanton Police Officers Association.

Linton's duties are multi-fac-eted relating to fleet and facility management. Through his electronic education and background, he has saved the city money in offering to program the police mobile and portable radios. Fraser characterized Linton as "the ultimate team player. Jay not only ensures his job is done in an expeditious manner, he looks for ways to make the jobs of others as easy as possible." During the last winter holiday, Linton offered to come in on his days off, because he felt four days were too long to not have someone pay attention to the maintenance and needs of the patrol fleet and police building.



461-0315. 2008 Northern California Firefighter Recruitment Fair, sponsored by California Commission to Recruit Women for the Fire Service will be held Sat., April 19, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 6723 Sierra Court, Suite G, Dublin. Meet firefighters and fire department recruiters. Learn about an exciting career in the fire service. Check out the Physical Abilities Test. For more information call 916-648-1717 or email womens-commish@cpf.org. Northern California commish@cpf.org. Northern California Firefighter Recruitment Fair is part of a statewide campaign to bring more women into the California Fire Service. The Fair is open to all, but the program is geared toward women

Amador Valley Quilt Guild will meet on Saturday, April 12, at 1:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Av-enue, Pleasanton. Quilt teacher and author Brenda Henning will present a lecture en-titled, "How Did I Get Here?" Rose, a selfdescribed compulsive quilter, will conduct her workshop "Quilt As You Go Stained Glass Table Runner" the following day. The guild is a non-profit educational association for quilters of all skill levels. Anyone inter-ested in quilting may attend. For further information about the guild or upcoming speakers, please visit our website, http://

Speakers, please visit our website, http:// amadorvalleyquilters.org Senior outing, April 4, the evening begins with dessert at the Pleasanton Senior Center, followed by seeing "The Music Man," at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. 6:30pm-11:00pm. Cost \$41.00 residents or \$47.00 non-president. Please contact the \$47.00 non-residents. Please contact the Pleasanton Senior Center for more info. 931-

Fiesta: Spring Fling, East Avenue Middle School event to be held Fri., May 2 at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. 6 to 11 p.m. events include dinner, live and silent auctions and dancing. \$30 per person. This is an adult



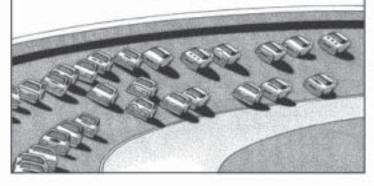
JB Smooth Sounds. Fund raiser for Children's Hospital Oakland, Cooley's Anemia Research and ICF Scholarship Branch 285 Tri-Valley Scholarship Program. Representatives from Children's Hospital will be present. Reservation dead-line, March 27. Call Helen W. at 462-3798 or Mary G. at 447-8471. If unable to attend, but wishing to make a donation, please send to Helen Wirtenson, 4071 Moselle Ct.,



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## OBITUARIES

#### Lucille Bruskin

Lucille Bruskin, a tireless community activist, writer, and editor, died Wednesday, March 19, 2008, as friends were preparing to celebrate her 90th birthday. Born in a New York City hospital, she always joked, "since my parents were living in the Bronx, I decided to go home with them."

Raised in the educated and music-loving Jacobowitz family, she became passionately devoted to classical music, and married a like-minded young man named Frank. Both found jobs in Depression-era Washington, D.C., and then with the military during WWII, Lucille working as a legal secretary wherever her husband was assigned. This continued after the war, while Frank traveled throughout the West as an FDIC field auditor.

The couple settled in Livermore in 1964, hoping to enjoy a quiet domestic life, but Frank died suddenly of the flu in 1968. Lucille threw herself into secretarial and community work, including her congregation and the new Interfaith Housing Committee, serving on their boards for decades.

Generous to countless causes that championed social justice and the protection of our constitutional rights, she devoted many hours to fund-raising, publicity, political campaigns, and work for organizations from NOW to the Friends of Livermore. Well into her 80's she was a familiar figure walking precincts, "tabling" outside grocery stores or at the Farmers' Market, an articulate spokeswoman for issues still vital to her.

A prolific writer, she earned a Golden Pen Award from the Valley Times for her well-reasoned letters to the editor, and was a popular member of a local writing group. She was an experienced editor (or, as she liked to explain, "POOFREADER") of many organizational newsletters, while working as executive secretary in several legal offices and for the president of Straw Hat Corporation in Dublin (where she produced their national company publications).

Lucille was honored with a small model of the Livermore Peace Monument for her lobbying efforts on behalf of that project. Behind the scenes, she also worked on the efforts to liberate persecuted Russian Jews and help them resettle here.

As thrilled by music in her 80's as she was at 18, Lucille kept up a busy schedule of attendance at concerts and theatrical productions with special love for the opera. She never tired of describCooper. He is also survived by his longtime soul mate Beth Wilcox, as well as four nieces and one nephew and many other close friends and family.

A celebration of his life was held March 22 in Livermore.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests that donations be made in Gary Allen's name to Children's Hospital Foundation/Cardiology, 2201 Broadway, Suite 600, Oakland, CA 94612.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

#### Melba Elizabeth Murray

Melba Elizabeth (Mitchell) Murray passed away February 28, 2008 at the age of 98. Her life ended five weeks short of her 99th birthday - a day she eagerly anticipated to watch her great grandchildren assist in blowing out the candles on her birthday cake.

She was both April 7, 1909 in Haines, Oregon to James Allen and GeorgeAnn Elizabeth Mitchell. The family moved to Portland around 1916 and later to Los Angeles in 1929 where Melba met and later married Mark Wesley Murray. She worked for AT&T until the birth of their first child in 1936. She turned being a mom into an art form. The honing of her "craft" continued throughout her lifetime.

Music was important to her. She had a beautiful singing voice and was an accomplished pianist. Her culinary skills were legend and everyone knew there would be fresh baked pies for Sunday dessert. In her later years, she enjoyed doing crossword puzzles and crocheting baby blankets for great grandkids. She joined Josefa Higuera Livermore Chapter of DAR at age 95. She had a wonderful sense of humor. Above all, she was kind and generous to all who knew her.

She is survived by her children Phillip Arlen Murray (Josehine) of Fallbrook, CA; Kathleen Ann Murray Chase (Larry) and Robert Alan Murray (Netty) both of Livermore; nine grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild as well as many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, a grandson Stewart Bradley Chase in 1965, her husband Mark in 1970, a daughter, Diane Lucille Waugh in 1982 and three brothers.

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#### Cathy Jane Gallant

Cathy Jane Gallant died March 4, 2008 in Fremont. She She was born Feb. 5, 1953 in Lynn, MA and had lived in Livermore since 1984. She grew up in Lynn, MA and graduated from Lynn Classical High School in 1970; graduated from Beverly College in Beverly, MA and was a bank manager in Massachusetts. Mrs. Gallant also worked for the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District for four years in food service and operated an in-home day care business for many years. Her hobbies were quilt making and crafts. She is survived by her husband Eric Gallant of Livermore, her mother Marcia McSwiggin of Woburn, MA; sons Brent and Derek Gallant, both of Livermore, sisters Cindy Cormier of Sacramento and Gail Lawrence of Woburn, MA, and a brother Scott McSwiggin of Woburn. MA. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 1 p.m. on Sat., March 29 at the family home. Inurnment will be at a later date at Pine Grove Cemetery in Lynn, MA.

and Joyce Bergstrom of Washington; sister Ollie Jefferies of Paso Robles, granddaughters, Nancy Utterback and Lorie (Chris) Tarantino of Livermore, a great grandson Kenny Tarantino and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation for family and friends will be 9 to 10:30 a.m. on Thurs., March 27 at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore. A funeral procession will depart Callaghan's at 10:35 a.m. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Thurs., March 27 at St. Charles Borromeo Church, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore. Burial will be Fri., March 28 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Cemetery in Oakland.

Contributions to the American Heart Association would be appreciated by the family. Mrs. Lavagetto's family would like to acknowledge the Hacienda staff for their excellent care of their mother.

#### Judith Ann McConaghy

Judith Ann McConaghy died March 22, 2008 in Livermore. She was 53.

She was born Jan. 7, 1955 in Detroit, MI. Judith earned in BS in nursing from St. Mary's College and worked as a registered nurse. She was a member of Cornerstone Fellowship and worked with Grief Care Ministry, Pregnancy Choices Clinic, and Valley Crisis Pregnancy Center. Her hobbies included home demolition and decorating and watching 49er football.

ing 49er football. She is survived by her husband of 23 years, Charles McConaghy, son John McConaghy and Daughter Hilary McConaghy, all of Livermore, her mother Ann Joly of Newark, brothers James Holy or Yreka and Joseph Joly of Fremont, sisters Mary Silva of Livermore, Janet Curtis of Springfield, TN, and Kathleen Strehl of Pioneer as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a son, Thomas Grant McGonaghy.

Visitation will be at 9 a.m. Sat., March 29 at Cornerstone Fellowship, 348 N. Canyons Parkway, Livermore, followed by a funeral service at 10 a.m. Private burial will follow at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Livermore.

The family suggests donations in her name to Pregnancy Choices Clinic, 33523 Western Ave., Union City, CA 94587

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#### **Rosemarie Campion**

Rosemarie Campion passed away March 21, 2008 in Walnut Creek. She was 74. Born in Oakland on Christmas Eve 1933, she had lived in Pleasanton for the past 38 years. She graduated from Castlemont High School. Rosemarie was a retired clerk from Thrifty Drug in Pleasanton. She loved shopping, going out to dinner, and watching her favorite cooking show. She had a soft spot in her heart for children and animals. She was preceded in death by her parents Herbert and Alvina Klein and a sister Alberta Priester.

Funeral services were held March 26 in Pleasanton. Burial was private.

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#### George Gus Reppas Sr.

George Gus Reppas, Sr. was born June 19, 1928, in San Francisco and entered into rest on March 14, 2008, at his Dublin residence with his wife and son by his side.

George is survived by his wife of 60 years, Dorla, and his four children, Karen Dengler of Pleasanton, George Reppas, Jr., of Dublin, Dave Reppas of Alamo, and Steve Reppas of Livermore; grandchildren, Carma, Dana, Ashley, Matt, Taylor, Cole, Lexie; and great-grandchild, Malachi. George is also survived by two brothers, John Reppas of Fremont and Mike Reppas of Stockton; and nephew, Gus Reppas, of Redondo Beach.

George lived most of his life in Hayward and moved his family to Dublin in 1967. He owned various sporting goods stores spanning over three decades. He enjoyed hunting trips with family and friends.

George's love of trapshooting started in the late 1960's. He went on to compete and win many State Championships. George was a celebrated trapshooter and was inducted into the ATA Hall of Fame in June of 2004. Much of his time was spent on the trap field competing or teaching oth-ers. George felt the future of trapshooting was in educating the young shooters. He orga-nized and developed the Scholastic Youth League to facilitate local youths to have a safe and organized way to enter the sport of trapshooting. He also conducted private lessons for many aspiring men, women, and youngsters. He will be sorely missed.

A celebration of George's life will be held on April 5, at 7 p.m. at the Livermore Rod & Gun Club. Contributions can be made to Hope Hospice in Dublin.

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#### Susan N. Gaughan

Livermore resident Susan N. Gaughan passed away on Saturday, March 22, 2008 at her residence, after a long battle with illness. She was 60.

Susan was born in New York on April 13, 1947. She graduated from Cal State University Hayward with a Bachelor's degree in Music. She was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church in Livermore and taught at the Catholic Schools. She had her own business called the "Magic Flute" and she enjoyed needle point. Susan is survived by her loving husband, Thomas of 36 years, her daughter, Joy Gaughan and her son, Thomas Gaughan both of Livermore, and her brother, Ken Hayes of MN.



Fifth-grade students from Mrs. Lindberg's class at Livermore's Arroyo Seco School pose with Albert Einstein (LLNL's Evan Rittmann) at the Lab's Discovery Center on Pi Day.

#### Students Celebrate Pi-Day at Lab

Students attending Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's Super Science Filed Trip on March 14 got to celebrate Pi Day at the Discovery Center with special ac)tivities, including a visit by Albert Einstein (LLNL's Evan Rittmann).

March 14 is celebrated annually by math enthusiasts around the world as Pi Day. Pi, the Greek letter, is the symbol for the ratio of the circumference of a circle

#### TOUR

(continued from page one) combinations, decks, patios, fireplaces, and gazebos.

With ticket purchase, participants will receive a map with the location of each garden and a detailed description written by each homeowner. Participants will receive the event brochure and begin the tour at the "starred" garden listed on the ticket. The other gardens on the tour can be visited in any order. Participants will drive themselves to each garden.

Beginning April 1, non-refundable tickets at \$35 per person can be purchased at the Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada Street, Pleasanton. Cash, checks, MasterCard and Visa are accepted at VHS. Tickets are also available at the Feline Medical Center, 3160 Santa Rita Rd.,

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CD and being accepted, two original works were commissioned just for this occasion. The two pieces of music were also created to pay tribute to several special people of Pleasanton.

Heart of the City, composed by Gary P. Gilroy is a tribute to Juanita Haugen, who championed the arts for PUSD as well as the City of Pleasanton. *Erin Isles Sketches*, composed by Elliot Del Borgo honors the namesake to its diameter. Pi = 3.1415926535... March 14 also is the birthday of Albert Einstein. The symbol for Pi was first

used in 1737 by William Jones, but was popular after it was adopted by the Swiss mathematician Leonhard Euler in 1737. With the use of computers, Pi has been calculated to over 1 trillion digits past the decimal. Pi is an irrational number; it will continue infinitely without repeating.

Pleasanton; Western Garden Nursery, 2756 Vineyard Ave., Pleasanton; Armstrong Garden Center, 7360 San Ramon Rd., Dublin; Wild Birds Unlimited, 7182 Regional St., Dublin; Towne Center Books, 555 Main St., Pleasanton; and Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Ln. Livermore. Three Dog Bakery, 335 Saint Mary Street, Pleasanton.

For information, call the Valley Humane Society at (925) 426-8656.

Valley Humane Society is an animal welfare organization advocating responsible pet ownership. It is the only no-kill facility in the area to accept animals by private surrender. VHS is located at 3670 Nevada St., Pleasanton, CA. The phone number is (925) 426-8656. Visit www.valleyhumane.org.

chestra and Symphonic Band, the Jazz Band will make a special appearance at Lehman College, as part of a Latin Jazz event in the Bronx.

"I'm thrilled to have a chance to experience something so big, so early in my life," said Kennan Choy, a thirteen-year old student who will be performing with both the Jazz and Symphonic Bands.

ing her wonderful dinner with Placido Domingo, whom she had "won" in an Opera Guild auction.

Her greatest joy was playing adopted aunt to dozens of her friends' children, taking delight in them as though they were her own, and beloved by all of them (and their own children as well).

Lucille is survived by her dear sister Maida, of Virginia, several nieces and nephews, and all the many adults and children whose lives she touched with love. Surely she'll be busy correcting Executive Orders and memos, and advocating good works in the Next World, as she did here on earth. Happy heavenly "poofreading"!

A memorial service will be held at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court (off Bernal), Pleasanton, at 2 p.m. on Friday April 4.

Contributions in Lucille's memory can be sent to Hope Hospice, the ACLU, Hadassah, or to a charity of choice.

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#### Gary Allen Bush

Gary Allen Bush, 35, passed away suddenly on March 16, 2008 in Pleasanton. Gary was born in Pekin, Illinois, but lived almost his entire life in California.

He worked as a mechanic for many years at Harry's Automotive in Pleasanton. Gary loved photography and hiking with Beth and their dogs. He lived life to the fullest and with great joy.

He is survived by his parents, Gary M. and Kathy Bush and sisters Jennifer Bush and Samantha

HEARING

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#### Elaine Emma Lavagetto

Elaine Emma Lavagetto died March 13, 2008 of congestive heart failure. She was 82.

Elaine was a native of Minneapolis, MN and a longtime resident of the Bay Area. She was a 20 year employee of Liberty House and a member of the Retail Clerks Union.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Donald and Sharon Lavagetto of Livermore, brother and sister-in-law Robert

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She is survived by daughters Deborah Campion of Livermore, Susan Campion of Pleasanton, and Fidelas Campion of Santa Clara; a brother Gordon Klein and family of Ukiah, and grandchildren Jason Campion and Stephanie Wilson of Livermore. A Memorial Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 29 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore.

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of the school: Thomas Hart and his wife Mary.

"We're very excited and proud that our children are to perform on the same stage as musical legends of the past and present. Mr. Aquilina has done a remarkable job preparing them. I'm sure they'll do a fantastic job representing Hart - and all of Pleasanton," said Margaret Gruen, whose daughter is a member of the Symphonic Band.



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James Koponen, Sara Sweatt and Robert Jerome Pagan rehearse for the opening of 'Iron Curtain.'

## **Musical Comedy Spoofs** Soviet Propaganda

Before the wall came down, the curtain went up. In the case of the Las Positas

College production of "Iron Curtain," the up is on a Russian pro-pagandistic musical in need of serious fixing. How to fix it is the question: perhaps kidnap a couple of New York songwriters and put them to work. Such is the premise of this new musical comedy that will play for eight performances at the college. Show dates are April 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 and 19 at 8 p.m. and April 13 and 20 at 2 p.m.

"Iron Curtain" has had only two full productions to this point. One was in 2006 at New York's Prospect Theater Company and a second in 2007 at the Edinburgh Festival in Scotland. Its tuneful score and humorous book are by composer Stephen Weiner and author Susan DiLallo, who penned Once Upon a Time in New Jersey, another new show that Las Positas had a big success with back in 2004. The lyrcis are by Peter Mills.

The show's large cast of singers, actors and dancers is led by James Koponen and Robert Jerome Pagan as the New York songwriting team. Robert Sholty and Thomas Ignatius are the Russian producer and KGB agent who are ordered to improve the Soviet musical by Premier Nikita Khruschev (Louie Heseman). Victoria Parson is the German director who is (literally) whipping the show into shape. Natalie Hawkins and Sara Sweatt play the songwriters' love interests.

The singing and dancing en-semble features A' driana Abbate, Brian Dauglash, Justin Garrett, Christina Grand, Kyrie Hart, Alandra Hileman, John Holst, Kirk LaMarre, Allison Meneley, Aby Moongamackel, Jody Praklet, Chenaie Reynolds, Kelly Ruiz and Jimmy Thiebes.

"Iron Curtain" is produced and directed by Ken Ross. Vocal music direction is by Jim Heiner, orchestral music by Don Turney, choreography by Faith Blevins, set design Jeremy Hamm, and costume design Vickie George.

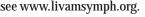
Tickets for all performances are \$15 general admission, \$12 seniors and \$10 students. They may be purchased in advance at the Las Positas College Bookstore or at Fine fretted Friends music store in downtown Livermore. To make advance reservations, call 424-1812.

#### 'Romance, Rhyme and Remembrance'

The Livermore-Amador Symphony will perform a program of "Romance, Rhyme, and Remembrance" on March 29 at the Bankhead Theater.

A pre-concert talk begins at 7 p.m. The concert begins at 8 p.m. Arthur Barnes directs. Two guests will be part of the program. Dawn Harms will conduct Beethoven's Fourth Symphony. Lawrence Granger performs Elgar's Cello Concerto in E minor. The program also includes the Overture from Thomas's opera Mignon and Ravel's Mother Goose Suite

Tickets are \$21, \$26, \$31 (students under 18, free). Tickets are available through the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center box office at livermore performingarts.org or by calling (925) 373-6800. For more information about the Livermore-Amador Symphony





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**By Leonard Pirkle** 

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## 'Music Man' Next for Pleasanton Playhouse

Playhouse Pleasanton marches into the Bankhead The-ater on April 4 with "The Music Man.

An affectionate paean to Smalltown, U.S.A. of a bygone era, MeredithWillson's "The Music Man" follows fast-talking traveling salesmanHarold Hill (Tom Reardon) as he cons the people of River City, Iowa into buying instruments and uniforms for a boys' band he vows to organize - this despite the fact he doesn't know a trombone from a treble clef.

His plans to skip town with the cash are foiled when he falls for Marian the librarian (Tina-Maria Garcia), who transforms him into a respectable citizen by curtain's fall. Also starring in the production are Joan Evans as Eulalie Shinn and Don Naylor as Mayor Shinn, Barry Bailey as Marcellus and John Barnes, Gary Foley, Alan Wiltse and Kevin Foley as the school board (Barbershop Quartet).

The show is produced by Kathleen Breedveld and directed by John Baiocchi, with musical direction by Jo Anne Fosselman, vocal direction by Jennifer BellOlson, and choreography by Chris Olson.

Performances are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays Apr 4- Apr 20, at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. Tickets are \$31 for adults, \$29 for seniors age 60 and older and \$21 for juniors 18 and younger. There is a substan-tial discount for groups purchasing 20 or more tickets.

# War, Boyz II Men among Headliners at County Fair The first round of headliners have been announced for the the four make it about four-wheel-have been announced for the the first round of headliners have been announced for the the four make it about four-wheel-the four make it about four-wheel-the first round of headliners have been announced for the the first round of headliners have been announced for the the first round of headliners have been announced for the the first round of headliners have been announced for the the first round of headliners have been announced for the the first round of headliners have been announced for the the first round of headliners have been announced for the the first round of headliners have been announced for the have been an

Alameda County Fair's summer line-up.

The annual Fair, which runs from June 20th through July 6th this year. Artists perform two shows nightly, at 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. All concerts are free with Fair admission.

Saturday, June 21 will feature Canadian country music artist Terri Clark. Only Terri Clark, a Country Music Association and Academy of Country Music Top Female Vocalist nominee and Grand Ole Opry member, could

#### By Susan Steinberg

Do you need an opera fix after the final performance of Livermore Valley Opera's (LVO) im-pressive "Carmen"? How about a lovely lyrical romantic comedy that also made a hit here in LVO's production several years ago: L"Elisir d'Amore" (The Elixir of Love).

The sprightly story of the lovesick peasant boy Nemorino and his hopeless longing for the flighty local belle Adina is always great fun. The arrival of the conceited sergeant Belcore, bent on capturing Adina's capricious heart discourages poor Nemorino completely. But he grasps at an unlikely possible solution when a traveling quack offers to sell him a bottle (of wine) labeled as

ing and tearing down engines.

The most successful R&B male vocal group of all time will take the stage on Sunday, June 22. Boyz II Men is a three-time Grammy Award-winning American R B/soul singing group from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Boyz II Men garnered 5 numberone hits in the 1990s and has sold more than 60 million records.

Paul Rodriguez brings his special brand of comedy to the Fair on Sunday, June 29th. His

Sparkling "Elixir" in Berkeley "Queen Isolde's Magic Love Poaudiences. tion, promising guaranteed suc-Two completely captivating rogues complete the cast: big

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cluding the famous "Una Furtiva Lagrima" (a favorite Pavorotti piece) alternate with hysterical tongue-twisting rapid "patter-songs" from Belcore and Dulcamara, and a surprising happy ending sends everyone off feeling delightfully cheerful.

An artful and accomplished production by Berkeley Opera features popular tenor Andrew Truett as Nemorino, with Angela Cadelago (our Marguerite in LVO's recent "Faust") as the flirtatious Adina. Listening to her fluid and faultless vocal runs is a treat of the caliber usually re-

performing to over a million concert-goers, and includes starring roles and featured appearances in over 30 films and countless television series and specials. Paul is an actor, comedian, director, writer and producer, and served as both executive producer and star of the comedy concert film "The Original Latin Kings of Comedy.

Thursday, July 3rd, marks the return of War, the first and most successful musical crossover

velvety-voiced Torlef Borsting as

Belcore and Paul Cheak as the

fast-talking rubber-faced Dulca-

mara. Just watching Cheak's sud-den freeze-action facial expres-

sions is as funny as a circus act,

and worth the price of admission. The vivacious village girl

Gianetta, sung by Elena Krell, is

also a great comic relief, espe-cially as she's telling "an impor-

tant secret" to all the other girls,

while making them promise to "keep it strictly to themselves."

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phenomenon that forever fused rock, jazz, Latin, and R&B, while transcending racial and cultural barriers with a multi-ethnic lineup and a multi-platinum sound. This musical melting pot has been an enduring influence that has sold over 50 million records to date, 17 Gold, Platinum and Multi Platinum Album Awards and 12 Top 40 Hits.

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ways busy and entertaining. LVO founder Alan Frank makes merry as the well-intentioned lieutenant in charge of a rather ragtag cadre of village recruits. Conductor Donato Cabrera leads a lively orchestral reading with contagious gusto.

All this high-spirited fun and beautiful singing is even more enjoyable in the small venue of Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Avenue in Berkeley, where the audience feels like part of the action.

Two remaining performances will be Friday, March 28 at 8PM and Sunday, March 30 at 2 PM. Call 925-798-1300 for ticket information and reservations. And have a wonderful time: that's a promise!

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Art Lets Kids March to Their Own Beat, the first all-Pleasanton School District festival of visual and per-forming arts for students in elementary through high school. Veteran's Memorial Building, 301 Main Street in downtown Pleasanton from 5 to 9 pm on Tuesday, April 1 and Wednesday, April 2. Admission is free. All artwork will be available to guests for purchase. Reproductions can also be ordered. Performing each evening for guests will be a changing schedule of musical ensembles from all schools. Proceeds for this event will be used to fund ongoing arts programs throughout the school district. This event is sponsored by the PUSD Visual and Performing Arts Committee, and the Pleasanton Art League. The exhibition space is provided by the Department of Recreation and Community Services,

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the joys of keeping their family to-gether. Tickets to the event are \$14, \$18 & \$20 for adults and \$8, \$12 & \$16 for children. They may be purchased online at www.civicartstickets.org up to three hours prior to the performance, by phone at (925) 931-3444, or in person at the Amador Theater Box Of-fice Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and for two hours prior to the performance. Group discounts are available. You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown,

Christensen Musical Theatre Group Celebrates its 10th Anniversary musical comedy based on Charles Schultz's "Peanuts" comic strip. Per-formances are held at Livermore High School Performing Arts Theatre. Tickets are now on sale for evening performances on Friday, April 4 and Saturday, April 5 at 7 pm and for the Sunday matinee on April 6 at 2 pm. Tickets are \$7 orchestra

and runs through April 13 at the Bothwell Arts Center, Livermore, playing Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25 with discounts for seniors, teachers and others. For more infor-mation about this show please visit

The Vagina Monologues, March 28, 29, 8 p.m. and 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Benefit for Tri-Valley Haven. \$26, \$31, \$41. 373-6800 or www.livermoreperformingarts.org. Cirque D'Amour featuring the Zunyi Acrobats of China, March 29, 8 p.m. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 10550 Albion Rd., San Ra-mon. Recounts ancient Chinese tales through songs, dance and mind-blowing acrobatics. Tickets are \$40. 973-AŘTS or to www.sanramonperformingarts.com.

Don Lewis & Young Expressions, Sat-

Information, 447-0856.

Steve Seskin, Nashville singer/ songwriter. April 4, 7 p.m. Front Row Theater, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd., San Ramon. \$9 youth under 12 and seniors 65+, general admis-sion \$14. 973-ARTS or www.sanramonperformingarts.com. Pleasanton Community Concert **Band**, spring concert, April 6, 2 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Free. Information: 925-846-5897 or www.pleasantonband.org.

Keyboard Conversations(r) with Jeffrey Siegel, An American Salute! Wednesday, April 9 at 8pm. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Concert pianist and conductor Jeffrey Siegel takes listeners on an intimate journey through clas-sical music and its masters. Siegel creates a unique learning experience, providing lively commentary about the music before performing each work in its entirety, featuring the music of Bernstein, Copland, and Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue. S26, S31, S36 (\$11 students). 925.373.6800 or online at www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

to the well-rehearsed chorus, making it a production that's alserved for San Francisco opera

The California Independent Film Festival will hold its annual event in Livermore; this year is the Festival's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the 7<sup>th</sup> event in Livermore. This year's line up of films is one of the best ever. Reviews of some of the films to be screened at this year's festival will be printed in The Independent.

On the Edge of Black & White, is a Slate Award nominated documentary that examines the changing times in America during the 1960's and how the black and white television shows of that time reflected our idyllic vision of the American family. The underlying theme of whether shows like Leave It to Beaver, My Three Sons, Ozzie and Harriett and Lost in Space, to name a few, were reflective of reality or pure fantasy, is discussed through interviews and opinions of some of the cast members from the above mentioned shows. Were we "better" before the advent of the color television that brought "flower power" and the Vietnam War into the living room, is posed to the interviewees in this film.

This film will open this year's festival with a screening at the Bankhead Theater, Wednesday April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Written and directed by Sean Laskey from Pleasanton, the film feels like a trip down memory lane. It made me think of a film from a few years back, Pleasantville, and how for so many, the choice to live in one of the shows from the 50's and early 60's, would on the surface, be an easy decision. Of course, with any analysis we find that nothing is as we imagine, time always changes things and nothing stays innocent forever. This film is great for the entire family and I encourage you to will be Tony Dow and Ken Osmond (Wally and Eddie Haskell from Leave It to Beaver), Marta Kristen (Judy Robinson from Lost in Space) and Jon Provost (Timmy from Lassie).

*Race to Execution,* another Slate Award nominee for Best Documentary, is a very telling analysis of how race impacts decisions in an alarmingly high number of capital punishment cases. The film demonstrates that the facts are irrefutable that race is a factor in not only asking for the death penalty but also in the carrying out of the punishment. This documentary does a good job of bringing in high profile interviewees who, with intelligence and precise statements, question how we as a society can continue to allow this type of miscarriage of justice to occur.

Directed by Rachel Lyon and written by Christine Intagliata, the film is told through two cases, one in Chicago and the other in the Deep South. Obviously this is to illustrate that the issue is not relegated to the southern populace, but an issue that resonates throughout our country. There are some chilling statistics as well as dramatic footage of the results of an execution, not suited for younger children. This film screens at the Livermore Cinema 12 on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 p.m.

This year's Festival will be held April 16th through the 20<sup>th</sup> in downtown Livermore with screenings at the Vine Cinema and the Livermore Cinemas, both on First Street as well as special events at the Bankhead Theater. Check the schedule of events at www.caindiefilmfest.org and keep reading The Independent for more California Independent Film Festival news and information.



petition, Foothill High School, 4375 Foothill Road, Pleasanton, April 5, Starting at 8:15AM. Admission adults, \$10, students/seniors \$8. Competion inluctes high schools from throughout Northern Califor-nia. For more information: president@foothillband.org.



'Crystal and Roses' by Joyce Faulknor.

Livermore Art Association (LAA) and Pleasanton Art League (PAL) meeting and art demonstration Monday, April 21, featuring painter Joyce Faulknor. She specializes in water-colors of cut crystal and glass. She will demonstrate how to use a darkto-light approach for painting glass and reflective subjects. The program will begin at 7:30 at the Almond Avenue School, 1401 Almond Avenue in Livermore, with parking at the rear of the school. For more information go to www.livermoreartassociation.org. The public is invited to attend.

**The Boxcar Children**, presented by the City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Stage Company. Performances are April 18, 19, 25 & 26, 2008, at 8:00 p.m.; April 20, 26 & 27, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. The Boxcar Children is a play adapted from the beloved classic children's series by Gertrude Chandler Warner. It portrays the adventures of four siblings who run away and make their home in an abandoned railroad boxcar, all the while experiencing the perils of life on the run as well as

level and \$6 balcony level. Tickets can be purchased in advance by visiting www.christensenpta.org and completing a ticket order form or calling (925) 270-5086. Musician Paul Galbraith, Sunday,

April 6, 3 p.m. The classical guitar performance will take place at the Grand Theatre Center for the Arts, 715 Central Avenue Tracy. His performance will include his own ar-rangements of international folk tunes as well as works of Bach and Brahms. Tickets are \$15, \$20, \$25, \$35 & \$40. They can be purchased online at www.atthegrand.org, by phone at (209) 831-6TKT (6858) or in person at the Grand Theatre Center for Arts Box Office. Box office hours are Monday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and one hour prior to each

p.m. and one nour prior to each performance. Discounted tickets for groups of 10 or more available.
Capitol Steps, Music and political sat-ire, Mon., May 5, 8pm, Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center Pre-sents, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First
St. Livermore Ticket office once St., Livermore. Ticket office open Monday through Saturday from noon to 6:00 p.m. 373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org. Artists Flea Market, Sat., April 25 at DeLucchi Park, First Street at Neal, Pleasanton, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Used art supplies, equipment, frames, bar-gain art. 10x10 booth space \$25. Sponsored by Pleasanton Art League. To reserve booth space, send check to PAL, c/o Gail Ruvalcaba, 3738 Vineyard Ave., Pleasanton, CA

94566. Information at 846-8960; entry form at www.pal-art.com. East Bay Traditional Jazz Society, Touch of Spring jazz concert Sat., March 29, Pizza Depot, 43450 Grimmer Blvd., Fremont. Three local Tri-City/Tri-Valley bands: noon Diablo Dixie Devils Jazz Band; 2 p.m. Zinfandel Stompers; 4 p.m. La Salle Street Band. Free. No cover. Hat to be passed for each band. Information, contact John Soulis at 510-657-0243 or jssoulis@wwdb.org. Proof by David Auburn previews on

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urday, March 29, 8 p.m. Award winning students from Pleasanton schools team up with local professional musician and synthesizer pioneer, Don Lewis, to showcase their talent. Adult Tickets: \$10, \$14, \$18, Child/Student Tickets: \$6, \$10, \$14. Pleasanton Civic Arts Presents, Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. For tickets, www.civicartstickets.org or 931-3444.

Livermore Amador Symphony, Romance, Rhyme and Remembrance, Saturday, March 29, 8 pm Dr. Arthur P. Barnes, Music Director; Dawn Harms, guest conductor; Lawrence Granger, cello. Program: Thomas: Mignon: Overture; Ravel: Mother Goose Suite; Elgar: Cello Concerto, Lawrence Granger, cello; Beethoven: Symphony No. 4, Dawn Harms, guest conductor. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Ticket office open Monday through Saturday from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. 925-373-

6800, or go to www.livermoreperformingarts.org. **Taiko Concert & Dinner** hosted by Livermore-Yotsukaido Sister City Fri., April 4, 5:30 p.m. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. \$35 adults, \$15 youth. Japanese style dinner menu followed by Taiko drum concert.





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pictures since the mid-1980s, including Big (the first film directed by a woman to gross over \$100 million), *Awakenings* star-ring Robin Williams and Robert De Niro, and A League of Their Own, which starred Geena Davis, Tom Hanks, Madonna and Rosie O'Donnell.

Madden, a Pleasanton resident, is a former National Football League player, a former head coach with the Oakland Raiders, and a football video game magnate. In 2006, he was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in recognition of his coaching career.

He currently serves as a TV football commentator for NBC Sunday Night Football.

Comedian Pauly Shore will be the recipient of the Spirit Award. He will be honored opening night, April 16, at the Bankhead Theater.



Shore gained national attention in 1990 when his MTV precedent-setting show, *Totally* Pauly, became an immediate hit and continued to run for four years. He made his feature film debut in the wildly popular Encino Man, the first in a three-

picture deal with Disney Studios; *Son-in-Law* and *In the Årmy Now*, followed. Starring roles in Jury Duty, Bio Dome and The Curse of Inferno continued to ensure Pauly's popularity with audiences worldwide. Pauly recently wrapped his directorial debut with Pauly Shore is Dead, which he also wrote, produced and starred in. Shore recently headlined the Montreal Comedy Festival and has completed a myriad of movie and television projects. Pauly was most recently seen in the TBS hit series "Minding the Store" which he produced as well as starred

Shore is currently in post production of his independent film, Adoption.

Also opening night will feature the documentary directed by Pleasanton native, Šean Laskey, On The Edge of Black and White. This film shares the perspective of twelve former television child-stars . In attendance that evening will be: Tony Dow and Ken Osmond – Wally Cleaver and Eddie Haskell of *Leave it to* Beaver. Jon Provost who played Timmy in Lassie, and Marta Kristen – Judy Robinson from Lost in Space. They will take part in a question and answer session.

For ticket information and the schedule to go www.caindiefilmfest.org

**IRONFILMMAKER CÖNTEST** 

Carl's Jr. is sponsoring the 2008 "Iron Filmmaker" contest. The competition is open to everyone from industry veterans to video prodigies. The entire contest is free.

Contestants will have 24 hours to create a complete three-minute short film. The film must include the secret ingredients that all participants will be given at the kick off registration at 10:00am on Thursday April 17th at Carl's Jr., located at 875 E Stanley Blvd, Livermore. Contestants will be given secret ingredients and maps of the area at that time.

The completed movie must be turned in by 9:30am Friday, April 18th at Wente Vineyards Event Center, 5050 Arroyo Road in Livermore. The movies will immediately be screened and judged by the film festival audience and panel of judges.

Prizes include a \$250 award. All contestants receive complimentary tickets to April 18th Friday Night Screening of Before the Devil Knows You're Dead at the Vine Cinema at 8pm. Hollywood Producer Michael Cerenzie, the 2008 Maverick Award Recipient, will be on present

Sign up by email at info@caindiefilmfest.org or fax in the release to 925.552.1499.

#### Author Plans Talk at Library

Author Ellen Sussman will present a program at the Livermore Library on March 30.

Sussman is the author of the novel On a Night Like This published in 2004 and most recently Bad Girls: 26 Writers Misběhave, an anthology of lively essays from women writers who provide their intriguing personal confessions. She will speak about her experiences as a writer and the choices she makes in exploring ideas as both novels or personal essays.

This free event will be presented at 2pm on Sunday, March 30 at the Livermore Public Li-brary Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. The Friends of the Livermore Library have underwritten this program as part of the Friends Authors and Arts Series.

For further information, please contact Joyce Nevins at (925) 373-5500 extension 5577.

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen Olivia Davidson, (from left) Kellie Hughes, Michelle Hewitt, Rayley Farnam, Brooke Wilcox and Brittany Wilcox are among those who take part in the knitting project.

## Knitting Club Creates Items for Charity

#### By Victoria Kamerzell

Mrs. Davidson's Knitting Club began with ten young girls knitting in Lisa Davidson's home. The group was started in the fall of 2006 by a couple of moms who wanted their homeschooled daughters to learn the same traditional crafts that their grandmothers had practiced. The group tried embroidery and cro-cheting before they began knitting, which the members seemed to like best.

Over the last few years the group has slightly evolved in size; girls between the ages of 6-17 now fill the large youth room at the Trinity Baptist Church where they meet once a month, except for Christmas when they meet at Lisa's house in front of the Christmas tree.

The largest change to Mrs. Davidson's Knitting Club will occur on April 16, 2008 when

129 hats will be donated to the children at the Kaiser Hospital in Walnut Creek. The group, no longer merely knitting scarves or hats for themselves, has decided to knit for charity.

"I like it because my sister sometimes goes to the hospital and I know that it helps them," says eleven-year-old Michelle Hewitt who has knitted three hats for charity. One of the club's knitters has an illness that causes her to be in the hospital several times a year. Lisa Davidson said that she hopes to bring a few knitters with her when they visit the girl in the hospital.

We want the older girls to really appreciate making the hats for such a great cause," says Davidson. Without this club, Davidson noted, "the needle arts would have been forgotten in this generation.<sup>3</sup>

Another one of the knitters,

gional Park District police offic-

#### **Trail Segment Dedication Set**

The official dedication for the newest leg of the 33-mile Iron Horse Trail is scheduled on Monday, March 31 in Pleasanton. The one-mile segment of the trail runs from Santa Rita Road, across Mohr Avenue, to Busch Road in two segments. The trail features a 10-foot wide paved path with a 2-foot wide decomposed granite lane, offering versatility for walkers, runners, skaters and cyclists alike. Other amenities include benches, distance markers, a water fountain, various landscaped sections, and a traffic crossing device at Mohr Avenue.

The \$1.6 million project was a cooperative effort among the City of Pleasanton, Ponderosa

said that the knitter's parents spent the \$10-15 it takes to buy a hoop and needle. segments of the trail will be main-tained by the City of Pleasanton group is at maximum capacity as she is the only teacher and she and patrolled by East Bay Relikes the personal attention she

The Iron Horse Trail follows the Southern Pacific Railroad right-of-way established in 1891 and abandoned in 1977. It stretches from Suisun Bay in Contra Costa County to Livermore, connecting two counties and 12 cities.

Davidson can write a letter to her at the Trinity Baptist Church in Livermore. Include a name and contact information. Vans Available to Community Organizations young woman who did not let her disabilities define who she was or what she could do. It is my sincere hope that this program will supply others with the same

nine-year-old Brooke Wilcox,

said that she enjoyed the social side of knitting. "It's fun. You get

to see lots of your friends." She

added that the charitable aspect

was also important. "It feels re-

ally good (to make hats) for the

ones that don't have any." The club is funded through

individual donations and

through the families of the young knitters. Although Mrs.

Davidson's Knitting Club meets at a Baptist church, the club's members come from different

faiths. Lisa Davidson said a Sun-

day school teacher at the church

where the club often meets do-

nated the majority of the yarn

used. The donor's mother was

going into a retirement home and

no longer knitted so the Sunday

school teacher was able to do-

nate eight-banana boxes worth

of yarn, nearly 90% of the yarn

needed to supply the club. Lisa

Lisa Davidson said that the

is able to give each child. How-ever, she said that she would be

happy to advise anyone else who would want to start his or her own

knitting club for charity. Anyone

interested in contacting Lisa

eligible community agencies and

organizations. A pre-application meeting will be held on April 22, at 2PM at LAVTA's administrative office.

## Grape Xpo Rates High

#### **By Harry Stoll**

Wrapped in the kind light of day's end, On Tuesday, March 17, the Martinelli Center hosted the GrapeXpo of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association. Growers and winemakers gathered in a schmoozy expo hobnob.

A long table faced the audience. Steven Mirassou, owner of Steven Kent and La Rochelle wineries, gave the first taste, saying the relationship between grower and winemaker is critical. Steven Kent Winery emphasizes Cabernet Sauvignon and other Bordeaux varietals. La Rochelle emphasizes Pinot Noir.

The Bordeaux grapes come from a number of local vineyards, including Steven Kent Home Vineyard, Ghilmetti, Wente and Smith Ranch; and has wine remaining from McGrail Vineyard grapes. Now it will be buying from Madden Ranch. Yes, Bam-Bam Madden.

Then Karl Wente, 5th generation winemaker, gave a speed spiel on vineyard management, including marketing decisions about how much fruit to allow. He said about barrel expense, "A thousand dollars for 60 gallons of storage.

Emphasizing the cooperation needed, he talked about butting heads with Steven Mirassou on winemaking practices and said he would rather butt heads over details of tastes in the wine. Later, Wente said that Steven Kent and La Rochelle wine is made at Wente under a custom crush arrangement. Some Steven Kent wines list the winemakers as Steven Mirassou and Claude Bobba, who is a winemaker at Wente

#### **Everywhere Wente.**

Up next, Mitchell Katz, winemaker/owner of the eno eponymous winery, learned to make wine from his grandfather. In 1998 Mitchell Katz produced 200 cases, now it's 10,000. Originally he bought grapes from Wente. One day Phil Wente said this was getting difficult. "Wente was selling its own fruit and buying fruit from the small vineyards." That's when Mitchell Katz hooked up with grower Chuck Ott.

Ott's vineyard is Falling Star. He purchased the vineyard in 2002, knowing nothing, and found out what the market is like, which consisted of too much Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay and Merlot. "I left the Chardonnay for the birds." He made a big decision to graft

over to Petite Sirah and Syrah, because that's what the winemakers wanted. He was in the red, but the grafting over allowed him to go on hold and stay even. His growing goal is 2 ½ to 3 tons per acre. "Falling Star grapes make pretty good wine,' said Ott

Bill Thomsen, co-owner of Harris-Tesla Vineyards, and a lawyer, said growers and winemakers do not need a written contract, pointing out that a contract is based on trust. Keeping each other informed is critical. As soon as the grower knows of trouble delivering that is the time to tell the winemaker. Conversely, a winemaker who is going to have trouble accepting the fruit, should tell the grower immediately.

Now it was time to circulate. A U-shape of tables around the perimeter, backed by large-numbered wall signs with circled numbers, marked the stations of wineries and grape growers. Each participant had a number and would start at that number. In three-minute speed meetings, each group visited a table: Taste, chat, exchange business card and pick up information sheets. The association's Andrea Branton sounded a one minute warning and soon rang a raucous cowbell. The woman is a bell ringer.

Pam Picazo of Picazo vineyards provided barrel tastings of its 2007 Merlot, an interesting lady in a dark red silk jacket. Frisky Hal Liske of el Sol Winery told winemaker Mark Curin that he was changing his business plan to concentrate on Livermore Valley fruit. Curin said Picazo would have some for sale. Wineries and growers poured along the inner edge of the U.

Here's Tarantino, seller of Cabernet Sauvignon and Petite Sirah to the Wine Group and to Wente; Julio Covarrbias and Julio, Junior of Casa de Vinas. Senior is a longtime vineyard specialist for Wente and they bought the property from Wente. Junior said the excellent Cabernet Sauvignon was made by an anonymous winemaker.

The lovers of Amante Vineyards poured a smooth 2005 Chardonnay. Amante purchased the property from Wente to whom it sells grapes. Red Feather Winery, next door to McGrail was there. Las Positas grows Barbera, Grenache, Mourvedre, Petite sirah and Tempranillo. Owner Merv Frydendal said he sells to whoever buys. "Phil Wente told me 'What you don't sell, I'll buy'."

Galles Vineyard of Jerold Road sells grapes to Retzlaff. A taster asked owner Harry Galles about the Cabernet Sauvignon he made and was pouring. It's rich, layered and unfiltered. "We couldn't afford the filtration equipment," said co-owner and wife Linda Nidever-Galles.

Deals may have got done, contacts certainly were made. Here came the cheese and crackers and fruit and spreads and the socializing continued. A plate was spilled and the contents scooped back up, the owner invoking the Bart Simpson 5-second rule.

In the silky evening at closing time, a fresh breeze blew through.



Homes, East Bay Regional Park District and the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA). ACTIA contrib-uted \$450,000 in funding for the Santa Rita Road to Mohr Avenue segment of the trail through a grant that was administered by the East Bay Regional Park District. Construction of this segment of the trail was handled by McGuire and Hester, under the management of the City of Pleasanton.

Ponderosa Homes donated the design services for the project, and both funded and constructed the Mohr Avenue to Busch Road Segment of the trail as part of mitigation for development. Both

Transportation Partnership Program in which retired vans from its Dial-A-Ride service will be made available to enhance transportation service to Tri-Valley community based organizations serving elderly and disabled citizens.

The Livermore Amador Val-ley Transit Authority (LAVTA),

operator of the Wheels bus sys-

tem has established the Wendy

Lockhart Memorial Community

The program is in memory of Wendy Lockhart, a former Dial-A-Ride client who was an active member of the Wheels Accessible Advisory Committee from 2004 to 2006 and daughter of City of Dublin Mayor Janet Lockhart.

"I am extremely touched that LAVTA would honor my daughter with the naming of this program. Wendy was a wonderful

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opportunities," said Lockhart, Chair of the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority.

LÁVTA recently announced that nine paratransit vans are available for donation, and is issuing a call for applications from

Applications will be available at the meeting. Applications are due May 9, 2008 at 12:00 PM. Applicants will be notified at the end of May 2008 and delivery of vehicles is scheduled for June 13, 2008.



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